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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2026 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Clements Center for National Security, University of Texas at Austin

EDUCATION

2026 **Ph.D. Political Science**
University of California San Diego

2021 **M.A. International Relations and Political Methodology**
University of California San Diego

2019 **M.A. Government** (*summa cum laude*)
Reichman University Herzliyah, Israel
Concentration in Conflict Studies and Counterterrorism

2016 **Dual-B.A. Political Science and English**
University of Münster, Germany

FELLOWSHIPS

2024–2025 **Dissertation Fellow**
UC Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation

2023–2024 **Hans J. Morgenthau Pre-Doctoral Fellow**
University of Notre Dame

2023–2024 **World Politics and Statecraft Fellow**
Smith Richardson Foundation

RESEARCH

Book Project

No War, Yet No Peace: Informal Cessation in Civil Conflict

Original Dataset

Rebel-State Coexistence Dataset. Contains information on the relationship between rebel organizations and their host governments outside of periods of civil conflict and formal peace. Covers 445 periods and 6,620 dyad-year observations for 219 groups in 25 countries in the Greater MENA (1970–2020).

Working Papers

- “Informal Cessation: Rethinking How Civil Wars End.” *Under Review.*
- “Know Thyself: Rebel Leader Characteristics and the Duration of Peace Negotiations.”

With Juliana Tappe-Ortiz. *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of Conflict Resolution.*

- “Proxy-Proofing the State: Informal Armed Power-Sharing as Limited Appeasement.” *In progress.*
- “Informal Cessation, the Durability of Informal Peace, and Post-Conflict Trajectories.” *Prepared for: APSA 2026.*
- “Who Calls the Shots?: Invited Interventions and the Strategic Agency of Weak States in Sharing Sovereignty.” With Aila Matanock and Andrew Wojtanik. *Conference Presentation: APSA 2025.*
- “Avoiding the Coup-Proofing Dilemma: Invited Interventions in Africa and Beyond.” With Aila Matanock and Andrew Wojtanik. *Conference Presentation: APSA 2024.*
- “Weak and Ungoverned?: How Host States Govern via Aid Networks.” With Susanna Campbell and Cecilia Caverio Sanchez. *Conference Presentation: APSA 2025.*
- “When Rebels Turn Pro-Government: Rebel-State Cooperation During Multi-Party Conflict.” *Conference Presentation: ISA 2025.*

Other Writings

- “Conflict Resolution in the Age of Disengagement.” 2026. Global Policy At A Glance, IGCC.
- “Strategic Foresight Analysis Regional Perspectives Report on the Indo-Pacific” NATO Allied Command Transformation, 2021.
- “The Assault on Israel’s Legitimacy. The Frustrating 20X Question: Why Is It Still Growing?” The Institute by Reut and The Anti-Defamation League, 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023–2024	Graduate Student Researcher, Book Project <i>Invited Interventions</i> Aila Matanock (UC Berkeley)
2021	Research Associate, Strategic Foresight Unit NATO Allied Command Transformation, Norfolk VA
2020–2021	Graduate Student Researcher, Book Project <i>Indirect Rule</i> David A. Lake (UC San Diego)
2019–2020	Graduate Student Researcher, Book Project <i>How Civil Wars Start</i> Barbara F. Walter (UC San Diego)

TEACHING & MENTORING

Full teaching portfolio available on request.

Instructor of Record

2025	Insurgency and Terrorism — UC San Diego
2023–2026	Crisis Areas in World Politics — UC San Diego
2023–2026	Politics and Warfare — UC San Diego
2023	International Security — University of San Diego

Teaching Assistant with Sections

2021–2025	Quantitative Methods III (G) — GPS, UC San Diego
2021–2024	Quantitative Methods II (G) — GPS, UC San Diego
2021, 2022, 2024	Quantitative Methods I (G) — GPS, UC San Diego

2023	Introduction to International Relations (UG) — UC San Diego
2022	Math Boot Camp (G) — GPS, UC San Diego
2019, 2022	US Foreign Policy (UG) — UC San Diego
2020, 2021	Political Inquiry (UG) — UC San Diego
2020	Economics, Politics and International Change (UG) — UC San Diego
2018	Advanced Research Methods (G) — Reichman University
2018	Intro to Comparative Politics (UG) — Reichman University
2017, 2018	Research Methods (UG) — Reichman University

Teaching Assistant

2026	International Law and Regulation Simulation (G) — GPS, UC San Diego
2026	Spies, Intelligence, and US National Security (UG) — UC San Diego
2026	Theories of Technology and National Security (UG) — UC San Diego
2025	Discussing US Grand Strategy — GPS, UC San Diego
2025	MAS-IA Security Capstone (G) — GPS, UC San Diego
2021	Politics and Warfare (UG) — UC San Diego
2020, 2022	Crisis Areas in World Politics (UG) — UC San Diego
2020	Politics of Immigration (UG) — UC San Diego
2019	National Security Strategy (UG) — UC San Diego
2018	Civil War and Ethnic Conflict (UG) — Reichman University

Mentoring

Research Apprenticeship Program. Mentored and instructed a team of 22 undergraduate research assistants across two academic years in case studies, research design, and data coding. Students were integrated into active research, received training in conflict studies, and were mentored on their own projects and career development.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2024	Spring Research Grant — APSA Centennial Center	\$2,500
2024	Short-Term Residency at Yale, Archival Research (IHS018297)	\$5,000
2023	Humane Studies Fellowship — Conference Accelerator (IHS017308)	\$3,000
2023	Humane Studies Fellowship — Research Support (IHS017270)	\$4,500
2023	Yankelovich Center Graduate Research Funding — UC San Diego	\$2,500
2022	Summer Graduate Teaching Fellowship — UC San Diego	\$1,200
2021	Malcolm R. Stacey Memorial Fellowship — UC San Diego	\$5,000
2017	Embassy Fellowship — Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Israel	\$15,000
2017	Ragonis Award — Reichman University	\$1,500
2016	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Fellowship	\$15,000

PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

Academic Conferences (P) Presenter (D) Discussant (Po) Poster

2026	Western Political Science Association, (P)
2026	Online Peace Science Colloquium (OPSC)
2024, 2025	American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, (P)

2019, 2024	International Studies Association Annual Convention, (P)
2022, 2024	Peace Science Society (International) North American Meeting, (P)
2023	International Studies Security Studies Section (IS-SSS), (P)
2023	Political Economy of International Organizations (PEIO), (Po)(D)
2021	Midwest Political Science Association, (P)(D)
2019	European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, (P)
2017, 2018	International Graduate Conference, Hebrew University Jerusalem, (P)

Workshops

2024	Paying It Forward (PIF) Workshop, ISA Women's Caucus
2024	Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop
2023	Hans J. Morgenthau Training in Grand Strategy, University of Notre Dame
2022	Inaugural Peace Science Society Rising Scholars Workshop (PSSI)
2021	Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy

SERVICE

External

- Co-Organizer, Writing Retreat for Female-Identifying Graduate Students in International Security

Department

- Mentor, Research Apprenticeship Program, 2023–Present
- Graduate Student Mentor, Grad Pal Program, 2022–Present
- Co-Organizer, Women in Political Science (WIPS), 2021–Present
- Vice President, Recruitment, Graduate Student Council, 2020–2023

Institution

- Academic Integrity Review Board, 2021–Present
- Graduate and Professional Student Association, Academic Affairs, 2023–2024

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association • International Studies Association • Midwest Political Science Association • Western Political Science Association • Peace Science Society (International) • European Consortium of Political Research • Network of European Peace Scientists • Women in Conflict Studies (WICS) • Online Peace Science Colloquium

SKILLS

Computational	R, Stata, SPSS, JMP, ArcGIS, QGIS
Languages	German (Native), English (Fluent), Hebrew (Intermediate), Spanish (Basic), Arabic (Basic, MSA)
Archival/Fieldwork	Israel (2019, 2021); National Archives; Kissinger Archive at Yale; Hoover Institute at Stanford; Reagan, Nixon, Ford, Kennedy Presidential Libraries; Boston College Burns Library

REFERENCES

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