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Research & Teaching Interests

international security, IPE, international cooperation, global governance, borders, policing, counterterrorism, intelligence, network analysis

Academic Appointment

Brown University

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, 2024-2025

Education

Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2019 – 2025
(expected)

Dissertation: *Exporting the Homeland: Social Networks and the Global Transformation of Border Control*

Committee: Peter Andreas, Mark Blyth, Jeff Colgan, Len Seabrooke

M.A., Political Science, Brown University, 2019 - 2021

B.A., Political Science (*Highest Honors*), Swarthmore College, 2017

Working Papers

“Network Effects and the Globalization of Customs Policing”

Under Review

“Blurring the Line: Transnational Coalitions & the Re-Invention of Border Control”

Invited submission, International Studies Quarterly (ISQ) special issue

“A new trade frontier? Customs cooperation & trade-efficient borders” (with Connor Staggs)

Under Review

“Spy and tell? Intelligence Disclosures and Public Support for War” (with Lee-Or Ankori Karlinsky)

pre-registered survey experiment

Works in Progress

“Determinants of U.S. foreign police training” (with Lin Pu)

data collection stage

“Data, Tech Firms, and the New Geopolitics of Border Control” (with Angie Bautista Chavez and Richie Romero)

data collection stage

“(Un)bundling Sovereignty: Customs and the (trans)formation of the modern state” (with Peter Andreas)

project conceptualization stage

Conference & Workshop Presentations

2024: APSA, APSA Political Networks (Polnet) Conference, ISA, MPSA, Junior IO Scholars Workshop, Brown IR Workshop, Political Networks Online Colloquium

2023: APSA, ISA, Borders and Boundaries Conference at the Perry World House, Graduate Students in International Political Economy (GSIPE) Workshop, Rhodes Center Relational Approaches to Global Governance Workshop, Brown IR Workshop

2022: Global Governance Workshop at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), Junior Scholars in International Security (JSISE) Workshop

Non-academic / Practitioner Conferences

International Border Management and Technologies Association (IBMATA), Prague, 2024

World Border Security Congress, Istanbul, 2024

International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference, 2024

Border Security Expo, El Paso, 2023

Grants & Awards

Rhodes Center Research Award, 2023

Brown Graduate School Joukowsky Summer Research Award, 2023, 2024

Brown University Department of Political Science Research Award, 2022, 2024

P. Terrance Hopmann Teaching Award, Brown University, 2022

Fulbright Research Award (declined), 2019

Boren Scholar Award, U.S. National Security Education Program (NSEP), 2016-2017

Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Research Grant, Cuba, 2017

Skills

R, Tidyverse, Latex, Python

English (fluent), Italian (fluent), French, Portuguese & Spanish (limited working proficiency)

Additional Methods Training

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, *Sensitivity Analysis*, 2024
ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, *Intro to Causal Inference*, 2024
Polnet 2024, *Inferential Network Analysis – (t)ERGMs* (Skyler Cranmer), 2024
IQMR Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2022
Copenhagen Business School (CBS), *Sequence Analysis*, 2022
ISSR Methodology Workshop, *Intro Social Network Analysis* (Kevin Young), 2022

Professional Service

Convener of the “International Relations Research Workshop,” Department of Political Science, Brown University, 2024
Co-organizer of the Workshop on Relational Approaches to Global Governance (with Aditi Sahasrabudhe), Rhodes Center for International Economics and Finance, Brown University, 2023
Graduate Student Liaison to the Teaching Center, 2020-2022

Additional Research Experience

Research Assistant, Peter Andreas, 3rd Edition *Border Games*, 2020-2021
Research Fellow, Igarapé Institute, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 2016-2017

Teaching

Teaching Assistant (at Brown)

Politics of the Illicit Global Economy, Peter Andreas, Spring 2022
American Foreign Policy, Rose McDermott, Fall 2021
*Introduction to International Relations, Rose McDermott, Spring 2021
International Law and Politics of Human Rights, Nina Tannenwald, Fall 2023

* P. Terrance Hopmann Teaching Award

Mentoring

Second Reader, Senior Honors Thesis, Grace Chaikin, 2024 - 2025

Training

ISA NE Pedagogy Workshop, 2024