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EDUCATION

- 2020–Present **Ph.D. Student in Security Studies**, University of Central Florida. Advisors: Jonathan Powell, Ph.D. & Jacopo Baggio, Ph.D.
- 2020 **M.A. in Political Science**, University of Central Florida. Advisor: Jonathan Powell, Ph.D.
- 2018 **B.A. in International and Global Studies**; Minor in Latin American Studies, University of Central Florida.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public health security, infectious diseases, evolutionary biology, geographic information systems (GIS), political violence, comparative politics, quantitative, qualitative, and survey methodologies, Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America.

SKILLS

- Computational R, Python, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS
- Language **German**: Advanced conversational proficiency
Spanish: Intermediate conversational proficiency
- Quantitative Spatial, time-series, and panel data analysis, applied statistics, data acquisition, preparation, coding, and visualization, mapmaking, survey research design
- Qualitative Interviewing, process tracing, qualitative comparative analysis

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Instructor of Record** – UCF SPISA, Orlando, FL
CPO 3101: Comparative Politics, Spring 2022
- 2018–2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant** – UCF College of Sciences, Orlando, FL
Assist faculty and instructional staff by performing teaching or teaching-related duties for a variety of undergraduate courses including: Political Ideologies; Global Perspectives; Democracy, Capitalism & the Individual; Scope & Methods (statistics); American Presidency; Florida Politics; American Politics; Minority Politics; Comparative Politics; Public Policy.
- 2018–2019 **Secure Fisheries Research Intern** – One Earth Future Foundation
Broomfield, CO.
OEF is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization with a vision of developing effective systems of multi-stakeholder governance to reduce armed conflict.
• Conduct original research, including data collection, preparation and transformation, on the role of IUU and distant water fishing fleets in the

Indian Ocean

- Conduct original research analysis on fisheries crime, specifically with respect to transnational crime in the Indian Ocean

- 2017–2018 **Undergraduate Research Assistant.** Supervisor Jonathan Powell Ph.D. – UCF College of Sciences.
- Research historic and contemporary roles of the military in mutinies and military coups in Africa.
 - Assist faculty in data entry, analysis, database development (African mutinies, 1950–2017)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT PUBLICATIONS

- 2019 The Conversation: Rivalries ahead of Guinea–Bissau’s election raise questions about stability. (With Jonathan Powell and Clayton Besaw)
[Link.](#)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “How ‘International’ Is International Studies? An Assessment of Leadership of the Discipline’s Top Journals.” (with Jonathan Powell).
- “Infectious Violence: Disease and Disorder in the DRC.”
- “Mayhem in Africa: Infectious Disease, HIV, and Interstate Violence.”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Office of Undergraduate Research Student Research Grant
2021 SPISA Graduate Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award – (\$250)
2021 American Political Science Association Spring Diversity Fellowship (\$2,000)
2021 UCF College of Graduate Studies Presentation Fellowship (\$500)
2021 Prestage–Cook Travel Award, 2022 Southern Political Science Association (\$300)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 (upcoming) “Infectious violence: Spatial analysis of violence and HIV.” SPISA. San Antonio, TX.
2021 “Infectious violence: disease and disorder in the DRC.” FPSA.
2019 “Executive Psychology of Time Horizons and Dysentery Prevention.” FPSA. Tampa, FL.
2019 “How ‘International’ Is International Studies? An Assessment of Leadership of the Discipline’s Top Journals.” FPSA. Tampa, FL. (with Jonathan Powell).

COLLOQUIA PARTICIPATION

- Mar/Nov 2021 SPISA Colloquium. “Infectious Violence: Disease and Disorder in the DRC.”

SERVICES

- Member American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association