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Education

Ph.D, Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia (Expected May 2025)

○ First field: International Relations, Second field: Political Methodology

M.A., 2020 Political Science and International Affairs, University of Georgia

B.A., 2016, International Affairs, University of Georgia, *cum laude*

B.A., 2015, German Language; Certificate, Music Business University of Georgia, *cum laude*

Research

Published Research

- "The Effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Human Rights Practices: Findings from the Human Rights Measurement Initiative's 2021 Practitioner Survey" with K. Chad Clay, Mennah Abdelwahab, Stephen Bagwell, Morgan Barney, Eduardo Burkle, Tori Hawley, Meridith LaVelle, Thalia Keohoe Rowden, Asia Parker, and Matthew Rains (Forthcoming)

Research in Progress

- "Communications Breakdown: When and Why States Resort to Shutting Down the Internet"
- "Going off the grid: how shutting down the internet disrupts transnational advocacy network shaming"
- "Heavy Lifting: Labor Rights and Income Inequality" with Stephen Bagwell, Skip Mark, and Asia Parker
- "Information Into Advocacy: How Different Human Rights Information Impacts Perceptions of Performance" with K. Chad Clay, Mennah Abdelwahab, and Matt Rains
- "Naming, Shaming, and Issue Linkage: Human Rights Organizations and the Enforcement of Rights Standards in Trade Agreements" with Stephen Bagwell and Travis Curtice
- "Of One's Own Making: Leadership Legitimation Strategy and Human Rights" with Stephen Bagwell and Matt Rains
- "Populist Leadership and Economic and Social Rights Fulfillment" with Stephen Bagwell and Matt Rains
- "Under the Radar: Bureaucratic Repression and Avoiding International Attention" with Matt Rains
- "How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on Torture" with Thomas Deen

Data Projects

- Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI). Civil and Political Rights Metrics Team (with Chad Clay).

Media Publications

- "How far have human rights in Hong Kong eroded? We measured." with Stephen Bagwell and K. Chad Clay. 30 June 2022. Washington Post.
- "Foreign Companies Exiting Russia echo the pressure campaign against South Africa's racist apartheid system" with Stephen Bagwell. 28 May 2022. The Conversation.

Conferences and Workshops

- "Populist Leadership and Economic and Social Rights Fulfillment". Panel Participant. American Political Science Association. September 2022.
- Human rights data for the global public good. Panel Participant. The Hertie School, Centre for Fundamental Rights. 28 April 2022.
- "Going off the grid: how shutting down the internet disrupts transnational advocacy network shaming". Panel Participant. International Studies Association. April 2022.
- "Naming, Shaming, and Issue Linkage: Human Rights Organizations and the Enforcement of Rights Standards in Trade Agreements." Panel Participant. International Studies Association. April 2022.

- "Of One's Own Making: Leadership Legitimation Strategy and Human Rights" Leadership in International Politics Panel at International Studies Association Midwest Conference. November 2021.
- Atlanta-area Computational Social Science Workshop. Participant. 9-11 August 2021.
- "How Terror Attacks Influence Public Perceptions on Torture." Poster Presentation at the Georgia Area Human Rights Network Workshop, Georgia State University. 25 October 2019.

Grants and Awards

- Graduate Assistantship. August 2019 - Present. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs - GLOBIS
- Thomas P. and M. Jean Lauth Graduate Fellowship. 2020-2021. University of Georgia, School of Public and International of Affairs
- Clute Nigro Grant. 2019. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs
- Graduate Assistantship. August 2018 - May 2019. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs

Research Experience

- Director, GLOBIS Human Rights Research Lab, August 2021 - Present
- Civil and Political Rights Metrics Team, Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), August 2019-Present
- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Georgia Department of International Relations
 - Dr. K Chad Clay, August 2019 - Present
 - GLOBIS Center for the Study of Global Issues, August 2019 - Present
 - Dr. Amanda Murdie, January 2019 - May 2019
 - Dr. Rongbin Han, August 2018 - May 2019
 - Dr. Laura Zimmerman, August 2018 - December 2018
- Research Advisor, Grace Family Foundation, November 2017-June 2018
- Undergraduate Research Assistant and Assistant Editor, Spring 2016
 - Working draft of *Propaganda and American Politics*
 - Under the supervision of Dr. Audrey Haynes
- Undergraduate Research Assistant, Fall 2015
 - Sub-Analysis of Repression Project (SNARP)
 - Under the supervision of Dr. K. Chad Clay

Research Interests

Human Rights, International Human Rights Law, Contentious Politics, Political Violence, Political Economy, Experimental Research Methodology, Quantitative Research Methodologies

Methodology Training and Technical Skills

Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Applied Bayesian Statistics, Survey Methodology, R (Base R and R Studio), Stan, Stata, \LaTeX , Python (working knowledge), Qualtrics, Microsoft Office, WordPress, Google Suite

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- University of Georgia *Comparative Political Institutions*, Fall 2022
- University of Georgia Introduction to R Workshop, 19 August 2022
- University of Georgia *Human Rights in the European Union*, Spring 2023 (Study Abroad)

Academic Associations

American Political Science Association

- Human Rights Section
- Conflict Processes Section
- Comparative Democratization Section
- Experimental Research Section

International Studies Association

- Human Rights Section
- International Law Section
- Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section
- International Securities Studies Section

Peace Science Society

Language Skills and Certifications

Languages

German (intermediate), French (beginner), Spanish (beginner)

Certifications

- Social and Behavioral Research (CITI) Training. 2020. University of Georgia.
- TEFL/TESOL International Certification. 2016. Uni Training International (UniTEFL) in Chiang Mai, Thailand

Service

SY 2022-2023

- Young Dawg Advisor/Mentor, School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.
- Research and Professionalization Committee Chair, SPIA Graduate Student Government Association. School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.

SY 2021-2022

- Discussant, Panel Co-organizer. School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium. University of Georgia. 22 April 2022.
- Young Dawg Advisor/Mentor, School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.
- Steering Committee, Research and Professionalization Committee; Member, SPIA Graduate Student Government Association. School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.

SY 2020-2021

- Discussant, School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium. University of Georgia. 23 April 2021.
- Young Dawg Advisor/Mentor, School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.
- Steering Committee Member; Research and Professionalization Committee Member, SPIA Graduate Student Government Association. School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.