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Education

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

Human Rights, Political Violence, Tech and Politics, Political Economy, Quantitative Research

Research

Published Research

- Bagwell, Stephen, Matthew Rains, and Meridith LaVelle. (2023). "Of One's Own Making: Legitimation Strategies and Human Rights". (2023). *Journal of Conflict Resolution* DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027231220006>
- Bagwell, Stephen, Skip Mark, Meridith LaVelle, and Asia Parker. (2023). "Union Rights and Inequalities." *Human Rights Review* 24:465-483 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12142-023-00706-3>
- Clay, K. Chad, Mennah Abdelwahab, Stephen Bagwell, Morgan Barney, Eduardo Burkle, Tori Hawley, Meridith LaVelle, Thalia Keohoe Rowden, Asia Parker, and Matthew Rain. (2022). "The effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on human rights practices: Findings from the Human Rights Measurement Initiative's 2021 Practitioner Survey." *Journal of Human Rights*, 21(3), 317-333. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14754835.2022.2082244>

Accepted for Publication

- Clay, K. Chad, and Meridith LaVelle. "Human Rights Measurement" *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of International Studies*. Forthcoming.

Full Working Papers

- "Austerity Generated Grievances and Collective Violence: Compliance with IMF Programs and Violent Protest in the 21st Century" with Skip Mark
- "Going off the grid: how digital repression disrupts transnational advocacy network shaming"
- "Naming, Shaming, and Issue Linkage: Human Rights Organizations and the Enforcement of Rights Standards in Trade Agreements" with Stephen Bagwell and Travis Curtice
- "Populist Leadership and Economic and Social Rights Fulfillment" with Stephen Bagwell and Matt Rains
- "The Repression Information Paradox (RIP): How Repression Has Evolved to Avoid the Spotlight" with Skip Mark
- "Under the Radar: Bureaucratic Repression and Avoiding International Attention" with Matt Rains

Working Drafts

- "Information Into Advocacy: How Different Human Rights Information Impacts Perceptions of Performance" with K. Chad Clay, Mennah Abdelwahab, and Matt Rains

Data Projects

- Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI). Digital Rights Co-Lead
- Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI). Civil and Political Rights Metrics Team <https://humanrightsmmeasurement.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/HRMI-CPR-Methodology-Guide-2023.7.5.pdf>

Conferences and Workshops

- "Measuring what matters: improving digital rights measurement through collaboration". Co-Presenter/Session Organizer. RightsCon, Taipei, Taiwan. 24-27 February 2025.
- "Consortium on Rights Measurement and Analysis". Workshop Participant. Peace Science Society. 7 November 2024.
- "Decrypting the State: Exposing Strategies of Digital Repression". Panel Participant/Presenter. Consortium for Human Rights Analysis and Measurement". 7 June 2024.
- "Human Rights Measurement-Diversifying Approaches, Unifying Voices". Workshop Participant/Rising Scholars Presenter. "Digital Repression: Exploring Strategies of Conceptualization and Measurement." Peace Science Society. 9 November 2023.
- Human Rights Measurement Workshop. Workshop Participant (with the Human Rights Measurement Initiative). University of Rhode Island. May 2023.
- "Bureaucratic Oppression". Workshop participant. Peace Science. 3 November 2022.
- "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.
- HRMI Civil and Political Rights Scores, Brazil. Presenter. Social Good Brazil Festival (Online). November 2020.
- "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

- SPIA Graduate Student Small Grant Award. 2023. University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs
- 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

- Digital Rights Workstream Co-Lead, Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), April 2024-Present
- Civil and Political Rights Metrics Team, Human Rights Measurement Initiative (HRMI), August 2019-Present
- Graduate Research Assistant, University of Georgia Department of International Affairs
 - 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
- o Undergraduate Research Assistant, Fall 2015
 - Sub-Analysis of Repression Project (SNARP)
 - Under the supervision of Dr. K. Chad Clay

Public Facing Work

- o "Reintegration into China would cost Taiwan its empowerment rights" with Stephen Bagwell. 14 October 2022. The Loop
- o "How far have human rights in Hong Kong eroded? We measured." with Stephen Bagwell and K. Chad Clay. 30 June 2022. Washington Post.
- o "Foreign Companies Exiting Russia echo the pressure campaign against South Africa's racist apartheid system" with Stephen Bagwell. 28 May 2022. The Conversation.

Teaching

Instructor of Record

- o University of Georgia *Repression and Dissent*, Maymester 2023; 2024 (Study Abroad in Stellenbosch, South Africa)
- o University of Georgia *Human Rights in the European Union*, Spring 2023; 2024 (Study Abroad in Verona, Italy)
- o University of Georgia *Comparative Political Institutions*, Fall 2022

Other

- o Director, GLOBIS Human Rights Research Lab, August 2021 - Present
- o University of Georgia Introduction to R Workshop for Incoming Graduate Students, 19 August 2022

Service

AY 2023-2024

- o McNair Mentor(Summer 2024)
- o Discussant, Panel Co-organizer for the GLOBIS Human Rights Research Lab. School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium. University of Georgia. 19 April 2024.

AY 2022-2023

- o Discussant, Panel Co-organizer for the GLOBIS Human Rights Research Lab. School of Public and International Affairs Undergraduate Research Colloquium. University of Georgia. 14 April 2023.
- o Research and Professionalization Committee Chair, SPIA Graduate Student Government Association. School of Public and International Affairs. University of Georgia.

AY 2021-2022

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

AY 2020-2021

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

Methodology Training and Technical Skills

Methodology

- Ordinary Least Squares (OLS), Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE), Applied Bayesian Statistics, Survey Methodology

Technical

- R (Base R and R Studio), Stan, Stata, \LaTeX , Python (working knowledge), Qualtrics, Microsoft Office, WordPress, Google Suite

Academic Associations

International Studies Association

- Human Rights
- International Organization
- Peace Studies
- Science, Technology, and Art in IR

American Political Science Association

- Human Rights
- Information, Technology, and Politics
- Political Economy
- Democracy and Autocracy

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