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### Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, National Security Affairs United States Naval War College, College of Distance Education	August 2022- Present
Postdoctoral Fellow United States Naval War College, National Security Affairs Department	July 2021- August 2022
Postdoctoral Research Associate University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs	May 2021-July 2021
Visiting Assistant Professor in International Studies Centre College, International Studies Program	August 2019- July 2021
Minerva-Jennings Randolph Peace and Security Scholar United States Institute of Peace	September 2018- May 2019

### Education

Ph.D., Security Studies University of Central Florida	August 2019
Graduate Certificate, Intelligence and National Security University of Central Florida	July 2018
MA, Conflict Management and Resolution - National and International Security University of North Carolina Wilmington	May 2013
Graduate Certificate, Conflict Management and Resolution - National and International Security University of North Carolina Wilmington	May 2013
MPA, Public Management University of North Carolina Wilmington	May 2010
BA, Political Science University of North Carolina Wilmington	May 2008

### Publications

#### Books

*Sledgehammer: The Rise and Fall of the Wagner Group*, with Colin Clarke and Raphael Parens

\*\*Under Contract with Columbia University Press, anticipated publication date Fall 2024 – Winter 2025

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, and Roos Haer. (2023). The Pitfalls and Potential of Systematic Collection of Information on Child Soldier Recruitment. *Civil Wars*.

Schiel, Rebecca, Bruce Wilson, Malcolm Langford, and **Christopher M. Faulkner**. (2023). Democracy and Public Goods Revisited: The Role of Local Institutions and Development. *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 25(2): 237-259.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, and Blair Welsh. (2022). Rebel Recruitment of Child Soldiers and the Use of Sexual Violence. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4).

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, Joshua E. Lambert, Bruce Wilson, and Matthew S. Faulkner. (2021). The Human Right to Water and Sanitation: Using Natural Language Processing to Uncover Patterns in Academic Publishing. *Water*, 13(24).

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, and Austin C. Doctor. (2021). Rebel Fragmentation and the Recruitment of Child Soldiers. *International Studies Quarterly*, 65(3): 647-659.

Schiel, Rebecca, Jonathan Powell, and **Christopher M. Faulkner**. (2021). Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2018. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 38(4): 481-499.

Haer, Roos, **Christopher M. Faulkner**, and Beth Elise Whitaker. (2020). Forcible Recruitment of Children by Rebel Groups: Exploring the Relationship between Endowments and Recruitment. *European Journal of International Relations*, 26(1): 236-262.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, Jonathan Powell, and Trace Lasley. (2019). Funding, Capabilities and the Use of Child Soldiers. *Third World Quarterly*, 40(6): 1017-1039.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, Joshua Lambert, and Jonathan Powell. (2019). Reassessing Private Military and Security Company (PMSC) 'Competition' in Civil War: Lessons from Sierra Leone. *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 30(3): 641-659.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2019). Buying Peace: The Duration of Peace and Private Military & Security Companies. *Civil Wars*, 21(1): 82-102.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** and Samuel Schiffer.\* (2019). Unwelcomed? The Effects of Statelessness on Involuntary Refugee Repatriation in Bangladesh and Myanmar. *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 108(2): 145-158. \*UCF Undergraduate Student.

Powell, Jonathan, **Christopher Faulkner**, William Dean,\* and Kyle Romano.\* (2018). Give Them Toys: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies. *Democratization*, 25(7): 1153-1172. \*UCF Undergraduate Student.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2016). Money and Control: Rebel Groups and the Forcible Recruitment of Child Soldiers. *African Security*, 9(3): 211-236.

### Editorial Reviewed Articles/Analyses/Reports

**Christopher Faulkner**, Raphael Parens, and Marcel Plichta. (2023). “After Prigozhin: The Future of the Wagner Model in Africa,” *CTC Sentinel*, 16(9): 13-21, <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/after-prigozhin-the-future-of-the-wagner-model-in-africa/>.

Colin Clarke, **Christopher Faulkner**, Raphael Parens, and Kendal Wolf. (2023). “The Wagner Group’s Expanding Global Footprint,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, April 27. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2023/04/the-wagner-groups-expanding-global-footprint/>.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, Raphael Parens, and Marcel Plichta. (2023).”Commentary: “Who Thinks Wins”: How Smarter U.S. Counterterrorism in the Sahel Can Pay Dividends for Great Power Competition.” *CTC Sentinel*, 16(4): 1-9, <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/commentary-who-thinks-wins-how-smarter-u-s-counterterrorism-in-the-sahel-can-pay-dividends-for-great-power-competition/>.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2022). Undermining Democracy and Exploiting Clients: The Wagner Group’s Nefarious Activities in Africa. *CTC Sentinel*, 15(6): 28-37, <https://ctc.westpoint.edu/undermining-democracy-and-exploiting-clients-the-wagner-groups-nefarious-activities-in-africa/>.

Schiel, Rebecca, **Christopher Faulkner**, and Jonathan Powell. (2017). Mutiny in Côte d’Ivoire. *Africa Spectrum*, 52(2): 103-115.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.**, and Gray, David H. (2014). The Emergence of AQAP and the Effectiveness of US Counterterrorism Efforts. *Global Security Studies*, 5(1): 1-17.

#### Policy Reports and Engagement

Curran, Meghan, **Christopher Faulkner**, Curtis Bell, Tyler Lycan, Michael Van Ginkel, and Jay Benson. (2020). Violence at Sea: How Terrorists, Insurgents, and Other Extremists Exploit the Maritime Domain. Stable Seas - One Earth Future, <https://stableseas.org/publications/violence-sea-terrorist-insurgents>.

#### Book Reviews

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2019). Review: *Tools of War, Tools of State. When Children Become Soldiers*, by Robert Tynes. *African Studies Quarterly*, 18(3): 29-30.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2020). Review: *Fighting for Peace in Somalia: A History and Analysis of the African Union Mission (AMISOM), 2007–2017*, by Paul D. Williams. *African Affairs*, 119 (477): 649-651.

#### Commentaries, Op-Eds, & Other Writing

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“Norms at Home, Norms Abroad: Security Force Assistance and Civil-Military Relations,” with Jaclyn Johnson, Salah Ben Hammou, and Jonathan Powell, *Modern War Institute*, 18 September 2023. <https://mwi.westpoint.edu/norms-at-home-norms-abroad-security-force-assistance-and-civil-military-relations/>.

“Wagner’s Head is Dead, Now Bury the Body,” with Marcel Plichta and Raphael Parens, *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, 6 September 2023. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2023/09/wagners-head-is-dead-now-bury-the-body/>.

“Wagner Group Licks its Wounds in Belarus,” with Colin Clarke and Raphael Parens, 11 August 2023. <https://www.fpri.org/article/2023/08/wagner-group-licks-its-wounds-in-belarus/>.

“The West Needs to Prepare for the ‘Next Wagner’ in Africa,” with Rapel Parens and Marcel Plichta, *World Politics Review*, 20 July 2023. <https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/russia-wagner-group-africa-mali-central-african-republic/>.

“Is Wagner Pivoting Back to Africa?,” with Colin Clarke, Raphael Parens, and Kendal Wolf, *Foreign Affairs*, 11 May 2023. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/africa/ukraine-wagner-pivoting-back-africa>.

“Wagner Group’s Battlefield Demotion is Good—for Wagner,” with Colin Clarke, *Newsweek*, 10 March 2023. <https://www.newsweek.com/wagner-groups-battlefield-demotion-good-wagner-opinion-1786792>.

“How to Beat the Wagner Group,” with Marcel Plichta, *Foreign Policy*, 13 February 2023. <https://foreignpolicy.com/2023/02/13/russia-wagner-group-sanctions-ukraine-putin/>.

“Designating Wagner Group as a Transnational Criminal Organization is a First Step – but there’s More Work to Do,” with Marcel Plichta. *The Hill*, 2 February 2023. <https://thehill.com/opinion/national-security/3834632-designating-wagner-group-as-a-transnational-criminal-organization-is-a-first-step-but-theres-more-work-to-do/>.

“Win, Lose, or Draw, the Wagner Group Benefits from the War in Ukraine,” with Marcel Plichta. *Lawfare*, 23 October 2022. <https://www.lawfareblog.com/win-lose-or-draw-wagner-group-benefits-war-ukraine>.

“Russia’s Reliance on Mercenaries in Ukraine Points to the Weakness of its Military – and Putin’s Strategy of Deflecting Blame.” *The Conversation*, 15 September 2022. <https://theconversation.com/russias-reliance-on-mercenaries-in-ukraine-points-to-the-weakness-of-its-military-and-putins-strategy-of-deflecting-blame-190612>.

“Ukraine Wants a No-Fly Zone. What Does This Mean, and Would One Make Any Sense in This War?,” with Andrew Stigler. *The Conversation*, 16 March 2022. <https://theconversation.com/ukraine-wants-a-no-fly-zone-what-does-this-mean-and-would-one-make-any-sense-in-this-war-179282>.

“Don’t Blame Contagion for the Resurgence of Coups,” with Jaclyn Johnson and Naunihal Singh. *World Politics Review*, 1 March 2022. <https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/don-t-blame-contagion-for-the-resurgence-in-military-coups/>.

“U.S. Airstrikes are Legitimizing a New Kind of War,” with Jeffrey Rogg and Andrew Stigler. *The Los Angeles Times*, 23 January 2022. <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-01-23/civilian-casualties-airstrikes>.

“Rising Instability in Mali Raises Fears About Role of Private Russian Military Group.” *The Conversation*, 10 January 2022. <https://theconversation.com/rising-instability-in-mali-raises-fears-about-role-of-private-russian-military-group-174634>.

“Ten Years after the al-Awlaki Killing: A Reckoning for the United States’ Drones Wars Awaits,” with Jeffrey Rogg. *Modern War Institute* at West Point, 27 September 2021. <https://mwi.usma.edu/ten-years-after-the-al-awlaki-killing-a-reckoning-for-the-united-states-drones-wars-awaits/>.

“Rising Violence and the Risks to Children in Burkina Faso,” with Jared Thompson. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 11 August 2021. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2021/08/11/rising-violence-and-the-risks-to-children-in-burkina-faso/>.

“DRC’s Nyiragongo Erupts: Does This Mean Conflict Will Too?,” with Jaclyn Johnson. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 14 June 2021. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2021/06/14/drcs-nyiragongo-erupts-does-this-mean-conflict-will-too/>.

“Making Waves: Militant Maritime Operations Along Africa’s Eastern Coast,” with Tyler Lycan and Austin Doctor. *War On The Rocks*, 4 November 2020. <https://warontherocks.com/2020/11/making-waves-militant-maritime-operations-along-africas-eastern-coast/>.

“Another Mutiny Turned Coup: Mali is No Stranger to Military Unrest,” with Jaclyn Johnson, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel. *The Conversation*, 21 August 2020. <https://theconversation.com/another-mutiny-turned-coup-mali-is-no-stranger-to-military-unrest-144797>.

“Clearing the Lens of the Periscope: On the Lookout for Violent Non-State Armed Groups at Sea,” with Tyler Lycan. *Stable Seas*, 7 August 2020. <https://stableseas.org/maritime-terrorism/sea-blindness-non-state-actors>.

“Population Size Does Not Explain the High Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States,” with Jonathan Powell.

- *The Cairo Review*, 4 April 2020. <https://www.thecairoreview.com/covid-19-global-crisis/population-size-does-not-explain-the-high-number-of-covid-19-cases-in-the-united-states/>
- *Addressing Global Crisis Project – UCF’s Office of Global Perspectives & International Initiatives*, 25 March 2020. <https://ucfglobalperspectives.org/population-size-does-not-explain-the-high-number-of-covid-19-cases-in-the-united-states/>.

“Flattening the Curve,” with Jonathan Powell. *Duck of Minerva*, 16 March 2020. <https://duckofminerva.com/2020/03/flattening-the-curve.html#more-39243>.

“Peeling back the layers on the role of private security companies in Africa,” with Joshua Lambert and Jonathan Powell. *The Conversation*, 4 August 2019. <https://theconversation.com/peeling-back-the-layers-on-the-role-of-private-security-companies-in-africa-121145>.

“Why some rebel groups force kids to fight: It depends on how they are funded,” with Roos van der Haer and Beth Elise Whitaker. *The Conversation*, 26 June 2019. <https://theconversation.com/why-some-rebel-groups-force-kids-to-fight-it-depends-on-how-they-are-funded-119133>.

“Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: How the Absence of Citizenship Rights Acts as a Barrier to Successful Repatriation,” with Samuel Schiffer. *South Asia Centre at The London School of Economics*, 12 June 2019. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2019/06/12/rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-how-a-lack-citizenship-rights-are-a-barrier-to-successful-repatriation/>.

“Children for Hire.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, 20 February 2019. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2019/02/20/children-for-hire/>.

“Making Sense of Recent Mutinies in Côte d’Ivoire,” with Rebecca Schiel. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 9 June 2017. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/06/09/making-sense-of-recent-mutinies-in-cote-divoire/>.

## **Working Papers**

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### Under Review

“The Logic of Militant Maritime Exploitation,” with Austin Doctor, Tyler Lycan, and Curtis Bell.  
“Coup-proofing, Mutinies, & Private Military and Security Companies in Africa,” with Joshua Lambert.

### Working Papers

“Examining Temporal Variation in Child Recruitment: The Case of Child Soldiers in the PKK”  
“Missteps and Mutinies: A New Coup-Proofing Paradox,” with Jaelyn Johnson and Jonathan Powell.  
“Help Wanted: Loss of Foreign Military Support and Decisions to Contract PMSCs”  
“Following the Money? Considering the Effect of External State Sponsorship on Rebel Child Soldiering”  
“No Longer Invisible: Girl Soldiering and the Consequences for Conflict,” with Jaelyn Johnson and William O’Connell.  
“Exploring the Conditions of Implementation: US Enforcement of the CSPA of 2008”  
“Lighting the Long Fuse: The Dangers of America’s Drone Campaigns,” with Jeffrey Rogg and Andrew Stigler.  
“Women’s Political Representation and the Human Right to Water,” with Kerstin Hamann and Bruce Wilson.

## **Datasets**

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### Child Soldier Dataset – Forced Recruitment Update

- Data collection on non-state actors’ coercive recruitment of child soldiers.
- Collaboration with Roos van der Haer, Ph.D. (Leiden University, Netherlands)
- Published in the *European Journal of International Relations*.

### Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2018

- Data collection on mutinies across Africa from 1950-2018.
- Collaboration with Rebecca Schiel, Ph.D. (University of Central Florida) and Jonathan Powell, Ph.D. (University of Central Florida).
- Published in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

## **Teaching Experience**

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Assistant Professor, U.S. Naval War College,  
College of Distance Education

August 2022-Present

- Theater Security Decision Making - Fleet Seminar Program (September 2023 – June 2023)
- Naval Command & Staff College – The Security Environment (September 2023 – November 2023)  
\*Online Course
- Theater Security Decision Making - Fleet Seminar Program (September 2022 – June 2023)

- Postdoctoral Fellow, U.S. Naval War College,  
National Security Affairs Department July 2021-August 2022
- Theater Security Decision Making – Foreign Policy Analysis (Fall 2021)
  - National Security Decision Making – Foreign Policy Analysis (Winter 2021)
- Visiting Assistant Professor, Centre College, August 2019-July 2021  
Department of International Studies
- POL 130-Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2019; Spring 2020)
  - IST 210-Research Design (Spring 2020)
  - POL 260-Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2020)
  - POL 343-African Politics (Spring 2020; Spring 2021)
  - IST 360-Global Health: COVID in Context (Fall 2020)
  - POL 363-National and International Security (Fall 2019)
  - POL 454-Child Soldiers: Causes & Consequences (January 2020)
- Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Central Florida, August 2016-December 2017  
Department of Political Science
- POS 3733-Designing Political Science Research (Fall 2017)
  - INR 4075-Human Rights Policy (Fall 2016; Spring 2017)
- Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), University of Central Florida,  
Department of Political Science August 2014-July 2016
- POS 2041-American National Government
  - GEO 3471-World Political Geography
  - POS 3703-Scope and Methods of Political Science
  - POS 4030-Politics of Sport
  - INR 4008-Global Perspectives
  - INR 4114-American Security Policy
  - IDS 4315-Global Perspectives
  - CPO 4731-Politics of Democratization
  - INR 4075-Human Rights Policy
- Adjunct/ Part-time Faculty, University of North Carolina Wilmington, August 2011-May 2014  
Department of Public and International Affairs
- PLS 111-Politics and Government in the Global Perspective (Fall 2012, 2013; Spring 2014)

\*Instructor as part of a “Living-Learning Community” in partnership with English 110 and First-Year Seminar

- PLS 220-Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2013; Spring 2014)
- PLS 423 –National Security Policy (Fall 2011; Fall 2012)

### **Additional Research Experience**

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Research Consultant One Earth Future – Stable Seas Program, Broomfield Colorado	July 2019-April 2020
Resident Graduate Fellow Prince Mohammad bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies, University of Central Florida	January 2017-August 2018
Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Demet Mousseau, University of Central Florida	May-July 2018
Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Jonathan Powell, University of Central Florida	May-July 2017; May-August 2020

### **Invited Talks/Presentations/Podcasts/Media Appearances**

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Podcast: “The Wagner Group Mutiny,” <i>Johns Hopkins Podcast on Foreign Affairs</i> . <a href="https://hopkinspofa.com/podcasts/">https://hopkinspofa.com/podcasts/</a> .	July, 17, 2023
Live Television Interview: “What is the Wagner Group,” <i>BBC World News with Yalda Hakim</i> .	May 26, 2023
Expert Report and Conference on Terrorist Organization Recruitment and Operational Behavior <i>National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center (NCITE)</i> , University of Maryland, College Park, MD.	May 18-19, 2023
Podcast: “Report in Short: The Wagner Group’s Expanding Global Footprint,” <i>Foreign Policy Research Institute’s Chain Reaction Podcast</i> , <a href="https://www.fpri.org/multimedia/2023/05/report-in-short-wagner-group-footprint/">https://www.fpri.org/multimedia/2023/05/report-in-short-wagner-group-footprint/</a> .	May 4, 2023
Panelist: “The Wagner Group and the Future of Russian Proxy Warfare,” <i>The Council on Foreign Relations</i> , Washington, DC.	March 16, 2023
Invited Lecturer: “The Role of Russian Private Military Companies in Africa, Ukraine, and Beyond,” <i>Worcester World Affairs Council</i> , Worcester, MA.	February 7, 2023
Interview on the Wagner Group with Nic Robertson, CNN International Diplomatic Editor. (Remote)	January 2023
Podcast: “The Wagner Group: Who are They?,” <i>Update from Kyiv</i> , Episode 84. <a href="https://updatefromkyiv.podbean.com/e/84-analysis-christopherfaulkneron-the-">https://updatefromkyiv.podbean.com/e/84-analysis-christopherfaulkneron-the-</a>	August 17, 2022



[wagner-groupwhoaretheywhataretheirareas-of-operationandwhatis-the-impact-of-their-involvementin-ukraine/](#)

Panelist: “External Joiners – Foreign Volunteers, Units, Mercenaries, and PMCs in Ukraine,” <i>Combatting Terrorism Center at WestPoint and Special Operations Command</i> . (Remote)	May 5, 2022
Invited Speaker: “Russian PMC Activity in Africa,” <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Special Forces Group (Airborne)</i> , Ft. Bragg, North Carolina. (Remote)	April 6, 2022
Guest Lecturer: “Understanding Rebel Recruitment,” University of Kentucky. (Remote)	February 28, 2022
Invited Participant: “Commercial Actors in Armed Conflict,” pre-conference workshop hosted by the University of Liverpool, Toronto, Canada.	March 25, 2019
United States Institute of Peace – Peace and Security Scholars Presentation	September 2018

## **Honors and Awards**

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Nominee for the Network of European Peace Science (NEPS) Medal for best paper published by a NEPS member in 2022 for “Rebel Child Soldiering and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence,” *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4).

2019 Order of Pegasus Recipient, University of Central Florida.

\*Highest honor UCF awards to students. Recipients are required to have demonstrated exemplary university/community involvement, leadership, academic achievement, and service.

United States Institute of Peace-Minerva Research Initiative Peace and Security Scholar – Dissertation Fellowship (pre-doctoral), 2018-2019.

UCF College of Sciences’ recipient of the Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching, 2017-2018 Academic Year.

UCF Graduate Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Spring 2018.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2017.

Florida Political Science Association 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> place), Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017.

Honorable Mention, Security Studies Ph.D. Program Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Central Florida, January 2017.

Nominee, College of Sciences Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching, University of Central Florida, January 2017.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2016.

Florida Political Science Association 2016 Best Graduate Student Paper Competition (Runner-up), Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2016.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Place), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2015.

UCF College of Sciences Honorable Mention for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2015-2016 Academic Year.

Gerard Alexander Monk Memorial Scholarship Recipient, “Partnering for Compliance” Export/Import Control Training and Education Program, March 2015.

## Grants

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Community-Based Learning Grant. Centre College – Center for Teaching and Learning, 2020, \$500.  
Faculty Development Research Grant. Centre College, 2020-2021, \$1300.  
American Political Science Association Travel Grant for Annual Meeting, August 2019, \$200.  
University of Central Florida Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE)  
Graduate Student Travel Grant, September 2018, \$1600.  
Student Travel Grant Award, International Studies Association Southern Region, for travel to the annual conference, Shepherdstown, WV, October 2016, \$200.  
University of Central Florida, Graduate Presentation Fellowship, October 2016, \$500.  
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, for travel to the annual conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016, \$300.  
University of Central Florida Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE)  
Graduate Student Travel Grant, January 2016, \$500.  
Student Travel Grant Award, International Studies Association Southern Region, for travel to the annual conference, Tampa, FL, October 2015, \$150.  
University of Central Florida, Graduate Presentation Fellowship, October 2015, \$300.

## Conference Presentations (\* denotes accepted, but attendance impacted by COVID-19)

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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2018, 2019, 2020*, 2021
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
International Studies Association Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
International Studies Association—South Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference	2017; 2023
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2020*, 2021
Southeast Methods Meeting & Graduate Student Conference	2015
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018
Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017
United States Institute of Peace – Peace Scholars Conference	2018

## Research Interests

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Militant Behavior; Civilian Victimization and Human Security; Rebel Recruitment, Motivation, and Violence; Democratization; Coups d'état and Mutinies; Private Military and Security Companies; Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Foreign Policy and Decision-making

## Training/Professional Development

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USNWC Teaching Squares – Peer-to-Peer Teaching Community, US Naval War College	October 2022 – April 2023
Inclusive Teaching Faculty Learning Community, US Naval War College	April 2022-June 2022
USNWC Senior Student Trip, Washington, DC	April 2022
Faculty Visit, U.S. Central Command, Tampa, FL	April 2022
New Faculty Small Group Teaching - Book Workshop, U.S. Naval War College	September-November 2021
Teaching Online and Hybrid Pedagogy, Summer Training, Centre College	May 2020-July 2020

Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway. Conflict Trends Course.	September 10-12, 2018
Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen, Ph.D. Course and Bergen Exchanges Effects of Lawfare: Courts & Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change.	August 15-24, 2018
UCF Department of Political Science 2017-2018 Weekly Colloquium, Presenter.	October 3, 2017
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) Summer Seminar.	June 4-16, 2017
UCF Department of Political Science 2015-2016 Weekly Colloquium, Presenter.	April 19, 2016
UCF Graduate Research Forum, Research Poster Presentation.	April 5, 2016
Graduate Professional Development Workshops at UCF: Authorship, Credit, and Collaborative Scholarship and Research: Ethical Pitfalls to Avoid. Ethical and Legal Issues in Teaching. Intellectual Property Rights. Ethics: Personal Integrity as a Graduate Student.	August 2014-January 2015
Assistant Residence Coordinator, Department of Housing and Residence Life at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.	July 2008-July 2012

## **Professional Service**

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Web manager, USNWC Faculty Advisor Council, 2023 – 2024.  
 USNWC reaccreditation team for New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE)  
 reaccreditation process, Academic Year 2023-2024.  
 Ethical Reasoning at Scale, USNWC Workshop Attendee at James Madison University, June 11-16.  
 Judge, Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Counterterrorism Award for Best Paper in Counterterrorism, May  
 2023.  
 Curriculum Development for AY 23-24, College of Distance Education's Naval Command and Staff  
 (NC&S) Course, Policy Analysis Sessions, Academic Year 2022-2023.  
 Curriculum Development for AY 23-24, College of Distance Education's Fleet Seminar Program (FSP)  
 Course, Policy Analysis Sub-Course Revisions and Redesign, Academic Year 2022-2023.  
 Judge, Zimmerman-Gray International Essay Award for Best Paper by an International Student, May  
 2022.  
 Judge, Lieutenant Michael P. Murphy Counterterrorism Award for Best Paper in Counterterrorism, May  
 2022.  
 U.S. Secretary of the Navy, Naval Education Task Force, U.S. Naval War College Assistant and  
 Representative, 2022.  
 Organizer and Moderator, US Naval War College Lecture of Opportunity (LOO) Series, "The Islamic  
 State in Africa," with Dr. Jason Warner and Ryan O'Farrell, (virtual event), May 2022.  
 Panel Moderator, National Security Significance of the Changing Climate: Operationalizing Climate  
 Security, US Naval War College, March 2022.  
 Faculty Internship Supervisor, Centre College:  

- Spring 2022 – Congressional Staff – Virginia Smith.
- Spring 2021 - [Be Artsy](#) Internship – Savannah Kingery and LiAnna Steffen.

 Undergraduate Research Committee, Centre College, 2020-2021.  
 LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus, Centre College, 2021.

Faculty Liaison, Men's and Women's Golf, Centre College, 2020-2021.  
Convocation Organizer, Centre College, "Views on Coups," February 2020.  
Vice President, UCF Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.  
International Studies Association-South Executive Council – Graduate Student Member, 2016 – 2018.  
Peer Reviewer:

Allons-Y-Journal of Children, Peace, and Security (2020)  
Armed Forces and Society (2018-2023)  
Children & Society (2022)  
Colombia Internacional (2021)  
Conflict Management and Peace Science (2017, 2018, 2020)  
Conflict Resolution Quarterly (2022)  
Cooperation and Conflict (2022, 2023)  
Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict (2022, 2023)  
European Journal of International Relations (2019)  
European Journal of Political Economy (2022)  
Florida Philosophical Review (2017)  
International Affairs (2023)  
International Journal of Human Rights (2020)  
International Studies Quarterly (2020-2023)  
Journal of Conflict Resolution (2021-2023)  
Journal of Peace Research (2019, 2021, 2023)  
Journal of Politics (2023)  
Political Research Exchange (2021)  
Security Studies (2021, 2022)  
Terrorism and Political Violence (2018; 2023)  
Third World Quarterly (2019)  
Violence: An International Journal (2021)  
Youth Justice (2021)

Book Reviewer:

African Affairs (2020)  
African Studies Quarterly (2018)

Conference Discussant (D), Chair (C)

2021 – American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (D/C)  
2020 – Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (D/C)

Invited Presenter at UCF's International Education Week, International Expo, November 2018.

Founding Member/Treasurer, UCF Political Science Graduate Student Association, Spring 2018.

UCF Kurdish Studies Program Graduate Student Affiliate, Fall 2016-present.

Panelist, Innovative Teaching on Law and Social Change, University of Bergen's Center on Law and Social Transformation, August 2018.

Panel Moderator, International Relations Club, International Relations Forum, April 2018.

Moderator and Interviewer for the Tolerance in Education Symposium hosted by UCF's Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies, March 2018.

Panelist, UCF's My Political Science Day, February 2018.

Test bank reviewer/editor for 4LTR Press at Cengage Learning, Fall 2015.

Panel Moderator for the Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) panel "Perspectives on Terrorism from the Academy and the Field." July 2015.

## **Professional Skills**

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Technical Skills:

STATA, Tableau, LaTeX, SPSS, Qualtrics, Excel, Datawrapper, Python (beginner), R (beginner)

Research Skills:

Hypothesis Testing, Quantitative Methodologies, Econometric Modeling, Qualitative Methodologies, Data Operationalization, Web Development, Data Aggregation and Coding, Database Management, Problem Identification, Research Design and Execution, Survey and Experimental Design.

Team and Leadership Skills:

Direct supervision and advisory experience both in academic and professional settings. Managed teams of researchers and students. Developed and curated research projects including the design and implementation of data collection and analysis.

Communication Skills:

Experienced Teacher/Instructor, Writer, Speaker, and Interviewer.

Language Skills:

English (first language), Spanish (beginner).

**Membership in Professional Organizations**

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)—ISSS and ISS subgroups  
Peace Science Society (PSS)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

**References**

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Available upon request.