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Education

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

Dissertation: *Blurring the Line: The global transformation of border control in the fight against illicit trade*

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

Research & Teaching Interests

Global Governance, International Security, IPE of Security, Borders, Global Policing, Transnational Policy Networks, Networks in IR

Working Papers

“[Transitive Trust](#): Network Effects and the Globalization of Customs Policing”
Under Review

“[A new trade frontier?](#) Customs cooperation & trade-efficient borders” (co-authored with Connor Staggs)
Under Review

“Transnational Professionals & the Re-Invention of Border Control”
Invited submission, International Studies Quarterly (ISQ) special issue

Works in Progress

“Exporting the Homeland: How the U.S. Globalized its Border Controls”

“In Pursuit of Network Power: Data, Tech Firms, and the New Geopolitics of Border Control”

“After the Ink Dries: Post-treaty exchange of criminal evidence with the U.S.”

“Wartime Police Cooperation during WW2”

Conference & Workshop Presentations

American Political Society Association (**APSA**) Annual Meeting, 2023, 2024
APSA Political Networks (**Polnet**) Section Annual Meeting, 2024
International Studies Association (**ISA**) Annual Meeting, 2023, 2024
Midwest Political Science Association (**MPSA**) Annual Meeting, 2024
Borders and Boundaries Conference, Perry World House, UPENN, 2023
Graduate Students in International Political Economy (**GSIPE**) Workshop, 2023
Junior Scholars in International Security (**JSISE**) Workshop, 2022
Global Governance Workshop, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI), 2022
Relational Approaches to Global Governance, Rhodes Center, Brown University, 2023

Non-academic / Practitioner Conferences

Border Security Expo, El Paso, 2023
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

Fellowships and Grants

Predocctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2024-2025
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, U.S. National Security Education Program (NSEP), 2016-2017
Research Grant, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), 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 “IR Graduate 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