

# AUSTIN BEACHAM

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Georgia Institute of Technology** August 2025 – Present

Assistant Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

**Georgia Institute of Technology** August 2024 – July 2025

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, San Diego** July 2024

PhD in Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics

Committee: Christina Schneider (chair), David Lake, Emilie Hafner-Burton, Steph Haggard, Gordon McCord

**University of California, San Diego** July 2021

Master of Arts, Political Science

**Georgia Institute of Technology** May 2017

Bachelor of Science, Business Administration

Bachelor of Science, Applied Languages and Intercultural Studies

Certificate, Latin American Affairs

Graduated Highest Honors

International Plan Degree Designation

## RESEARCH

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### Working Papers

- “Conserving What’s Left: The International Environmental Regime and the Politics of Subnational Compliance” (*Accepted at International Studies Quarterly*)
- “Climate Change, Political Conflict, and Democratic Resilience” (*Invited to revise and resubmit*; with Emilie Hafner-Burton and Christina Schneider)
- “Extraction, Mobilization, and Conservation: Natural Resource Dependence and Protected Area Designation” (*under review*)
- “The Weaponization of Information Technologies and the Resilience of Democracies” (*under review*; with Emilie Hafner-Burton and Christina Schneider)

### Work in Progress

- Protecting Against Nature By Protecting Nature: Evidence from Europe on Natural Disasters and Conservation (with Niklas Hänze)
- Endangered and Exported: The Impact of CITES and Conflict on US Wildlife Trade
- “Transnational NGOs and Delegated Governance: The Logic and Effects of Foreign Protected Area Management”
- “Where is the *National* in National Parks? The Effect of International Conflict on Natural Protected Areas” (with Cesar B. Martinez-Alvarez and Gino Pauselli)

## Dissertation

- *Three Essays on Environmental Protection and Democracy*

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

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<b>IGCC Dissertation Fellowship</b>	2023-2024
UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation	
<b>Friends of the International Center Fellowship</b>	2024
UC San Diego Friends of the International Center	
<b>Interdisciplinary Research Award</b>	2023
UC San Diego, GPSA & Division of Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs	
<b>GPSA Conference Travel Grant</b>	2023
UC San Diego, Graduate and Professional Student Association (GPSA)	
<b>Marsha Chandler Fellowship</b>	2020
UC San Diego, Department of Political Science	
<b>Stamps President's Leadership Scholarship</b>	2012-2017
Georgia Institute of Technology	

## PROFESSIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

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Certificate in Spatial Analysis, <i>UC San Diego</i>	2022
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## RESEARCH ASSISTANT

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Future of Democracy Initiative, <i>UC IGCC</i>	2023
Christina Schneider, <i>UC San Diego</i>	2023, 2021
David Lake, <i>UC San Diego</i>	2020

## CONFERENCE/WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION AND TALKS

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Presenter, International Political Economy Society Conference	2025
Invitee, Harvard Law School Houston Institute for Race & Justice Collateral Consequences Series: How Climate Change Threatens Democracy	2025
Presenter, APSA 2025	2025
Presenter, Political Economy of Climate/Environment Conference	2025
Presenter, ISA 2025	2025
Invitee, Climate Change, Green Backlash, and Democracy Workshop	2025
Presenter, Political Economy of International Organization	2025
Presenter, Environmental Policy and Governance Online Seminar	2024
Presenter, Digital Authoritarianism Conference	2024
Presenter, APSA 2024	2024
Presenter, Virtual IPES	2024
Presenter, Civil Society and Sustainability	2024
Presenter, Climate Pipeline Project Conference	2024
Presenter, Environmental Policy and Governance Conference	2024
Presenter, Environmental Policy and Governance Online Seminar	Fall 2023
Presenter, GSIPPE Workshop Series	2023
Presenter, APSA 2023	2023
Presenter, Political Economy of Climate/Environment Conference	2023
Presenter, Environmental Policy and Governance Graduate Workshop	2023

Presenter, Political Economy of International Organization	2023
Presenter, Environmental Policy and Governance Online Seminar	Winter 2023
Discussant, Authoritarian Regimes, Democratic Backsliding, and IOs	2022
Discussant, Workshop on The Authoritarian Turn in International Relations	2022

## **SERVICE**

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President, PoliSci Graduate Student Council	2023-2024
Co-Chair Social Programming, PoliSci Graduate Student Council	2020-2025
Mentor, Political Science Grad Pals Mentorship Program	2021, 2022
Reviewer: <i>International Studies Quarterly, Environmental Development, International Interactions, Latin American Politics &amp; Society, Journal of Public Policy</i>	

## **TEACHING**

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### **Instructor**

- Environmental Politics 2025
- Data Analytics and Security 2024, 2025

### **Teaching Assistant – Discussion Section/Lab Leader**

- Spatial Data Analysis, *School of Policy and Strategy (Master's Level)* 2023, 2022
- Introduction to American Politics 2023, 2022
- Economic, Politics, and International Change 2021
- International Organizations 2021

### **Teaching Assistant**

- Interest Group Politics 2023
- GIS Remote Sensing, *School of Policy and Strategy (Master's Level)* 2024, 2023
- Applied Data Analysis for Social Science 2022
- International Security, *School of Policy and Strategy (Master's)* 2024, 2023, 2022
- Europe as a Political Model 2021
- Political Thought: Kant to Nietzsche 2020
- U.S. Foreign Policy Winter and Fall 2020
- Introduction to Policy Analysis 2019

### **Research Apprenticeship Program Leader** 2023

The RAP program provides excellent undergraduate students an opportunity to work with a PhD candidate on their research as research assistants. In return, the graduate student mentors the undergraduate students and teaches them about the research process and about the substantive topic of their dissertation. I led a team of three undergraduate researchers, collecting, coding, and geolocating reports from international organizations on environmental conservation and protection.

## **LANGUAGES AND SKILLS**

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### **Languages**

English (native), Spanish (ACTFL exam advanced low designation)

### **Software**

R, Stata, QGIS, ArcGIS, Google Earth Engine, Tableau, Alteryx, SQL

## NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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<b>The Coca-Cola Company</b>	2017-2019
Procurement Analyst	
<b>Turner Broadcasting Company</b>	2016
Intern, Finance and Accounting	
<b>Pardot Salesforce</b>	2016
Intern, Customer Success	