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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

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
Master of Arts, Political Science July 2021

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

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 Hånze)
- 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

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

PROFESSIONAL AND METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

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

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

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, GSIPE 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

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</i> , <i>Environmental Development</i> , <i>International Interactions</i> , <i>Latin American Politics & Society</i> , <i>Journal of Public Policy</i>	

TEACHING

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

Languages

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

Software

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

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

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