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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

University of Kentucky

Ph.D. in Political Science,   *Spring 2027 (Expected)*
    Dissertation: Geography and International Conflict
    Committee: Daniel Morey (Chair), Jillienne Haglund, Stephen Voss,
    Joseph K. Young

M.A. in Political Science   *Spring 2025*

Marietta College

B.A in Political Science & History   *Spring 2022*
    magna cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations, Interstate Conflict, Grand Strategy, Geography

WORKING PAPERS

- "Inefficiency by Necessity: Terrain-Induced Deviations in Military Strategy"
- "Mapping Peace: Operational Radius and the Protection of Civilians in Peacekeeping Operations" (with Daniel Morey and Michael Morgan)
- "Intelligence Gathering and Foreign Land Ownership in the United States, 2012-2023" (with Mark Schaefer and Michael Morgan)
- "Spatial Determinants in Siting Nuclear Facilities" (with Jeffery Kaplow)

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Annual Meeting of the Midwestern Political Science Association
- Paper - Amber Waves of Espionage: Foreign Land Ownership and Intelligence Gathering in the United States, 1945-2021 (with Mark Schaefer)   *2025*

ISA Midwest Annual Conference
- Paper - Inefficiency by Necessity: Terrain-Induced Deviations in Military Strategy   *2024*

Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Political Science Association
- Paper - Counterinsurgency Strategies and Foreign Military Assistance   *2023*

AWARDS AND SUPPORT

- Ken and Mary Sue Coleman, Chris and Vicki Gorman, and Penny Miller Graduate Student Summer Fellowship   *2023, 2024*
- EITM Scholarship for ICPSR   *2023*
- The Asa Shinn McCoy Award   *2022*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE	**Instructor of Record**	
	• Geopolitics in International Relations	*Fall 2025*
	• Introduction to International Relations	*Fall 2024, Spring 2025*
	• Introduction to Political Analysis	*Fall 2023, Spring 2024*
	Teaching Assistant	
	• Introduction to International Relations	*Fall 2022, Spring 2023*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING	**University of Michigan**	
	ICPSR	*Summer 2023*
	• Machine Learning (with Christopher Hare): A	
	• Rational Choice Theory (with Jim Johnson): A	
	• Advanced Empirical Modeling (with Rob Franzese): A-	
	University of Kentucky	
	Graduate Certification in Digital Mapping	*Spring 2023*

SERVICE	**Discipline**	
	• Panel Discussant, Annual Meeting of the ISA	*2026*
	• Panel Chair, ISA Midwest Annual Conference	*2025*
	• Panel Discussant, ISA Midwest Annual Conference	*2025*
	University / Department	
	• Head Teaching Assistant. University of Kentucky Department of Political Science	*2025 - Present*
	• President. UK Political Science Graduate Student Organization	*2025 - Present*
	• Graduate At-Large Senator. University of Kentucky Student Government Association	*2024 - 2025*
	• Representative. University of Kentucky Graduate Student Congress	*2024 - Present*
	• Vice President. UK Political Science Graduate Student Organization	*2023 - 2025*
	• Member. UK Political Science Graduate Student Organization	*2022 - Present*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS	• R, Python, Stata, ESRI ArcGIS Products, QGIS, Adobe Creative Cloud, LaTeX

REFERENCES	Daniel Morey	Jillienne Haglund	Joseph Young
	Associate Professor	Associate Professor	Associate Professor
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