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## EDUCATION

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UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

*Lexington, KY*

**Ph.D., Political Science**

*Fall 2019-Present*

(Dissertation defense expected in 2023)

*Fields:* International Relations, Public Policy, & Comparative Politics

*Dissertation:* Coalition of the Ending: Why States Abandon Coalition Partners

*Committee:* Daniel Morey (chair), Clayton Thyne, Jillienne Haglund, Walter Ferrier

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

*Lexington, KY*

**M.A., Political Science**

*May 2022*

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

*Dayton, OH*

**M.A., Political Science**

*December 2018*

*Specialization:* International Relations & Comparative Politics

*Thesis:* Politics of International Recognition: The Case of Aspirant States

*Committee:* Vaughn Shannon(chair), Carlos Costa, Liam Anderson

BEREA COLLEGE

*Berea, KY*

**B.A., Political Science**

*August 2015*

*Senior Capstone Project:* Rebuilding Failed and Fragile States

## RESEARCH

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### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intentional Conflict & Cooperation. Military Coalitions. Civil & Ethnic Conflicts. International Recognition & State Formation. U.S. Foreign Policy. Politics of Central & Southeast Asia. Public Policy Analysis. Political Behavior. International Immigration.

### WORKING PAPERS

“When Acquaintances Make Better War Partners: Alliance Potential & Coalition Abandonment”

“The Impact of Leadership Insecurity on Coalition Defection”

“Loyalty in the Middle: Regime Type and Withdrawal from Military Coalition Operations”

"The Impact of International Migration on Political Behavior and Attitudes"

"Rebel International Legitimacy and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence"

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Kentucky Political Science Association Annual Meeting, (2020 - 2022)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Dr. Daniel Morey, University of Kentucky, (Summer 2022)

- Conducted research on military coalitions and post-war occupation

Research Assistant to Dr. Liam Anderson, Wright State University, (Fall 2015)

- Conducted research and gathered data about ethno-federalism, & politics of Iraq

Research Assistant to Dr. Vaughn Shannon, Wright State University, (Fall 2016)

- Researched role play simulations in education & assisted students with their research for Model United Nations and Model Arab League Conferences

Research Assistant to Dr. John Heyrman, Berea College, (Fall 2014)

- Conducted research for Dr. Heyrman's Book, "Politics Hollywood Style: American Politics in Film From Mr. Smith to Selma"

Business Analyst, Deloitte LLP Consulting/USAID, (2010-2012)

- Researched and analyzed public policy using quantitative and qualitative methodologies
- Collaborated with relevant local stakeholders in development of "Balkh Provincial Strategic Private Sector Development Strategy"

Political/Development Assistant, NATO-Civil Military Cooperation, (2009-2010)

- Researched security and political issues, & evaluated proposals for Japanese Embassy's Grant Assistance for Grassroots Projects (GAGP)

## TEACHING

University of Kentucky

Fall 2019 - Present

### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

PS 340: Model United Nations (Fall 2022)

PS 101: Introduction to American Government (Spring 2022)

PS 210: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2021, Fall 2022)

PS 372: Quantitative Research Methods (Spring 2021)

PS 230: Introduction to International Relations (Online asynchronous, Winter 2020)

PS 230: Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2020)

### INSTRUCTOR OF RECITATION SESSIONS

PS 230: Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2020)

PS 230: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Fall 2019)

## TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

Certificate, " <i>GradDegree+The Emotions of Teaching and Learning</i> "	Fall 2022
<i>Engaging Students &amp; Encouraging Attendance</i>	Fall 2022
<i>Inclusive &amp; Equitable Pedagogy:A Mindful Practice</i>	Fall 2022
<i>Self-Care Pedagogy</i> , Political Science Department	Spring 2022
<i>Implicit Bias in the Classroom</i>	Fall 2021
<i>Cultural Competence 101</i>	Fall 2021
<i>Team Based Learning</i> , Department of Political Science	Spring 2020
<i>Transparent Assignment Design</i>	Spring 2021
<i>Addressing Zoom Fatigue in Your Virtual Class</i>	Fall 2021
<i>Unconscious Bias Training</i>	Fall 2020
<i>Assessments, Quizzes &amp; Exams in Canvas</i>	Spring 2020
<i>Handling Incivility in the Classroom</i>	Fall 2019

Wright State University

Fall 2015 - Spring 2017

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

PLS 2000: Power and Politics ( <i>Spring 2016, 2017</i> )
PLS 4100: Political Psychology ( <i>Fall 2016</i> )
PLS 4280: Regional Studies Africa ( <i>Spring 2016</i> )
PLS 4560: Politics of Europe ( <i>Fall 2015</i> )
PLS 3020: Introduction to Comparative Politic ( <i>Fall 2015</i> )

Berea College

Fall 2013 - Spring 2015

## FACULTY ASSISTANT/GRADER

Assisted and tutored over 30 students a semester with course work, assisted faculty members with grading and record keeping

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Ken and Mary Sue Coleman and Penny Miller Fellowship, UKY ( <i>Summer 2022</i> )	\$ 1,150
Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, UKY ( <i>Summer 2022</i> )	\$ 1,500
Coleman-Chris Gorman-Penny Miller-Summer Fellowship, UKY ( <i>Summer 2021</i> )	\$1,650
Ken and Mary Sue Coleman Research Award, UKY ( <i>Summer 2020</i> )	\$ 1,000
Alumni Development Fund, UKY ( <i>Summer 2020</i> )	\$ 500
Four Year Teaching Assistantship, UKY ( <i>Fall 2019</i> )	
Elkins Endowed Scholarship, WSU ( <i>Fall 2018</i> )	\$ 750
Summer Research Scholarship, WSU ( <i>Summer 2018</i> )	\$ 1,750
Layman Memorial Award in International Relations, Berea College ( <i>Spring 2015</i> )	\$ 700
Four-year tuition scholarship, Berea College ( <i>Fall 2012</i> )	\$ 100,000

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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<b>Business Analyst</b> Deloitte/United States Agency for International Development (USAID)	<i>March 2010 - July 2012</i> Mazar, Afghanistan
<b>Political/Development Assistant</b> NATO-led International Security Assistant Force (ISAF)	<i>January 2008 - February 2010</i> Mazar, Afghanistan
<b>Language Assistant</b> NATO-led International Security Assistant Force (ISAF)	<i>November 2005 - December 2008</i> Mazar, Afghanistan
<b>Legislative Intern</b> The Ohio General Assembly	<i>Spring 2017</i> Columbus, OH
<b>Reporter (Part-time)</b> Arzu Radio & Television Network	<i>June 2010 - March 2012</i> Mazar, Afghanistan

## SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS

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### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association  
Midwest Political Science Association

### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Micro-Teaching Orientation Instructor (*Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022*)  
Department representative in the Graduate Student Congress (*2020 - present*)  
External Affairs Officer for Graduate Student Congress (*2020 - present*)  
Panelist, "Afghan Perspectives", Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce  
Fall conference on Afghanistan (*Fall 2021*)  
Panelist, "Experienced TA Panel", International TA Orientation, Graduate School (*Fall 2021, Spring 2022*)

### WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

Vice president, Graduate Student Assembly (*Spring 2016-Spring 2017*)  
Graduate student representative, Dayton Council on World Affairs conference (*Fall 2016*)

### COMMUNITY & BEYOND

Volunteer, Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Translation Services (*2020-Present*)  
Volunteer, Common Good Lexington, Adolescent Mentoring & Mission Transition  
*2021-present*  
Delegate and Panelist, "Conference on Capacity Development for Peace building in  
Afghanistan", Delhi Policy Group (*New Delhi India 2010*)  
Delegate, International Leadership Summit, Doha Qatar, London based Mosaic International  
(*Doha, Qatar 2011*)  
Volunteer, Choice Food Pantry Assistant, Fairborn OH (*2015-2016*)  
Volunteer, Hunger Hurts Food Drive Organization, Berea KY (*2013-2015*)

## SKILLS

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### SOFTWARE

STATA

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SPSS

Ms. Office Package

### LANGUAGES

Dari/Persian/Farsi(Native or Bilingual)

Pashto (Native or Bilingual)

Urdu/Hindi (Proficient)

Uzbek(Proficient)

Turkish (Intermediate)

Arabic (Basic)

## REFERENCES

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