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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Naval Postgraduate School** **2023 - 2025**  
Beall Postdoctoral Fellow

## EDUCATION

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**University of California, Los Angeles** **2023**  
Ph.D in Political Science  
*Fields:* International Relations; Comparative Politics  
*Dissertation:* “Defending the Peace: Causes, Consequences, and Responses to Postconflict Violence”  
*Committee:* Chad Hazlett (co-chair), Darin Christensen (co-chair), Barbara Geddes, Leslie Johns

**University of California, Los Angeles, MA in Political Science** **2019**  
**Middlebury College, BA in International Politics & Economics** **2015**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [2] “Who’s to Blame? Post-conflict Violence, Political Messaging, and Attitudes Towards Peace Agreements.” *British Journal of Political Science* Vol. 55 (2025): e31.
- [1] “Peace Versus Profit: Rebel Fragmentation and Conflict Resurgence in Colombia.” *International Organization* Vol. 78, No. 4 (2024): 701-730.

## IN PREPARATION

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- [3] *How do Civilians Perceive Security Crackdowns? Political Narratives and Public Attitudes in Times of Crisis*
- [2] *Gang Violence as a Driver of Emigration: Evidence from Ecuador*
- [1] *With Us or Against Us: Insurgent Fratricide in Postconflict Colombia*

## OTHER WRITING

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### REVIEW ARTICLES

- (with Leslie Johns) “When Things Fall Apart: The Impact of Global Governance on Civil Conflict”, *Journal of Politics* Vol. 81, No. 4 (2019): e80-e84.

### POLICY WRITING

- The Global Cocaine Trade: Shifting Patterns, Evolving Threats, and New Policy Challenges (Accepted with Revisions, *Combating Threats Exchange (CTX) Journal*)

### COMMENTARY

- [Political Science Now](#)
- [Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation](#)
- [Political Science Today](#)

## TEACHING

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INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD (UCLA)	
Teaching Political Science I & II (graduate)	2022, 2023
The Politics of Armed Rebellion (undergraduate)	2021
TEACHING ASSISTANT (UCLA)	
International Political Economy (undergraduate)	2021
Globalization: Governance and Conflict (undergraduate)	2020, 2021
Experimental Design for Social Science (graduate)	2020
US Foreign Policy (undergraduate)	2020
World Politics (undergraduate)	2018
International Law (undergraduate)	2017
TUTOR (UCLA)	
Statistical Methods of Policy Analysis II (graduate)	2023
GUEST LECTURES	
DA4601: Threat Finance, Naval Postgraduate School	2024, 2025

## GRANTS, HONORS & AWARDS

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Dissertation Year Fellowship, <i>UCLA</i>	2022
Political Psychology Fellowship, <i>UCLA</i>	2022
IGCC Dissertation Fellow, <i>Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation</i>	2021
Oskar Morgenstern Fellow, <i>The Mercatus Center</i>	2021
Public Scholarship Program Fellow, <i>American Political Science Association</i>	2021
Summer Research Travel Grant, <i>UCLA Department of Political Science</i>	2019
Graduate Research Mentorship Program, <i>UCLA</i>	2018
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, <i>UCLA</i>	2017, 2018
Phi Beta Kappa, <i>Middlebury College PBK Chapter</i>	2015

## PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

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Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting	2024
American Political Science Association (APSA)	2023; 2024
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting	2024
Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict and International Security Workshop	2023
Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop	2023
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)	2023
Burkle Center Graduate Conference	2020
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)	2018
Western Political Science Association (WPSA)	2018

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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Expert Witness, Asylum Claim, Los Angeles, CA	2021
Research Assistant, Associate Professor Robert Trager, UCLA	2018-2019
Teaching Fellow, 8th Grade English, Breakthrough San Juan Capistrano	2015
Research Assistant, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs	2012-2015
Intern, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies	2013

## SERVICE

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### TO THE DISCIPLINE

Referee: *International Organization; Studies in Comparative International Development*

Discussant: *Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict* (2024); *APSA Virtual Research Meeting* (2024)

Organizing Team: *Violence, Instability, and Peace Workshop Series*

### DEPARTMENTAL

Lead Organizer: Pieces of the Craft Workshop Series, UCLA 2020-2021

Peer Mentor: Graduate Mentorship Program, Political Science Department, UCLA 2018-2021

Co-Chair: International Relations Reading Group, UCLA 2018-2019

### OTHER

Pro Bono Expert Witness: CGRS Expert Witness Database 2024-2025

Interviewer: Alumni Admissions Program, Middlebury College 2017-2024

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** English (first); German (advanced); Spanish (intermediate)

**Software:** R, QGIS, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

**Field Work:** Colombia (Antioquia, Bogotá, La Guajira, Tolima); Ecuador (Guayas, Pichincha)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Political Science Association (APSA)

## REFERENCES

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### **Darin Christensen**

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