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Education

Aug 2023- Present	PhD Political Science	<i>Purdue University</i>
May 2025	MA. Political Science	<i>Purdue University</i>
May 2023	B.A Political Science	With Honors <i>Purdue University</i>
	B.A Philosophy	With Honors <i>Purdue University</i>
	B.A History	With Honors <i>Purdue university</i>
June 2019	A.A Liberal Arts	<i>Ivy Tech South Bend</i>

Research

Summer 2025	<i>Research Assistant: The Latin American Left's Mandate:Data Set Update</i> (Mentor: Andy Baker) Verified data for the Latin American Left's dataset and updated the code book labels.	
Spring 2025	<i>Staying Still Isn't The Same As Being Stuck: Revisiting Hybrid Stickiness</i> This project aims to understand hybrid regime stability and change. I Ames to answer why some hybrid regimes are able to break out of hybridity and some stay "stuck". This project put forth a theoretical explanation of hybrid stability. I employed survival analysis to examine social political factors on hybrid resilience. Preliminary analysis showed that social pressure could be the key to dislodging hybrid regimes and pushing them on a path to regime change.	
Summer 2023	<i>Summer BRIDGE Program Research Assistant</i> (Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg) Researching why some states are better at situating themselves in the Knowledge Economy than others. I hypothesized that States that score higher in the institutional professionalism dimension will have a higher Knowledge Economy Score. My methods included Bivariate, Multivariate, and Factor analysis using data collected from the 2022 State Technology and Science index provided by the Milken institute, the Squire Legislative Professionalism Index, the Squire Judicial Professionalism Index, and the Gubernatorial Power Index created by Robert J. Dilger,George A. Krause, and Randolph R. Moffett.	
Fall 2022	<i>Research Intern, Political Science Research Collaboratory</i> (Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg) Working to answer how police departments implement Supreme Court rulings and policy changes into their department in a joint research effort with Oregon State. My team collected the contact information for all 92 county police departments and prosecutors offices in Indiana as well as all 88 police departments and prosecutor's offices in Ohio. Conducted interviews with the prosecutor's office as well as police departments.	
Spring 2022	<i>Research Intern, Political Science Research Collaboratory</i> (Mentor: Dr. Joan Timoneda) Worked with a Political Science faculty member to examine authoritarian regime types and their relationship with trading Artificial Intelligence. Also examined the democratic backsliding and the recipient's view on democratic values. Case study being China's exchange of artificial intelligence technology with Zimbabwe and Tanzania.	
Spring 2021	<i>Legislative Coding Research</i> (Mentor: Dr. Eric Waltenburg) Coding bills passed in all 50 states	

Teaching Experience

Fall 2025	POL 130 Intro to International Relations- <i>Teaching Assistant</i> Joint appointment
Fall 2025	POL 101 Intro to American Politics- Teaching assistant Joint appointment
Spring 25	POL 130 Intro to International Relations- <i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Fall 2024	POL 327 Global Green Politics- <i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Summer 2024	POL 130 Intro to International Relations- Independent Instructor
Spring 2024	POL 130 Intro to International Relations - <i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Fall 2023	POL 423 International Environmental Politics - <i>Teaching Assistant</i>
Spring 2022	ILS 490 <i>Diplomacy Lab: Strategies for Identifying Mis/Disinformation- Teaching Assistant</i>

Scholarships & Achievements

Summer 2023	Best Research Poster Presentation BRIDGE Program “ <i>Winners and Losers: How States Situate Themselves In The Knowledge Economy</i> ”
Summer 2023	2nd place Oral Presentation BRIDGE Program “ <i>Winners and Losers: How States Situate Themselves In The Knowledge Economy</i> ”
Fall 2022	Psychological Sciences Research Fellow
August 2019 – May 2023	Emerging Leaders Scholar -\$10,000 scholarship each year for 4 years. Total of \$40,000

Areas of Interests

Hybrid regime dynamics	Ethics and Power Politics
Technological Authoritarianism	Regime change and resilience
Democratic Backsliding	Autocratic Regime Durability

Skills

R Studio	Complex Problem-Solving
Research and Data Collection	Leadership and Teamwork
Stata	Data Merging and Creation

Department Service & Leadership Roles

Fall 25- Spring 26	Recruitment and Mentoring Chair PSGSA (<i>Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>)
Fall 24-Spring 25	Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging chair PSGSA
Fall 23- Spring 24	First Year Representative PSGSA(<i>Political Science Graduate Student Association</i>)