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EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Political Science (ABD), Global Politics Aug 2018-Present
Comprehensive Exams: IR & CP
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL USA
Dissertation: The Climate-Conflict Nexus: Urban Migration and Methodological Innovations.

MA Political Science Jan 2017-May 2018
Certificate in Public Policy
Iowa State University, Ames, IA USA
Thesis: Xenophobia and its Implications for Refugee Integration Policy: A Cross-National Analysis. (2018).

BA Majors: Political Science; International Relations Aug 2014-Dec 2016
Minors: Spanish; Advocacy
Graduated Cum Laude
Iowa State University, Ames, IA USA

Coursework in Political Science and Law Summer 2016
Study Abroad & Internship with Scottish Parliament
The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland UK

Coursework in Spanish Language Summer 2015
Study Abroad
La Universitat de València, Valencia, Spain

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Graduate Professionalization Workshop Training 2021-Present
Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
Topics include: Policy Jobs; Conferences; The Academic Job Market; Publication Processes; Public Opinion Work; Data Science; State Department Work; Networking Inside & Outside of the Academy

International School on Climate Migration Summer 2023

Introduction & Intermediate Python Courses Spring 2023
Sponsored by DataCamp
Topics included: lists; Functions and Packages; Numpy; Matplotlib; Dictionaries; Loops; Logical operators

Qualtrics XM Professional Coursework	Spring 2023
Nonprofit Grant Writing Workshop Series <i>Sponsored by the Graduate Studies Coordinating Board, Loyola University Chicago</i>	Spring 2023
ISSS Pay It Forward Program for Early Career Women Sponsored by the International Security Studies Section of the International <i>Studies Association</i> Workshops included: Making the Most of Academic Conferences; Imposter Syndrome; Publication Strategies	Fall 2022
APSA Dissertation Workshop on Migration and Citizenship <i>Sponsored by the American Political Science Association – Migration and Citizenship Section</i>	Fall 2022
Grant Writing Workshop Series <i>Sponsored by the Graduate Studies Coordinating Board, Loyola University Chicago</i>	Fall 2022
Inter-university Consortium for Political & Social Research (ICPSR) Mathematics for Social Scientists Advanced Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory Causal Inference for the Social Sciences Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment	Summer 2022
Responsible Conduct In Research and Scholarship Course (RCRS)	Spring 2022
Teaching Effectiveness Seminar (TES)	Fall 2020
Indiana University Language Workshop Turkish I: Intensive 8-week course	Summer 2020
IMISCOE Ph.D. Summer School in Istanbul, Turkey <i>Sponsors: IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network); University of Gothenburg; Government-Assisted Refugees (GAR) Program</i> Topic: Studying Integration & Social Cohesion: Theory, Practice, Method & Ethics	Summer 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate-Conflict Nexus; Climate Laws and Litigation; Climate Refugees; Migration and Asylum Policy; Refugee Studies; Civil War & Peace Agreements; Positive Peace; Urban Unrest; Research Methodology; Quasi-Experimental Analysis; Spatial Data

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Loyola University Chicago	2018-Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Dr. Eric Hansen</i>, Liberalism in Political Science Literature • <i>Dr. Kara Ross Camarena</i>, Migration Pressure and Aid • <i>Dr. Patrick Boyle</i>, Developments in the African Union • <i>Dr. Sarah Maxey</i>, Anti-War Rhetoric • <i>Dr. Tofiqh Maboudi</i>, Climate Laws and Litigation 	

- *Dr. Molly Melin*, Economic Integration of ex-combatants for peace
Special Interest Groups Data Analyst, Project VoteSmart Summer 2017
- Web-scraping and cleaning of special interest groups data in R

Research Intern, The Scottish Parliament Summer 2016
Served under: Alex Rowley, Member of the Scottish Parliament

- Devolution of powers, taxation, and public well-being

AD HOC PROJECTS

- Wrote Stata scripts for correlation vs. causation and quasi-experimental projects
- Created quizzes in Qualtrics for complex grading schemes
- Used Python console to import, polygonise, spatially merge, and export data in QGIS
- Used Excel VBA and Stata to merge large climate law and litigation data
- Used R to scrape and code text from peace agreement documents

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters in Review

D'Amico, E. & Maboudi, T. (Forthcoming). Vulnerability, Climate Laws, and Adaptation in the Middle East and North Africa. In Arce, M. Arce, C. Dupont, T. Eisenstadt, L. Feoli, & T. Maboudi (Eds.), *Ideas, Interests, Institutions, and Nation-state Climate Politics: Mitigators, Adapters, and Mitigator-Adapters*. Oxford University Press.

Working Journal Articles

D'Amico, E. Disentangling Migration, Market Price Shocks, and Urban Unrest: A natural experiment in Bangladesh.

Melin, M., Sosa, S., & D'Amico, E. Economic Reincorporation in Civil War Peace Treaties & Peace Outcomes.

D'Amico, E. & Maboudi, T. Environmental Laws, Constitutionalism, and Climate Change Litigation.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association (APSA) - Meeting & Exhibition, 2023
 Unrest in Urbanity: Unraveling the Impact of Economic Shocks on Migration and Urban Dynamics

Midwest Political Science Association – 81st Annual MPSA Conference, 2023
 Climate Migration, Economic Drivers, and Urban Unrest: A quasi-experimental analysis in Bangladesh

American Political Science Association (APSA) - Meeting & Exhibition, 2022
 Vulnerability, Climate Change Laws, and Adaptation in the MENA Region

Midwest Political Science Association – 80th Annual MPSA Conference, 2022
 The Climate-Conflict Nexus: Urban Migration and Data Innovations

International Congress on Education and Learning – Miami, Florida, 2020
Post-EU-Turkey Deal Refugee Integration Policy in Turkey: A Multi-Level Governance Approach

Midwest Political Science Association – 78th Annual MPSA Conference, 2020
How Integration Policy Moderates the Relationship Between Migration and Crime: A Cross- National Analysis

International Studies Association – ISSS-IS Annual Conference, 2018
Xenophobia and Its Implications for Refugee Policies: A Cross-National Study

Midwest Political Science Association – 76th Annual MPSA Conference, 2018
The Implications of Poverty on the Severity of Human Trafficking

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP): Climate Action (Invited Speaker),
“Migration-Preventative Adaptation Responses” March 2, 2023

Back in Business: Bringing firms into Global Local Networks of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding (by invitation only), ISA 2023 Annual Convention, Montréal

Ideas, Interests, Institutions, and Nation-state Climate Politics: Mitigators, Adapters, and Mitigator-Adapters Conference, “Vulnerability, Climate-Change Laws, and Adaptation in the Middle East and North Africa,” Convoke a conference at Tulane University, June 9 and 10, 2022

PLSC 374: Democracy (Invited Lecturer)
"The Intersection of Democracy and Refugee Rights" Fall 2021

HONORS AND AWARDS

Gannon Graduate Leadership Fellow	2023
ISA Pay It Forward is a Travel Grant & Mentoring Program Award: \$500	2023
ISA Research Workshop Award (Collaborator on Proposal) Award: \$2,500	2023
Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship Award: Fully funded ICPSR methods courses for both Summer Sessions	2022
ISSS Pay It Forward mentoring program for early career women	2022
MPSA Mentorship Reception	2022
Loyola Rule of Law Institute – Graduate Student Fellow Award: \$3,500	2021
Institute of Turkish Studies Language Grant Awardee Award: \$3,000	2020

IMISCOE/Association of Migration (GAR) Doctoral Research Award on Integration and Adaptation Strategies for Refugees Award: Fully funded PhD Summer School	2018
Dwight Ink Scholar, Iowa State University Award: \$1,000	2017
International Studies Sponsorship, Iowa State University Award: \$1,500	2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA), 2022-Present
Section: Migration & Citizenship

Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) – Political Science Department Delegate (2020), Secretary (2021), President (2022)

International Studies Association (ISA), 2022-Present
Sections: Environmental Studies; Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies; Peace Studies; Women's Caucus

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), 2022-Present

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2018-Present

Pi Sigma Alpha – Political Honor Society, 2016-Present

National Honor Society (NHS), 2012-2014

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Symposium Co-Organizer and Moderator Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium	2022-2023
Loyola Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program	Summer 2022
Loyola Undergraduate Research & Engagement Symposium Evaluator	Spring 2022
Journal of International Migration and Integration Reviewer	2020-Present
RefugeeOne, English Tutor English Language Tutor, Chicago, IL, USA	2019-Present
Project Elea Refugee Camp, Teacher Athens, Greece	Summer 2019
Court-Appointed Special Advocate Child Advocate, Ames, IA, USA	2015-2018
Hillary Clinton Campaign Voter Registration Volunteer, Ames, IA, USA	Fall 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Loyola University Chicago, Department of Political Science 2018-Present
Lecturer, Political Science 102: International Relations in an Age of Globalization

- In this role, I was full the instructor of record. I developed my own syllabus (see [here](#)), lectured, graded, and held office hours for my class of 40 students.

Loyola University Chicago, Department of Political Science 2022-Present
Teaching Assistant, Political Science 300D: Faculty-Led Program in Colombia, Teaching Assistant

- In this role, I helped organize and guide students through a short-term study abroad course.

Iowa State University, Department of Political Science 2017-2018
Teaching Assistant

- Political Science 235: Introduction to Ethics and Politics
- Political Science 241: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics
- Political Science 301: Introduction to Empirical Political Science Research
- Political Science 305: Political Behavior
- Political Science 360: American Institutions: Congress

Parsed duties: writing R scripts for regression courses; proctoring and grading exams, holding office hours for homework assistance, lecturing, working individually with students on statistics assignments, etc.

CERTIFICATIONS

DataCamp Data Scientist Professional, R; SQL, Python	2023
Qualtrics XM Professional Certification	2023
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certification	2022

COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

High Level Data Skills: Querying in SQL/Python; Excel VBA; GIS data management and analysis; data mining in R; data merging in STATA

Software High Proficiency: R, QGIS, SQL, STATA, JMP, and SPSS

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Intermediate Listener, Novice Speaker, Advanced Reading and Writing

Turkish: Intermediate-Mid (ACTFL)

Arabic: Intermediate-Low (coursework in Arabic 101-104)

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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