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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Illicit trafficking; small arms and light weapons (SALW); drugs; foreign aid; international political economy; international security; conflict; causal inference

EDUCATION

- 2013-present *Yale University, New Haven, CT.* PhD Candidate, Political Science (Expected 2019)
Dissertation Project: *Money or Blood: Why States Allow Illicit Economies*
Advisors: Margaret Peters - UCLA; Frances Rosenbluth - Yale; Susan Hyde - UC Berkeley
Field Certifications: International Relations, Quantitative Methods, Comparative Politics
MPhil & MA, 2015.
- 2006-10 *University of Georgia, Athens, GA*
MPA, 2010.
AB, summa cum laude, with highest honors, International Affairs, 2010.

PUBLICATIONS

- Peter M. Aronow, Jonathon Baron, and Lauren E. Pinson. "A Cautionary Note on Dropping Experimental Subjects who Fail a Manipulation Check." *Political Analysis* (Forthcoming).
- Peter M. Aronow, Dean Karlan, and Lauren E. Pinson. "The Effect of Images of Michelle Obama's Face on Trick-or-Treaters' Dietary Choices: A Randomized Control Trial." *PLOS ONE* 13(1) (2018), e0189693.
- Peter M. Aronow, Molly Offer-Westort, Lauren E. Pinson, and Ana Perez-Gea. "Information and Access to United Nations Diplomatic Missions." *Applied Economic Letters* 24(9) (2016), pp. 594-597.
- Gary A. Ackerman and Lauren E. Pinson. "Speaking Truth to Sources: Introducing a Method for the Quantitative Evaluation of Open Sources in Event Data." *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 39(7-8) (2016), pp. 617-640.
- Ronald Breiger and Lauren E. Pinson. "A New Approach for Identification of Multiple Threat Scenarios to Counter CBRN Networks." In *Illuminating Dark Networks: The Study of Clandestine Groups and Organizations*, ed. Luke Gerdes. Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Gary A. Ackerman and Lauren E. Pinson. "An Army of One: Assessing CBRN Pursuit and Use by Lone Wolves and Autonomous Cells." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 26(1) (2014), pp. 226-245.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2014-2019 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2018-2019 P.E.O. Scholar Award
- 2018 APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant
- 2018 NSF Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide - Mexico
funds from NSF and Mexico's National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT)
- 2016-17 NSF Graduate Research Opportunities Worldwide - Norway
funds from NSF and Research Council of Norway (Norges forskningsråd)
- 2016-17 Peace Research Institute of Oslo, internal grant
- 2009 Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship, Brookhaven National Laboratory
- 2005-09 Watson-Brown Merit Scholar
- 2006 National Merit Scholar

Yale University

- 2013-2019 Yale University Graduate Fellowship
- 2019 MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2018-19 Institution for Social and Policy Studies Graduate Policy Fellow
- 2017-18 University Dissertation Fellowship
- 2017-18 Frank M. Patterson Fellow
- 2017 MacMillan-Geneva Exchange Fellowship

University of Georgia

- 2006-10 Bernard Ramsey Honors Scholar
- 2006-10 UGA Honors Program
- 2006-10 HOPE Scholar
- 2009 Carl Vinson Institute Fellow
- 2008 Security Leadership Fellow, Center for International Trade and Security

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-17 Visiting Researcher, *Peace Research Institute of Oslo*, Norway
- 2017 Junior Visiting Fellow, *Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, Switzerland
- 2010-13 Senior Researcher/Project Manager, *National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) at the University of Maryland*, USA

DATASETS & WORKING PROJECTS

Datasets

- Illicit Small Arms Seizures Dataset (in-progress)
Cross-national, 2009-15
- Anti-Illicit Trafficking Assistance Dataset (in-progress)

Working projects

“Guns and Money: Why States Allow Illicit Trafficking.”

“The Domestic Distributional Consequences of Constraining Illicit Trafficking: Mexico as a Subnational Case.”

“From Policy to Practice: Considering the Role of Gender in Combating Illicit Small Arms Trafficking.”

“Bullet-Proof Beliefs: How Exposure to US Gun Violence influences Perspectives on Gun Control.”

“Busting Smuggling Assumptions: An Empirical Analysis of the Overlap between Drug Trafficking and Small Arms Trafficking.” With Nicholas Marsh.

CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

Academic presentations

International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2012*, 2013, 2014*, 2015, 2019* (accepted)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017*, 2018*

Yale International Relations Workshop, 2017, 2018, New Haven, CT

United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime-Migration Policy Centre,

International Academic Conference on Organized Crime and Gender, 2018, Florence, Italy

Midwest Political Science Association, 2018, Chicago, IL

International Political Economy Society Annual Meeting, 2017, Austin, TX

European Consortium for Political Research General Conference, 2017*, Oslo, Norway

PRIO Brown Bag, 2016, 2017, Oslo, Norway

Harvard-MIT-Yale Political Violence Conference, 2016, Boston, MA

Yale Summer American Politics and Public Policy Workshop, 2015, New Haven, CT

Yale Political Science 2nd Year Conference, 2015, New Haven, CT

ISSS/ISAC Annual Conference, 2012, Chapel Hill, NC

*organized panel(s)

Practitioner presentations

Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Forum for Security Co-operation, 2017, Vienna, Austria

CBRN Symposium, 2013, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

Understanding the Psychological/Behavioral Effects of Advanced Weaponry Summit, 2012, Fort Sam Houston, TX

Lone Wolf and Autonomous Cell Terrorism Conference, 2012, Uppsala, Sweden

Defense Threat Reduction Agency Annual Review (poster session) 2011, 2012, 2013

TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Teaching fellow

Spring 2016

GLBL 256/PLSC 156: International Organizations, Susan Hyde

Autumn 2015

GLBL 247/PLSC 128: Development Under Fire, Jason Lyall

Guest lectures

- Spring 2016 Two threats to impact evaluations: Spillover and attrition
Autumn 2015 Illicit cross-border flows and global governance

Research assistant

Margaret Peters - UCLA (2014-16), Susan Hyde - Berkeley (2014-15), Jason Lyall - Yale (2014-15), Peter Aronow - Yale (2014-15), Patricia Sullivan - UNC, Chapel Hill (2007-10)

EXTERNAL COURSES

- 2018 Teaching About Political Violence Using Simulations and Games (APSA short course)
2018 Bridging the Gap, Washington, D.C.: New Era Workshop (3-day workshop)
2017 Research School on Peace and Conflict, Oslo, Norway: Qualitative Methods and the Study of Civil War (4-day course)
2016 Research School on Peace and Conflict, Oslo, Norway: Gender, Peace, and Security (3-day course)
2016 New York University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates: Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (2-week course on experimental methods)
2010-11 University of Maryland, College Park, MD: START Certificate in Terrorism Analysis (4 courses)
2009 Brookhaven National Laboratory, Upton, NY: Nuclear Nonproliferation, Safeguards, and Security in the 21st Century (90-hour course)
2010-11 Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina Maymester Study Abroad (two month-long courses on national identity and ethnic conflict)

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- 2015-2018 Order, Violence, and Conflict - Student Affiliate
2015-16 Graduate and Professional Students Senate - Social Sciences Senator
2015-16 Co-Coordinator of Graduate Student International Relations Workshop
2015-16 Discussant for Order of Conflict and Violence Workshop x3
Spring 2015 Doctoral Student Co-Coordinator for Reconsidering Regime Type in International Relations Conference

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