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Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison (expected June 2021)

Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Political Methodology (minor)

Dissertation: The Idea of Terror: A Critical Approach to Consequences of the "Terrorist" Classifier

Committee: Andrew Kydd (chair), Helen Kinsella, Jon Pevehouse, Jonathan Renshon, Jessica Weeks

M.A., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2016

B.A., International Relations and Modern Languages (German; French), Knox College, 2013
summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, with College Honors

Research

Published

Meier, Anna A. 2020. "The Idea of Terror: Institutional Reproduction in Government Responses to Political Violence." *International Studies Quarterly* 64 (3): 499–509.

-Winner of the Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in the Social Sciences, UW–Madison

Meier, Anna A., and Jonathan Renshon. "The Impact of Emotion on War Initiation and Termination" In *The Oxford Handbook of Behavioral Political Science*, eds. Alex Mintz and Lesley Terris. (forthcoming)

In Progress

"Racism By Designation: Making Sense of Why Western States Rarely Designate White Supremacists as Terrorists." (under review; with Zoltán Búzás)

"Terror as Justice, Justice as Terror: Counterterrorism and Anti-Black Racism in the United States." (under review)

"Counterterrorism and Combatancy: Recasting International Humanitarian Law Using the Soleimani Assassination." (to be presented at the 2021 meeting of the International Studies Association)

"Terror is What (the United) States Make of It: Toward a New Conceptual Framework for Terrorism" (with Amélie Godefroidt)

"The Effects of State-Level Discourse on Terrorist Recruitment." (presented at the 2019 meeting of the International Studies Association)

"Emotions in International Relations: Mechanisms, Measurement, and a New Synthesis" (with Jonathan Renshon)

Commentary and Analysis

“Want to Improve Equity and Inclusion in Political Science? Address White Supremacy.” *Duck of Minerva*, January 11, 2021. <https://bit.ly/3nE6vaD>

“What Does a ‘Terrorist’ Designation Mean?” *Lawfare*, July 19, 2020. <https://bit.ly/39qH8Up>

“The U.S. labeled a white supremacist group as ‘terrorists’ for the first time. It’s less significant than you think.” *The Monkey Cage*, April 30, 2020. <https://wapo.st/3fg18eK>

“Identity, Law, and How Political Elites Define Terrorism.” *Political Violence at a Glance*, October 18, 2019. <https://bit.ly/2P7ef71>

“Why do Facebook and Twitter’s anti-extremist guidelines allow right-wingers more freedom than Islamists?” *The Monkey Cage*, August 1, 2019. <https://wapo.st/2KhUFm5>

Presentations

Conferences

American Political Science Association (2018, 2019); **International Studies Association** (2018, 2019, 2021); **International Studies Association–Northeast Division** (2019, 2020); **Midwest Political Science Association** (2017); **Society for Terrorism Research** (2019; also panel chair); **Southern Political Science Association** (2020)

Invited

Consulting, Tech Against Terrorism, March 2021

“Unpacking the Hidden Curriculum: Building an Academic Web Presence.” Panel discussion, University of Utah, October 23, 2020

Consulting, Simon-Skjodt Center project on race and mass atrocities, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, October 2020

Workshop on Right-Wing Terrorism and Critical Terrorism Studies, Critical Studies on Terrorism working group, British International Studies Association, September 28, 2020

“White Supremacist Violence in the U.S. and Europe.” Guest lecture at Global Affairs & the Media, Capitol Lakes Retirement Center, February 26, 2020

Teaching

As guest lecturer:

“Black Leftist Movements and Counterterrorism in the U.S.” POLI 1900: Introduction to Race and Politics, University of Iowa, March 23, 2021 (online).

“Far-Right Extremism.” Georgetown University, Department of Government, October 22, 2020 (online).

“Terrorism.” Poli Sci 51: Introduction to Politics Around the World, University of California, Irvine, May 27, 2020 (online).

“Gender in International Law.” PS 356: Principles of International Law, UW–Madison, December 3, 2019.

“Global Terrorism.” PS 347: Terrorism, UW–Madison, October 1, 2018.

“Migration and Refugees.” PS 350: International Political Economy, UW–Madison, August 6, 2018.

As teaching assistant:

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, spring 2021 (online)

Principles of International Law, UW–Madison, fall 2019

Terrorism, UW–Madison, fall 2017 and 2018

International Political Economy, UW–Madison, summer 2018 (online)

Introduction to Survey Research, UW–Madison, spring 2018

Introduction to International Relations, UW–Madison, fall 2015

Survey of International Relations, Knox College, fall 2012

American National Government, Knox College, spring 2012

As grader:

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, summer 2019, 2020 (online)

Introduction to Political Psychology, UW–Madison, 2016, 2018

Course design and preparation:

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, 2019, 2020 (online)

Experience

Research assistance:

2019: Professors Nils Ringe (computational text analysis) and Erica Simmons (edited volume work)

2018: Professors Nadav Shelef (German-English translation) and Eleanor Powell (big data coding)

2017: Professor Helen Kinsella (literature reviews)

2016: Professor Eleanor Powell (data collection management and codebook development)

Professional:

Faculty Research Assistant, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), 2014–2015

- Managed team of coders for the Global Terrorism Database (GTD); conducted research on terrorist targets worldwide for State Department and DHS clients

General Associate, National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), 2014

- Triaged primary source data on terrorist attacks for the Global Terrorism Database (GTD)

Communications Associate, Project on Government Oversight (POGO), 2012

- Researched and wrote on DoD weapons acquisition, the military-industrial complex, and government accountability issues

Other Training

Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop, Washington, DC, October 2021 (rescheduled due to COVID-19)
 Workshops in Online Instruction, UW–Madison Division of Information Technology, May 2020
 Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS), Ithaca, NY, July 2018
 Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Chapel Hill, NC, June 2017

Awards and Grants

Graduate Fellow, Institute for Legal Studies, UW–Madison, 2020–2021
 Alternate, College of Letters & Sciences Teaching Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2020
 Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence Research Assistantship, UW–Madison, 2020
 Future Faculty Partner, UW–Madison Teaching Academy, 2019–2021
 Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
 Wisconsin Project on International Relations Grant, UW–Madison, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
 Department Nominee, Innovation in Teaching Award, UW–Madison, 2018
 Department Nominee, Early Excellence in Teaching Award, UW–Madison, 2017
 International Relations Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2016
 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, UW–Madison, 2015–2016 (declined)
 Robert F. Seibert Prize in International Relations, Knox College, 2013
 Richter Grants (4), Knox College, 2012–2013
 Faculty Scholarship Prize, Knox College, 2012
 Ford Foundation Fellowship, Knox College, 2011–2012

Service

To the discipline:

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Critical Studies on Security*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Review*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Review of International Studies*
 Representative, APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 2019–2021
 Student Coordinator, 2017 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

At UW–Madison:

Political Science Department Teaching Assistant Mentor, 2019–2020
 Student Coordinator, Diversity in International Relations Undergraduate Conference, 2019

Student Co-Coordinator, International Relations Colloquium, 2017–2019

Student Coordinator, Experimental Politics Workshop, 2017–2019

Student Representative, Graduate Program Committee, 2016–2018

Tutor, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 2015–2017

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, 2015–present

International Studies Association, 2016–present

Southern Political Science Association, 2019–present

Miscellaneous

Software: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Python (beginner)

Languages: German (C1), French (B1)

References

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