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## Academic Appointments

**September 2021–present:** Assistant Professor, School of Politics & International Relations, University of Nottingham

## Education

Ph.D., Political Science, University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2021

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

*Dissertation:* The Idea of Terror: White Supremacist Violence and the Making of Counterterrorism

*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. 2021. "Terror as Justice, Justice as Terror: Counterterrorism and Anti-Black Racism in the United States." Forthcoming at *Critical Studies on Terrorism*.

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

-One of *International Studies Quarterly's* three most discussed articles of 2020

### *In progress*

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

"Diversity in Proxy War Studies." (under contract for inclusion in *The Routledge Handbook of Proxy Wars*; with Layla Picard)

"Counterterrorism and Combatancy: Recasting International Humanitarian Law Using the Soleimani Assassination."

“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.”

### *Commentary and analysis*

“IR hasn’t made serious progress on LGBTQ+ inclusion. Here’s why.” *International Affairs Blog*, August 11, 2021. <https://bit.ly/37zL7hi>

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

“Anna Meier on Terrorist Designation and Tofu.” *Say More on That*, January 6, 2021. <https://apple.co/2SUN04n>

“Holiday Baking and Understanding Terrorism Policies with Anna Meier.” *Proofing and Lies*, December 28, 2020. <https://apple.co/3wm0oMj>

“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>

### *Other academic writing*

“Mental Health and the Job Market.” Chapter accepted for inclusion in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. (with Adnan Rasool and Annelise Russell)

“Community, Solidarity, and Collective Power: The Role of Graduate Student Organizations and Graduate Worker Unions.” Chapter accepted for inclusion in *Strategies for Navigating Graduate School and Beyond*. (with Samantha Cooney, Patrick Gauding, Christopher Macaulay, and Kevin Reuning)

“Advice on How to Prep for the Academic Job Market.” May 4, 2021. Document now in use at the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and other PhD-granting political science departments. <https://bit.ly/3B3ChWB>

## Presentations

### *Conferences (last three years)*

“Roundtable: Of Puzzles, Problems, and Questions in Research Design.” International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, April 1, 2022.

“Roundtable: 9/11 Twenty Years On: Reckoning with Counter-Terrorism Legislation, Lists and Labels.” International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, March 30, 2022.

“Roundtable: Teaching International Relations in a Post-Pandemic World: Applying the Lessons of Remote Instruction to the In-Person Classroom.” International Studies Association, Nashville, Tennessee, USA, March 30, 2022.

“Roundtable: Reflecting on Mentoring for Its Future in a Post-COVID Discipline.” International Studies Association–Northeast Division (online), November 4, 2021

“Critical Reflexivity and Research on State Responses to the Far Right.” Network for Critical Research on the Ethics of Researching the Extreme & Far Right (online), May 13, 2021

“Counterterrorism and Combatancy: Recasting International Humanitarian Law Using the Soleimani Assassination.” International Studies Association (online), April 8, 2021

“Counterterrorism and Combatancy: Recasting International Humanitarian Law Using the Soleimani Assassination.” International Studies Association–Northeast Division (online), November 6, 2020

“The Idea of Terror: Institutional Reproduction in Government Responses to Political Violence.” Southern Political Science Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 10, 2020

“The Idea of Terror: Institutional Reproduction in Government Responses to Political Violence.” International Studies Association–Northeast Division, Providence, Rhode Island, USA, November 9, 2019

“The Idea of Terror: Institutional Reproduction in Government Responses to Political Violence.” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC, USA, August 31, 2019

“Data are Not the Problem: Conceptual Discord at the Frontiers of Terrorism Research.” Society for Terrorism Research, Oslo, Norway, June 21, 2019

“The Effects of State-Level Discourse on Terrorist Recruitment.” International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 29, 2019

### *Invited talks*

Royal Holloway, University of London, Centre for International Security, November 9, 2021 (online)

Boston University, Center for the Study of Europe, October 27, 2021 (online)

### *Other invited presentations*

Invited Presenter, “White Supremacy, Misogyny, and the ‘New’ Terrorism.” Syracuse Philosophy Annual Workshop and Network, Syracuse University, June 2022 (scheduled)

Invited Panelist, Interpretivist Methods Clinic, Western Political Science Association, November 30, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, “From Utoya to Halle, Hanau & Christchurch: How to Combat the Globalization of Far-Right Extremism?” German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) and German Federal Foreign Office (A.A.), October 25, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, “Book Panel: The Universal Enemy: Jihad, Empire, and the Challenge of Solidarity.” Contexts of Violent Extremism in MENA and Balkan Societies (CONNEKT), April 27, 2021 (online)

Invited Panelist, “Unpacking the Hidden Curriculum: Building an Academic Web Presence.” University of Utah, October 23, 2020 (online)

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

“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 convenor:*

Responding to Violent Extremism, University of Nottingham, spring 2022 (co-convened with Carl Gibson)

### *As seminar tutor:*

Theories and Concepts in International Relations, University of Nottingham, fall 2021

### *As guest lecturer:*

“Terrorism and Extremism.” Theories of Criminal Behaviour, Division of Psychiatry and Applied Psychology, University of Nottingham, November 2, 2021

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

### *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

### *Course design and preparation:*

Introduction to International Studies, UW–Madison, 2019, 2020, 2021 (online)

## Non-Academic Experience

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

## Consulting

RAND Europe, July 2021

Tech Against Terrorism, March 2021

Simon-Skjodt Center, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, October 2020

## Other Training

Bridging the Gap New Era Workshop, October 17–19, 2021

Workshops in Online Instruction, UW–Madison Division of Information Technology, May 2020

Workshop on Interpretive and Relational Methodologies, International Studies Association–Northeast Division, Providence, RI, November 2019

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

Summer Writing Scholarship, UW–Madison, 2021

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 Quarterly*; *International Studies Review*; *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Review of International Studies*

Governing Council Member, International Studies Association–Northeast Division, 2022–2024  
 Representative, APSA Committee on the Status of Graduate Students in the Profession, 2019–2021  
 Student Coordinator, 2017 Society for Political Methodology Annual Meeting

### *At the University of Nottingham:*

Disability Liaison Officer, School of Politics & International Relations, 2021–present  
 Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee, School of Politics & International Relations, 2021–present  
 Senior Tutor Team, School of Politics & International Relations, 2021–present

### *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, Department of Political Science, 2016–2018  
 Tutor, Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, 2015–2017

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, 2015–present  
 British Academy Early-Career Researcher Network, 2021–present  
 British International Studies Association, 2021–present  
 International Studies Association, 2016–present

## Miscellaneous

*Software:* R, Stata, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Python (beginner)

*Languages:* English (native), German (research fluent), French (conversational)

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