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EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science	Expected April 2027
<i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	2025
Dissertation: Governing the Displaced: Essays on Refugees, Returnees, and IDPs During and After Civil War	
Committee: Burcu Savun (Chair), Rebecca Cordell, Jude Hays (Co-Chair), William Spaniel, and Alex Braithwaite (University of Arizona)	
Research Interests: International Relations; International Security; Civil War; Forced Migration; Political Violence; Quantitative and Computational Methods	
Johns Hopkins University - School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) Washington, D.C., USA	
<i>M.A. in International Economics & International Political Economy</i>	2022
Tsinghua University	Beijing, China
<i>M.A. in Political Science</i>	2022
<i>B.A. in International Relations</i>	2019

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

† LEAD-AUTHORED JOINT PROJECTS.

† "Beyond the First Battle: Navigating Uncertainty in War's Later Stages" with [William Spaniel](#) and [Perisa Davutoglu](#), *Forthcoming at International Studies Quarterly*.

WORKING PAPERS

† LEAD-AUTHORED JOINT PROJECTS.

"Correcting Misinformation in an Authoritarian Context: Logical Fallacy Training via AI-Generated Short Videos in China" with [Yuyang Pu](#) and [Muyao Hang](#), *Revise and Resubmit at Political Psychology*.

† "Do Refugees Fuel Conflict, or Just Make It Visible?" with [Christopher Blair](#) and [Burcu Savun](#), *Under Review*.

"Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence" with [Christopher Blair](#) and [Burcu Savun](#), *Under Review*.

"Refugee Policies, Foreign Aid, and Political Violence in the Global South", *Under Review*, Winner of the **Dina Zinnes Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, ISA Scientific Study of International Processes (SSIP) Section.

"Shared Suffering, Shared Peace? Refugee Return, Violent Displacement, and Communal Violence"

"Aid as Migration Control: Civilian Loyalty and the Governance of Forced Displacement During Civil War"

"Strategic Sabotage and Crisis Bargaining" with [William Spaniel](#) and Christopher Hickey

"Liberal Refugee Policies and Political Violence" with [Christopher Blair](#) and [Burcu Savun](#)

† "Rebel Leaders and Civil War Alliances" with [Chong Chen](#), [Ruolin Su](#), and [Weiwen Ying](#)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

† LEAD-AUTHORED JOINT PROJECTS.

"Transnational Repression and Public Opinion in the US" with [Rebecca Cordell](#), [Howard Liu](#), and [Muyao Hang](#)

† "War on the Feed: Foreign Fighters' Social Media Narratives and Support for Violence" with [Muyao Hang](#) and [Yuyang Pu](#)

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

University of Pittsburgh

Arts and Sciences Fellowship	Fall 2022 - Spring 2023
Social Sciences Doctoral Dissertation (SSDD) Fellowship	Fall 2025 - Spring 2026
Mellon Predoctoral Fellowships	Fall 2026 - Spring 2027
Deborah Jeanne Gillotti Graduate Fellowship Award	Fall 2026
Summer Research Grant	Summer 2025, Summer 2026

International Studies Association

Dina Zinnes Best Graduate Student Paper Award, SSIP	Spring 2026
ISA annual conference travel grant	Spring 2025

Peace Science Society

Peace Science annual conference travel grant	Fall 2024
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

Research Methods in Political Science, (Teaching Assistant). Instructor Yuyang Pu ,	Spring 2024
International Relations, (Teaching Assistant). Instructor William Spaniel ,	Fall 2025
Guest Lecturer	
◦ Civil Wars	Spring 2026
◦ Authoritarian Politics	Spring 2025
◦ Research Methods in Political Science	Spring 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

[Burcu Savun](#) (Summer 2023 & Fall 2023); [Michael Colaresi](#) (Fall 2023 & Spring 2025); [William Spaniel](#) (Summer 2024); [Rebecca Cordell](#) (Spring 2025).

METHODS, TECHNICAL & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Computational: Python (advanced), R (advanced), STATA (advanced), SQL (advanced),

GIS: QGIS (advanced), Arc GIS (advanced);

Language: Mandarin Chinese (native); English (fluent)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026:

Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)	International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting (Columbus, OH)
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2025:

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Vancouver, Canada)	Peace Science Society Annual Meeting & Rising Scholars Workshop (Orlando, FL)
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)	Pitt-Penn State IR Workshop (Pittsburgh, PA)

2024:

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)	Formal Models of Conflict Conference (Pittsburgh, PA)
Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (Ann Arbor, MI)	Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)	Pitt-Penn State IR Workshop (Pittsburgh, PA)

ADDITIONAL METHODS TRAINING

ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods - Spatial Econometrics	2023
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SELECTED SERVICE

Graduate Student Member, Political Methodology Search Committee, Fall 2024

Graduate Student Member, Comparative Politics Search Committee, Spring 2025

Editorial Assistant, *International Interactions*, responsible for replication oversight, Summer/Fall 2023

Reviewer, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* and *Chinese Journal of International Politics*

REFERENCES

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