

## Liana Eustacia Reyes, J.D., Ph.D.

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### Academic Appointments

**Purdue University**, West Lafayette, IN

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Aug 2022-Present  
(*Postdoctoral Research Leave 2022-2023, 2024-2025*)

**Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH

Rosenwald Fellow, The John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding,  
July 2024-2025

**University of Pennsylvania**, Philadelphia, PA

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Department of Political Science, PDRI-Dev Lab, July 2022-July 2023

**University of Arizona**, Tucson, AZ

Predocctoral Fellowship, School of Government and Public Policy  
Aug 2021-May 2022

### Education

**Rice University**, Houston, TX

Ph.D., Political Science, *May 2022*

*Fields: International Relations & Comparative Politics*

*Dissertation: Law and Conflict*

*Committee: T. Clifton Morgan, Rick Wilson, Leslie Scwindt-Bayer, Connor Huff, and Andrea Ballestero*

*NSF, Law and Science, DDRIG (\$22,477.00)*

**New York University**, New York, NY

M.A., Politics, May 2015

**Florida International University**, Miami, FL

M.A., Global Affairs, May 2013

J.D., Domestic and International Law, Aug 2011

**University of West Florida**, Miami, FL

B.A., Legal Studies, Aug 2008

**Affiliations****Law and Conflict (LAC) Research Lab**

Founder and Director, Purdue University, Aug 2023-Present

**Amsterdam Conflict Research Network (ACRN)**

Affiliate, University of Amsterdam, May 2024-Present

**Penn Development Research Initiative and Development Lab (PDRI-DevLab)**

Affiliate, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2022-Present

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

Reyes, Liana Eustacia, Justin Conrad, and Cyanne Loyole. “Depoliticizing Rebels: Government Use of Civilian Trials during Armed Conflict.” *Forthcoming at Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Conrad, Justin, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Megan A. Stewart (2022) “Revisiting Opportunism in Civil Conflict: Natural Resource Extraction and Healthcare Provision.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 1(66): 91-114.

Hinkainen, Kaisa, Sara M. T. Polo, and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2021) “Making Peace or Preventing It? UN Peacekeeping, Terrorism, and Civil War Negotiations?” *International Studies Quarterly*. 65(1): 29-42.

Reyes, Liana Eustacia and Shlomi Dinar (2015) “The Convergence of Terrorism and Transnational Crime in Central Asia,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 38(5): 380-393.

**Under Review**

Polo, Sara M.T., Liana Eustacia Reyes, Megan A. Stewart, and Jessica Maves Braithwaite. “Two Sides of the Same Coin? Rebel Governance and Terrorism.”

\*Glayds, Zubiriá, Santiago Sosa, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Justice and Militias during Civil War.”

**Book Project**

*Armed Law and Conflict Resolution* (writing in progress - workshop June 2025 @ Dartmouth College)

**Working Papers**

Morgan, T. Clifton and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Getting the Law on Your Side: Legal Enforcement Mechanisms and Economic Sanctions.”

Reyes, Liana Eustacia. “Implications of Rebel Law for Conflict Resolution.” (data analysis and writing in progress)

*Honorable mention for the Conflict Research Society’s Cedric Smith Prize: “Best article or thesis chapter in peace and conflict research by a PhD student” under different title.*

Harris, Colin, Iliia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Quasilegal Property Rights.” (data analysis and writing in progress)

Nemeth, Stephen C., Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Andi Zhou. “Interstate Territorial Disputes, Property Rights, and Conflict Resolution.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)

Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Dmitrii Kofanov. “Post-Civil War Constitution Making: Implications of Boilerplate Language and Positive Rights.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)

Reyes, Liana Eustacia and \*Mitushi Mukherjee. “Introducing the Rebel and Incumbent Laws (RAIL) Dataset.” (data collection in progress).

Reyes, Liana Eustacia and Sherry Zaks. “Law and the Legacies of Rebel Governance.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)

*\*indicates graduate student co-author*

**Policy and Other Publications**

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2016) “Report — Alternative Governance in the Northern Triangle and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy: Finding Logic Within Chaos,” *Center for Strategic and International Studies*.

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2015) “Russia in Latin America: The Strategic Challenge,” *Perspectives on the Americas*, University of Miami Center for Hemispheric Policy.

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2015) “Russia in Latin America: A Strategic Analysis,” *Prism: A Journal of the Center for Complex Operations*, National Defense University 5(4).

Reyes, Liana Eustacia and Elizabeth Bennett (2014) “Bandwagoning Terrorists: Loyalty Isn’t What it Used to Be” *The Diplomat*.

Reyes, Liana Eustacia (2017) “Name Order” *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Edited by Dr. Moghaddam.

**External Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

The John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College (\$7,500) 2025  
Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Hayek Fund (\$3,000) 2024  
Dartmouth College, The John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellowship 2024  
Conflict Research Society’s Cedric Smith Prize, Honorable Mention 2022  
University of Pennsylvania, Office of the Vice-Provost for Research, Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship 2022  
Southern Political Science Association’s Neal Tate Award 2021  
Bridging the Gap New Era 2021  
National Science Foundation, Law and Science, DDRIG (\$22,477) 2020—2021  
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2018—2019  
Lee Ann Fujii DFP Travel Grant 2019  
APSA DFP Annual Meeting Travel Grant 2018  
American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship (DFP) 2017—2018  
National Defense University Visiting Research Fellow 2016—2017  
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant Latino Scholarship 2016  
APSA Annual Conference Travel Award 2016  
Graduate Scholar Award, Common Ground Publishing 2012

**Internal Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

Rice Alumni Sallyport Award 2022  
Rice Graduate Student Organization of the Year Award for Minorities in Social Sciences 2021  
Rice SSRI Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$5000) 2020—2021  
Rice SSRI Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (\$3000) 2019—2021  
Rice Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship 2016—2022  
Rice SSRI Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant —two total 2018—2020  
NYU GSAS Dean’s Travel Award 2015  
NYU Department of International Relations Travel Award 2015  
NYU Department of Politics Travel Awards — three total 2013—2015  
FIU Best National Security Studies Graduate Student Research 2013

<b>Invited Talks</b>	University of Connecticut, Department of Political Science and Human Rights Institute, Storrs, Connecticut	Apr 2025
	Leiden University, Institute of Security and Global Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands	Dec 2023
	University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia	Dec 2023
	Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala, Sweden	May 2023
	Radboud University, The Center for International Conflict Analysis and Management, Nijmegen, Netherlands	Feb 2023
	Florida International University, Steven J. Green School of International Public Affairs, Miami, Florida	Nov 2022
	New York University, Department of Politics, New York, New York	Oct 2022
	División de Estudios Internacionales, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico “Seminario de Investigación”	Feb 2022
	University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP) Tucson, Arizona “SGPP Speaker Series”	Nov 2021
	University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs “Innovation in International Affairs Speaker Series”	May 2021
<b>Invited Workshops</b>	Peace Science Society International, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI “Consortium for Human Rights Analysis and Measurement”	Nov 2024
	University of Amsterdam, Department of Political Science Amsterdam, Netherlands “Exploring Violence and Order”	May 2024
	University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, PDRI-Dev Lab, Philadelphia, PA “Political Economy of Development”	Apr 2024
	University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia “Governing Deep Differences”	Feb 2024
	Peace Science Society International, Washington University-St Louis, St Louis, Washington “Alternative Governance and Climate Change”	Nov 2023
	Peace Science Society International, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado “Responsible Public Engagement”	Nov 2022
	Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway “Justice during Armed Conflict: Accountability or Weapon of War?”	June 2022

	University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets and George Mason University, Institute for Humane Studies “Coexisting in a Pluralist Society”	2020-2021
<b>Professional Meeting Presentations</b>	2024: <i>Latin American Peace Science Society, International Studies Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), American Political Science Association, World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) (Invited and Sponsored by Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh).</i>	
	2023: <i>International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), American Political Science Association, Conflict Research Society, Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Workshop (ESOC), ISA-Midwest.</i>	
	2022: <i>International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Conflict Research Society, ISA-Midwest.</i>	
	2021: <i>Southern Political Science Association, Latin American Peace Science Society, Texas Triangle, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS) (Cancelled), American Political Science Association, ISA-Midwest.</i>	
	2020: <i>Southern Political Science Association, Texas Triangle, Texas Comparative Circle, International Studies Association (Cancelled), European Political Science Association (Cancelled), American Political Science Association, Peace Science Society.</i>	
	2018: <i>Midwest Political Science Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), FLACSO-International Studies Association, American Political Science Association.</i>	
<b>Policy and Private Sector Research</b>	Domestic and international law, governance by non-state actors, corruption, transnational crime, narco-trafficking, gang violence, natural resources, and the nexus between insurgency/terrorism and crime.	
<b>Selected Policy Engagement Projects</b>	Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes <i>National Defense University (NDU)</i>	2014—2016
	Research and analysis of Colombia’s peace process, with particular emphasis on FARC strategies, capabilities, and likely post-conflict behavior. Deliverables were submitted to US Department of Defense and NDU.	
	Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes <i>Center for Strategic and International Studies, Americas Program (CSIS)</i>	2014—2016
	Research and analysis of nonstate actor governance (gangs, cartels, and smuggling groups). Sponsored by CSIS and the Smith Richardson Foundation. Resulting publication: “Alternative Governance in the Northern Triangle and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy: Finding Logic within Chaos,” with Douglas Farah and Carl Meacham. Additionally, organized and managed a \$16,000 budget conference in Guatemala City, Guatemala, coordinating academics, investigative journalists, and former FMLN combatants from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador to discuss the regions current security environment.	
<b>Non-Academic Professional Experiences</b>	Research Coordinator, IBI Consultants, LLC	2014—2016
	Lead Investigations Analyst, Custom Information Services	2012—2013
	Case and Office Manager, Law Offices of Jason B. Giller, P.A.	2011—2012
	Law Clerk, Law Offices of Gilbert Smallman, PLLC	2010—2011
	Law Clerk, Independent Contractor	2008—2009
	Litigation Paralegal, LaBovick, LaBovick, & Wald	2004—2006

**Teaching Experience**

**Assistant Professor**

SCLA 102 - Cornerstone Critical Thinking & Communication II:  
Law, Justice, and Governance Summer 2025, Spring 2024  
Purdue University

POL 430 - Law and Armed Conflict Fall 2023  
Purdue University

**Lecturer**

POLI 371 - Civil Wars Spring 2021  
Rice University

**Teaching Assistant**

POLI 211 - Introduction to International Relations Spring 2018, Spring 2020  
Rice University

**University Service**

Dissertation Committee Member:

Sky Kunkel, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D. 2024. Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University.  
Anthony David Hustedt, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D., in progress.

Purdue University:

Graduate Studies Committee 2023-2024  
Graduate Curriculum and Evaluation Subcommittee 2023-2024  
Diversity, Inclusion, and Belongingness Subcommittee 2023-2024  
Judge, Undergraduate Research Conference 2024  
Faculty Mentor for PhD Student 2023-2024  
Political Science Research Workshop, DEI Program 1, Featured Speaker  
“Mentoring and Recruiting First-Gen Students” 2022

University of Pennsylvania

Featured Speaker on behalf of OVPR Fellowship, Board of Trustees Meeting 2023  
Discussant, Borders and Boundaries Conference, Perry World House 2023

Rice University:

*Minorities in the Social Sciences* at Rice University  
Founder 2016  
President 2018—2020  
Vice-President 2020—2022

Winner of the “Graduate Student Organization of the Year” Award 2021  
Nominated for “Graduate Student Organization of the Year” Award 2020  
Dedicated to supporting diversity and inclusion of minorities in academia by highlighting their work in our speaker series.  
Engaged with mentoring high school, undergrad, and graduate minority students.  
Facilitating the success and camaraderie of minority PhD students at Rice.

University of Arizona

Involved in DEI initiatives, including two speaker series on Law and Science

## External Service

Journal Reviewer: *Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, International Organization, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Global Security Studies, Research & Politics, International Politics, The British Journal of Politics and International Relations, International Relations and Diplomacy, Global Studies Journal, International Journal of Organizational Diversity.*

Conference Reviewer: *Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Meeting Paper Selection Committee (2024), Midwest Political Science Association Conflict Processes Section Head (2023-2024).*

Chair and/or Panel Discussant: WINIR (2024), *International Studies Association (2024), Empirical Studies of Conflict (2023), Junior Law and Politics Research Community (2023) American Political Science Association (2023), Midwest Political Science Association (2023), International Studies Association (2023), International Studies Association-Midwest (2022), Midwest Political Science Association (2022), International Studies Association (2022), International Studies Association-Midwest (2021), Midwest Political Science Association (2021), Fifth Annual Global Studies Conference, Moscow, Russia (2012).*

Mentor “Pay it Forward”: ISA-Midwest Annual Conference (2022, 2023)

Featured Speaker:

“Job Seekers’ Roundtable,”

ISA-Midwest Annual Conference

Nov 2022

“Things to Consider when Choosing Grad School,”

APSA DFP and Ralph Bunche Awardees and Alumni

2018

## Methods, Software Training, and Languages

Quantitative: OLS, MLE, Experiments

Qualitative: Process-Tracing, Analytic Narrative, Fieldwork

Field Research Experience: Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Netherlands.

Archives: San Salvador, El Salvador (Jan 2020); Tucson, Arizona (Aug-Sept, Nov 2021), Dublin, Ireland (Sept 2022), Belfast, Northern Ireland (Sept 2022), Amsterdam, Netherlands (2023-Present)

Software: Stata, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

Languages: English and Spanish (Native)

Certificate in Global Arbitration Law & Practice, Queen Mary University of London & Hamline University, London, UK

## Memberships

Conflict Research Society

Network of European Peace Scientists

Latin American Peace Science Society

Peace Science Society International

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

International Studies Association - Midwest

Rebel Governance Network

## References

### **Navin A. Bapat, PhD**

Dowd Professor of Peace and War in Political Science  
Chair of the Curriculum of Peace, War, and Defense  
Department of Political Science,  
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill  
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### **Guy Grossman, PhD**

David M. Knott Professor of Global Politics and International Relations  
Founder and Co-director of Penns Development Research Initiative (PDRI-DevLab)  
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