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Contact Information

Purdue University, Department of Political Science
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Academic Appointments

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science,
July 2022-Present

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

Predoctoral 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 Schwindt-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, Pensacola, FL

B.A., Legal Studies, Aug 2008

Affiliations

Law and Armed Conflict (LAC) Research Lab

Founder and Director, Purdue University, Aug 2023-Present

Center for Governance and Markets

Non-Resident Scholar, University of Pittsburgh, Aug 2025-Present

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

Affiliate, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2022-Present

Amsterdam Conflict Research Network (ACRN)

Affiliate, University of Amsterdam, May 2024-Present

Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University

Affiliated Scholar, George Mason University Mar 2026-Present

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Reyes, Liana Eustacia, Justin Conrad, and Cyanne Loyle. (2026) "Depoliticizing Rebels: Government Use of Civilian Trials during Armed Conflict." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. 43(3): 245-263. Available online 2025.

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*. 66(1): 91-114.

Hinkkainen, 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

* denotes graduate student coauthor

*Zubiriá, Gladys, Santiago Sosa, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. "Domestic Courts and Militias during Civil War." (Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

Polo, Sara M.T., Liana Eustacia Reyes, Megan A. Stewart, and Jessica Maves Braithwaite. "Protecting the Realm: Rebel Governance and Terrorism in Civil Wars."

Harris, Colin, Ilia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. "Paths of Property Rights Formalization: Organizational Governance and Legal Authority."

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

Book Project

Rebel Law and Conflict Resolution
(under review at Cambridge University Press)

- Book workshop, Purdue University, February 2026 (funded by College of Liberal Arts Engage Grant)
- Related article: "Legal Congruence and the Implementation of Peace" (see Working Papers)

Working Papers

Reyes, Liana Eustacia, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, Dmitrii Kofanov, and Charles Crabtree. "Post-Civil War Constitution Making." (a larger project with multiple papers)

- "How Rights Bind After War: Enforceable, Aspirational, and Qualified Rights in Post-Conflict Constitutions."
- "International Mediation and Post-Civil War Constitution Making."
- Data paper introducing an original corpus of post-civil war constitutions, 1946–2019 (in progress)

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

*Hu, Jiashu and Liana Eustacia Reyes. "Beyond the Visible Spectrum: Disaggregating Conflict Events through Multi-Source Remote Sensing." (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)

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

*Torres, Benjamin and Liana Eustacia Reyes. "Do Narco Rebels Engage in More Indiscriminate Violence?" (analysis and writing in progress)

Reyes, Liana Eustacia. "Booms and Borders: Global Commodity Shocks and Contested Authority over Indigenous Land." (data collection and writing in progress)

Reyes, Liana Eustacia. "The Sovereignty Paradox: Border-Zone Bans and Contested Authority at the Amazonian Frontier." (data analysis and writing in progress)

Reyes, Liana Eustacia. "Legal Congruence and the Implementation of Peace: Why Former Enemies Comply with Some Provisions and Not Others."

> *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.*

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

Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Expense Support ($4,224) 2026
Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh, ($5,000) 2025
Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Hayek Fund ($3,000) 2024
Dartmouth College, The John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Rosenwald Fellowship ($61,000 plus additional $7,500 for research) 2024—2025
Conflict Research Society's Cedric Smith Prize, Honorable Mention 2022
University of Pennsylvania, Office of the Vice-Provost for Research, Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship (salary plus additional $5,000 for research) 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

Engage Grant, College of Liberal Arts, Purdue University, ($10,000) 2025
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

Invited Talks

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, Department of Political Science, Chapel Hill, North Carolina Sept 2025

University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets: Global Forum, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Aug 2025

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, Pennsylvania 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

Invited Workshops

Customary Authority and Informal Institutions,
Center for Governance and Markets,
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA — Nov 2025

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, Pennsylvania
"Governing Deep Differences" — Feb 2024

Peace Science Society International,
Washington University-St Louis,
St Louis, Missouri
"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

Professional Meeting Presentations

2026: *European Political Science Association (July 2026), World Interdisciplinary Network for Institutional Research (WINIR) (July 2026), American Political Science Association (Sept 2026), Peace Science Society International (Nov 2026).*

2025: *Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), Customary Authority and Informal Institutions (Invited and Sponsored by Center for Governance and Markets, University of Pittsburgh).*

2024: *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).*

2023: *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.*

2022: *International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Conflict Research Society, ISA-Midwest.*

2021: *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.*

2020: *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.*

2018: *Midwest Political Science Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), FLACSO-International Studies Association, American Political Science Association.*

Policy and Private Sector Research

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.

Selected Policy Engagement Projects

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes
National Defense University (NDU) 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
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Americas Program (CSIS) 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 region's current security environment.

Non-Academic Professional Experiences

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

POL 631/641 - Graduate Seminar: State Formation, Institutions, and Collective Action: A Comparative Political Economy of Armed Conflict — Fall 2026
Purdue University

POL 329 - Civil Wars: Scientific Study of Political Violence and Policy — Fall 2026
Purdue University

POL 435 - International Law and Conflict — Fall 2025
Purdue University

SCLA 102 - Cornerstone Critical Thinking & Communication II: Law, Justice, and Governance
Purdue University
Spring 2024, Summer 2025, Spring 2026, Summer 2026

POL 430 - Problems in IR: 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 Chair or Committee Member:

Sky Kunkel, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D. 2024. Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University.
Co-Chair, Benjamin Torres, Political Science, Purdue University. Ph.D., in progress.
Co-Chair, Jiashu Hu, Construction Management Technology, Purdue University, Ph.D. in progress.
Laura Marcela Quintero, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D., in progress.
Anthony David Hustedt, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D., in progress.

Purdue University:

Political Science Research Workshop (Co-Organizer)	2025-Present
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: *American Political Science Review*, *Public Choice*, *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/Program Committee: *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: *European Political Science Association (2026)*, *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, Qualitative, Fieldwork, Archival Research

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

Archives: San Salvador, El Salvador (Jan 2020); Tucson, Arizona, University of Arizona Native American collections (Aug–Sept, Nov 2021); Dublin, Ireland (Sept 2022); Belfast, Northern Ireland (Sept 2022); and Amsterdam, Netherlands (2023–Present).

Software: Stata, R, Python, Google Earth Engine, LaTeX

Languages: English and Spanish (both native)

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

Memberships

Empirical Studies of Conflict

Conflict Research Society

Network of European Peace Scientists

Latin American Peace Science Society

European Political Science Association

Peace Science Society International

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association