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EDUCATION:

The Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. Political Science, Expected May 2023

M.A. Political Science, May 2019

Major Field: International Relations

Minor Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

Central Michigan University

M.A. Political Science (IR/Comparative), August 2016

B.S., Double Major: Political Science & Religion, Minor: Philosophy, May 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Sexual Violence, Civilian Victimization, Coercive Institutions, Rebel Group Behavior, Pro-Government Militias

PUBLICATIONS:

Willis, Christopher P. "Sexual Violence by the State: The Role of Political Institutions in Sexual Violence Perpetration." *International Studies Quarterly* 65(3):768-81.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqab055>

HONORS & AWARDS:

Raymond E. Lombra and Roberta Lombra Outstanding Graduate Research Award, 2022

- For the best articles or books published by graduate students in the Liberal Arts College

Program in Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Fellowship, 2020

Jesse M. MacKnight Memorial Graduate Scholarship in the Department of Political Science, The Pennsylvania State University, \$2,000, 2017.

Graduate Assistantship, Penn State University, 2017-2022

Graduate Assistantship, Central Michigan University, 2014-2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor of Record

Comparing Politics around the Globe (World Campus, undergraduate), The Pennsylvania State University

Civil War, Conflict, and Terrorism (undergraduate), Alma College

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate), Alma College

Introduction to Political Science (undergraduate), Central Michigan University

Teaching Assistant

The Pennsylvania State University

Senior Thesis Writing Workshop, Spring 2022

International Relations, Spring, 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2017

Central Michigan University

Introduction to Comparative Politics – Spring 2016, Fall 2015

World Politics – Spring 2016, Fall 2014

Introduction to Political Science – Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Introduction to Methods of Political Research – Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014

Introduction to American Government and Politics – Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Interest Group Behavior – Fall 2015, Spring 2015

Politics of the Middle East – Fall 2014

Politics of Islam – Fall 2014

Guest Lecturing

The Pennsylvania State University

International Relations – “Civil Wars” 2/21/2019

Central Michigan University

Special Topics: Bullets not Ballots– “Terrorism and Civil War” 4/18/17

Intro to Comparative Politics, “Causes of Terrorism”

Politics of the Middle East – “Militant Jihadism: Case Studies of al-Qaeda and I.S.I.S.”

Politics of Islam – “Militant Jihadism: Case Studies of al-Qaeda and I.S.I.S.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

During Conflict Justice Project (Dr. Cyanne Loyle [Pennsylvania State University] & Dr. Helga Binningsbø [Peace Research Institute, Oslo]), Summer 2020, Summer 2019

James Piazza, Department of Political Science, Penn State University, Fall 2018.

Prakash Adhikari, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Spring 2016, Fall 2015, Summer 2015

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE:

Political Science Horizons at Penn State (Mentorship Program for First-Year Students), Graduate Student Advisor, (Vineeta Yadav [Pennsylvania State University]), Spring, 2022, Fall 2021

Democracy in Action Project, Graduate Student Advisor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

Graduate Assistant to Edward W. Clayton, M.A. Program Director, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, Central Michigan University, Spring 2016

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE:

Public Opinion Quarterly, Editorial Assistant, (Eric Plutzer [Pennsylvania State University]), Summer 2020, Spring 2020, Fall 2019

PRESENTATIONS:

“Terror and Feuding Neighbors: The Impact of Active Terrorist Organizations on Civil War Duration”, 74th Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 7-10th, 2016.

“Terror and Feuding Neighbors: The Impact of Active Terrorist Organizations on Civil War Duration”, 87th Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 7-10, 2016.

“Terror and Feuding Neighbors: The Impact of Active Terrorist Organizations on Civil War Duration”, Michigan Political Science Association Annual Conference, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, MI, October 30, 2015.

“Al-Qaida: Un-Islamic Islamists”, International Graduate Historical Studies Conference, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, MI, March 28, 2015.

Graduate Student Panel Member, *Speak Up Speak Out: Back to Iraq?*, November 19th, 2014

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

Peace Science Society

Pi Sigma Alpha

Speak Up, Speak Out

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE:

STATA, R, SPSS