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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Domestic Terrorism; Hate Crimes; Violent Extremism; Polarization; Racial and Ethnic Relations in Terrorism

## EDUCATION

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August 2024-Present	<b>Pennsylvania State University</b> Ph.D. in the Department of Political Science <i>Field 1: American Politics</i> <i>Field 2: Methodology</i>
2019-2023	<b>The Ohio State University</b> B.A in College of Arts and Sciences <i>Major 1: International Studies- Security &amp; Intelligence</i> <i>Major 2: Criminology/Criminal Justice (Research Distinction)</i> <i>Minor: Conflict &amp; Peace Studies</i> <i>Certificate: Diversity, Equity, &amp; Inclusion</i>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2022-2023	<b>Undergraduate Thesis: The Impact of Donald Trump's Tweets on Anti-Latinx Hate Crimes</b> Time series analysis   STATA
2021-2023	<b>Research Assistant: Perceptions of Discrimination in the US</b> Qualitative data collection and analysis   Dedoose
2022	<b>University of Maryland Summer Research Initiative (BSOS SRI)</b> R   Multivariate regression analysis
2022	<b>START Intern: Bias Incidents and Actors Study (BIAS)</b> Open source data collection   Excel
2022	<b>Michigan State University Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)</b> STATA   SPSS

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2022 Jensen, Michael & **Maya Kerr Coste** (presenter) “Hate Crime: Exploring the Characteristics of Mass Casualty Offenders” poster presented at the College of Behavioral Sciences Summer Research Initiative at the University of Maryland, College Park.
- 2022 Jensen, Michael & **Maya Kerr Coste** (presenter) “Hate Crime: Exploring the Characteristics of Mass Casualty Offenders” presentation at National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START).

## PUBLICATIONS

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Working papers:

Kerr Coste, Maya & Piazza, Dr. James. “Threats to White Dominance, Intergroup Conflict Orientation, Illiberalism, and Support for Political Violence among White Americans.”

## FELLOWSHIPS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- August 2024-Present **Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. Lavigne Distinguished Graduate Fellowship-Pennsylvania State University**
- 2025 **Center for American Political Responsiveness (CAPR) Graduate Summer Scholarship**
- 2019—2023 **Morrill Scholarship Program (MSP)- The Ohio State University**  
4-year full tuition scholarship  
Merit scholarship program rewarding academically talented students who are actively engaged in diversity-based leadership, service, and social justice activities

## DATA ANALYSIS

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R/R Studio, STATA, Dedoose