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Appointments

The Pennsylvania State University — State College, PA
Assistant Professor of Political Science — 2026–

Education

Emory University — Atlanta, GA
Ph.D. Political Science — 2020–2026

- Dissertation: *Empires of Blood and Ruin: How Criminal Groups Shaped Colonial Governance*
  - Winner of 2024 Stuart A. Bremer Award for Best Graduate Paper, Peace Science Society
- Committee: Danielle Jung (Chair), Miguel Rueda, Jessica Sun
- *Democracy and Electoral Integrity Fellow*, The Carter Center (2025–2026)

Emory University — Atlanta, GA
M.A. Political Science — 2020–2023

University of North Carolina Asheville — Asheville, NC
B.A. Political Science — 2016–2020

- *Summa Cum Laude*, Distinction in Political Science

Publications

Weller, Adee. 2025. "**Defending the Status Quo? Mayoral Reelection and Criminal Violence in Mexico**." *British Journal of Political Science* 55:e144. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1017/S0007123425100896

Working Papers

Weller, Adee, Daniel Arnon, Michael Rubin. "The Politics of Punishment in Mandate Palestine: Administrative Capacity, Social Cleavages, and the Repertoires of Colonial Repression." *Revise and Resubmit.*

Weller, Adee, Emily Kalah Gade, Danielle Villa, Sarah Dreier. "Violence Incorporated? How States Discern Between Pro-Government Militias." *Under Review.*

Weller, Adee. "Empires of Blood and Ruin: Selective Protection and Control in Colonial Regimes." *Under Review.*

Martin Castillo Quintana, Camila Contreras, Mathias Lusquiños, and **Adee Weller**. "Echoes of Intervention: Conflict in the Interim of the Multinational Security Support Mission in Haiti." *Under Review.*

Weller, Adee, Gavin Kiger, Américo Maluana, William Wright, Danielle Jung. "Unelected Providers: How does Foreign Corporate Goods Provision Shape Political Participation?"

Weller, Adee, Nicklas Stein, Emily Carrillo and Anthony J. DeMattee. "'Do Election Observers Increase Trust in Democracies?: Messenger Effects from a National Experiment in the United States."

Martin Castillo Quintana, Camila Contreras, Mathias Lusquiños, and **Adee Weller**. "Gang Violence and Mobility Suppression in Haiti."

Books

Weller, Adee. "Empires of Blood and Ruin: Why Non-State Violence Matters for State Formation" (*In Progress.*)

Works in Progress

Weller, Adee. Martin Castillo Quintana, Reynell Badillo Sarmiento and **Adee Weller**. "Understanding Gang Reactions to International Humanitarian Intervention in Haiti."

Weller, Adee. "Informal Empire: How to Coerce Your Allies and Manipulate Your Friends."

Weller, Adee, Gavin Kiger, Américo Maluana, William Wright, Danielle Jung. "Resource Extraction and the Displacement of Conflict in Northern Mozambique."

Weller, Adee and Emily Kalah Gade. "Data Release: Deadly and Non-Fatal Violence During the Troubles."

Weller, Adee and Danielle Jung. "Illicit Organizations."

Data Collection

Internal Documentation: East India Company (1769–1773). Fine-tuned an OCR model to recognize historical handwriting with domain-specific vocabulary and degraded scans.

Mapping Criminal Governance in Latin America. Led an award-winning undergraduate ML team producing classification tools for governance extraction from newspapers.

Teaching Experience

The Pennsylvania State University

- PLSC 517: Violence and State-Building (Instructor, Graduate, Fall 2026)
- PLSC 439: The Politics of Terrorism (Instructor, Undergraduate, Fall 2026)

Emory University

- POLS 111: Principles of Political Science (Co-Instructor, Undergraduate, Spring 2023)
- R Workshop and Tech Bootcamp (Instructor, Graduate, 2023–2024; 2024–2025)
- POLS 320: Political Violence (Guest Lecturer, Undergraduate, Fall 2023)
- POLS 208: Research Design (Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate, Spring 2023)
- POLS 111: Principles of Political Science (Grader, Undergraduate, Fall 2024)
- POLS 110: Introduction to International Relations (Grader, Undergraduate, Spring 2022)

Carnegie Foundation, Emerging Security Studies Fellows Workshop

- Introduction to Traditional and Modern Security Studies (Instructor, Undergraduate, Fall 2023)

UNC Asheville

- POLS 378: All the News Fit to Print (Peer Mentor, Undergraduate, Fall 2018)
- ANTH 178: Navigating Cultures (Peer Mentor, Undergraduate, Fall 2019)

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

Harvard University, Weatherhead Scholars Program, CIA 2026-2027
Visiting Scholar. *(Declined.)*

Prudentis Fund Research Award | $9,414 2023–2026
Supported work on criminal governance, data collection, and machine learning pipelines.

Emory University Competitive Research Grant | $4,410 2025
Field and Archival work for *Empires of Blood and Ruin*

Emory University, Quantitative Theory and Methods (QTM) Fellowship 2025
Advanced Graduate Completion Fellowship (2025-2026). *(Declined.)*

Stuart A. Bremer Award for Best Graduate Paper | $2,000 2024
Awarded for the best graduate paper at Peace Science Society (International).

Pearson Research and Innovation Grant | $10,000 2025
Supports collaborative research on conflict and human mobility in Haiti (with Castillo-Quintana & Badillo-Sarmiento).

Multi-Method Conflict Consortium (M2C2) Junior Fellowship | $1,250 2025–2026
Selected for methodological training and cohort-based support for research on conflict and political violence.

NSF–APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant | $15,000 2020–2024
Funded archival and empirical research for *Empires of Blood and Ruin*.

Emory University Graduate Teaching Award | $1,000 2024
Recognized for excellence in pedagogy and contribution to graduate teaching.

Kharen Fulton Award Nomination 2024
Nominated for contributions to diversity, inclusion, and community engagement at Emory University.

Emory University Professional Development Fund | $7,500 2023–2025
Supported conference travel, workshops, software, and research materials across multiple projects.

APSA Conflict Processes Graduate Award | $250 2024, 2025
Recognized for scholarship contributing to the study of conflict processes.

APSA Travel Grant | $250 2023, 2024
Supported conference participation at APSA annual meetings.

Peace Science Society Graduate Travel Grant | $250 2024
Supported presentation of dissertation work at the Peace Science Society (International) conference.

Text-as-Data / Images-as-Data Workshop | $1,000 2021
Funding for ML and NLP training.

NCAA Woman of the Year Nominee 2020
Nominated for the NCAA's top honor recognizing academic achievement, athletics, service, and leadership.

Outstanding Achievement in Political Science 2020
Awarded for undergraduate academic excellence.

George A. Christenberry Award for Academic Excellence 2020
One of the Big South Conference's highest academic honors.

Athletic Scholarship | $48,000 2016–2020
Four-year varsity scholarship for UNC Asheville Women's Swim and Dive.

Academic Scholarships | $37,000 2016–2020
Excellence in Academics Scholarship, Weizenblatt Scholarship, Pisgah Scholarship, New ERA Fund, Doris Forney Scholarship.

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Conference. 2026.

Violence, Instability, and Peace Workshop. *Virtual.* 2026.

Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop. *Virtual.* 2025.

Data on Criminal Violence and Human Mobility in Haiti. Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). London, UK. 2025. *Technical talk.*

Triangle Institute for Security Studies: New Faces. Chapel Hill, NC. 2025.

Consortium for Rights Analysis and Measurement. Narragansett, RI. 2025.

Network of European Peace Scholars. Universidad de Barcelona. Barcelona, ES. 2025.

Multi-Method Conflict Consortium. Florida State University. Tallahassee, FL. 2025.

Conflict & Change Doctoral Workshop. University College of London. London, UK. 2025. *Invited.*

Workshop on State Capacity and Governance. University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. 2024.

Justice & Injustice Conference. 2024, 2025.

American Political Science Association. 2023, 2024, 2025.

Midwest Political Science Association. 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026.

Peace Science Society (International). 2022, 2024, 2025.

Illicit Economies and Extra-Legal Actors. UCSD, San Diego, CA. 2022.

UNCA Genocide Symposium. Asheville, NC. 2018.

Gudger Celebration of First-Year Writing. Asheville, NC. 2017.

Consulting Experience

Senior Communications Strategy Researcher, The Carter Center 2025-2026

Designed, executed, analyzed, and presented experimental research on electoral integrity and support for democracy in the United States, as well as LLM-integration into survey research.

Professional Service and Memberships

Reviewer for *British Journal of Political Science* and *Qualitative and Multi-Methods Review*.

Co-organizer for mini-conferences "Organized Crime and Democracy" (MPSA 2024, APSA 2024), and "History, Politics, and Power" (MPSA 2026).

Co-Founder and Vice President, Women in Political Science at Emory (2022-Present)

President, Graduate Political Science Organization (2022-23)

Member, American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Peace Science Society (International).

Captain, UNCA Women's Swim and Dive Team (2018-2020)

Field Research

United Kingdom (London, Aberystwyth, Belfast, archival), 2023, 2024, 2025

Ireland (Dublin, archival), 2025

Mozambique (Maputo, Nampula, Beira), 2024

Mexico (Mexico City), 2022

Specialized Training

Collaborative Institutional Training (CITI) Initiative Certificate 2020-2028
Certification in ethical best practices for researchers who are engaging with human subjects and responsible conduct.

Teaching Assistant Training and Teaching Opportunity Program Fall 2023
Workshop focused on how to become an effective teacher, with a focus on creating learning communities, careful and accessible communication, and effective measurements of success.

Text-as-Data/Images-as-Data Workshop and Datathon Summer 2021
Trained on ML and NLP methods to create text clustering and classification, as well as how to employ and adapt CNNs for research. Learned skills such as data mining, corpus collection, web scraping, and use of APIs.

Software Carpentry Workshop Summer 2021
Workshop in Python and Unix Shell, focused on utilizing multiple interfaces and increasing proficiency with GitHub.

Skills

Languages: English (native), Spanish (proficient), Portuguese (basic), Latin (dead)

Software: Python, PyTorch, R, LaTeX, ArcGIS, ODK, HTML, Ruby, Git, Jupyter, Mathematica, Qualtrics

Methods: NLP, ML/deep learning, causal inference, process tracing, sampling, statistical analysis, formal theory, data collection/examination.

References

Available upon request.

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