Alex Bruens

CONTACT INFORMATION	University of Nebraska Omaha National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center	email: abruens@unomaha.edu web: www.abruens.com
EDUCATION	Ph.D. Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona Major in International Relations, Minor in Quantitative Research Methodology Dissertation: "Repression in Conflict-Affected States: The Role of United Nations Peace Operations" Committee: Jessica Maves Braithwaite (Chair), Daniel Arnon, Susanna Campbell, Kirssa Ryckman	
	M.A. Government and Public Policy, University of Ari	zona 2021
	B.A. Political Science , Arabic Minor, Florida Atlantic U <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> with Honors	niversity 2019
	B.A. Sociology , Florida Atlantic University	2019
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	1. "NCITE Rapid-Response Report: Migration and Terrorism Nexus." Bruens, A., Ward, E., Doctor, A., Hughes, S., Ligon, G.S. 2024. A technical report from the National Counterterrorism, Innovation, Technology, and Education Center based on work supported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security under Grant Award Number, 20STTPC00001-05. Omaha, NE.	
Non-Refereed Publications	1. "Redefining Post-Conflict Peacekeeping Success in Regional and International Missions." Bruens, Alexander, and Mirella Miranda. 2018. <i>Florida Political Chronicle</i> , 26(1): 68—82.	
Working Papers	 "UN Peace Operations and Violent State Repression" "Peace Accords and Post-war Civil Society" "Civil Society Repression in Post-Civil War States" "Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuild and Support" with Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Susanna C "Determinants of United Nations Peace Operations" (c 	ding Through Networks of Influence Campbell, and Hatem Zayed.
WORKS IN PROGRESS	 "Networks of Cooperation and Contestation in Conflicted and Susanna Campbell. "Concentration Camps Unveiled: A Comparative Anal Conflicts" with Rachel Van Nostrand and Alex Braithwai "The Legitimacy of Violence: Evidence from Soma Welsh. "Intervention Network Effects on State Repression" (december 2) 	lysis of their Roles in Contemporary te. llia" with Prabin Khadka and Blair
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Research Fellow National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and H	June 2024 - Present Education Center

Research Fellow August 2021 - Present Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) at American University

process. Assist with annual reporting, project management, and grant writing.

Contribute to scientific review for all DHS-funded projects. Lead IRB and compliance

at the University of Nebraska Omaha

<i>Project Title</i> : "Networks of Influence and Su	pport in Peace Operations"
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Oversaw data collection through research assistant management, analyzed original data.

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2021 - May 2023

University of Arizona

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

2018-2019

Florida Atlantic University

Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellow

Summer 2018

University of North Texas

National Science Foundation REU in Conflict Management and Peace Science

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record | *University of Arizona*

Summer 2024

POL 202: International Relations.

Instructor of Record | *University of Arizona*

Spring 2024

POL 202: International Relations.

Instructor of Record | *University of Arizona*

Fall 2023

POL 415: The Scientific Study of Civil Wars.

Instructor of Record | *University of Arizona*

Summer 2022

POL 202: International Relations.

Graduate Teaching Assistant | *University of Arizona*

2019-2021

POL 202: International Relations, Dr. Alex Braithwaite.

Teaching Assistant | Florida Atlantic University

Fall 2018

Research Methods in Political Science, Dr. Angela Nichols.

SKILLS

Coding Experience R, Markdown, Stata, Gephi, Git/GitHub, LATEX

Quantitative Statistics Data Collection and Analysis, Regression, Social Network Analysis

Qualitative Statistics IRB Process and Research Design, Interview Design, Process Tracing

and Bayesian Reasoning

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Peace Science Society Annual Conference

2022, 2023

Political Economy of International Organization Annual Meeting

2023

International Studies Association Annual Meeting

2023

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting

2019

INVITED WORKSHOPS

Peace Science Society. New Research about Preventing Mass Atrocities

November 2022

International Studies Association. Bringing Firms into Global Local Networks of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding

Bridging the Gap. New Era Workshop, Denver, CO,

October 2022

March 2023

AWARDS &

University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Association

2024

FELLOWSHIPS Microgrant, \$250.

	International Studies Scholarship Private donor, \$750.	2023
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) attendance grant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$3,080.	2023
	Michael P. Sullivan Graduate Research Award in International Relations, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$750.	2023
	Charles E., Jr. Starns Fellowship, School of Government & Public Policy University of Arizona, \$3,500.	2023
	Dissertation Fellowship, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, \$8,000.	2023
	Love of Learning Award Phi Kappa Phi, \$500.	2022
	Summer Research Grant, School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, \$6,800 total.	2020, 2021
	Undergraduate Research Grant, Office of Undergraduate Research and Inquiry, Florida Atlantic University, \$600.	2019
	Undergraduate Researcher of the Year, College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University	2018—2019
	University Scholar Award, College of Arts and Letters, Florida Atlantic University	2018—2019
	Best Undergraduate Paper Award, Florida Political Science Association	2018
	National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates, University of North Texas, \$4,000.	2018
TRAVEL & CONFERENCE GRANTS	International Studies Association workshop participant grant, \$300	2023
	International Studies Association travel grant, \$750	2023
	School of Government & Public Policy travel grant, \$300	2023
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	President Government & Public Policy Graduate Student Association.	2021–2022
	Reviewer Journal of Peace Research.	2021
	Student Organizer Advocates for Youth.	2017–2019
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	American Political Science Association International Studies Association Peace Science Society (International) Phi Kappa Phi Four Corners Conflict Network Academic Council on the United Nations	
REFERENCES	Available upon request. Updated July 2024	