

# Alex Bruens

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CONTACT INFORMATION	University of Arizona P.O. Box 210027, Social Sciences 315 Tucson, AZ 85721	<i>email:</i> bruens@arizona.edu <i>web:</i> www.abruens.com
EDUCATION	<b>Ph.D. Government and Public Policy</b> , University of Arizona Major in International Relations, Minor in Quantitative Research Methodology <i>Dissertation:</i> “State Repression Dynamics in the Context of United Nations Peace Operations” <i>Committee:</i> Jessica Maves Braithwaite (Chair), Daniel Arnon, Susanna Campbell, Kirssa Ryckman	2023
	<b>M.A. Government and Public Policy</b> , University of Arizona	2021
	<b>B.A. Political Science</b> , Arabic Minor, Florida Atlantic University <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> with Honors	2019
	<b>B.A. Sociology</b> , Florida Atlantic University	2019
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	1. “UN Peace Operations and State Repression” (dissertation chapter) 2. “Peace Accords and Post-war Civil Society” 3. “Civil Society Repression in Post-Civil War States” 4. “Who Keeps the Peace? Reconceptualizing Peacebuilding Through Networks of Influence and Support” with Jessica Maves Braithwaite, Susanna Campbell, and Hatem Zayed. 5. “Logic of UN Special Political Missions and Peacekeeping Operations” (dissertation chapter)	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	1. “Networks of Cooperation and Contestation in Conflict” with Jessica Maves Braithwaite and Susanna Campbell. 2. “Concentration Camps Unveiled: A Comparative Analysis of their Roles in Contemporary Conflicts” with Rachel Van Nostrand and Alex Braithwaite. 3. “The Legitimacy of Violence: Evidence from Somalia” with Prabin Khadka and Blair Welsh. 4. “Intervention Network Effects on State Repression” (dissertation chapter)	
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<b>Research Fellow</b> Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) at American University <i>Project Title:</i> “Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations” Oversaw data collection through research assistant management, analyzed original data. <b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> University of Arizona <b>Undergraduate Honors Thesis</b> Florida Atlantic University <b>Research Experience for Undergraduates Fellow</b> University of North Texas	August 2021 - Present   August 2021 - May 2023  2018–2019  Summer 2018

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<b>Instructor of Record</b>	Spring 2024
	POL 202: International Relations, University of Arizona	
	<b>Instructor of Record</b>	Fall 2023
	POL 415: The Scientific Study of Civil Wars, University of Arizona.	
	<b>Instructor of Record</b>	Summer 2022
	POL 202: International Relations, University of Arizona.	
	<b>Graduate Teaching Assistant</b>	2019–2021
	POL 202: International Relations, Dr. Alex Braithwaite, University of Arizona.	
	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , Research Methods in Political Science, Dr. Angela Nichols, Florida Atlantic University, Fall 2018.	
SKILLS	<i>Coding Experience</i> R, Markdown, Stata, Gephi, Git/GitHub, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X	
	<i>Quantitative Statistics</i> Data Collection and Analysis, Regression, Social Network Analysis	
	<i>Qualitative Statistics</i> IRB process and research design, Interviews, 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	March 2023
	Bridging the Gap. New Era Workshop, Denver, CO,	October 2022
AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS	International Studies Scholarship	2023
	Private donor, \$750.	
	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	2022
	Phi Kappa Phi, \$500.	

	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. School of 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	<i>Available upon request.</i>	

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