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Contact Information

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Academic Appointments

Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Tenure-Track Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Aug 2022-Present
(*Postdoctoral Research Leave 2022-2023, 2024-2025*)

Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Fellow, The John Sloan Dickey Center for International Understanding, Aug 2024-May 2025

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Department of Political Science, PDRI-Dev Lab, July 2022-July 2023

University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Predocoral Fellowship, School of Government and Public Policy
Aug 2021-May 2022

Education

Rice University, Houston, TX

Ph.D., Political Science, *May 2022*

Fields: International Relations & Comparative Politics

Dissertation: Law and Conflict

Committee: T. Clifton Morgan, Rick Wilson, Leslie Scwindt-Bayer, Connor Huff
NSF, Law and Science, DDRIG (\$22,477.00)

New York University, New York, NY

M.A., Politics, May 2015

Florida International University, Miami, FL

M.A., Global Affairs, May 2013

J.D., Domestic and International Law, Aug 2011

University of West Florida, Miami, FL

B.A., Legal Studies, Aug 2008

Affiliations

Law and Conflict (LAC) Research Lab

Founder and Director, Purdue University, Aug 2023-Present

Amsterdam Conflict Research Network (ACRN)

Affiliate, University of Amsterdam, May 2024-Present

Penn Development Research Initiative and Development Lab (PDRI-DevLab)

Affiliate, University of Pennsylvania, Aug 2022-Present

Peer-Reviewed Publications	<p>Conrad, Justin, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Megan A. Stewart (2022) “Revisiting Opportunism in Civil Conflict: Natural Resource Extraction and Healthcare Provision.” <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>. 1(66): 91-114.</p> <p>Hinkainen, Kaisa, Sara M. T. Polo, and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2021) “Making Peace or Preventing It? UN Peacekeeping, Terrorism, and Civil War Negotiations?” <i>International Studies Quarterly</i>. 65(1): 29-42.</p> <p>Reyes, Liana Eustacia and Shlomi Dinar (2015) “The Convergence of Terrorism and Transnational Crime in Central Asia,” <i>Studies in Conflict and Terrorism</i> 38(5): 380-393.</p>
Under Review	<p>Reyes, Liana Eustacia, Justin Conrad, and Cyanne Loyle. “Depoliticizing Rebels: Government Use of Civilian Trials during Armed Conflict.” <i>Revise & Resubmit</i></p>
Book Project	<p><i>Lawless or Bound by Law? Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Rebel Law</i> (data collection and writing in progress)</p>
Working Papers	<p>Polo, Sara M.T., Liana Eustacia Reyes, Megan A. Stewart, and Jessica Maves Braithwaite. “Two Sides of the Same Coin? Rebel Governance and Terrorism.” (in preparation)</p> <p>Sosa, Santiago, Glayds Zubiriá, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Justice and Militias during Civil War.” (in preparation)</p> <p>Morgan, T. Clifton and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Getting the Law on Your Side: Legal Enforcement Mechanisms and Economic Sanctions.” (in preparation)</p> <p>Reyes, Liana Eustacia. “Implications of Rebel Law for Conflict Resolution.” (data analysis and writing in progress)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Honorable mention for the Conflict Research Society’s Cedric Smith Prize: “Best article or thesis chapter in peace and conflict research by a PhD student.”</i></p> <p>Reyes, Liana Eustacia, Keith E. Hamm, and Nancy Martorano Miller. “Transformative or Incremental? Civil War and Constitutional Change” (data analysis and writing in progress)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>Winner of the Neal Tate Award: “Best paper presented in judicial politics at the Southern Political Science Association’s Annual Conference in 2021.”</i></p> <p>Harris, Colin, Iliia Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili, and Liana Eustacia Reyes. “Quasilegal Property Rights.” (data analysis and writing in progress)</p> <p>Nemeth, Stephen C., Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Andi Zhou. “Interstate Territorial Disputes, Property Rights, and Conflict Resolution.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)</p> <p>Murtazashvili, Jennifer Brick, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Dmitrii Kofanov. “Post-Civil War Constitution Making: Implications of Boilerplate Language and Positive Rights.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)</p> <p>Zaks, Sherry, Liana Eustacia Reyes, and Karen Albert. “Law and the Legacies of Rebel Governance.” (data collection, data analysis, and writing in progress)</p>

Policy and Other Publications

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2016) “Report — Alternative Governance in the Northern Triangle and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy: Finding Logic Within Chaos,” *Center for Strategic and International Studies*.

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2015) “Russia in Latin America: The Strategic Challenge,” *Perspectives on the Americas*, University of Miami Center for Hemispheric Policy.

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes (2015) “Russia in Latin America: A Strategic Analysis,” *Prism: A Journal of the Center for Complex Operations*, National Defense University 5(4).

Reyes, Liana Eustacia and Elizabeth Bennett (2014) “Bandwagoning Terrorists: Loyalty Isn’t What it Used to Be” *The Diplomat*.

Reyes, Liana Eustacia (2017) “Name Order” *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. Edited by Dr. Moghaddam.

External Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, Hayek Fund (\$3,000)	2024
Dartmouth College, The John Sloan Dickey Center, Rosenwald Postdoctoral Fellowship	2024
Conflict Research Society’s Cedric Smith Prize, Honorable Mention	2022
University of Pennsylvania, Office of the Vice-Provost for Research, Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellowship	2022
Southern Political Science Association’s Neal Tate Award	2021
Bridging the Gap New Era	2021
National Science Foundation, Law and Science, DDRIG (\$22,477)	2020—2021
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention	2018—2019
Lee Ann Fujii DFP Travel Grant	2019
APSA DFP Annual Meeting Travel Grant	2018
American Political Science Association Diversity Fellowship (DFP)	2017—2018
National Defense University Visiting Research Fellow	2016—2017
APSA Centennial Center Research Grant Latino Scholarship	2016
APSA Annual Conference Travel Award	2016
Graduate Scholar Award, Common Ground Publishing	2012

Internal Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Rice Alumni Sallyport Award	2022
Rice Graduate Student Organization of the Year Award for Minorities in Social Sciences	2021
Rice SSRI Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$5000)	2020—2021
Rice SSRI Pre-Dissertation Research Grant (\$3000)	2019—2021
Rice Department of Political Science Graduate Fellowship	2016—2022
Rice SSRI Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant —two total	2018—2020
NYU GSAS Dean’s Travel Award	2015
NYU Department of International Relations Travel Award	2015
NYU Department of Politics Travel Awards — three total	2013—2015
FIU Best National Security Studies Graduate Student Research	2013

Invited Talks

Leiden University, Institute of Security and Global Affairs, The Hague, Netherlands	Dec 2023
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia	Dec 2023
Uppsala University, Department of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala, Sweden	May 2023
Radboud University, The Center for International Conflict Analysis and Management, Nijmegen, Netherlands	Feb 2023
Florida International University, Steven J. Green School of International Public Affairs, Miami, Florida	Nov 2022
New York University, Department of Politics, New York, New York	Oct 2022
División de Estudios Internacionales, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), Mexico “Seminario de Investigación”	Feb 2022
University of Arizona, School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP) Tucson, Arizona “SGPP Speaker Series”	Nov 2021
University of Georgia, Department of International Affairs “Innovation in International Affairs Speaker Series”	May 2021

Invited Workshops

University of Amsterdam, Department of Political Science Amsterdam, Netherlands “Exploring Violence and Order”	May 2024
University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, PDRI-Dev Lab, Philadelphia, PA “Political Economy of Development”	Apr 2024
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia “Governing Deep Differences”	Feb 2024
Peace Science Society International, Washington University-St Louis, St Louis, Washington “Alternative Governance and Climate Change”	Nov 2023
Peace Science Society International, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado “Responsible Public Engagement”	Nov 2022
Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO), Norway “Justice during Armed Conflict: Accountability or Weapon of War?”	June 2022
University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets and George Mason University, Institute for Humane Studies “Coexisting in a Pluralist Society”	2020-2021

Professional Meeting Presentations

2024: *Latin American Peace Science Society, International Studies Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS).*

2023: *International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), American Political Science Association, Conflict Research Society, Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Workshop (ESOC), ISA-Midwest.*

2022: *International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, American Political Science Association, Conflict Research Society, ISA-Midwest.*

2021: *Southern Political Science Association, Latin American Peace Science Society, Texas Triangle, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association, Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS) (Cancelled), American Political Science Association, ISA-Midwest.*

2020: *Southern Political Science Association, Texas Triangle, Texas Comparative Circle, International Studies Association (Cancelled), European Political Science Association (Cancelled), American Political Science Association, Peace Science Society.*

2018: *Midwest Political Science Association, Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science (NEPS), FLACSO-International Studies Association, American Political Science Association.*

Policy and Private Sector Research

Domestic and international law, governance by non-state actors, corruption, transnational crime, narco-trafficking, gang violence, natural resources, and the nexus between insurgency/terrorism and crime.

Selected Policy Engagement Projects

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes
National Defense University (NDU) 2014—2016

Research and analysis of Colombia’s peace process, with particular emphasis on FARC strategies, capabilities, and likely post-conflict behavior. Deliverables were submitted to US Department of Defense and NDU.

Farah, Douglas and Liana Eustacia Reyes
Center for Strategic and International Studies, Americas Program (CSIS) 2014—2016

Research and analysis of nonstate actor governance (gangs, cartels, and smuggling groups). Sponsored by CSIS and the Smith Richardson Foundation. Resulting publication: “Alternative Governance in the Northern Triangle and Implications for U.S. Foreign Policy: Finding Logic within Chaos,” with Douglas Farah and Carl Meacham. Additionally, organized and managed a \$16,000 budget conference in Guatemala City, Guatemala, coordinating academics, investigative journalists, and former FMLN combatants from Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador to discuss the regions current security environment.

Non-Academic Professional Experiences

Research Coordinator, IBI Consultants, LLC 2014—2016
Lead Investigations Analyst, Custom Information Services 2012—2013
Case and Office Manager, Law Offices of Jason B. Giller, P.A. 2011—2012
Law Clerk, Law Offices of Gilbert Smallman, PLLC 2010—2011
Law Clerk, Independent Contractor 2008—2009
Litigation Paralegal, LaBovick, LaBovick, & Wald 2004—2006

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor

SCLA 102 - Cornerstone Critical Thinking & Communication II:
Law, Justice, and Governance Spring 2024
Purdue University

POL 430 - International Law and Conflict Fall 2023
Purdue University

Lecturer

POLI 371 - Civil Wars Spring 2021
Rice University

Teaching Assistant

POLI 211 - Introduction to International Relations Spring 2018, 2020
Rice University

University Service

Dissertation Committee Member:

Sky Kunkel, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D. 2024. Placement: Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University.
Anthony David Hustedt, Political Science, Purdue University, Ph.D., in progress.

Purdue University:

Graduate Studies Committee 2023-2024
Graduate Curriculum and Evaluation Subcommittee 2023-2024
Diversity, Inclusion, and Belongingness Subcommittee 2023-2024
Judge, Undergraduate Research Conference 2024
Faculty Mentor for PhD Student 2023-2024
Political Science Research Workshop, DEI Program 1, Featured Speaker
“Mentoring and Recruiting First-Gen Students” 2022

University of Pennsylvania

Featured Speaker on behalf of OVPR Fellowship, Board of Trustees Meeting 2023
Discussant, Borders and Boundaries Conference, Perry World House 2023

Rice University:

Minorities in the Social Sciences at Rice University
Founder 2016
President 2018—2020
Vice-President 2020—2022

Winner of the “Graduate Student Organization of the Year” Award 2021
Nominated for “Graduate Student Organization of the Year” Award 2020
Dedicated to supporting diversity and inclusion of minorities in academia by highlighting their work in our speaker series.
Engaged with mentoring high school, undergrad, and graduate minority students.
Facilitating the success and camaraderie of minority PhD students at Rice.

University of Arizona

Involved in DEI initiatives, including two speaker series on Law and Science

External Service

Reviewer: *Journal of Peace Research, International Interactions, International Organization, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Experimental Political Science, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Global Security Studies, Research & Politics, International Politics, The British Journal of Politics and International Relations, International Relations and Diplomacy, Global Studies Journal, International Journal of Organizational Diversity.*

Section Head: *Midwest Political Science Association, Conflict Processes (2023-2024).*

Chair and/or Panel Discussant: *International Studies Association (2024), Empirical Studies of Conflict (2023), Junior Law and Politics Research Community (2023) American Political Science Association (2023), Midwest Political Science Association (2023), International Studies Association (2023), International Studies Association-Midwest (2022), Midwest Political Science Association (2022), International Studies Association (2022), International Studies Association-Midwest (2021), Midwest Political Science Association (2021), Fifth Annual Global Studies Conference, Moscow, Russia (2012).*

Mentor “Pay it Forward”: *ISA-Midwest Annual Conference (2022, 2023)*

Featured Speaker:

“Job Seekers’ Roundtable,” ISA-Midwest Annual Conference	Nov 2022
“Things to Consider when Choosing Grad School,” APSA DFP and Ralph Bunche Awardees and Alumni	2018

**Methods,
Software
Training, and
Languages**

Quantitative: OLS, MLE, Experiments

Qualitative: Process-Tracing, Analytic Narrative, Fieldwork

Field Research Experience: Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, Ireland, Northern Ireland, and Holland.

Archives: San Salvador, El Salvador (Jan 2020); Tucson, Arizona (Aug-Sept, Nov 2021), Dublin, Ireland (Sept 2022), Belfast, Northern Ireland (Sept 2022), Amsterdam, Netherlands (2023-Present)

Software: Stata, R, L^AT_EX

Languages: English and Spanish (Native)

Certificate in Global Arbitration Law & Practice, Queen Mary University of London & Hamline University, London, UK

Membership

Conflict Research Society

Network of European Peace Scientists

Latin American Peace Science Society

Peace Science Society International

Midwest Political Science Association

American Political Science Association

International Studies Association

International Studies Association - Midwest

Rebel Governance Network

References

T. Clifton Morgan (Dissertation Chair)

Albert Thomas Professor of Political Science
Department of Political Science,
Rice University
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Navin A. Bapat

Dowd Professor of Peace and War in Political Science and
Chair of the Curriculum of Peace, War, and Defense
Department of Political Science,
University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
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Guy Grossman

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