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APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland 2023-

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, Political Science	Expected 2023
– Fields: International Relations and Research Methods	
– Dissertation: <i>Emerging Patterns of Rebel Cooperation in Civil Wars</i>	
– Committee: Burcu Savun (Co-Chair), Michael Colaresi (Co-Chair), Luke Condra, Jessica Maves Braithwaite (The University of Arizona)	
M.A. University of Pittsburgh, Political Science	2019
B.S. Florida State University, Political Science & International Affairs	2016

PUBLICATION

1. **Leonardo Gentil-Fernandes**, João V. Guedes-Neto and José Incio. 2022. “[From Drug Lords to Police State: The Effects of Order Transition on Local Economies.](#)” *Comparative Political Studies* 55(10): 1765–1801.

WORKING PAPERS

1. “Buying Survival: Coup Risk, International Accountability, and Mercenary Use,” with Kelly Morrison and Jacob Otto (*Revise and Resubmit*)
2. “Corrupting the Battlefield: How Corruption Influences Belligerents’ Battlefield Performance,” with Jacob Otto (*Revise and Resubmit*)
3. “Rebel with a Cause: Rebel Group Goals and Cooperation in Civil War”
4. “Creating Rebels: An Agent-Based Model of Rebel Group Formation”
5. “A Generative Model of Grid-Cell Level Violence: Projecting Latent Actor-Enmity Networks Across Space (PLAENS),” with Michael Colaresi, Kevin Greene, and Daniel Gustafson
6. “Are Nonviolent Self-Determination Contagious?: Examining Nonviolent Demonstration Effects in Multi-Ethnic Societies,” with Nils-Christian Bormann and Burcu Savun
7. “Sector-Based Support for Repressed Groups: Evidence from the Brazilian Landless Rural Workers’ Movement,” with Kelly Morrison

CONFERENCES

“Sector-Based Support for Repressed Groups: Evidence from the Brazilian Landless Rural Workers’ Movement,” with Kelly Morrison

- APSA, Los Angeles, September 2023 (Scheduled)
- Peace Science Society (International), Denver, November 2022
- APSA, Montreal, Canada, September 2022

“Creating Rebels: An Agent-Based Model of Rebel Group Formation”

- ISA, Nashville, March 2022
- Peace Science Society (International), Virtual Conference, November 2021
- APSA, Seattle, October 2021

“Buying Survival: Coup Risk, International Accountability, and Mercenary Use,” with Kelly Morrison and Jacob Otto

- MPSA, Virtual Conference, April 2021

“A Generative Model of Grid-cell Level Violence: Projecting Latent Actor-Enmity Networks Across Space (PLAENS),” with Michael Colaresi, Kevin Greene, and Daniel Gustafson

- APSA, Virtual Conference, September 2020

“From Drug Lords to Police State: The Effects of Order Transition on Local Economies’,” with João V. Guedes-Neto and José Incio

- SPSA, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2020

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

External Training

- Carnegie Mellon University: Network Analysis 2020
- Carnegie Mellon University: Agent-Based Modeling 2020

Research Assistant

- Research Assistant, Pitt Disinformation Lab, University of Pittsburgh 2022-2023
- Research Assistant, Michael Colaresi, University of Pittsburgh 2018, 2022
- Research Assistant, Burcu Savun, University of Pittsburgh 2018
- Research Assistant, Mark Souva, Florida State University 2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, Research Methods in Political Science, University of Pittsburgh 2020
- Teaching Assistant, Politics of Global Economic Relations, University of Pittsburgh 2020
- Teaching Assistant, Building Democracy and Its Institutions, University of Pittsburgh 2020
- Guest Lecturer, International Relations, University of Pittsburgh 2019

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellow 2021-2022
- Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellow 2020-2021
- Arts & Sciences Graduate Student Organization Travel Grant 2019
- Graduate and Professional Student Government Travel Grant 2019
- Arts & Sciences Graduate Fellow 2017-2018

SERVICE

- Referee: *International Interactions*, *Journal of Peace Research*
- Managing Editor, *International Interactions* 2018-2019, 2022
- Political Science Graduate Student Mentor 2020
- Cohort Representative, Graduate Student Executive Committee 2018, 2020
- Organizer, Political Science Introduction to R Workshop 2019

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Political Consultant for Deputado (Representative) Izalci Lucas (PSDB-BR) 2016
Brazilian House of Representatives

SKILLS

- Methods: Bayesian Analysis, Agent-Based Modeling, Network Analysis, Causal Inference Approaches, Text-as-Data, Item-Response Models, Time Series
- Programming: Python, R, Stata, Stan, LaTeX
- Languages: Portuguese (Native), French (Intermediate/DELF B1), Spanish (Beginner)