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EDUCATION

Since 2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Ph.D. candidate in Government and Politics <i>Fields:</i> International Relations, Comparative Politics (with distinction)
2021–2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States M.A. in Government and Politics
2018–2021	Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany M.A. in International Studies/Peace and Conflict Research
2019–2020	Sabancı University, Turkey Erasmus+ Exchange Program
2014–2018	Leipzig University, Germany B.A. in American Studies
2017	Ohio University, United States German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Transatlantic Capstone Program

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2025	Bauer, Leo , and Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham. "The Nonviolent Legacies of Rebel Group Origins." <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , forthcoming.
2025	Gelvez, Juan David, and Leo Bauer . "Climate Disasters, Armed Conflict, and Forced Displacement: A 23-Year Spatial Analysis in Colombia." <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> , online first: 1–18.
2025	McWeeney, Margaret, Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham, and Leo Bauer . "Rebel Actors and Legitimacy Building." <i>International Politics</i> , 62: 269–290.
2025	Czymara, Christian S., and Leo Bauer . "Discursive Shifts in the German Right-Wing Newspaper Junge Freiheit 1997–2019: A Computational Approach." <i>German Politics</i> , 34(1): 128–155.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2025	"Where Do Mediators Try to Prevent Civil War?" With David Cunningham, Megan Lloyd and Sloan Lansdale. Revise and resubmit at <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> .
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WORKS IN PROGRESS

2025	"Explaining Informant Recruitment Tactics by Coercive Institutions in Autocracies." Early draft.
2025	"Media Manipulation Strategies During Protest in Autocracies: Evidence from the German Democratic Republic." Working paper.

PRESENTATIONS & POSTER SESSIONS

2024	"Exploring the Post-War Legacies of Rebels' Wartime Land Redistribution." <i>ISA Annual Convention</i> . Paper presentation. San Francisco, United States.
2023	"Can Mediation Prevent Civil War in Self-Determination Disputes?" Paper presentation with David Cunningham. <i>ISA Annual Convention</i> . Montréal, Canada.
2021	"A Quantitative Discourse Analysis of German Right-Wing Weekly Junge Freiheit." Poster presentation with Christian Czymara. <i>International Conference on Computational Social Science</i> . Online.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025–2026	Civil War Paths Fellow, Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War, University of York
2025	Departmental international relations field grant, University of Maryland, College Park
2025	Departmental methods field grant, University of Maryland, College Park
2023	Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Computational Social Science research grant, University of Maryland, College Park
2023	International Conference Student Support Award, University of Maryland, College Park
2023	Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland, College Park
2023	Lussier Research Travel Grant, University of Maryland, College Park
2022–2025	College of Behavioral and Social Sciences Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park
2019–2020	Erasmus+ scholarship, European Union
2017	Transatlantic Capstone Program scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025–2026	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Research assistant to David Cunningham for data collection project "Non-State Actors in Armed Conflict Dataset Update"
2023–2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Research assistant to Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham for research project "Climate Change and Alternative Governance"
2021–2023	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Research assistant to David Cunningham for research project "Preventing Civil War through International Actions"
2022, 2023	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Research assistant to Ernesto Calvo at the Interdisciplinary Laboratory of Computational Social Science
2020–2021	Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, Germany Research assistant to Julian Junk at Research Group Radicalization
2020	Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany Research intern to Carolin Görzig at Research Group How 'Terrorists' Learn
2019–2020	Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany Research assistant to Christian Reuter at Research Group Science and Technology for Peace and Security

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Instructor, <i>GVPT200 Introduction to International Relations</i> (undergraduate level)
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2023	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Teaching assistant to Johanna K. Birnir, <i>GVPT729B Applied Social Data Science</i> (graduate level)
2020–2021	Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany Teaching assistant to Christian Czymara, <i>Longitudinal Data Analysis and Causality</i> (graduate level)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Since 2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Managing editor of the <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i>
2023–2024	University of Maryland, College Park, United States Coordinator of the graduate methods workshop series
Reviewer	<i>International Studies Quarterly</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research</i>

SKILLS

Languages	German (native), English (proficient), Spanish (intermediate), Turkish (beginner)
Software & Programming	GitHub, L ^A T _E X, NVivo, Python, R, STATA, WordPress
Methods Training	<u>Coursework</u> <i>University of Maryland, College Park</i>: Quantitative Methods, Advanced Quantitative Methods, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Machine Learning for Social Sciences, Causal Inference <i>Goethe University Frankfurt</i>: Longitudinal Data Analysis and Causality <i>Sabancı University</i>: Methods and Scope of Political Analysis <u>Workshops & methods schools</u> <i>Introduction to Data Integration and Spatial Analysis with R Workshop</i>, 2025, University of Maryland, College Park, United States Spatial data management, visualization, analysis of spatial relationships <i>Bridging Natural Language Processing and Survey Research Workshop</i>, 2024, University of Maryland, College Park, United States Automated comment categorization, coding open-ended survey questions with large language models <i>Image Analysis for Social Sciences: Basics and Automated Analysis Workshop</i>, 2024, American University, United States Image classification with convolutional neural networks, analysis with visual structural topic models <i>Summer Institute in Computational Social Science</i>, 2020, Kadir Has University, Turkey Advanced text and trace data mining, network analysis, automated text analysis, data visualization <i>European Consortium for Political Research Winter School</i>, 2020, University of Bamberg, Germany Social media data collection, exploratory data analysis and presentation