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Academic Positions

University of Pittsburgh

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2024-Current.

University of Texas at Dallas

Assistant Professor, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2019-2024.

Affiliated Faculty, Ackerman Center for Holocaust Studies, 2023-2024.

Arizona State University

Postdoctoral Research Associate, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2017-2019.

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Essex, 2017.

M.A. in Theory and Practice of Human Rights, University of Essex, 2013.

B.A. in Philosophy, University of Birmingham, 2010.

Publications

1. **Rebecca Cordell** and Kashmiri Medhi*. 2024. "Transnational Repression: International Cooperation in Silencing Dissent." *Graduate Student. *International Studies Quarterly*. 68(3): 1-14.
Winner of the 2024 Best Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section.
2. Florian G. Kern, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch and **Rebecca Cordell**. 2024. "Judiciary Institutions and Violent Crime in American Indian Nations." *Governance* 37(1): 137-159.
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2023. "Disease and Dissent: Epidemics as a Catalyst for Social Unrest." *Global Studies Quarterly*. 3(2): 1-13.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2022. "Disaggregating Repression: Identifying Physical Integrity Rights Allegations in Human Rights Reports." *International Studies Quarterly*. 66(2): 1-11.
5. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2021. "The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*. 65(2-3): 255-282.
6. **Rebecca Cordell**, Thorin M. Wright and Paul F. Diehl. 2021. "Extant Commitment, Risk, and UN Peacekeeping Authorization." *International Interactions*. 47(1): 135-160.
7. **Rebecca Cordell**, Kristian Skrede Gleditsch, Florian G. Kern and Laura M. Saavedra-Lux. 2020. "Measuring Institutional Variation Across American Indian Constitutions Using Automated Content Analysis." *Journal of Peace Research*. 57(6): 777-788.

8. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2020. ““Changing Standards or Political Whim? Evaluating Changes in the Content of the US State Department Human Rights Reports Following Presidential Transitions”. *Journal of Human Rights*. 19(1): 3-18
9. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. “Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition”. *International Interactions*. 45(2): 369-400.
Winner of the 2018 Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section.
10. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2018. “Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation: A Response to Blakeley and Raphael”. *International Area Studies Review*. 21(2): 179-187.
11. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2017. “Measuring Extraordinary Rendition and International Cooperation.” *International Area Studies Review*. 20(2): 179-197.

Works in Progress

1. **Rebecca Cordell**. “Unpacking the Role of In-Group Bias in Public Opinion on Human Rights Violations.” *Under review*.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. “Human Rights Violations in the Name of Countering Terrorism.” *In progress*.
3. Chelsea Estancona and **Rebecca Cordell**. “Public Perception of Dissent and Repressive Response.” *In progress*.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. “Classifying the Content of Physical Integrity Rights Allegations using Machine Learning Methods.” *In progress*.
5. Lamis Abdelaaty, **Rebecca Cordell** and Idean Salehyan. “Assessing Refugee Rights: New Data and Analysis.” *In progress*.
6. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. “Measuring Sub-national Levels of Repression: A Latent Variable Model.” *In progress*.
7. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. “All Repression is Local: The Sub-national Determinants of Physical Integrity Rights Abuse.” *In progress*.

Book Reviews

1. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. Kathryn Sikkink. 2017. “Evidence for Hope: Making Human Rights Work in the 21st Century” *Journal of Peace Research*.

Public Scholarship

1. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2021. “Social Unrest During Epidemics.” *Science Node*.
2. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2021. “The Political Costs of Abusing Human Rights.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*.
3. **Rebecca Cordell**, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2021. “Do Pandemics Contribute to Social Unrest?” *Indiana University IT News and Events*.
4. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2019. “Human Rights Has Made Giant Strides, Philanthropy Can Help Drive Movement Through Transition.” *Alliance Magazine*.
5. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2018. “Security-Civil Liberties Trade-offs: International Cooperation in Extraordinary Rendition.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*.

6. **Rebecca Cordell**, K. Chad Clay, Christopher J. Fariss, Reed M. Wood and Thorin M. Wright. 2018. "How Does the Trump Administration Think about Human Rights? Evidence from the State Department Country Reports." *Political Violence at a Glance*.
7. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2017. "The U.S. Carried out Extraordinary Rendition Flights from 2001-2005. Here are 15 More Countries that Helped." *Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*.
8. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2016. "Nepal Earthquake: Fears That Relief Efforts Could Exasperate Poor Political Record." *Human Rights Centre Blog, University of Essex*.
9. **Rebecca Cordell**. 2014. "CIA Torture is Out in the Open - But Guantanamo Bay Detainees Are Still Going Nowhere." *The Conversation*.

Grants and Awards

Grants

Institute of Humane Studies, November 2021, \$3,000.

Social Sciences Seed Grant, University of Texas at Dallas, April 2020, \$10,000.

Silberrad Scholarship, University of Essex, 2014-2017, \$40,000.

International Peer to Peer Mentoring Scheme for Women in Science Scholarship, University of Konstanz, April 2016, \$600.

European International Studies Association Scholarship, Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies, June 2015. \$600.

Institute of Democracy and Conflict Resolution Travel Scholarship, University of Essex, October 2013. \$2,000.

Awards

Best Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, April 2024.

Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, International Studies Association, Human Rights Section, Baltimore, April 2018.

Associate Teaching Fellowship (Commendation), Higher Education Academy, June 2016.

Invited Talks, Workshops and Conference Participation

Invited Talks

The Human Security Workshop Series, University of North Texas, October 2023.

University of Texas at Austin, International Relations Speaker Series, October 2022.

Universidad Externado de Colombia, Faculty of Economics Research Seminar, July 2022.

University of Missouri–St Louis, Data Generation for Political Science and Public Policy Seminar, June 2022.

University of Southern Carolina, International Relations Theory Seminar, January 2021.

University of Pittsburgh, Human Rights and Migration Speaker Series, January 2020.

University of Southern California, School of International Relations Seminar, September 2019.

University of Maryland, Department of Government and Politics Workshop, February 2017.

University of Kent, Conflict Research Workshop, February 2016.

Invited Workshops

Workshop on Human Rights, Conflict, and Elections, University of Oklahoma, April 2024.

Peace Science Society International Conference and Workshop, November 2019, November 2023.
Human Rights Measurement Workshop, University of Rhode Island, May 2023.
Borders and Boundaries Conference, University of Pennsylvania, May 2023.
University of Connecticut Human Rights Institute 20th Anniversary Conference, March 2023.
US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Simon-Skjoldt Center for the Prevention of Genocide Dinner, March 2023.
Kopf Sub-national Politics Workshop, Arizona State University, February 2018.
Political Science Graduate Seminar, University of Essex, June 2017.
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute, Duke University, July 2016.
Michael Nicholson Centre for Conflict and Cooperation Workshop, University of Essex, April 2016.
University of Konstanz and University of Essex Political Science Workshop, University of Essex, April 2016.
Human Rights PhD Research Triangle Workshop, University of Cambridge, January 2016.
Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, December 2015.
Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies 2015, Greece, July 2015.

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023.
European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2023.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2018, 2022, 2023.
Peace Science Society International Conference, 2020, 2021, 2022.
Network of European Peace Scientists Annual Conference, 2017, 2022.
Midwest Political Science Association, April 2016, 2022.
Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, 2021.
Working Paper Series, Political Science, Public Policy, and Political Economy Program, University of Texas at Dallas, September 2019, 2021.
Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) Symposium for Texas Researchers, 2020.
Working Paper Workshop, School of Politics and Global Studies, Arizona State University, 2018.
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2018.
Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference, 2017.

Conference Panel Discussant

European Political Science Association Annual Meeting, June 2023.
Working Paper Series, Political Science, Public Policy, and Political Economy Program, University of Texas at Dallas, September 2023
Texas Triangle International Relations Conference, January 2023.
Midwest Political Science Association, April 2022.
International Studies Association Annual Meeting, March 2022.
Online Peace Science Colloquium, April 2021.
Peace Science Society International Conference Workshop, November 2018.
Four Corners Conflict Network Conference, March 2018.
Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, January 2018.

Department of Government Annual Student Conference, University of Essex, April 2017.

Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, November 2016.

University of Konstanz and University of Essex Political Science Workshop, University of Essex, April 2016.

Peace and Conflict Research Workshop, Uppsala University, December 2015.

Conference Panel and Workshop Organizer

Human Rights Measurement Workshop, University of Rhode Island, 2024.

Peace Science Society International Conference Workshop, 2022.

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2017, 2020.

Teaching Experience

University of Pittsburgh

Instructor, PS 2501: Theory of International Relations (graduate), Department of Political Science, Fall 2024.

Instructor, PS 2751: Text As Data (graduate), Department of Political Science, Fall 2024.

University of Texas at Dallas

Instructor, EPPS 6355: Machine Learning for Social Text Data (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Fall 2023.

Instructor, PPPE/PSCI 6361: Civil Conflict (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Fall 2020, Fall 2022.

Instructor, PSCI 6306: Human Rights and International Law (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Spring 2021, Spring 2023.

Instructor, PSCI 7381: Terrorism and Political Violence (graduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Fall 2021.

Instructor, PSCI 4357: Human Rights (undergraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Fall 2019, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023.

Instructor, PSCI 4316: Civil War and Conflict Resolution (undergraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Spring 2024.

Instructor, PSCI 4348: Terrorism (undergraduate), School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Spring 2024.

Universidad Externado de Colombia

Instructor, Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data (graduate), UEXT Summer University, July 2022.

Arizona State University

Instructor, Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data (graduate), School of Politics and Global Studies, June 2018.

Guest Instructor, Spatial Analysis (graduate), POS604 Polimetrics II, School of Politics and Global Studies, November 2018.

Guest Instructor, International Security Cooperation During the Post-9/11 Period (undergraduate), POS360 World Politics, School of Politics and Global Studies, April 2018.

University of Essex

Teaching Assistant, GV307: Political Economy (undergraduate), Department of Government, Fall 2014-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV214: International Relations: Theory and Approaches (undergraduate), Department of Government, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV254: Ethics and Public Policy (undergraduate), Department of Government, Spring 2016-Spring 2017.

Teaching Assistant, GV100: Introduction to Politics (undergraduate), Department of Government, Fall 2015.

Teaching Assistant, 2C: Probit and Logit Models (graduate), Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, University of Essex, August 2015.

Mentoring

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Kashmiri Medhi, “Diversity and Dynamics in Protest Movements: A Comprehensive Analysis of the Citizenship Amendment Act Protests in India.” Dissertation defended May 2024 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Naela Elmore, “Behind the Barricades: Understanding the Effect of Repressive Acts, Tools, and Choices in Shaping the Legacy of Civil Resistance.” Proposal defended January 2024 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Rahul Thakar, “Municipal Bond Yields and Political Risk: An International Perspective on the Impact of Political Risk on Municipal Bond Yields.” Proposal defended November 2023. (University of Texas at Dallas).

Andrés R. Sanchez D., “Counter-drug Operations, Foreign Aid and Political Violence in Colombia.” Proposal defended April 2023 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Julianne Windham, “State Implemented Restrictions on Civil Society.” Proposal defended May 2022 (Arizona State University).

Erjok Erjok Ayoor Apech, “Three Essays on Terrorism Impact on Development: A Case Study of Al-Shabaab Terrorist Spillover from Somalia to Kenya and its Impact on Kenya’s Developmental Vision 2030.” Dissertation defended March 2023 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Patrick Muenks, “Leveling Up: Measuring the Effects of Institutions on Voter Participation.” Dissertation defended June 2022 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Masters Dissertation Committee Member

Aras Kosker, “The Effect of Private, Foreign, and US Majority Ownership on Sporting and Financial Performance of English Soccer Clubs.” Dissertation defended April 2024 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Ernst Tilmann Waffenschmidt, “How Foreign Aid Affects the Likelihood of Civil Conflict Recurrence.” Dissertation defended April 2023 (University of Texas at Dallas).

Graduate Research Assistant Supervision

Minh Dao, Kate Ebere Maduforo, Kashmiri Medhi (University of Texas at Dallas).

Graduate Independent Study Supervision

Naela Elmore, Dagmar Heintze, Kashmiri Medhi, Hanna Shin (University of Texas at Dallas).

Undergraduate Independent Study Supervision

Cienna Alam, Tiffany Bui, Alex Vaughn (University of Texas at Dallas).

Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervision

Maysem Abdul-Kadir, Massa Almufti, Cienna Alam, Ali Asad Damani, Cameron Benavides, River Bluhm, Noorhan Chahal, Camila Estrada, Mariam Farahmand, Amna Farrukh, Vasti Galvan, Areesha Hemani, Kathryn Higgins, John Jiang, Sarah John, Madhumita Kathirarasu, Jared Miller, Reagan Madsen, Eduardo Pasaret, Ashley Simpson, Dat Tran, Alex Vaughn, Armaan Aslam Virani, Lauren Wallace (University of Texas at Dallas).

Letter Writer

Cienna Alam, Simrah Akbar, Massa Almufti, Ahona Banerjee, Shamir Bham, Tiffany Bui, Hayley Byron, Ali Asad Damani, Isaiah Calhoun, Cameron Benavides, River Bluhm, Ximena Eguia, Naela Elmore, William Engle, Camila Estrada, Mariam Farahmand, Daniel Gallegos Banda, Estefania Garcia Cruces, Aaiyma Ghufan, Raphael Gepulle, Kendall Goodland, Samina Haneef, Victoria Harris, Areesha Hemani, Keke T. Hua, Kathryn Higgins, John Jiang, Kashmiri Medhi, Patrick Meunks, Cord Miller, Samantha Mussell, Devin Le, Kevin Patterson, Zachariah Qureshi, Ricardo Ramirez, Zahra Ravjani, Jennisel Rodriguez, Sona Shaik, Ashley Simpson, Gabriela Suarez, Dat Tran, Hadi Umayra, Juani Vargas, Alex Vaughn, Armaan Virani, Robert Walker, Shahin Zangeneh (University of Texas at Dallas).

Service

International Interactions

Editorial Board Member, 2021-current.

Chair, Best Paper Award Committee, 2021.

American Political Science Association

Committee Member, APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, 2024.

International Studies Association

Committee Member, Steven C. Poe Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Human Rights Section, 2019.

Women In Conflict Studies

Speaker, WICS Professional Development Seminar, Converting a Journal R&R Invitation to an Acceptance, 2023.

Speaker, WICS Professional Development Seminar, Getting Started with Survey Experiments, 2022.

University of Texas at Dallas

Major Honors Thesis Committee, Collegium V Honors Program, 2024.

Speaker, Academic Publishing and Research Roundtable, Public Policy and Political Science Club, 2024.

Graduate Field Paper Exam Committee, Political Science Program, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024.

International Relations Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee, Political Science Program, 2021, 2023, 2024.

Executive Committee, Political Science Program, 2021-2023.

Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2022-2023.

Coordinator, Multidisciplinary Conflict Research Unit, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2023

Political Theory Part-Time Lecturer Search Committee, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2023

Promotion of Non-tenure System Faculty Committee, Political Science Program, 2023.

International Relations/Comparative Politics Search Committee, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2022, 2023

Comparative Politics Graduate Qualifying Exam Committee, Political Science Program, 2022, 2023.

Outside Chair, Doctoral Final Oral Exam, Geospatial Information Sciences, 2023.

Outside Chair, Doctoral Final Oral Exam, Economics Program, 2023.

Panelist, UT Dallas and EAFIT Human Rights Symposium, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2023

Guest Lecture, EPPS 7V81 Computational Social Science, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2023.

Participant, Honors Night Out, Collegium V Honors Program, 2023.

Participant, Political Science, Public Policy, and Political Economy Program, 2019-Current.

Speaker, Java Fridays, Collegium V Honors Program, 2022.

Speaker, Graduate Student Orientation, Political Science Program, 2022.

International Relations Open Rank Search Committee, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2021.

Cyber Security Search Committee, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2019/2020/2021.

Outside Chair, Doctoral Final Oral Exam, Public and Nonprofit Management Program, 2021.

Grant Reviewer, UT Dallas Social Sciences Seed Grant, Office of Research, 2021.

Speaker, Human Rights Issues in Afghanistan, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2021.

Guest Lecture, PSCI 3328 International Relations, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2021.

Teaching Graduate Level International Relations Working Group, 2019-2020.

Speaker, Pandemic in Policy, Practice and Politics Series, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2020.

Speaker, Art, Refugee Policy and Human Rights Event, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2020.

Speaker, Scholars Day, School of Economic, Political and Policy Sciences, 2020.

Speaker, Job Market Roundtable, Public Policy and Political Economy Club, 2020.

Speaker, Middle East Roundtable, Public Policy and Political Economy Club, 2020.

Speaker, Faculty Roundtable, Hobson Wildenthal Honors College 2020.

Arizona State University

Conflict and Human Rights Working Group, School of Politics and Global Studies, 2017-2018.

University of Essex

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Government, 2014-2017.

Exam Invigilator for SpLD students, Department of Government, 2016-2017.

Social Media Officer, Department of Government Annual Student Conference, 2016-2017.

Professional Development Seminar Guest Advisor, Department of Government, 2016.

Journal Referee

American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, European Journal of International Relations, International Interactions, International Journal of Global Environmental Issues, International Journal of Human Rights, International Relations, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Human Rights, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Journal of Strategic Studies, Research and Politics, Palgrave Communications, Social Sciences, Social Science Quarterly, Terrorism and Political Violence.

Grant Referee

National Science Foundation.

Community Organizations

Speaker, Politics and Human Rights Class (5th grade), Gislingham Primary School, Eye, UK, November 2016.

Speaker, Amnesty International Local Group, Bury St. Edmunds, UK, October 2015, April 2016.

Intern, Alliance for Peace and Development Nepal, Kathmandu, Nepal, October 2013-November 2013.

Regional Fundraiser, Freedom from Torture, Birmingham, UK, March 2011-September 2012.

Volunteer, Refugee Council, Birmingham, UK, 2009-2011.

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Four Corners Conflict Network, Peace Science Society (International), Texas Triangle on International Relations, Women Also Know Stuff, Women in Conflict Studies.

Additional Training

Research

International Policy Summer Institute (IPSI), Bridging the Gap Project, June 2024.

Policy Engagement Training, Scholars Strategy Network, University of Texas at Dallas, February 2023.

An Introduction to Power Python, Pandas, and Data Science, 2019 Texas Advanced Computing Center Symposium for Texas Researchers, Austin, September 2019.

Interactive Parallelization Tool, 2019 Texas Advanced Computing Center Symposium for Texas Researchers, Austin, September 2019.

Tools & Best Practices for the Integration of Spatial Data, 2017 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 2017.

Quantitative Text Analysis, Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, August 2017.

The Gold Standard of Quantitative Reproducible Research, University of Nottingham, March 2017.

Spatial Econometrics and Geographical Information System (GIS) Methods, University of Maryland, March 2017.

Programming in Python, University of Essex, October 2016-December 2016.

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM), EITM Summer Institute, Duke University, June 2016.

GIS for Political Analysis, University of Essex, May 2016.

Qualitative Replication Workshop, University of Essex, May 2016.

Strategic Nonviolent Action, University of Essex, April 2016.

Causal Inference, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, August 2015.

Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies, Greece, July 2015.

Religion and International Politics, Olympia Summer Academy in Politics and International Studies Greece, July 2015.

Advanced Research Methods, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Political Explanation, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Professional Development, University of Essex, 2014-2015.

Introduction to Regression, Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis, July 2014.

Mathematics for Social Scientists, Essex Social Science Summer School in Data Analysis, July 2014.

Teaching

Faculty Learning Community on Excellence in Online Teaching, April 2023.

Navigating the New Normal, University of Texas at Dallas, August 2021.

Online Teaching Tips, University of Texas at Dallas, March 2020.

Good Teaching Practice, University of Essex, October 2015.

Assessment and Feedback, University of Essex, October 2015.

Essay Marking, University of Essex, October 2015.

Graduate Teaching Induction, University of Essex, October 2015.