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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2022 (Expected)

Major Field: International Relations

Minor Fields: Comparative Politics, Methodology

M.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2018

B.A. Political Science and History, *Summa cum Laude*, Texas A&M University, 2016

Substantive Interests

Terrorism, insurgency, civil war, women's participation in political violence, recruitment for political violence, the media and political violence

Research

Peer Reviewed Publications

Soules, Michael J. 2020. "Women in Uniform: The Opening of Combat Roles to Women in State Militaries." Accepted and Forthcoming. *International Interactions*.

Piazza, James A. and **Michael J. Soules**. 2020. "Terror After the Caliphate: The Effect of ISIS Loss of Control over Population Centers on Patterns of Global Terrorism." Accepted and Forthcoming. *Security Studies*.

Soules, Michael J. 2020. "The Tradeoffs of Using Female Suicide Bombers." Accepted and Forthcoming. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Soules, Michael J. 2019. "Martyr or Mystery: Female Suicide Bombers and Information Availability" Accepted and Forthcoming. *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*.

Working Papers

Karstens, Mikaela, **Michael J. Soules**, and Nick Dietrich. "A Crack in the Foundation: Event Data, Newspaper Databases, and Threats to Validity and Replicability." *Under Review*.

Works in Progress

“*Persuasion, Coercion, and Abduction: How Armed Groups Recruit*” (Dissertation)

“*Why Terrorist Groups Go Transnational,*” with Nazli Avdan and James A. Piazza

“*Comparing the ISIS and al-Qaeda Networks,*” with Brandon Bolte

Grants, Fellowships, and Rewards

Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student. Department of Political Science – Penn State University –
Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support. \$2,000 – Fall 2020

Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support. \$1,000 – Fall 2019

Program for Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Fellowship: Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Robert W. Graham Endowed Graduate Fellowship: Summer 2017 and Summer 2018

Florence and Angelo Paterno Graduate Fellowship in the Liberal Arts: Fall 2017- Spring 2018

Professional Experience

Research

Research Assistant for Dr. Glenn Palmer for the Militarized Interstate Disputes (MID) 5.0 Dataset,
Summer 2018-Summer 2019.

Research Assistant for Dr. James A. Piazza. Summer 2020.

Teaching

Instructor

Instructor for GLIS 400- Seminar in Global and International Studies, Fall 2020

Instructor for PLSC 439- The Politics of Terrorism, Summer 2019

Guest Lecturing

“*The Strategic and Sociopolitical Determinants of Female Suicide Terrorism*” for Dr. James Piazza’s
PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Fall 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“*Women’s Status and the Prevalence of Female Suicide Bombers*” for Dr. James Piazza’s PLSC
439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“*The Battlefield and Propaganda Advantages of Female Suicide Bombers*” for Dr. James Piazza’s
PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“*Expect the Unexpected: The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers (And Why Variable
Measurement Matters),*” for Dr. Anne Whitesell’s PLSC 308-Research Design Class,
October 2017, the Pennsylvania State University

“*Introduction to Terrorism,*” for Dr. Douglas Lemke’s PLSC 014-Introduction to International
Relations Class, Spring 2017.

Conference Presentations

Participation in “*The Surviving Victim Problem: Causes and Consequences of Non-Lethal Violence*” workshop at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Manhattan, November 2019).

“*Women in Uniform: The Opening of Military Combat Roles to Women.*” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., August 2019).

“*The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers.*” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Conference. (Toronto, March 2019).

Participation in “*the Scientific Study of Gender and Conflict*” workshop at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Austin, November 2018).

“*Breaking Through: Female Suicide Bombers and Media Freedom*”. Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston, September 2018)

Invited Talks

“Mobilizing for Equality: Why Armed Groups Do (Not) Promote Gender Egalitarianism.” Presented at the Monash Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) Centre. (Melbourne, AU, May 2019).

Professional Activities

Member, Phi Beta Kappa, 2016-Present; American Political Science Association; Peace Science Society

Departmental Service at Penn State

Graduate Student Representative on the Graduate Recruitment Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)

Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS)-Secretary (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

Graduate Student Representative on the Department Social Committee (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

Miscellaneous

Programming Languages: R, Stata