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## EMPLOYMENT

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- Postdoctoral Research Fellow** Spring 2024-Present  
*St Andrews University, School of International Relations*  
Global Fragmentation and Peacemaking, Development of PeaceRep Global Peacemaking Database
- Data Scientist** 2023  
*Chicago Public Schools, School Counseling and Postsecondary Advising*  
Data science, empirical modeling, Google AppScript, SQL, SAS, etc.
- Global Peacemaking Research Consultant** Fall 2023  
*St. Andrews University, School of International Relations*  
Global Fragmentation and Peacemaking, PeaceRep Consultancy and Database Builder

## EDUCATION

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- PhD** Political Science, Global Politics 2018-2023  
*Subfields: International Relations & Comparative Politics*  
Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL USA  
Dissertation: The Climate-Conflict Nexus: Urban Migration and Data Innovations. (2023), *passed with distinction*
- MA** Political Science 2017- 2018  
*Certificate in Public Policy*  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA USA  
Thesis: Xenophobia and its Implications for Refugee Integration Policy: A Cross-National Analysis. (2018).
- BA** Majors: Political Science; International Relations 2014- 2016  
Minors: Spanish; Advocacy  
*Graduated Cum Laude*  
Iowa State University, Ames, IA USA
- Coursework in Political Science and Law Summer 2016  
*Study Abroad & Internship with Scottish Parliament*  
The University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland UK
- Coursework in Spanish Language Summer 2015  
*Study Abroad*  
La Universitat de València, Valencia, Spain

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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- Exploring Data with R: A Dynamic 3-Day Data Analysis Course** Fall 2023  
*Sponsored by the Center for Data Science and Consulting (CDSC)*

<b>Workshop on Advanced Research Methods (WARM)</b>	Fall 2023
<i>Machine Learning for Social Science, Ian Lundberg, Cornell University</i>	
<i>Sequence Analysis: Past, Present, and Future, Tim Liao, State University of New York Stony Brook</i>	
<i>Text Analysis for Social Science, Ana Macanovic, Utrecht University</i>	
<b>Preparing Effective Grant Applications</b>	Fall 2023
<i>Sponsored by Women in Conflict Studies Seminar Fall 2023</i>	
<b>International School on Climate Migration, Earth Refuge</b>	Summer 2023
<i>Sponsored by Earth Refuge</i>	
<b>Machine Learning Scientist with R: Sentiment Analysis</b>	Summer 2023
<i>Sponsored by DataCamp</i>	
Topics included: Polarity scoring; tidytext Method; Visualization; etc.	
<b>Introduction &amp; Intermediate Python Courses</b>	Spring 2023
<i>Sponsored by DataCamp</i>	
Topics included: lists; Functions and Packages; Numpy; Matplotlib; Dictionaries; Loops; Logical operators	
<b>Nonprofit Grant Writing Workshop Series</b>	Spring 2023
<i>Sponsored by the Graduate Studies Coordinating Board, Loyola University Chicago</i>	
<b>Qualtrics XM Professional Coursework</b>	Spring 2023
<b>ISSS Pay It Forward Program for Early Career Women</b>	Fall 2022
<i>Sponsored by the International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association</i>	
Workshops included: Making the Most of Academic Conferences; Imposter Syndrome; Publication Strategies	
<b>APSA Dissertation Workshop on Migration and Citizenship</b>	Fall 2022, 2023
<i>Sponsored by the American Political Science Association – Migration and Citizenship Section</i>	
<b>Grant Writing Workshop Series</b>	Fall 2022
<i>Sponsored by the Graduate Studies Coordinating Board, Loyola University Chicago</i>	
<b>Inter-university Consortium for Political &amp; Social Research (ICPSR)</b>	Summer 2022
Mathematics for Social Scientists	
Advanced Empirical Modeling of Social Science Theory	
Causal Inference for the Social Sciences	
Introduction to the R Statistical Computing Environment	
<b>Responsible Conduct In Research and Scholarship Course (RCRS)</b>	Spring 2022
<b>Graduate Professionalization Workshop Training</b>	2021-Present
<i>Sponsored by the Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago</i>	
Topics include: Policy Jobs; Conferences; The Academic Job Market; Publication Processes; Public Opinion Work; Data Science; State Department Work; Networking Inside/Outside of the Academy	
<b>Teaching Effectiveness Seminar (TES)</b>	Fall 2020
<b>Indiana University Language Workshop</b>	Summer 2020
Turkish I: Intensive 8-week course	

## IMISCOE Ph.D. Summer School in Istanbul, Turkey

Summer 2019

Sponsors: IMISCOE (International Migration Research Network);

University of Gothenburg; Government-Assisted Refugees (GAR) Program

Topic: Studying Integration & Social Cohesion: Theory, Practice, Method & Ethics

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Climate-Conflict Nexus; Climate Laws and Litigation; Climate Refugees; (Im)migration Policy; Refugee Studies; Civil War & Peace Agreements; Urban Unrest; Research Methodology; Quasi-Experimental Analysis; Spatial Data

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant**, Loyola University Chicago 2018-Present

- *Dr. Eric Hansen*, Liberalism in Political Science Literature
- *Dr. Kara Ross Camarena*, Migration Pressure and Aid
- *Dr. Patrick Boyle*, Developments in the African Union
- *Dr. Sarah Maxey*, Anti-War Rhetoric
- *Dr. Tofiqh Maboudi*, Climate Laws and Litigation
- *Dr. Molly Melin*, Economic Integration of Ex-combatants for Peace Outcomes
- *Dr. Sooyeon Kang*, Violent vs. Nonviolent Protest
- *Dr. Jay Kao*, Education and Attitudes in Authoritarian States

**Graduate Student Associate**, Institute for Racial Justice, Loyola Summer 2023

- Transcribed and coded focus group recordings, synthesizing data on equity in gifted programming.

**Special Interest Groups Data Analyst**, Project VoteSmart Summer 2017

- Web-scraping and cleaning of special interest groups data in R

**Research Intern**, The Scottish Parliament Summer 2016

*Served under: Alex Rowley, Member of the Scottish Parliament*

- Devolution of powers, taxation, and public well-being

### AD HOC PROJECTS

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- Wrote Stata scripts for correlation vs. causation and quasi-experimental projects
- Created quizzes in Qualtrics for complex grading schemes
- Used Python console to import, polygonise, spatially merge, and export data in QGIS
- Used Excel VBA and Stata to merge large climate law and litigation data
- Used R to scrape, code, and semi-automate text analysis from peace agreement documents
- Created a dynamic infographic of climate disasters and migration patterns overtime by mapping and merging geospatial data
- Integrated geospatial climate resilience data in New England with nonspatial adaptation policy data through mapping and merging techniques
- Used R and APIs to query Chicago crime and census data and geospatially merging
- Used SQL BigQuery on a number of conflict-related projects to extract data

***Forthcoming Book Chapters***

D'Amico, E. & Maboudi, T. (Forthcoming). Vulnerability, Climate Laws, and Adaptation in the Middle East and North Africa. In Arce, M. Arce, C. Dupont, T. Eisenstadt, L. Feoli, & T. Maboudi (Eds.), *Ideas, Interests, Institutions, and Nation-state Climate Politics: Mitigators, Adapters, and Mitigator-Adapters*. Oxford University Press.

***Articles Under Review***

D'Amico, E. Unrest in Urbanity: Unraveling the Impact of Economic Shocks on Migration and Urban Dynamics. **American Political Science Review**

D'Amico., E., Melin, M., & Sosa, S. Economic Reincorporation in Civil War Peace Treaties & Peace Outcomes. **International Studies Quarterly**

D'Amico, E. & Maboudi, T. Environmental Laws, Constitutionalism, and Climate Change Litigation. **Environmental Politics**

***Works in Progress***

D'Amico, E. & Peer, A. Resilient by Design: An Investigation of Climate Adaptation Laws in New England.

D'Amico, E. Climate Quandary: Investigating Causality from Climate Displacement to Unrest.

D'Amico, E. Climate-Affected Communities in Guatemala: Survey-Based Insights on Migration, Grievances, and Economic Expectations.

D'Amico, E. Migrant Shocks in Chicago: Quasi-Experimental Analysis of Outcomes and Community Integration.

***Op-Eds and Alternative Publications***

D'Amico, E. (2023). Rising Tides and Sudden Surprises: The Two Faces of Climate Displacement. *Medium*.

D'Amico, E. (2023). Montenegro v. Ashcroft Case Summary. *Earth Refuge Legal Database*.

D'Amico, E. (2023). "Stitching a Sustainable Future: Policy for Youth Migration, and Climate in Bangladesh's Textile Industry" in Blog Series: *Youth, Migration, Environment, Climate Change, And Disaster Risk Reduction*. IOM UN Migration.

***Conference Presentations***

**Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) – Annual Meeting, 2023**

Climate Quandary: Investigating Causality from Climate Displacement to Unrest.

**American Political Science Association (APSA) - Meeting & Exhibition, 2023**

Unrest in Urbanity: Unraveling the Impact of Economic Shocks on Migration and Urban Dynamics

**Midwest Political Science Association – 81<sup>st</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, 2023**

Climate Migration, Economic Drivers, and Urban Unrest: A quasi-experimental analysis in Bangladesh

**American Political Science Association (APSA) - Meeting & Exhibition, 2022**

Vulnerability, Climate Change Laws, and Adaptation in the MENA Region

**Midwest Political Science Association – 80<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, 2022**

The Climate-Conflict Nexus: Urban Migration and Data Innovations

**International Congress on Education and Learning – Miami, Florida, 2020**

Post-EU-Turkey Deal Refugee Integration Policy in Turkey: A Multi-Level Governance Approach

**Midwest Political Science Association – 78<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, 2020**

How Integration Policy Moderates the Relationship Between Migration and Crime: A Cross-National Analysis

**International Studies Association – ISSS-IS Annual Conference, 2018**

Xenophobia and Its Implications for Refugee Policies: A Cross-National Study

**Midwest Political Science Association – 76<sup>th</sup> Annual MPSA Conference, 2018**

The Implications of Poverty on the Severity of Human Trafficking

**INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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**University of Oregon, (Global Environmental Politics Research Talk), Fall 2023**

The Department of Government and Public Policy

**University of Strathclyde, Glasgow (IR Research Talk), Fall 2023**

The Department of Government and Public Policy

**Public Policy and Foreign Policy Decision-Making (Invited Lecturer), Fall 2023**

**Solutions to Environmental Problems (STEP): Climate Action (Invited Speaker),** “Migration-Preventative Adaptation Responses” March 2, 2023

**Back in Business: Bringing firms into Global Local Networks of Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding (by invitation only),** ISA 2023 Annual Convention, Montréal

**Ideas, Interests, Institutions, and Nation-state Climate Politics: Mitigators, Adapters, and Mitigator-Adapters Conference,** “Vulnerability, Climate-Change Laws, and Adaptation in the Middle East and North Africa,” Convoke a conference at Tulane University, June 9 and 10, 2022

**PLSC 374: Democracy (Invited Lecturer)**

"The Intersection of Democracy and Refugee Rights" Fall 2021

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

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**Fellow at the Centre for Global Law and Governance**

St. Andrews University

2023-Present

**Equity in Quantitative Research Fellow**

Institute for Racial Justice (IRJ)

2023

**Gannon Graduate Leadership Fellow**

2023

**ISA Pay It Forward is a Travel Grant & Mentoring Program**

Award: \$500

2023

**ISA Research Workshop Award (Collaborator on Proposal)**

Award: \$2,500

2023

<b>Box-Steffensmeier Scholarship</b> Award: Fully funded ICPSR methods courses for both Summer Sessions	2022
<b>ISSS Pay It Forward mentoring program for early career women</b>	2022
<b>MPSA Mentorship Reception</b>	2022, 2023
<b>Loyola Rule of Law Institute – Graduate Student Fellow</b> Award: \$3,500	2021
<b>Institute of Turkish Studies Language Grant Awardee</b> Award: \$3,000	2020
<b>IMISCOE/Association of Migration (GAR) Doctoral Research Award on Integration and Adaptation Strategies for Refugees</b> Award: Fully funded PhD Summer School	2018
<b>Dwight Ink Scholar, Iowa State University</b> Award: \$1,000	2017
<b>International Studies Sponsorship, Iowa State University</b> Award: \$1,500	2016

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#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Private Enterprise and Peace (PEP) Lab Research Affiliate, 2023-Present**
- American Political Science Association (APSA), 2022-Present**  
Sections: Migration & Citizenship, Conflict Processes
- Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) – Political Science Department Delegate (2020), Secretary (2021), President (2022)**
- International Studies Association (ISA), 2022-Present**  
Sections: Environmental Studies; Ethnicity, Nationalism, & Migration Studies; Peace Studies; Women's Caucus
- National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD), 2022-Present**
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 2018-Present**
- Pi Sigma Alpha – Political Honor Society, 2016-Present**
- National Honor Society (NHS), 2012-2014**

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#### PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

<b>Junior Scholars in International Security, etc (JSISE) Organizer</b>	2023-2024
<b>Loyola Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution</b> Graduate Intern	Summer 2023
<b>Symposium Co-Organizer and Moderator</b> Interdisciplinary Graduate Research Symposium	2022-2023
<b>Loyola Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program</b>	Summer 2022
<b>Loyola Undergraduate Research &amp; Engagement Symposium</b> Evaluator	Spring 2022

<b>Journal of International Migration and Integration</b> Reviewer	2020-Present
<b>RefugeeOne, English Tutor</b> English Language Tutor, Chicago, IL, USA	2019-2023
<b>Project Elea Refugee Camp, Teacher</b> Athens, Greece	Summer 2019
<b>Court-Appointed Special Advocate</b> Child Advocate, Ames, IA, USA	2015-2018

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>Loyola University Chicago</b> , Department of Political Science <i>Lecturer</i> , Political Science 102: International Relations in an Age of Globalization	2018-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this role, I was full the instructor of record. I developed my own syllabus (see <a href="#">here</a>), lectured, graded, and held office hours for my class of 40 students.</li> </ul>	
<b>Loyola University Chicago</b> , Department of Political Science <i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Political Science 300D: Faculty-Led Program in Colombia, Teaching Assistant	2022-2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In this role, I helped organize and guide students through a short-term study abroad course.</li> </ul>	
<b>Iowa State University</b> , Department of Political Science <i>Teaching Assistant</i>	2017-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Political Science 235: Introduction to Ethics and Politics</li> <li>Political Science 241: Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics</li> <li>Political Science 301: Introduction to Empirical Political Science Research</li> <li>Political Science 305: Political Behavior</li> <li>Political Science 360: American Institutions: Congress</li> </ul>	
<p>Parsed duties: writing R scripts for regression courses; proctoring and grading exams, holding office hours for homework assistance, lecturing, working individually with students on statistics assignments, etc.</p>	

## CERTIFICATIONS

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DataCamp Data Scientist Professional, R; SQL, Python	2023
Qualtrics XM Professional Certification	2023
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Certification	2022

## LANGUAGES

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<b>English:</b> Native Language
<b>Spanish:</b> Intermediate Listener and Speaker, Advanced Reading and Writing
<b>Turkish:</b> Intermediate-Mid (ACTFL)
<b>Arabic:</b> Intermediate-Low (coursework in Arabic 101-104)

## COMPUTER AND TECHNICAL SKILLS

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**Data Skills:** Querying in SQL/Python; Excel VBA; GIS data management and analysis; data mining in R; data merging in STATA

**Software Proficiency:** R, QGIS, SQL, STATA, JMP, Python, Google App Script, SAS, SPSS, Excel VBA

## DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

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Political Science, LUC  
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