

## **Professional Summary**

Ph.D. candidate in International Relations whose work investigates how institutions interpret and respond to high-stakes security challenges, including nuclear escalation, AI-assisted security infrastructures, and catastrophic environmental impact. My research draws on archival investigation, interviews, qualitative coding, and evidence triangulation to analyze how decisionmakers assess risk and justify policy choices.

## **Core Competencies**

Nuclear weapons politics and strategic stability • AI and emerging technologies in security and decision systems • Global catastrophic and systemic risk • Institutional behavior under uncertainty • Environmental security • Differential vulnerability under catastrophic risk, including gendered and intergenerational patterns • Politics of Oceania • Qualitative and interpretive methods • Archival research • Interviewing and field-based evidence collection • Qualitative coding and document analysis • Process tracing and source triangulation • FOIA navigation • Legislative and policy analysis • Data management •

## **Education**

Ph.D., Political Science (ABD, expected 2027)

*University of California, Irvine*

Fields: International Relations; Political Theory;

Dissertation: *Securing Precarious Worlds: Institutions, Catastrophic Risk, and the Politics of Survival*

M.A., Political Science

*University of California, Irvine*

B.A., Political Science (summa cum laude)

*Quinnipiac University*

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## **Policy Relevant Experience**

### **Research Assistant**

*University of California, Irvine | July–Aug 2023*

- Conducted research on nuclear politics and environmental security in Oceania.
- Performed document analysis for an ACLS/Mellon project on community-engaged governance.
- Produced a thematic index for publication to support cross-cutting institutional analysis.

### **National Political Advocacy Intern – Equality Division**

*American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Washington, D.C. | June–Aug 2022*

- Developed a federal legislative strategy proposal including political feasibility assessments.
- Created opposition research and legislator-specific briefings using multi-state policy data.
- Built and analyzed a dataset of 200+ state-level legislative actions related to Indigenous justice.

## **Policy Fellow & Researcher**

*Central European Institute at Quinnipiac University | Sept 2020–May 2021*

- Produced quarterly policy briefs on minority rights and governance in Hungary.
- Monitored political developments and assessed implications for regional stability.

## **Legislative Intern to the Senate President Pro Tempore**

*Connecticut General Assembly | Jan–Apr 2021*

- Tracked active legislation and produced briefings for senior staff.
- Synthesized constituent feedback and legislative priorities.

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## **Additional Relevant Experience**

### **Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Comparative Politics**

*Fullerton College | 2025–Present*

- Design and teach a survey course for 40+ students covering institutions, environmental politics, nuclear command and control, public health governance, regime stability, etc.
- Develop modules that translate complex comparative politics concepts into clear, accessible lesson plans and assessments for an introductory class.
- Integrate simulations/“wargaming,” case-based analysis, and structured decision exercises to strengthen analytical reasoning among early-stage undergraduates.

### **Lead Facilitator & Coach, Fellowship Mentorship Program**

*University of California, Irvine (Graduate Division) | 2023–Present*

- Design and deliver 30 hours of annual training curricula for grant/fellowship writing coaches, focusing on high-stakes national funding opportunities.
- Oversee recruitment, hiring, training, and performance evaluation for 6–8 coaches each cycle.
- Have successfully coached grant and fellowship applicants through 150+ hours of individualized support, adapting strategies to align with shifting funding landscapes and political climates.
- In the 2025 award year, program participants made up 50% of UCI's NSF GRFP awardees and 38% of Honorable Mentions in 2024-25, achieving a 20% success rate despite historic federal funding cuts.

### **Data Collection Lead, International Mining Risk Analysis**

*Spatiotemporal Information Analysis Services | 2019–20*

- Managed environmental and regulatory datasets for 7,000+ mine sites and supported integration of large-scale data into a global environmental risk database.

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## **Select Trainings**

### **Public Policy and Nuclear Threats (PPNT) Bootcamp**

*UC Institute on Global Conflict & Cooperation*

- Intensive training in the technology and policy surrounding nuclear deterrence, command and control, arms control regimes, escalation dynamics, and decisionmaking.

### **Qualitative and Interpretive Methods Workshops**

*International Studies Association*

- Included both feedback and training in interviewing, process tracing, interpretive analysis, qualitative inference, and mixed-methods design for security and institutional research

### **Human Rights and Global Engagement Symposium**

*Oxford Consortium on Human Rights, virtual*

- Workshops on global governance, political violence, and institutional accountability

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### **Select Fellowships and Awards**

#### **National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP)**

2023–2028 • Award: \$147,000

#### **Eugene Cota-Robles Graduate Fellowship**

2022–2028 • Award: \$107,256

#### **Kugelman Research Fellowship, UCI Center for Citizen Peacebuilding**

2025–2026 • Award: \$1,500

#### **Brython-Davis Fellowship**

2025 • Award: \$12,000

#### **Cascading Mentorship Fellowship**

2025 • Award: \$3,981.55

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