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Academic Appointments

- Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs 2024 - present
 - Postdoctoral Research Associate

Education

- George Washington University 2024
 - Ph.D., Political Science
 - Dissertation: Pledging Allegiance to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State: The Causes and Consequences of Rhetorical Cooperation
 - Dissertation Committee: Nathan Brown (chair), Celeste Arrington, Marc Lynch, Janet Lewis, Mara Revkin (Duke University)
 - Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
- Georgetown University 2018
 - Master of Arts, Arab Studies
 - Field: Politics
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2016
 - Master of Arts, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies
- Elon University 2013
 - Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Mark Berlin, Sam Biasi, and Tyler B. Parker, “[Jihadist Journalism: Exploring the Geographic Coverage of *al-Masra* Newspaper](#),” *Terrorism and Political Violence* 36, no. 1 (2024): 18-38.
2. Nihad Aboud, Mark Berlin, Sam Biasi, and Tyler Parker, “[Frame Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer: How *al-Masra* Newspaper Imagines Individuals](#),” *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* (2023): 1-21.
3. Mark Berlin and Stephen Rangazas, “[Restrained Insurgents: Why Competition Between Armed Groups Doesn’t Always Produce Outbidding](#),” *Texas National Security Review* 6, no. 4 (2023): 11-36.
4. Mark Berlin and Iris Malone, “[Go Arm Me: How Militant Fragmentation Affects External Support](#),” *International Interactions* 49, no. 23 (2023): 1-30.
5. Mark Stephen Berlin and Anum Pasha Syed, “[The Middle East and North Africa in Political Science Scholarship: Analyzing Publication Patterns in Leading Journals, 1990-2019](#),” *International Studies Review* 24, no. 3 (2022): 1-28.

Public Commentary

1. Mark Berlin, Sandra Poni Tombe, and Timothy D. Sisk, “[The New Dynamics of Contemporary Conflicts](#),” *United States Institute of Peace*, August 29, 2024.
2. Mark Berlin, “[Understanding Rhetorical Cooperation between Militant Organisations](#),” *Civil War Paths Blog*, March 11, 2024.

3. Mark Berlin, Sara Harmouch, and Vladimir Rauta, “[The Extremist Domino Effect of October 7](#),” *Irregular Warfare Initiative*, November 14, 2023.
4. Nathan J. Brown and Mark Berlin, “[Steering the Wide Egyptian State: Ideology or Administration?](#)” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, May 28, 2020.
5. Mark Berlin, “[From Beijing to Jerusalem: Tourism and Israeli-Chinese Ties](#),” Middle East Notes and Comment, *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, September 20, 2017.

Research in Progress

- Commanders of the Mujahideen: Introducing the Jihadist Leaders Dataset, with Maria Amjad, Sara Daub, Ilayda Onder, and Joshua Weiner (under review at *Journal of Peace Research*)
- Pledging Allegiance to al-Qaeda and the Islamic State: The Causes of Rhetorical Cooperation (manuscript in preparation)
- Why Armed Groups Adopt Extra-Lethal Violence: Evidence from the Jihadist Movement (manuscript in preparation)
- Beyond Outbidding: Insurgent Responses to Transnational Competition, with Ilayda Onder (manuscript in preparation)
- Denials of Responsibility by Armed Actors and Public Perceptions of Regime Credibility, with Ilayda Onder (manuscript in preparation)
- A Call to Arms: How Rebel Groups Choose Their Recruitment Tactics, with Michael Soules (manuscript in preparation)
- (Non-) English-Language Sources and Scholarship on the Jihadist Movement, with Maria Amjad, Meili Criezes, and Marta Ruiz (data collection phase)

Teaching

- Lecturer, Princeton School of Public and International Affairs 2024
 - SPI 298: Introduction to Public Policy
- Instructor of Record, George Washington University 2023
 - PSC2993: Political Violence and the Jihadist Movement
 - Assessment of instructor: 5/5 (24 respondents)
- Instructor of Record, George Washington University 2022
 - PSC2993: Political Violence in the Middle East
 - Awarded best class taught by a political science graduate student in 2021-2022
 - Assessment of instructor: 4.8/5 (22 respondents)
- English Language Teacher, The Excellence Center: Hebron 2014
 - Instructor of beginner, intermediate, and advanced English-language courses

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- Civil War Paths Fellow, Centre for the Comparative Study of Civil War 2023 - 2024
- International Studies Association Travel Grant 2023
- APSA – Comparative Politics Section Support Grant 2023
- Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Scholarship, George Washington University 2023
- Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, George Washington University 2023
- University Fellowship, George Washington University 2022 - 2023
- Graduate Teaching Award, GWU Department of Political Science 2022

- International Studies Association – Midwest Travel Grant 2022
- Presidential Merit Research Assistantship, George Washington University 2020 - 2022
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Morocco 2019
- Presidential Merit Research Assistantship and University Fellowship, George Washington University 2018 - 2020
- Summer Arabic Language Award, Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center 2018
- Merit-Based Graduate Scholarship, Georgetown University 2017 - 2018
- Ibn Battuta Scholarship for Summer Language Study (*declined*) 2014
- Athletic Scholarship, Men’s Soccer, Elon University 2010 - 2013
- Southern Conference All-Academic Athletic Team 2010, 2012, 2013

Conference Presentations

- Civil War Paths Annual Conference 2024
 - Panel: A Continuum of Armed Group Strategies Against Civilians
- States, Societies and Security in the 21st Century 2024
 - Panel: Domestic Pressures and Foreign Policy
 - Panel: The Persistent Threat of Terrorism
- American Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2023, 2024
 - Panel: Actors and Strategies of Violence in the Middle East
 - Panel: Terrorism and Violent Extremism
- International Studies Association Annual Meeting 2021, 2023, 2024
 - Panel: Rebel Group Decision-Making in Civil Conflict
 - Panel: Rethinking Counterterrorism, Deradicalisation, and Violence
 - Panel: Terrorism and Counterterrorism in Africa
 - Panel: Variation in Terrorist Attacks and Tactics
- International Studies Association – Midwest 2022
 - Panel: Terrorists’ Targeting Decisions
 - Panel: Alliances (discussant)
- International Studies Association – Security Studies Section 2021
 - Panel: Human Security in Civil War
- Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting 2020, 2021
 - Panel: New Directions in the Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
 - Panel: Understanding Terrorism
- Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Student Conference 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024
 - Panel: Gender Violence (discussant)
 - Panel: Religion and Politics (discussant)
 - Panel: Technology’s Role in the Changing Global Political Landscape (discussant)
 - Panel: Domestic and Foreign Policy Issues in the Middle East (discussant)
 - Panel: International Relations/Comparative Politics (discussant)

Workshop Presentations

- Comparative Politics Series, George Washington University (discussant) 2023
- Institute for Security and Conflict, George Washington University (discussant) 2022
- Junior Scholars in International Security 2022
- Institute for Security and Conflict, George Washington University 2021

- Comparative Politics Series, George Washington University 2019
- Institute for Middle East Studies, George Washington University 2019

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

- Comparative Politics of the Middle East, George Washington University (graduate) 2024
- Global Issues, Georgia State University (undergraduate) 2024
- The Modern Middle East, Baylor University (undergraduate) 2023
- International Relations of the Middle East, Georgetown University (graduate) 2022
- Young Women’s Peacebuilding Fellowship (undergraduate) 2022
- Social Movements, George Washington University (graduate) 2022
- The Middle East, Baylor University (undergraduate) 2021
- History of the Modern Middle East, Baylor University (undergraduate) 2020

Research Support

- Research Associate, Timothy Sisk 2024
 - Research contributed to the Peacemaking in a Turbulent World project at the United States Institute of Peace
- Research Assistant, Janet Lewis 2022
- Research Assistant, Iris Malone 2021
 - Research contributed to the Armed Group Dataset and Mapping Militants Project at Stanford University
- Research Assistant, Nathan Brown 2018 - 2021
- Research Intern, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) 2017

Training

- New Era Workshop, Bridging the Gap 2022
- Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research 2021

Intensive Arabic Language Study

- Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center, Morocco 2019
- Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, Washington, DC 2018
- Saifi Arabic Language Institute, Lebanon 2016
- Qasid Arabic Language Center, Jordan 2016
- Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center, Morocco 2014
- The Center for International Learning, Oman 2013

Service

- Reviewer: *Cooperation and Conflict, European Journal of International Security, Global Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, Security Studies*
- Graduate Student Mentor, George Washington University 2020 - 2021, 2022 - 2023
- Secretary of Policy, George Washington University Graduate Student Caucus 2020 - 21
- CP Representative, George Washington University Graduate Student Caucus 2019 - 20
- Graduate Student Symposium Organizer, Institute for Middle East Studies 2019
- Representative, Georgetown School of Foreign Service Graduate Council 2017 - 18

References

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