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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, and Mara Revkin

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations

Georgetown University 2018

M.A., Arab Studies

Field: Politics

Hebrew University of Jerusalem 2016

M.A., Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies

Elon University 2013

B.A., Political Science

Division-1 Athlete, Elon Soccer 2009 - 2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

5. **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.
4. 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.
2. **Mark Berlin** and Iris Malone, "Go Arm Me: How Militant Fragmentation Affects External Support," *International Interactions* 49, no. 23 (2023): 1-30.

1. **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.

Additional Publications

7. Timothy D. Sisk, Sandra Tombe, and **Mark Berlin**, “A Pivotal Partner: Renewing the US Role in Global Peacemaking,” *United States Institute of Peace*, February 3, 2025.
6. Sandra Tombe, **Mark Berlin**, and Timothy D. Sisk, “Peacemaking in Crisis: Amid More Wars, Fewer Peace Agreements,” *United States Institute of Peace*, February 3, 2025.
5. **Mark Berlin**, Sandra Poni Tombe, and Timothy D. Sisk, “The New Dynamics of Contemporary Conflicts,” *United States Institute of Peace*, August 29, 2024.
4. **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.
2. Nathan J. Brown and **Mark Berlin**, “Steering the Wide Egyptian State: Ideology or Administration?” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, May 28, 2020.
1. **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.

Works in Progress

- Commanders of the Mujahideen: Introducing the Jihadist Leaders Dataset, with Maria Amjad, Sara Daub, Ilayda Onder, and Joshua Weiner (*revise and resubmit*)
- Denials of Responsibility by Armed Actors and Public Perceptions of Regime Credibility, with Ilayda Onder (*revise and resubmit*)
- Beyond Outbidding: Insurgent Responses to Transnational Competition, with Ilayda Onder (*under review*)
- A Call to Arms: How Rebel Groups Choose Their Recruitment Tactics, with Michael Soules (*manuscript in preparation*)
- Why Armed Groups Adopt Extra-Lethal Violence: Evidence from the Jihadist Movement (*manuscript in preparation*)
- (Non-) English-Language Sources and Conflict Research: Examining Scholarship on the Jihadist Movement, 2013-2023 (*manuscript in preparation*)

Teaching

Courses Taught, George Washington University

- Civil War in Syria Summer 2025
- Political Violence and the Jihadist Movement Spring 2023
 - Assessment of instructor: 5/5 (24 respondents)
- Political Violence in the Middle East Spring 2022

- Awarded best class taught by a political science graduate student in 2021-2022
- Assessment of instructor: 4.8/5 (22 respondents)

Courses Taught, Princeton University

- Introduction to Public Policy Fall 2024
 - Assessment of instructor: 4.83/5 (24 respondents)

English-Language Instructor

- The Excellence Center: Hebron Summer 2014
- Instructor of beginner, intermediate, and advanced English-language classes

Guest Lectures

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

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

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| Civil War Paths Fellow, University of York | 2023 - 2024 |
| Shirley H. and Robert L. Richards Scholarship, George Washington University | 2023 |
| Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship, George Washington University | 2023 |
| International Studies Association Travel Grant | 2023 |
| APSA – Comparative Politics Section Support Grant | 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 (FLAS), Morocco | 2019 |
| Presidential Research Assistantship and 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 (<i>declined</i>) | 2014 |

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| Athletic Scholarship, Men's Soccer, Elon University | 2010 - 2013 |
| Southern Conference All-Academic Athletic Team | 2010, 2012, 2013 |

Conference Presentations

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| International Studies Association Annual Meeting | 2021, 2023, 2024, 2025 |
| American Political Science Association Annual Meeting | 2023, 2024 |
| Civil War Paths Annual Conference | 2024 |
| States, Societies and Security in the 21 st Century | 2024 |
| International Studies Association – Midwest | 2022 |
| International Studies Association – Security Studies Section | 2021 |
| Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting | 2020, 2021 |
| Pi Sigma Alpha Undergraduate Student Conference (discussant) | 2019, 2021, 2022, 2024 |

Workshop Presentations

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| 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 |

Intensive Arabic Language Study

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| Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center, Morocco | Summer 2019 |
| Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, Washington, D.C. | Summer 2018 |
| Saifi Arabic Language Institute, Lebanon | Summer 2016 |
| Qasid Arabic Language Center, Jordan | Spring 2016 |
| Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center, Morocco | Spring 2014 |
| The Center for International Learning, Oman | Summer 2013 |

Additional Training

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

Service

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| 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
 Reviewer: *European Journal of International Security*, *Global Studies Quarterly*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Security Studies*

Research Support

Research Associate, Timothy Sisk 2024
 Research Assistant, Janet Lewis 2022
 Research Assistant, Iris Malone 2021
 Research Assistant, Nathan Brown 2018 - 2021
 Research Intern, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) 2017

References

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