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Education and Academic Appointments

University of Kansas | Lawrence, KS

Doctor of Philosophy, Political Science

May 2025

Subfields: International Relations, Comparative Politics, Methods

Consortium of Universities | Washington Metropolitan Area

Doctoral Research Fellow

2024-present

Missouri State University | Springfield, MO

Master of International Relations, Dept. of Political Science

2018

Graduate Certificate in Cybersecurity

Missouri State University | Springfield, MO

Bachelor of Science in Anthropology/Archaeology and Middle Eastern Studies

2014

Publications

Caton, Cora & Clayton Webb. (Accepted for Publication, 2025). "A Public Demand Theory of Economic Sanctions." *International Interactions*.

Caton, Cora & Brittnee Carter. (2024). "Women in Militant Movements: The Role of the State in Driving Recruitment." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 1-25.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2024.2346360>.

Caton, Cora & Mullinix, Kevin J. (2022). "Partisanship and support for restricting the civil liberties of suspected terrorists." *Political Behavior*, 45(4), 1421-1445.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11109-022-09771-9>.

Carter, Brittnee and Cora Caton. (2022). "Primed for Violence: Intrareligious Conflict and the State in Sectarian Societies." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, 48(1), 1-20.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2022.2083933>.

Research in Progress

Working Papers

Caton, Cora. "Economic Firmcraft."

Caton, Cora, Wuthrich, Michael, & Webb, Clayton. "Bringing Rationality Back In: Social Identity Meets Rational Choice in Ethnic Bloc Voting Behavior in Turkey."

Caton, Cora, Carter, Brittnee, & Webb, Clayton. "The Tortured Persons Department: Social Identity and Public Opinion on Torture."

Teaching Experience

University of Kansas, Department of Political Science **2020-Present**

- **Instructor of Record**
 - POLS 306 Political Science Methods of Inquiry
 - POLS 170 Introduction to International Relations (online)
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
 - POLS 499 Research Capstone
 - POLS 170 Introduction to International Relations
 - POLS 306 Political Science Methods of Inquiry
 - POLS 399 Foundations of Data Science II

University of Michigan, ICPSR **2022-2023**

- **Teaching Assistant**
 - Time Series Analysis
 - Maximum Likelihood Analysis
 - Categorical Data Analysis
 - Introduction to R

Rockhurst University, Department of Political Science **2023**

- **Instructor of Record**
 - PS 1000 Introduction to Political Science
 - PS 3300 Western European Politics

Drury University, Department of Political Science **2020-2021**

- **Instructor of Record**
 - PLSC 302 U.S. Foreign Policy
 - PLSC 375 Arab Israeli Conflict

Conferences and Academic Forums

International Studies Association-Midwest **November 2024**

- *The Tortured Persons Department: Social Identity and Public Opinion on Torture*

International Studies Association-Midwest **November 2023**

- *Economic Firmcraft*

International Studies Association-Midwest **November 2022**

- *Public Attention to Economic Pressure: The Domestic Political Dynamics of Economic Sanctions*

International Studies Association-Midwest **October 2021**

- *Ripe for Conflict: Political Violence and the State in Sectarian Societies*

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

April 2021

- *Partisanship and Support for Restricting the Civil Liberties of Suspected Terrorists*
- *Bringing Rationality Back In: Social Identity Meets Rational Choice in Ethnic Bloc Voting Behavior in Turkey*

Midwest Political Science Association Conference

May 2018

- *The Environmental Regime: A Study of the Efficacy of Environmental Norms on State Behavior in North Africa and the Middle East*

Graduate Interdisciplinary Forum

April 2018

- *Someone Still Loves You: An Analysis of Russian Foreign Policy under Boris Yeltsin*

Mid-American Alliance for African Studies Conference

October 2017

- *Twitter and Terrorism: The Effect of Social Media and Access to Technology on Terrorist Group Recruitment and Government Repression in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Awards and Fellowships

Institute for Policy and Social Research Fellowship

August 2021-May 2022

- Awarded membership and funding for participation in yearly class of doctoral fellows aimed at producing cooperative interdisciplinary research

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship

June 2021-May 2024

- Awarded funding for the study of Arabic during the summer semester and academic year, as well as for the study of non-language courses on the continent of Africa

Walter Thompson Research Scholarship

June 2021

- Awarded funding for design and implementation of research on publication patterns in top International Relations and Political Science journals

William Jennings Bryan Essay Prize

January 2021

- Recipient of distinction and scholarship funds for essay entitled *Bringing Rationality Back In: Social Identity Meets Rational Choice in Ethnic Bloc Voting Behavior in Turkey*

Walter Thompson Research Scholarship

June 2020

- Awarded funding for design and implementation of survey via Qualtrics and MTurk for research on civil liberties and terrorism

Research Work Experience

University of California Los-Angeles, Vot-ER **2024-Present**

- **Research Assistant**
 - Implemented and analyzed text messaging survey experiment to examine the effect of messaging content on public health workers' voter mobilization efforts

University of Maryland, START Terrorism Research Center **2024**

- **Research Assistant**
 - Analyzed social media data surrounding major events in the Russian-Ukraine war

University of Kansas, Medical Center (KUMC) **2023**

- **Research Design Specialist**
 - Designed survey questionnaire for sociocultural factors determining public health outcomes

University of Kansas, Kansas African Studies Center **2023**

- **Data Analyst**
 - Designed survey capturing language center experiences for undergraduates and high school students across Kansas

Gencur-Svaty Public Affairs, Lobbying Firm **2022**

- **Legislative Liason**
 - Attended congressional committee meetings, analyzed and researched proposed bills

Missouri State University, Department of Political Science **2014**

- **Research Assistant**
 - Performed field interviews in Turkey with family members of people in the PKK (Kurdistan Workers' Party), with assistance from a translator and under the direction of Dr. David Romano

Computer Skills and Statistical Analysis Experience

Research Methods Expertise

- OLS, MLE, Time Series Analysis, Panel Data Analysis, Experimental Design, Survey Design, Categorical Models

Software Proficiency

- R, Stata, Qualtrics, Excel, Tableau, SQL, Python

Languages

- Arabic (4 years formal instruction)

- Spanish (2 years formal instruction)

References

- **Clayton Webb, University of Kansas**
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- **Kevin Mullinix, University of Kansas**
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- **Brittnee Carter, University of Kansas**
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