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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Massachusetts Amherst, (expected May 2021)

Dissertation: "Targeting Drones: Framing and Connectivity Within Transnational Advocacy Issue Networks"

Field: International Relations

Committee: Charli Carpenter (Chair), Jamie Rowen, James Ron (outside member)

M.A. in Peace and Justice Studies, University of San Diego (2014)

Regional focus: Middle East and North Africa

B.A. in Communication Studies, University of San Diego (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Nylen, Alexandria. "Frontier Justice: International Law and 'Lawless Spaces' in the 'War Against Terrorists.'" *European Journal of International Relations*, vol. 26, no. 3, 2019, pp. 627-659.

Nylen, Alexandria and Charli Carpenter. "Questions of Life and Death? De-Constructing Human Rights Norms in Public Opinion Polls." *European Journal of International Security*, vol. 4, no. 2, 2019, pp. 142-162.

Carpenter, Charli, Alexander Montgomery and Alexandria Nylen. "Breaking Bad?: How Survey Experiments Prime Americans for War Crimes." *Perspectives on Politics*, OnlineFirst, 2020. doi: 10.1017/S1537592720002376.

Manuscripts Under Review or In Progress

Nylen, Alexandria. "Negotiating the Boomerang: Advocating on the Armed Drone Issue from Pakistan." Working Paper (2021) UMass-Amherst.

Nylen, Alexandria. "'A Very Wide Church:' Collaboration Across Differences in the European Forum on Armed Drones (EFAD)." Working Paper (2021) UMass-Amherst.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Satisficing in Coalition: Collaboration Across Differences in the European Forum on Armed Drones (EFAD).” Accepted for presentation at the 2020 *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Honolulu, HI. [Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic]

“Targeting Drones: Framing and Connectivity in Transnational Advocacy Networks.” Presented at the 2019 *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Toronto, Canada.

"Frontier Justice: International Law and 'Lawless Spaces' in the 'War Against Terrorists.'" Presented at the 2018 *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. San Francisco, CA.

"Questions of Life or Death? De-Constructing Human Rights Norms in Public Opinion Polls." Presented at the 2017 *International Studies Association Annual Convention*. Baltimore, MD.

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Untitled Project on Wartime Casualty Counting. Research Assistant to Charli Carpenter. University of Massachusetts Amherst (Spring 2021)

Conducting interviews with humanitarian disarmament practitioners; coding transcripts

“Thank You for Your Service: The Instrumentalization of Law Through Veterans Treatment Courts.” Research Assistant to Jamie Rowen. University of Massachusetts Amherst (2017—)

Creating a codebook and coding court transcripts in NVivo; training two undergraduate and one graduate research assistants

“Massachusetts Treatment Court and COVID-19 Response: Challenges and Opportunities.” Research Assistant with the UMass Amherst Medical School and the Center for Excellence for Specialty Courts. University of Massachusetts Amherst (Summer 2020)

Conducting interviews with MA treatment court personnel; creating a codebook and coding court transcripts in NVivo; training one graduate research assistant

“Questions of Life or Death? De-Constructing Human Rights Norms in Public Opinion Polls.” Research Assistant to Charli Carpenter. University of Massachusetts Amherst (2016)

Creating and coding original dataset; principal investigator for co-authored publication

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant at University of Massachusetts Amherst

World Politics (POLISCI 121) Spring 2021 [virtual, synchronous], Spring 2019

Globalization, Governance and World Order (POLISCI 252) Fall 2018

American Foreign Policy (POLISCI 255) Spring 2018, Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Spring 2014

Introduction to Comparative Politics (POLISCI 111) Fall 2017, Fall 2016

Guest Lectures

“Securitization in South Asia: The Case of Pakistan’s Tribal Areas,” Politics of South Asia (POLISCI 381) University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2018

“Public Opinion and Foreign Policymaking: The Case of Armed Drones,” American Foreign Policy (POLISCI 255) University of Massachusetts Amherst, Spring 2017

“Internal Tensions and External Contestations: Drones, Targeted Killing, and International Law,” Rules of War (POLISCI 391/791) University of Massachusetts Amherst, Fall 2017

Mentorship

Undergraduate Research Engagement Program, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2019-2021)

Mentoring three undergraduates in grounded theory analysis and coding in NVivo 12

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data Analysis Programs

NVivo 11 and 12 (Windows and Mac)

Methods Training

“NVivo 12: Moving On (Advanced); Certified User Course,” QSR International, NVivo Academy virtual workshop (Registered Spring 2021)

“Organizing and Analyzing Qualitative Data with NVivo 12,” University of Massachusetts Amherst Institute for Social Science Research Summer Methodology Workshop (2019)

“Introduction to Network Analysis in R,” University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Political Science & Legal Studies (2017)

“Introduction to NVivo 11,” University of Massachusetts Amherst Institute for Social Science Research Workshop (2016)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conflict, Violence and Security Working Group, Co-Founder and Organizer, University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Political Science & Legal Studies (2014 —)

Graduate Peer Mentor, University of Massachusetts Amherst Department of Political Science & Legal Studies (2017, 2018, 2019)

“Wiretaps and National Security Policy: A Panel Discussion on U.S. Intelligence, the Russians and What’s Next for America,” Panel Moderator, University of Massachusetts Amherst (2017)

GRANTS

Summer Research & Writing Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2019 (\$2500)

Conference Travel Grant, University of Massachusetts Amherst, 2019 (\$300)

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