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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Dual Title Ph.D., Political Science and Social Data Analytics   (expected 2028)

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA   4.0
M.A., Political Science   2025

University of Essex, Colchester, UK   *Distinction*
Master of Research, International Relations   2023

- **Thesis:** "Why Do Peacebuilding Actors Cooperate? A Study of the Network of Peacebuilding in Colombia" (*Distinction*)

University Carlos III, Madrid, Spain
B.A., International Studies   2021
B.A., Political Science   2021

- **International Studies Thesis:** "Legitimacy in Peacekeeping: Do Regional Peace Missions Mitigate Violence Against Civilians?" (*Honors*), advised by Fran Villamil
- **Political Science Thesis:** "Dynamism of the Perpetual Peace: How Non-State Actors Contribute to the Global Peace Order" (In Spanish, *nominated for honors*), advised by Fran Villamil
- **Maastricht University:** Erasmus+ Program (competitive)
- **University of California, Berkeley:** EAP Scholarship (competitive)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Peace, Aid, Civil Society, Dispute Resolution, Multi-Method Research

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Works In Progress

7. Networked Aid: Implications for International Relations (with Susanna P. Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Madeline Fleishman, Alex Bruens, and Hatem Zayed)

6. Thinking About Conflict in Time Series (with Maya A. Dalton)

5. Ecosystem of Aid (with Susanna Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Lula Chen, Alex Bruens, Shahryar Minhas, and Jared Edgerton)

4. Ungoverned Territory?: How Host States Govern via Aid Networks (with Wendy Wagner and Susanna Campbell)

3. Resilience of Peacebuilding Networks in the Face of State Repression (with Jessica M. Braithwaite and Susanna Campbell)

2. Navigating the War-Torn State: Why Informal Aid Actors May Be Necessary for Aid Effectiveness (with Hatem Zayed and Susanna Campbell)

1. Introducing the Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations Dataset (with Susanna Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Alex Bruens, Hatem Zayed, and Madeline Fleishman)

Under Review

4. The Demand for Rebel Rules (with Cyanne E. Loyle)

3. Human Rights Consolidation or Fragmentation? A Network Analysis of Resolution Sponsorship in the UN Human Rights Council (with Jared Edgerton and Gino Pauselli), *R&R at Network Science*

2. Civil Society and the Local Dynamics of Peacebuilding

1. The Legacies of Civil Wars: Effects of Armed Conflict on Electoral Processes Over Time (with Giancarlo Visconti)

Policy Publications

9. Controlling the Corridors in Sudan: Humanitarian Aid and Emergency Response Rooms, with Hatem Zayed and Susanna Campbell. *Research in International Policy Implementation Lab*, June 2025.

8. Discovery of Speech Crimes in Ukraine from Open Sources, *Digital Verification Unit* (under the supervision of Dr. Matthew Gillet), August 2023. Submitted to the UN Commission of Inquiry.

7. Mapping COVID-19: Spain. *Institute for Politics and Society*, May 2020.

6. The United States, "Olympic Games" and the Future of Offensive Cyber Operations, *Center for Security Analysis and Prevention (CBAP)*, April 2020.

5. Humanitarian Narratives in Northeastern Nigeria, *PRISMA UC3M*, December 2019.

4. Multidimensional Peacekeeping: A New Tool for Democracy, *Berkeley Review of International Conflict and Security*, November 2019.

3. Mali: Lessons of Culture and Humility, *Berkeley Review of International Conflict and Security*, May 2019.

2. Maritime Conflicts in Southeast Asia: a Case for Regionalism, *Berkeley Review of International Conflict and Security*, December 2018.

1. A Veil Over Iran's Nuclear Deal, *Berkeley Review of International Conflict and Security*, December 2018.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	**Project Manager**	
	Networks of Influence	2025 -
	Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL)	
	Research Assistant	
	Domestic Lawfare	2025
	Cyanne E. Loyle, Pennsylvania State University	
	Research Fellow	
	Networks of Influence	2024 - 2025
	Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL)	
	Research Assistant	
	Rebel Courts Dataset	2024
	Cyanne E. Loyle, Pennsylvania State University	

Research Assistant
Terrorism in Non-State, Intercommunal, and Interethnic conflicts   2022
Sara Polo, University of Essex

Research Assistant
Women's Activities in Armed Rebellion   2022
Meredith Loken, University of Amsterdam

Research Assistant
Terrorist Group Proscription   2021
Brian Phillips, University of Essex

Research Assistant
Transnational Humanitarian Medicine in Spaces of Confinement   2020 - 2021
Jon Arrizabalaga, Spanish National Research Council

**CONFERENCES
& SYMPOSIA**

Conferences

10. Braithwaite, Jessica M. and **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**. "Networks of   2026
Influence and Support Dataset," *International Studies Association Meeting,
Columbus* (scheduled)

9. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia**, Madeline Fleishman and Eric Baran.   2026
"Innovating Networks: The Challenge and Opportunity of Organization-
Based Networks, " *International Studies Association Meeting, Columbus* (scheduled)

8. Campbell, Susanna, Jessica M. Braithwaite, **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**,   2026
Madeline Fleishman, Alex Bruens and Hatem Zayed. "Networked Aid:
Implications for International Relations," *Political Economy of International
Organization Annual Meeting, Segovia*

7. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Maya A. Dalton. "Thinking About   2025
Conflict in Time Series," *Peace Science Society Meeting, Orlando*

6. Campbell, Susanna, **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez** and Wendy Wagner.   2025
"Ungoverned Territory?: How Host States Govern via Aid Networks,"
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver

5. Loyle, Cyanne and **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**. "The Demand for Rebel   2025
Rule," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver*

4. **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**, Jessica M. Braithwaite, and Susanna Campbell.   2025
"Resilience of Peacebuilding Networks in the Face of State Repression,"
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver

3. **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**, Jessica M. Braithwaite, and Susanna Campbell.   2025
"Resilience of Peacebuilding Networks in the Face of State Repression,"
PolNet-PaCSS Conference, Harvard University

2. Hatem Zayed, **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez** and Susanna Campbell.   2025
"Navigating the War-torn State: Why Informal Aid Actors May Be Necessary
for Aid Effectiveness," *International Studies Association Meeting, Chicago*

1. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Giancarlo Visconti. "The Long-Term Effects   2024
of Armed Conflict on Voter Choices: Evidence from Colombia," *American
Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia*

Workshops

9. Baran, Eric, **Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez**, Madeline Fleishman, Susanna   2025
Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite and Karsten Donnay. "Human-AI
Collaboration in Conflict Data Collection: When and How LLMs Can Assist
Research Workflows," *Peace Science Society Meeting, LLM Workshop, Orlando*

8. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Cyanne E. Loyle. "Computational   2025
Mapping of Alternative Dispute Resolution Institutions." Institute for
Computational and Data Sciences Symposium, Pennsylvania State University

7. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Cyanne E. Loyle. "The Demand for Rebel   2025
Rule," *Third Penn State-Pittsburgh Joint IR Workshop, University of
Pittsburgh*

6. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Cyanne E. Loyle. "The Demand for Rebel   2025
Rule," *Program in Empirical International Relations Workshop, Pennsylvania
State University*

5. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia**. "Local Civil Society, Low-Level Disputes,   2025
and Peace: Evidence from Colombia," *Conflict & Change Ph.D. Workshop,
University College London*

4. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia** and Giancarlo Visconti. "The Long-Term Effects   2024
of Armed Conflict on Voter Choices: Evidence from Colombia," *Program in
Empirical International Relations Workshop, Pennsylvania State University*

3. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia**. "Does Civil Society Engagement Improve the   2024
Quality of Peace?," *Third Penn State-Pittsburgh Joint IR Workshop,
Pennsylvania State University*

2. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia**. "Does Civil Society Engagement Improve the   2024
Quality of Peace?," *Judith Reppy Institute's Interdisciplinary Graduate
Conference on Peace and Conflict, Cornell University*

1. **Cavero-Sanchez, Cecilia**. "Why do Peacebuilding Actors Cooperate? A   2023
Study of the Network of Peacebuilding in Colombia," *Ph.D. Workshop on
Political Challenges, the University of Essex*

Invited Talks

2. "Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations: Understanding   2025
Coordination and Impact," *American University's School of International Service
Ph.D. Colloquium*

1. "Fieldwork and Original Data Collection," *Professionalization Brownbag,   2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University*

TEACHING   *Teaching*
EXPERIENCE

Instructional Aide   2024
Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (Robert Cooper)
University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods
- Guest lecture: *An Introduction to Causal Inference*

Mentoring

Fellowship Mentor
Accedeabecas   2022 -

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Intelligence Analysis Intern   Madrid
Deloitte CyberSOC Counter-Threat Intelligence Team   2021

Co-Founder and Editor   Madrid
PRISMA UC3M   2019-2021

Congressional Leadership Intern   Washington, D.C.
Speaker of the House of Representatives   2019

Congressional Intern   San Francisco
District Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi   2018 & 2019

HONORS AND AWARDS

External (total approx. $110,000)

ReCIPE Ph.D. Research Grant   2025
ReCIPE Research Initiative – UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development
Office and CEPR, Grant no. 303013 (*£15,000*)

PolNet-PaCSS Graduate Student Fellowship   2025
PolNet-PaCSS Host Committee (*$200*)

Multi-Method Conflict Consortium Mini-Conference Grant   2025
Florida State University (*$750*)

Conference Travel Grant   2024
Judith Reppy Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University (*$500*)

La Caixa Postgraduate Studies Abroad Fellowship   2021
La Caixa Foundation (*£68,200* including tuition)

Best International Relations Undergraduate Thesis   2021
College of Political Science and Sociology of Madrid (*€339*)

Scholarship for the Second RECSM Winter Methods School   2021
Universitat Pompeu Fabra (*€250*)

Excellence Scholarship   2020 & 2021
Community of Madrid (*€1,200* per year)

University/College (total $51,330)

C-SoDA Accelerator Award Seed Grant   2025
Center for Social Data Analytics (*$1,500*)

ICDS Rising Junior Researcher   2025
Computational Mapping of Alternative Dispute Resolution Institutions
ICDS, Pennsylvania State University (*$16,830*)

Penn State Graduate Student International Travel Grant   2024
The Fox Graduate School, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,500*)

Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. Lavigne Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in the College of the Liberal Arts 2023
The Graduate School, Pennsylvania State University (*$31,500*)

Department (total $50,384.25)

Program in Empirical International Relations Fellowship 2026
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$16,830*)

Program in Comparative Politics Graduate Research Award 2025
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$2,500*)

APSA Conference Travel Grant 2025
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,250*)

Multi-Method Conflict Consortium Mini-Conference Travel Grant 2025
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$500*)

Peace Science Society Conference Travel Grant 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,000*)

APSA Conference Travel Grant 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,250*)

Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. Lavigne Graduate Fellowship 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$16,830*)

Summer Graduate Research Award (with Cyanne E. Loyle) 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$2,364.75*)

Summer Graduate Research Award (with Giancarlo Visconti) 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$4,729.5*)

Department Research Funding (pre-dissertation fieldwork) 2024
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,630*)

Jesse M. MacKnight Memorial Graduate Scholarship 2023
Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (*$1,500*)

FIELDWORK Colombia (scheduled) 2026
Colombia (pre-dissertation) 2024

AFFILIATIONS American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Peace Science Society (International)
Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL)
La Caixa Fellows
Women in Conflict Studies (WICS)
College of Political Science and Sociology of Madrid
Statistics Without Borders
Graduate Association of Political Science (*Pennsylvania State University*)
Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (*Pennsylvania State University*)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING **Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research** 2025
Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs
Relevant courses: Logic of Qualitative Methods; Interviews, Focus Groups, and Observation; Archival Research and Dynamic Research Design; Causal

Inference for Causal Models; Multi-Method Research

ICPSR Summer Program 2024
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research
<u>Relevant courses</u>: Causal Inference II, Panel Data Analysis, Text Analysis

Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis 2022
University of Essex
<u>Relevant courses</u>: Spatial Econometrics, Advanced Machine Learning for
Social Scientists

RECSM Winter Methods School 2021
Universitat Pompeu Fabra
<u>Relevant courses</u>: Experiments in the Study of Public Opinion

SERVICE *Organized panels and talks*

Panel co-organizer, "Beyond the Black Box: How Networks of Influence Shape 2026
Peace and Governance in Conflict-Affected States Actors," *International
Studies Association Meeting, Columbus*

Panel co-organizer, "Justice and Political Order by Non-State Armed 2025
Actors," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in
Vancouver*

Panel co-organizer, "Using Advanced Computational Tools in the Study of 2025
Peacebuilding," *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in
Vancouver*

Panel co-organizer, "Political Violence in Latin America," *American Political 2024
Science Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia*

Workshop organizer

Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop 2025 -

Discussant

The Political Economy of International Organization 18th Annual Conference 2026

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS XI) 2024

Peer reviewer

Journal of Peace Research
Global Studies Quarterly

University

Pennsylvania State University

Department of Political Science Search Committee 2025-2026
Committee Member

Graduate Association for Political Science

- Vice President 2025 -

	• Diversity and Inclusion Committee	2024

Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion

	• Steering Committee	2025
	• Grant Evaluation Committee, Service Award Committee	2024
	• Diversity and Inclusion Committee	2024

Community engagement

North American Students of Cooperation Organization (NASCO)
Decolonising the curriculum at Essex
Digital Verification Unit
Spanish Red Cross
Amnesty International Spain
UC3M student government
Berkeley Student Cooperative
CISV International

MEDIA COVERAGE

"Episode 68. Cecilia Cavero-Sanchez." *Knitting Networks/Tejiendo Redes Podcast.* By Francisca Ortiz Ruiz & Alejandro Espinosa-Rada. September 24, 2024.

"La violencia no es natural ni necesaria." *El Mundo.* July 23, 2022.

SKILLS

Python, R, Qualtrics, Stata, OSINT, GIS, Dark Web Research

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native), English (fluent), German (conversational), French (conversational)

REFERENCES

Upon request