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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*)
- **Political Science Thesis:** “Dynamism of the Perpetual Peace: How Non-State Actors Contribute to the Global Peace Order” (In Spanish, *nominated for honors*)
- **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. Seeing the Ecosystem: Studying the Interdependence of Intervening Actors in Conflict-Affected Contexts (with Susanna P. Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Madeline Fleishman, Alex Bruens, and Hatem Zayed)
6. Memory Matters: Rethinking Structural Breaks in Conflict Time Series (with Maya A. Dalton)
5. A Shock to Whose Ecosystem? The Effects of USAID’s Withdrawal in the World’s Most Fragile States (with Susanna Campbell, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Nuole 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**

- Research Assistant**
Conflict-Related Sexual Violence in Rwanda 2026
Jared F. Edgerton, Pennsylvania State University
- 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 <i>Rebel Courts Dataset</i> Cyanne E. Loyle, Pennsylvania State University	2024
Research Assistant <i>Terrorism in Non-State, Intercommunal, and Interethnic conflicts</i> Sara Polo, University of Essex	2022
Research Assistant <i>Women's Activities in Armed Rebellion</i> Meredith Loken, University of Amsterdam	2022
Research Assistant <i>Terrorist Group Proscription</i> Brian Phillips, University of Essex	2021
Research Assistant <i>Transnational Humanitarian Medicine in Spaces of Confinement</i> Jon Arrizabalaga, Spanish National Research Council	2020 - 2021

**CONFERENCES
& SYMPOSIA**

<i>Conferences</i>	
10. Campbell, Susanna P., Cecilia Caverro , Nuole Chen, Madeline Fleishman, Shahryar Minhas, Jared Edgerton, and Jessica M. Braithwaite. "A Shock to Whose Ecosystem? The Effects of USAID's Withdrawal in the World's Most Fragile States," <i>International Studies Association Meeting, Columbus</i>	2026
9. Campbell, Susanna P., Jessica M. Braithwaite, Cecilia Caverro , Madeline Fleishman, Alex Bruens, and Hatem Zayed. "Seeing the Ecosystem: Studying the Interdependence of Intervening Actors in Conflict-Affected Contexts," <i>International Studies Association Meeting, Columbus</i>	2026
8. Campbell, Susanna, Jessica M. Braithwaite, Cecilia Caverro , Madeline Fleishman, Alex Bruens and Hatem Zayed. "Networked Aid: Implications for International Relations," <i>Political Economy of International Organization Annual Meeting, Segovia</i>	2026
7. Caverro, Cecilia and Maya A. Dalton. "Thinking About Conflict in Time Series," <i>Peace Science Society Meeting, Orlando</i>	2025
6. Campbell, Susanna, Cecilia Caverro and Wendy Wagner. "Ungoverned Territory?: How Host States Govern via Aid Networks," <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver</i>	2025
5. Loyle, Cyanne and Cecilia Caverro . "The Demand for Rebel Rule," <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver</i>	2025
4. Cecilia Caverro , Jessica M. Braithwaite, and Susanna Campbell. "Resilience of Peacebuilding Networks in the Face of State Repression," <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver</i>	2025
3. Cecilia Caverro , Jessica M. Braithwaite, and Susanna Campbell. "Resilience of Peacebuilding Networks in the Face of State Repression," <i>PolNet-PaCSS Conference, Harvard University</i>	2025

2. Hatem Zayed, **Cecilia Cavero** 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, Cecilia** and Giancarlo Visconti. 2024
“The Long-Term Effects of Armed Conflict on Voter Choices: Evidence from Colombia,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia*

Workshops

10. Dalton, Maya and **Cecilia Cavero**. 2026
“Memory Matters: Rethinking Structural Breaks in Conflict Time Series.” *Violence, Instability, and Peace (VIP) Workshop*.

9. Baran, Eric, **Cecilia Cavero**, 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, Cecilia** and Cyanne E. Loyle. 2025
“Computational Mapping of Alternative Dispute Resolution Institutions.” Institute for
Computational and Data Sciences Symposium, Pennsylvania State University

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. **Cavero, Cecilia**. 2023
“Why do Peacebuilding Actors Cooperate? A 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,” <i>Professionalization Brownbag</i> , <i>Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University</i>	2024
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	<i>Teaching</i>	
	Instructional Aide <i>Regression Analysis II: Linear Models (Robert Cooper)</i> University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods • Guest lecture: <i>An Introduction to Causal Inference</i>	2024
	<i>Mentoring</i>	
	Fellowship Mentor Accedeabecas	2022 -
PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT	Intelligence Analyst Deloitte CyberSOC Counter-Threat Intelligence Team	Madrid 2021
	Co-Founder and Editor PRISMA UC3M	Madrid 2019-2021
	Congressional Leadership Intern Speaker of the House of Representatives	Washington, D.C. 2019
	Congressional Intern District Office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi	San Francisco 2018 & 2019
HONORS AND AWARDS	<i>External (total approx. \$110,000)</i>	
	ReCIPE Ph.D. Research Grant ReCIPE Research Initiative – UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office & the Center for Economic Policy Research, Grant no. 303013 (£18,000)	2025
	PolNet-PaCSS Graduate Student Fellowship PolNet-PaCSS Host Committee (\$200)	2025
	Multi-Method Conflict Consortium Mini-Conference Grant Florida State University (\$750)	2025
	Conference Travel Grant Judith Reppy Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University (\$500)	2024
	La Caixa Postgraduate Studies Abroad Fellowship La Caixa Foundation (£68,200 including tuition)	2021
	Best International Relations Undergraduate Thesis College of Political Science and Sociology of Madrid (€339)	2021
	Scholarship for the Second RECSM Winter Methods School Universitat Pompeu Fabra (€250)	2021
	Excellence Scholarship Community of Madrid (€1,200 per year)	2020 & 2021

University/College (total \$91,730)

Training Grant (ARC Summer Program) McCourtney Institute for Democracy (\$1,400)	2026
RGSO Dissertation Semester Release (declined) College of the Liberal Arts, Office of Research and Graduate Studies (\$7,500)	2026
Social Data Analytics Predoctoral Fellowship (accepted) Center for Social Data Analytics (\$31,500)	2026
C-SoDA Accelerator Award Seed Grant Center for Social Data Analytics (\$1,500)	2025
ICDS Rising Junior Researcher <i>Computational Mapping of Alternative Dispute Resolution Institutions</i> ICDS, Pennsylvania State University (\$16,830)	2025
Penn State Graduate Student International Travel Grant The Fox Graduate School, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,500)	2024
Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. Lavigne Distinguished Graduate Fellowship in the College of the Liberal Arts The Graduate School, Pennsylvania State University (\$31,500)	2023

Department (total \$56,975.25)

Summer Graduate Research Award (with Jared F. Edgerton) Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$5,091)	2026
EPSS Conference Travel Grant Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,500)	2026
Program in Empirical International Relations Fellowship Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$16,830)	2026
Program in Comparative Politics Graduate Research Award Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$2,500)	2025
APSA Conference Travel Grant Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,250)	2025
Multi-Method Conflict Consortium Mini-Conference Travel Grant Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$500)	2025
Peace Science Society Conference Travel Grant Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,000)	2024
APSA Conference Travel Grant Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$1,250)	2024
Bruce R. Miller and Dean D. Lavigne Graduate Fellowship Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$16,830)	2024
Summer Graduate Research Award (with Cyanne E. Loyle) Department of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University (\$2,364.75)	2024

	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	European Political Science Society	
	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 (<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>)	
	Graduate Alliance for Diversity and Inclusion (<i>Pennsylvania State University</i>)	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Advancing Research on Conflict Summer Program, Washington, D.C.	2026
	<i>Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium</i>	
	Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	2025
	<i>Syracuse University, Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs</i>	
	<u>Relevant courses:</u> 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
	<i>University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research</i>	
	<u>Relevant courses:</u> Causal Inference II, Panel Data Analysis, Text Analysis	
	Essex Summer School in Social Science Data Analysis	2022
	<i>University of Essex</i>	
	<u>Relevant courses:</u> Spatial Econometrics, Advanced Machine Learning for Social Scientists	
	RECSM Winter Methods School	2021
	<i>Universitat Pompeu Fabra</i>	
	<u>Relevant courses:</u> Experiments in the Study of Public Opinion	
SERVICE	<i>Organized panels and talks</i>	
	Panel co-organizer, “Beyond the Black Box: How Networks of Influence Shape Peace and Governance in Conflict-Affected States Actors,” <i>International Studies Association Meeting, Columbus</i>	2026
	Panel co-organizer, “Justice and Political Order by Non-State Armed Actors,” <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in Vancouver</i>	2025

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

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

Workshop organizer

Junior Scholars in Quantitative Conflict Workshop 2025 -

Discussant

The Political Economy of Aid and Development Society 4th Annual Conference 2026

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 Caveró.” *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