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### Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2022 (Expected)

*Dissertation*: “Persuasion, Coercion, and Force: How Rebel Groups Recruit”

*Committee*: James A. Piazza (Chair), Douglas Lemke, Bumba Mukherjee, James P. Dillard

*Major Field*: International Relations

*Minor Fields*: Comparative Politics, Methodology

M.A. Political Science, Pennsylvania State University, 2018

B.A. Political Science and History, *Summa cum Laude*, Texas A&M University, 2016

### Substantive Interests

Terrorism, counterterrorism, insurgency, civil war, women’s participation in political violence, recruitment for political violence, database construction

### Research

#### Peer Reviewed Publications

6) Soules, Michael J. 2022. “The Tradeoffs of Using Female Suicide Bombers.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39 (1): 3-23.

5) Soules, Michael J. 2022 “Martyr or Mystery? Female Suicide Bombers and Information Availability.” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism* 45 (1): 62-91.

4) Avdan, Nazli, James A. Piazza, and **Michael J. Soules**. 2021. “Silver Lining? The Effects of Epidemics on Terrorist Groups.” Accepted and Forthcoming. *Terrorism and Political Violence*.

3) Palmer, Glenn, Roseanne McManus, Vito D’Orazio, Michael R. Kenwick, Mikaela Karstens, Chase Bloch, Nicholas Dietrich, Kayla Khan, Kellan Ritter, and **Michael J. Soules**. 2021. “The MID 5 Dataset, 2011-2014: Procedures, Coding Rules, and Description.” Accepted and Forthcoming. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

2) Piazza, James A. and **Michael J. Soules**. 2021. “Terror After the Caliphate: The Effect of ISIS Loss of Control over Population Centers on Patterns of Global Terrorism.” *Security Studies* 30 (1): 107-135.

1) Soules, Michael J. 2020. “Women in Uniform: The Opening of Combat Roles to Women in State Militaries.” *International Interactions* 46 (6): 847-871.

## **Working Papers**

“Thinking Outside of the Box: Transnational Terrorism in Civil Wars.” *Invited to Revise and Resubmit.*

Karstens, Mikaela, **Michael J. Soules**, and Nicholas Dietrich. “A Crack in the Foundation: Event Data, Newspaper Databases, and Threats to Validity and Replicability.” *Under Review.*

“Recruiting for Rebellion: Introducing the Rebel Appeals and Incentives Dataset (RAID).”

Kahn, Kayla, James A. Piazza, and **Michael J. Soules**. “The Electoral Performance of Far-Right Populist Political Parties and the Prevalence of Right-Wing and Left-Wing terrorism.”

Avdan, Nazli, **Michael J. Soules**, and James A. Piazza. “Targeting the Vulnerable: Internally Displaced Populations and Sexual Violence in Civil Wars.”

Howarth, Kathryn and **Michal J. Soules**. “Militant Group Recruitment and Terrorism in Civil Wars.”

Bolte, Brandon and **Michael J. Soules**. “Comparing the ISIS and al-Qaeda Networks.”

## **Works in Progress**

“Persuasion, Coercion, and Force: How Rebel Groups Recruit.” (Dissertation)

“Far From Home: Transnational Terrorism and Civil War Outcomes.”

“Gender Norms and Support for ISIS.”

“Female and Male Right-Wing Extremists in the United States.”

## **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

### **The Pennsylvania State University:**

Robert S. Friedman Award for Excellence in Teaching, Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

Outstanding Political Science Graduate Student, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support, \$2,000 – Fall 2020

Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support, \$1,000 – Fall 2019

Program for Empirical International Relations (PEIR) Fellowship, Fall 2019 – Spring 2020

Robert W. Graham Endowed Graduate Fellowship, Summer 2017 and Summer 2018

Florence and Angelo Paterno Graduate Fellowship in the Liberal Arts, Fall 2017– Spring 2018

## **Professional Experience**

## **Research**

Research Assistant for James A. Piazza, Summer 2020 and Fall 2021

Research Assistant for Glenn Palmer and Roseanne McManus for the Militarized Interstate Dispute (MID) 5.0 Dataset, Summer 2018 – Summer 2019

## **Teaching**

### ***Instructor of Record***

PLSC 418W- International Relations Theory (World Campus), Fall 2021

GLIS 400 - Seminar in Global and International Studies (Civil Wars), Fall 2020

PLSC 439 - The Politics of Terrorism, Summer 2019

### ***Teaching Assistant***

PLSC 14 - Introduction to International Relations, Douglas Lemke, Spring 2017

PLSC 14 - Introduction to International Relations, Errol A. Henderson, Fall 2016

## **Guest Lecturing**

“The Strategic and Sociopolitical Determinants of Female Suicide Terrorism” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Fall 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“Women’s Status and the Prevalence of Female Suicide Bombers” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“The Battlefield and Propaganda Advantages of Female Suicide Bombers” for James Piazza’s PLSC 439-Terrorism Class, Spring 2018, the Pennsylvania State University

“Expect the Unexpected: The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers (And Why Variable Measurement Matters)” for Anne Whitesell’s PLSC 308-Research Design Class, October 2017, the Pennsylvania State University

“Introduction to Terrorism” for Douglas Lemke’s PLSC 014-Introduction to International Relations Class, Spring 2017

## **Conference Participation**

“Gender and Conflict” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (November 2020).

“Persuasion, Coercion, and Force: Introducing the Rebel Appeals and Incentives Dataset (RAID)” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 2020).

“The Surviving Victim Problem: Causes and Consequences of Non-Lethal Violence” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Manhattan, November 2019).

“Women in Uniform: The Opening of Military Combat Roles to Women” Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C., August 2019).

“The Strategic Use of Female Suicide Bombers” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention. (Toronto, March 2019).

“The Scientific Study of Gender and Conflict” workshop participant at the Peace Science Society International North American Meeting (Austin, November 2018).

“Breaking Through: Female Suicide Bombers and Media Freedom” Presented at the American

Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston, September 2018)

### **Invited Talks**

“Mobilizing for Equality: Why Armed Groups Do (Not) Promote Gender Egalitarianism” Presented at the Monash Gender, Peace and Security (GPS) Centre. (Melbourne, AU, May 2019).

### **Departmental Service at Penn State**

Graduate Student Representative on the Graduate Recruitment Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2019)

Graduate Association of Political Science (GAPS) Secretary (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

Graduate Student Representative on the Department Social Committee (Fall 2017-Spring 2018)

### **General Service to the Discipline**

Reviewer for *International Interactions*; *International Journal of Law, Crime, and Justice*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Peace Research*

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association; International Studies Association; Peace Science Society; Phi Beta Kappa

### **Miscellaneous**

Programming Languages: R, Stata