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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

2023-Pres.

Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

2022-2023

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow, Shorenstein Asia-Pacific Research Center

EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

SEPT. 2022

Ph.D., Political Science (Exams: Comparative Politics & Security Studies)

- Committee: Fotini Christia, Vipin Narang, Rich Nielsen, Roger Petersen (chair)
- 2023 Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis (MIT)
- Honorable Mention, 2024 Mark Jurgensmeyer Best Dissertation Award (ISA)

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

JUNE 2015

M.A., International Relations (with honors)

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

JUNE 2015

B.A., Political Science

BOOK PROJECT

Seeking Safety: The Cognitive Foundations of Civilian Behavior During Violence Proposal

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 7. **Aidan Milliff.** *FirstView*. "Making Sense, Making Choices: How Civilians Choose Survival Strategies During Violence." *American Political Science Review*. *Link*
 - 2023 Award for Best Paper, APSA Conflict Processes Section
- 6. **Aidan Milliff** and Drew Stommes. 2023. "Descriptive Representation and Conflict Reduction: Evidence from India's Maoist Rebellion." *Journal of Peace Research* 60 (5): 807–822. *Link*
 - Runner Up, 2023 Nils Peter Gleditsch Award (Best article of 2023 in JPR)
- 5. **Aidan Milliff.** 2023. "Facts Shape Feelings: Information, Emotions, and the Political Consequences of Violence." *Political Behavior* 45(3): 1169–1190. *Link*
- 4. **Aidan Milliff.** 2022. "Data Security in Human Subjects Research: New Tools for Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Scholars." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 19-20 (2-1): 31–39. *Link* (Companion article to "Facts Shape Feelings")
- 3. Fotini Christia, Michael Curry, Constantinos Daskalakis, Erik Demaine, John P. Dickerson, Mohammad Taghi Hajiaghayi, Adam Hesterberg, Marina Knittel, and **Aidan Milliff**. 2021. "Scalable Equilibrium Computation in Multi-agent Influence Games on Networks." *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-21)* 35(6): 5277–5285. *Link*
- 2. Peter Krause and Ora Szekely (eds.), Mia Bloom, Fotini Christia, Sarah Zukerman Daly, Chappell Lawson, Zoe Marks, **Aidan Milliff**, Kacie Miura, Richard Nielsen, Emil Aslan Souleimanov, William Reno and Aliyu Zakayo. 2021. "COVID-19 and Fieldwork: Challenges and Solutions." *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54 (2): 264–269. *Link*

1. Milan Vaishnav, Saksham Khosla, **Aidan Milliff**, and Rachel Osnos. 2019. "Digital India? An Email Experiment with Indian Legislators." *India Review* 18 (3): 243–263. *Link*

WORKING PAPERS

"Who Flees? A Big-Data Approach to the Determinants of Refugee Migration" (with Fotini Christia) Current version (Invited for R&R: Nature Communications)

"Estimating the Impact of Drone Strikes on Civilians Using Call Detail Records."

(with Paolo Bertolotti, Fotini Christia, and Ali Jadbabaie)

Available on request (Under Review)

"Understanding Indian Public Opinion Toward China: Evidence from Seven Decades of Survey Data" (with Paul Staniland)

Current version (Under Review)

"Situational Appraisals and Foreign Policy Crises: Survey Evidence from the United States" Current version

"Fighting the Elements: Assessing a Sino-Indian Conflict at Doklam." Current version

"Understanding Majoritarian Violence: Evidence from Crowd Violence in India" (with Blair Read)

Available on request

"Incidental Perceptions Shape Strategies for Responding to Violence: Evidence from a Lab-in-the-field Experiment in Kenya"

Available on request

• 2023 Award for Best Faculty Poster, PolMeth XL

IN PROGRESS

"Interventions To Reduce Bystander Support for Vigilante Violence in India" (with Blair Read)

"The Causes of Civilian Victimization in the Punjab Crisis" (with Drew Stommes)

"Social Media Virality during Internet Blackouts: Evidence from India" (with Andy Halterman)

"The Moderating Effect of Moderate Parties: Elections and Insurgency in Punjab" (with Varun Karekurve-Ramachandra and Drew Stommes)

"The Effect of Insurgent Violence on Parliamentary Oversight: Evidence from India" (with Drew Stommes)

"Oral Histories as Mixed-Methods Data"

"Avoiding Collider Bias when Measuring Emotions"

OTHER Writing

"How do Civilians Respond to Political Violence?" Lawfare, November 2023. Link

"What Indians think about China, and the border clashes." *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog)*, December, 2022. (with Paul Staniland) *Link*

"From 1984 to 2020, Delhi's Response." The Hindustan Times, September, 2021. Link

"India's Farm Protests Turned Violent Last Week. But Why are Farmers Protesting in the First Place?" *The Washington Post (Monkey Cage Blog)*, February, 2021. (with Saksham Khosla) *Link*

"Tension High, Altitude Higher: Logistical and Physiological Constraints on the Indo-Chinese Border." *War on the Rocks*, June, 2020. *Link*

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Mark Jurgensmeyer Dissertation Award (Runner Up), International Studies Association	2024
Lucien Pye Dissertation Award, MIT Political Science Department	2023
Nils Peter Gleditsch Award (Runner Up), Journal of Peace Research	2023
Best Poster Award (Faculty), PolMeth XL	2023
Best Paper Award, APSA Conflict Processes Section	2023
Predoctoral Fellow , George Washington Univ. Institute for Security and Conflict Studies	2021-2022
Peace Scholar Fellow, U.S Institute of Peace / Minerva Research Initiative	2021-2022
Graduate Student Associate, Harvard Univ. Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute	2019-2022

	Presidential Fellow, Massachusetts Institute of Technology James C. Gaither Junior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Undergraduate Fellow, University of Chicago Program on Int'l Security Policy Phi Beta Kappa, The University of Chicago University Scholar, The University of Chicago	2016–2017 2015–2016 2014–2015 2014 2011–2015
Grants	2024 - FSU First Year Assistant Professor Grant (\$20,000) 2022-3 - J-PAL Crime & Violence Initiative Proposal Development Grant (\$10,000) 2020 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500) 2020 - MIT Chris Cassimus Fund (\$1,750) 2020 - Gov/Lab + Busara Center "Behavioral Science in the Field" Course Fellowship (in kind 2019 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500) 2018-9 - MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grants (\$1,300) 2017 - MIT International Science and Technology Initiatives, India (\$3,500))
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	 WashU St. Louis (Scheduled) Harvard-Brown-MIT South Asia Seminar (Cambridge, MA) PolMeth XL (Stanford, CA) UC Davis Statistics Department (Davis, CA) UPenn CASI Political Economy Workshop (Philadelphia, PA) WZB Institutions and Political Inequality Unit (Virtual) Northwestern University (Evanston, IL) University of Louisville Center for Asian Democracy (Louisville, KY) ESOC Annual Meeting (Berkeley, CA) Sandia National Laboratory (Albuquerque, NM) Cornell Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (Ithaca, NY) ESOC Annual Meeting (Virtual) PolMeth XXXVIII (Virtual) Harvard-Yale-Tufts-MIT Political Violence Conference (Virtual) Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (Delhi, India) Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (Nairobi, Kenya) DARPA SI3-CMD Program Meeting (Durham, NC) Scientific Systems Corporation Inc. (Waltham, MA) Harvard Working Group on Political Psychology (Cambridge, MA) 	
COMPUTING	Proficient in: R, Python, oTree, rcpp, rStan, unix/shell/bash	
LANGUAGES	Hindi/Urdu (Beginner; Devanagari and Nastaliq scripts)Spanish (Conversational)	
FIELDWORK	 Chicago, Illinois: 2017, 2018 California (Bay Area + Central Valley): 2019 Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, India: 2017, 2020, 2023 Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya: 2020 	
TEACHING	17.269: Race, Ethnicity and American Politics (UG, Grader)	2024 2024 2023, 2024 2023 Spring 2021 Fall 2019 Spring 2019 Fall 2018

SERVICE

Reviewer for American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, International Security, Political Analysis, Perspectives on Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Political Research Quarterly

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department, FSU 2023– International Relations Search Committee, Political Science Department, FSU 2023–