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## Research & Teaching Interests

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Trade and Conflict, Democratic Backsliding, Globalization, International Security, Digital Repression

## Education

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### University of California, San Diego

PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

- Advisor: Dr. Emilie Hafner-Burton
- Subfields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

La Jolla, CA

2023 - present

### Georgetown University

M.A. IN DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE

- Advisor: Dr. Elton Skendai
- Graduated with high honors

Washington, D.C.

2021 - 2023

### University of California, San Diego

B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Graduated *magna cum laude* and with high honors
- Honors thesis advisor: Dr. Branislav Slantchev
- Minor in Human Rights

La Jolla, CA

2019 - 2021

## Publications

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### SUBMITTED/UNDER REVIEW

“Climate Change, Arctic Trade Routes and Overseas Military Bases.” With Erik Gartzke. R&R at PNAS (10/2025).

“Global Trade and Interstate Conflict: The Indirect Origins of Liberal Peace.” With Erik Gartzke. Submitted at IO (08/2025).

### WORKING PAPERS

“The Missing Link: International Determinants of Democratic Backsliding.”

“The Political Geography of Militarized Interstate Conflict: How Trade Shapes the Location of Military Bases.” With Erik Gartzke.

“From Ballots to Firewalls: Democratic Backsliding and Digital Repression.”

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Evan Mann. 2025. “The Battle Between Climate Winners and Losers Heats Up.” Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation.

Evan Mann. 2024. “The Digital Repression Loophole: Why Electoral Autocrats are Weaponizing Technology.” *Democracy & Society*, Vol 21.

Evan Mann. 2022. “Electoral Authoritarianism’s Inherent Contradiction: Understanding International Incentives for Democratization.” Center for Democracy and Civil Society.

Evan Mann & Yusuf Can. 2022. “The Nexus of Corruption and Democratic Backsliding.” *Democracy and Society*, Vol. 19.

Evan Mann. 2022. “What the Closure of Memorial Means for Civil Society in Russia.” Center for Democracy and Civil Society.

## Presentations

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(P)aper, (D)iscussant, (Po)ster

(upcoming)	P, APSA: Democracy Under Threat	Boston, MA
(upcoming)	P, PIER: Interdisciplinary Environmental Research Conference	La Jolla, CA
Dec 2025	P, IHS: Graduate Student Conference	Remote
Oct 2025	P, IS-ISSS: Security in a Time of Polarized Extremes	Washington, DC
May 2025	P, BITSS: Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2)	Berkeley, CA
April 2025	P & D, PNAS: Climate Change and the Future of Peace and Security	Remote
Jan 2025	D, IGCC: Climate Change, Green Backlash, and Democracy	La Jolla, CA
May 2023	P & D, IAPSS: Global Cooperation in the Era of Disruption	Remote
April 2022	P & D, IAPSS: Rethinking Political Science, Remaking Global Politics	Remote

## Research Experience

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2024 -	Center for Peace and Security Studies (cPASS), Graduate Student Researcher	UC San Diego
2021 - 2023	Center for Democracy and Civil Society (CDACS), Graduate Student Researcher & Lead Editor	Georgetown University

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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2025	Graduate Student Honorarium, Institute for Humane Studies	IHS
2025	Travel Grant, Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences	UC Berkeley
2025	Student Travel Grant, Department of Political Science	UC San Diego
2025	Graduate Student Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Association	UC San Diego
2024	Research Fellowship, School of Global Policy and Strategy	UC San Diego
2024	Diversity Incentive Award, Department of Political Science	UC San Diego
2022	Research Fellowship, Center for Democracy & Civil Society	Georgetown University
2021	Democracy Studies Scholarship, Department of Government	Georgetown University
2019 - 2021	Provost Honors, Sixth College (every quarter)	UC San Diego
2020	Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honors Society	UC San Diego
2020	Tau Sigma, National Transfer Student Honor Society	UC San Diego

## Teaching Experience

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SP 26	Political Inquiry (Anthony Anderson), TA w/ Section	UC San Diego
WI 26	Politics of Human Rights (Maureen Feeley), TA	UC San Diego
FA 25	Intro to International Relations (Philip Roeder), TA w/ Section	UC San Diego
SU 25	Marxist Political Thought (Matthew Draper), TA	UC San Diego
SU 25	Politics and Warfare (Wendy Wagner), TA	UC San Diego
SU 25	Bending the Curve: Solutions to Climate Change (Fonna Forman), TA w/ Section	UC San Diego
SP 25	Algorithms, Public Policy, and Ethics (Guilia Corno), TA	UC San Diego
WI 25	Populism and Democracy (Matthew Draper), TA	UC San Diego
FA 24	Spies, Intelligence, and National Security (Michael Joseph), TA	UC San Diego
SP 24	Weapons of Mass Destruction (Erik Gartzke), TA	UC San Diego
WI 24/25	Politics of Development (Maureen Feeley), TA	UC San Diego
FA 23	International Conflict: Cyber, Space, UAVs (Erik Gartzke), TA	UC San Diego

## Service & Professional Development

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### DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 **Research Transparency and Reproducibility Training (RT2)**, Three-day workshop on the importance of research ethics and skills necessary to produce transparent and replicable research in the social sciences. *UC Berkeley*
- 2024 **Evidence-Based Teaching Workshop**, Quarter-long workshop that discussed the most effective emerging methods for teaching based on evidence and research. *UC San Diego*
- 2023 **JHU Summer School on Racial Politics**, Week-long seminar on mainstreaming race into all the major subfields in Political Science. *Johns Hopkins University*

#### SERVICE AND MENTORING

- 2024 - **Political Science Grad Council: VP for Recruitment**, Led outreach to admitted Ph.D. students and coordinated in-person visits. *UC San Diego*
- 2023 - **GradPal**, Paired with undergraduate students and helped them navigate graduate school applications. *UC San Diego*

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, International Association of Political Science Students

#### Technical Skills

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**Advanced:** R, LaTeX, Markdown, GitHub

**Intermediate:** ArcGIS, Stata

**Beginner:** Python