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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 2023–PRES.
Assistant Professor, Political Science Department

Stanford University, Stanford, CA 2022–2023
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)
- Winner of the 2023 Lucian Pye Award for Outstanding PhD Thesis

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

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

6. **Aidan Milliff** and Drew Stommes. *Forthcoming*. "Descriptive Representation and Conflict Reduction: Evidence from India's Maoist Rebellion." *Journal of Peace Research*. [Preprint](#)
5. **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")
4. **Aidan Milliff**. 2021. "Facts Shape Feelings: Information, Emotions, and the Political Consequences of Violence." *Political Behavior*. [Link](#)
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	<p>“Making Sense, Making Choices: How Civilians Choose Survival Strategies During Violence” <i>Current version</i> (Conditionally accepted: <i>American Political Science Review</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2022 Award for Best Paper, APSA Conflict Processes Section <p>“Who Flees? A Big-Data Approach to the Determinants of Refugee Migration” (with Fotini Christia) <i>Current version</i> (Under Review)</p> <p>“Understanding Indian Public Opinion Toward China: Evidence from Seven Decades of Survey Data” (with Paul Staniland) <i>Current version</i> (Under Review)</p> <p>“Situational Appraisals and Foreign Policy Crises: Survey Evidence from the United States” <i>Current version</i></p> <p>“Fighting the Elements: Assessing a Sino-Indian Conflict at Doklam.” <i>Current version</i></p> <p>“Estimating the Impact of Drone Strikes on Civilians Using Call Detail Records.” (with Paolo Bertolotti, Fotini Christia, and Ali Jadbabaie)</p>														
IN PROGRESS	<p>“Understanding Majoritarian Violence: Evidence from Crowd Violence in India” (with Blair Read)</p> <p>“Interventions To Reduce Bystander Support for Vigilante Violence in India” (with Blair Read)</p> <p>“The Causes of Civilian Victimization in the Punjab Crisis” (with Drew Stommes)</p> <p>“Social Media Virality during Internet Blackouts: Evidence from India” (with Andy Halterman)</p> <p>“Situational Appraisals and Criminal Violence: Lab-in-the-field Evidence from Kenya”</p> <p>“Oral Histories as Mixed-Methods Data”</p> <p>“Avoiding Collider Bias when Measuring Emotions”</p>														
OTHER WRITING	<p>“What Indians think about China, and the border clashes.” <i>The Washington Post</i> (Monkey Cage Blog), December, 2022. (with Paul Staniland) Link</p> <p>“From 1984 to 2020, Delhi’s Response.” <i>The Hindustan Times</i>, September, 2021. Link</p> <p>“India’s Farm Protests Turned Violent Last Week. But Why are Farmers Protesting in the First Place?” <i>The Washington Post</i> (Monkey Cage Blog), February, 2021. (with Saksham Khosla) Link</p> <p>“Tension High, Altitude Higher: Logistical and Physiological Constraints on the Indo-Chinese Border.” <i>War on the Rocks</i>, June, 2020. Link</p>														
AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS	<table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Predoctoral Fellow, <i>George Washington Univ. Institute for Security and Conflict Studies</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2021-2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Graduate Student Associate, <i>Harvard Univ. Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2019–2022</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Presidential Fellow, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2016–2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">James C. Gaither Junior Fellow, <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2015–2016</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Undergraduate Fellow, <i>University of Chicago Program on Int’l Security Policy</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2014–2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">Phi Beta Kappa, <i>The University of Chicago</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 20px;">University Scholar, <i>The University of Chicago</i></td> <td style="text-align: right;">2011–2015</td> </tr> </table>	Predoctoral Fellow , <i>George Washington Univ. Institute for Security and Conflict Studies</i>	2021-2022	Graduate Student Associate , <i>Harvard Univ. Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute</i>	2019–2022	Presidential Fellow , <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i>	2016–2017	James C. Gaither Junior Fellow , <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>	2015–2016	Undergraduate Fellow , <i>University of Chicago Program on Int’l Security Policy</i>	2014–2015	Phi Beta Kappa , <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2014	University Scholar , <i>The University of Chicago</i>	2011–2015
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GRANTS	<p>2022-3 - J-PAL Crime & Violence Initiative Proposal Development Grant (\$10,000)</p> <p>2021 - U.S. Institute of Peace / Minerva Research Initiative Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)</p> <p>2020 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500)</p> <p>2020 - MIT Chris Cassimus Fund (\$1,750)</p> <p>2020 - Gov/Lab + Busara Center “Behavioral Science in the Field” Course Fellowship (in kind)</p> <p>2019 - MIT Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant (\$3,500)</p> <p>2018-9 - MIT Political Methodology Lab Research Grants (\$1,300)</p>														

TEACHING	<p>At FSU: <i>INR 2002: Introduction to International Relations</i> (UG) Fall 2023 <i>CPO 4057: Political Violence</i> (UG) Fall 2023</p> <p>At MIT: <i>Political Methodology Lab Workshop: Intro to Text Analysis</i> (G, co-Instructor) Spring 2021 <i>17.269: Race, Ethnicity and American Politics</i> (UG, Grader) Fall 2019 <i>17.473: The Politics of WMD Proliferation</i> (UG, Grader) Spring 2019 <i>17.800: Quantitative Research Methods I</i> (G, TA) Fall 2018 <i>J-PAL Executive Education Course</i> (TA) Summer 2017</p>
INVITED PRESENTATIONS	<p>2023 Emory University Political Science Department (Scheduled) PolMeth XL (Stanford, CA) UC Davis Statistics Department (Davis, CA) UPenn CASI Political Economy Workshop (Philadelphia, PA)</p> <p>2022 ESOC Annual Meeting (Berkeley, CA) Sandia National Laboratory (Albuquerque, NM) Cornell Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (Ithaca, NY)</p> <p>2021 ESOC Annual Meeting (Virtual) PolMeth XXXVIII (Virtual)</p> <p>2020 Harvard-Yale-Tufts-MIT Political Violence Conference (Virtual) Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (Delhi, India) Busara Center for Behavioral Economics (Nairobi, Kenya)</p> <p>2018 DARPA SI3-CMD Program Meeting (Durham, NC) Scientific Systems Corporation Inc. (Waltham, MA)</p> <p>2017 Harvard Working Group on Political Psychology (Cambridge, MA)</p>
COMPUTING	Proficient in: R, Python, oTree, rcpp, rStan, unix/shell/bash
LANGUAGES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hindi/Urdu (Beginner; Devanagari and Nastaliq scripts) - Spanish (Conversational)
FIELDWORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chicago, Illinois: 2017, 2018 - California (Bay Area + Central Valley): 2019 - Delhi and Uttar Pradesh, India: 2017, 2020, 2023 - Nairobi and Machakos, Kenya: 2020

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