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EDUCATION

- **University of Pennsylvania** **Ph.D.** in Political Science
International Relations and Comparative Politics 2024
- **University of Pennsylvania** **M.A.** in Political Science
Thesis, "Migrant Human Rights Violations, Sending State Power, and Low-Wage Labor Demand" 2022
- **University of Central Florida** **B.A.** in Human Communication, *summa cum laude*
Minors in Intelligence and National Security, Terrorism Studies 2019

QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

- **Researcher and analyst of international relations** and foreign affairs with expertise in conflict, security, human rights, and authoritarianism, experienced in written and spoken communication across academic and policy audiences.
- **Strong qualitative and quantitative research skills** as a graduate researcher for projects on conflict, authoritarianism, migration, and the developing world, with regional focuses in the Middle East, South Asia, East Asia, and Southeast Asia.
- **Versatile communicator and writer** with organizational experience in research labs and university teaching experience in international relations, comparative politics, global development, conflict, area studies, and international law.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA
Dissertation Fellow, "Human Rights Policy in the State and Practice in the Home" 2021 to present
 - Examines human rights and economic outcomes of international law and national policies governing the status and rights of non-nationals in authoritarian states and identifies the security implications of migration policies in conflict contexts.
 - Conducts quantitative research and qualitative research in Southeast Asia and the Middle East, developing and deploying surveys, interviews, and focus group discussions.
- **Penn Development and Research Initiative, University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Associate 2021 to present
 - Investigator identifying development vulnerabilities and measuring human trafficking risk in five-year project "Reducing human trafficking vulnerabilities caused by climate change-induced migration in Bangladesh" funded by the U.S. Department of State's Program to End Modern Slavery (PEMS) and implemented by Winrock International.
 - Researches and writes briefs, proposals, and drafts for projects focusing on measuring and preventing exploitation of at-risk individuals in developing country cases with qualitative and quantitative evidence.
- **Penn Identity and Conflict Lab, University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Research Assistant 2019 to present
 - Assists in research, writing, and editing of publications across diverse conflict case studies using mixed research methods and innovative techniques leveraging artificial intelligence, social media, and other emerging technologies.
 - Organized outreach, communications and budget for the 2019 Conference on Immigration.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Regional Analysis: Politics, Markets, and States** Teaching Assistant, Summer 2023, Professor Mark Pollack and Professor Eileen Doherty-Sil.
- **International Law** Teaching Fellow, Fall 2022, Professor Beth Simmons.
- **Arab-Israeli Politics** Teaching Assistant, Spring 2022, Professor Robert Vitalis.
- **Politics of the Developing World** Teaching Assistant, Fall 2021, Professor Rudra Sil.
- **Introduction to Comparative Politics** Teaching Assistant, Spring 2021, Professor Robert Vitalis.
- **Introduction to International Relations** Teaching Assistant, Fall 2020, Professor Edward Mansfield.
- **Penn Rising Senior Summer Academy** Graduate Assistant, Summer 2020, Office of the Provost.

PUBLICATIONS

- Udani, C.M. & Shattuck, T. J. (Forthcoming 2023). **Economic security and the future of the global order in the Indo-Pacific**, Perry World House Global Order Colloquium.
- Udani, C.M., Shattuck, T. J., Rosen, J., & Egal, S. (2023). **A fracturing world: The future of globalization**, Perry World House Global Order Colloquium.
- Udani, C.M. (2019). **Terrorism and trafficking: The trauma of terrorism and modern-day slavery**. In A. Tschudin, C. Moffat & S. Buchanan-Clarke (Eds.), *Extremisms in Africa* (vol. 2). Good Governance Africa: Johannesburg
- Matusitz, J., Madrazo, A., & Udani, C.M. (2019). *Online jihadist magazines to promote the Caliphate: Communicative perspectives*. Peter Lang.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- **Dissertation Fellow** University of Pennsylvania, 2021 to present
- **Turner Schulman Graduate Fellow** University of Pennsylvania, 2022
- **Benjamin Franklin Fellow** University of Pennsylvania, 2019 to 2021
- **Minority Fellow** American Political Science Association, 2019 to 2020.
- **Ralph Bunche Summer Institute Scholar** Duke University, 2018.
- **Lawrence J. Chastang Global Fellow** University of Central Florida, 2017.
- **Kathryn Busch Foreign Affairs Internship Award** University of Central Florida, 2017.
- **India Fellow** University of Central Florida, 2017.

SKILLS

- **Statistics** Econometric statistical analysis with R and SPSS.
- **Languages** Advanced German, beginner Spanish, beginner Tagalog.
- **Design and photography** Digital and film photography and editing with Adobe Photoshop and Lightroom.
- **Drafting** Publication drafting with LaTeX and AdobeInDesign.