

# TRAVIS CURTICE

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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### Drexel University

Assistant Professor, Department of Politics  
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Public Policy

September 2021 - Present

April 2022 - Present

### Dartmouth College

Niehaus Postdoctoral Fellow  
The John Sloan Dickey Center

September 2020 - July 2021

U.S. Foreign Policy and International Security Fellow  
The John Sloan Dickey Center

September 2020 - July 2021

### United States Institute of Peace

Jennings Randolph Peace Scholar Predoctoral Fellow

September 2019 - June 2020

### The Carter Center and Emory University

Predoctoral Fellow  
Institute for Developing Nations and Democracy Program

July 2017 - May 2018

## EDUCATION

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**Emory University**, Ph.D., Political Science

2020

- Winner of the Laney Graduate School's 2019-2020 Political Science Pursuit of Excellence Award, Emory University

**University of Arkansas**, M.A., Political Science

2012

**Missouri Southern State University**, B.A. with honors, International Studies

2009

## BOOK

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*The Repression Dilemma: Trust, Political Violence and the Politics of Policing in Uganda.*

- In production with Cambridge University Press, expected Spring/Summer 2027.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer Reviewed Articles

10. Guliford, Meg K., **Travis B. Curtice**, and Bailee Donahue. "Public Perceptions of Wartime Atrocities: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment." *Political Research Quarterly* 78.3 (2025): 895-912.
9. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Charles Crabtree. "Democratic erosion, partisanship, and election observers: Evidence from a survey experiment." *International Interactions* 50.4 (2024): 567-592.
8. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Eric Reinhardt. "The politics of human rights trade sanctions: evidence from the African Growth and Opportunity Act." *European Journal of International Relations* 30.1 (2024): 227-251.

7. **Curtice, Travis B.** “Co-ethnic Bias and Policing in an Electoral Authoritarian Regime: Experimental Evidence from Uganda.” *Journal of Peace Research*. 60.3 (2023): 395-409. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00223433221078051>.

- Winner of the Lynne Rienner Award for best graduate student paper presented at *International Studies Association-Midwest*.

6. Blair, Robert, **Travis B. Curtice**, David Dow, and Guy Grossman. “Public Trust, Policing, and the COVID-19 Pandemic: Evidence from an Electoral Authoritarian Regime.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 305 (July 2022). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115045>.

5. Grasse, Donald, Melissa Pavlik, Hilary Matfess and **Travis B. Curtice**. “Opportunistic Repression: Patterns of civilian targeting by the state in response to COVID-19.” *International Security*. 46 (2): (Fall 2021): 130–165. <https://doi.org/10.1162/isec.a.00419>.

- Research featured on Public Radio International/The World, October 27, 2021.

4. **Curtice, Travis B.** “How Repression Affects Public Perceptions of Police: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Uganda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(10) (November 2021): 1680-1708. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027211013097>.

- Research featured on Ufahamu Africa: Ep. 104: Looking back on 2020 and forward to 2021.

3. **Curtice, Travis B.**, “Rebels and the Regime: The Politics of Civilian Victimization.” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 6(2) (June 2021): <https://doi.org/10.1093/jogss/ogaa025>.

2. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Brandon Behlendorf. “Street-Level Repression: Protest, Policing, and Dissent in Uganda.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 65(1) (January 2021): 166-194. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0022002720939304>.

1. **Curtice, Travis B.**, and Daniel Arnon. “Deterring Threats and Settling Scores: How Coups Influence Respect for Physical Integrity Rights.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 37(6) (November 2020): 655–673. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0738894219843240>.

### Editor Reviewed Articles and Book Reviews

2. **Curtice, Travis B.** Review of *Arbitrary States: Social Control and Modern Authoritarianism in Museveni’s Uganda*, by Rebecca Tapscott. *Africa: Journal of the International African Institute*. 94(4) (November 2024): 618–619.

1. **Curtice, Travis B.** “Autocrat’s Dilemma: The Politics of Ethnic Policing.” Spring 2018. *CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Organized Section of the American Political Science Association*, 28(1): 24–29.

### WORKING PAPERS

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“When Allies Commit Human Rights Abuses: Moral Hypocrisy and Presidential Reputation” with Meg K. Guliford (*revising for submission*).

“UN Peacebuilding in Autocracies: Evidence from an Expert Survey Experiment and In-depth Interviews” with Yolande Bouka and Susanna Campbell (*revising for submission*).

“State Repression, Punitive Policing, and Crime: How Exposure to Violence Shapes Trust” (*revising for submission*).

“Indigenous Sacred Sites, Environmental Risks, or Economic Costs? How Climbers Prioritize Access Restrictions” with David Paul Carter, John Flynn, and Leandra H Hernández (*revising for submission*).

## BOOK PROJECTS

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*Understanding Political Violence: A Comparative Analysis* (textbook manuscript in preparation).

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“The Politics of National Parks and Protected Lands: A Global Analysis.”

“How Partisanship and Insecurity Shape Trust in Coercive Security Institutions: Evidence from Northern Uganda.”

“Democratic Erosion, Human Rights Abuse, and Trust in Police.”

## RESEARCH REPORTS AND EVALUATIONS

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Blair, Rob, **Travis Curtice**, David Dow, and Guy Grossman. “*Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP): COVID-19 Governance Series*” interview with Matthew Lisiecki.

Campbell, Susanna P., Yolande Bouka, **Travis B. Curtice**, Raymond Blaise Habonimana, and Guillaume Ndayikengurutse. “*Third Portfolio Evaluation of the United Nations Peacebuilding Fund Support to Burundi (2014-2020)*.” New York: UN Peacebuilding Support Office (PBSO), August 15, 2021.

## FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

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### Fellowships

Peace Scholar Fellow, United States Institute of Peace, September 2019-June 2020 \$20,000

Fellow, The Carter Center and the Institute of Developing Nations, July 2017-May 2018 \$34,000

Laney Graduate School Fellow, Emory University, 2014-2020

King Fahd Fellow, University of Arkansas, 2010-2012

### Research Grants

PI, Antelo Devereux Award for Junior Faculty, Drexel University, 2022-2023 \$10,000

PI, Folke Bernadotte Academy (DNR 20-00255), 2020-2022 SEK 396,000  
(with Jason Lyall, Hilary Matfess, and Mara Revkin)

Co-PI, UN Peacebuilding Fund in Burundi, Evaluation of \$29 Million UN Program \$87,500  
(with Susanna Campbell (PI) and Yolande Bouka)

Co-PI, The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL), CVI Program, 2020 \$39,900  
(with Guy Grossman, Robert Blair, and David Dow)

PI, Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center, 2018 \$3,000

PI, Andrew W. Mellon Humanities PhD Intervention, 2018 \$2,000

PI, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2018 \$5,500

PI, Laney Graduate School, Emory University, 2018 \$2,500

Co-PI, McCaleb Initiative for Peace Grant (with Kaitlin Curtice), 2009 \$5,000

### **Travel Grants**

International Studies Association Travel Grant, Spring 2017, Fall 2015 \$430

Conference Travel Grants (Emory University) \$2,500

Conference Travel Grants (University of Arkansas) \$2,725

### **Research Awards**

Lynne Rienner Award, *ISA-Midwest* \$250

Political Science Pursuit of Excellence Award (by faculty vote), Emory University, 2019-2020 \$1,000

### **Teaching Awards**

New Faculty Commendation for Teaching Commitment, Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center, University of Arkansas, 2013

## **SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

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“Nigeria’s harsh police culture grew from colonial abuses,” *Washington Post* (July 29, 2022).

“Soldiers and police are on the streets as Ugandans prepare to vote,” *Washington Post* (January 14, 2021).

“Democracy in Crisis: Do Americans Support Deploying Election Monitors?” with Charles Crabtree, *Political Violence at A Glance* (November 3, 2020).

“Autocratic governments are using coronavirus as a pretext to clamp down on opponents,” with Don Grasse, Melissa Pavlik, and Hilary Matfess, *Washington Post* (July 31, 2020).

“The Political Backlash of Repressive Policing,” *Political Violence at A Glance* (June 10, 2020).

“Trump wants to pull Cameroon’s preferential trade status. Here’s what you need to know,” *Washington Post* (November 29, 2019).

“Ugandan police are attacking protesters. Here’s how that backfires” with Brandon Behlendorf, *Washington Post* (January 16, 2019).

“Do coups improve human rights in countries like Gabon?” with Daniel Arnon, *Democracy in Africa* (January 2019).

“The Curse of Doing Nothing for Aleppo,” with Tobias Winright, *Sojourners* (December 2016).

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Invited Talks/Workshops**

Center for Crisis Early Warning (CCEW), University of the Bundeswehr Munich, Nov. 2026 (invited, forthcoming)

Crime and Policing in Comparative Perspective, University of Pennsylvania, Apr. 2023.

Building trust in public health measures during the COVID-19 pandemic, London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, Jan. 2023.

Political Violence Workshop, Marquette University, Oct. 2022.

Peace Science Online Colloquium, Oct. 2022.

International Relations Journal Club, Emory University, Apr. 2022.

Conflict Studies and Human Rights, Current Problems in International Human Rights Seminar, University of Ottawa, Mar. 2022.

School of Politics, Philosophy, and Public Affairs, Washington State University, Feb. 2022.

Police Militarization in Comparative Perspective Virtual Roundtable at the School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona. 2021

Research Workshop on the Pursuit of Peaceful Polling, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

African Politics Conference Group Online Colloquium on Racism, Policing, & Protests (with Mai Hassan, Alcinda Honwana, Otsieno Namwaya, and Zachariah Mampilly). 2020

Research Workshop on Governance, Justice and the Rule of Law in Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy, London, UK (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting Series: Technology, Fragility and Development. Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (Virtual due to Covid19). 2020

Global Studies Department, Colby College, Waterville, ME. 2019

Sié Research Seminar Series, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, Korbel School, University of Denver, Denver, CO. 2019

Peace Scholar Workshop, U.S. Institute of Peace and Minerva Research Initiative, Washington DC, 2019

Research Workshop on Security Sector Reform in Fragile and Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy and New York University, New York City, NY, 2019

Duke-Emory-Rochester Graduate Research Workshop, Duke University, Durham, NC, 2019

Georgia Human Rights Network Workshop, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, 2019

Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2019

Research Workshop and Policy Dialogue on Elections in Emerging Democracies, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, 2018

### **Conferences/Paper Presentations**

African Studies Association (2021)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2019, 2020, 2021, 2023, 2025)

[Conflict Consortium's Virtual Series/The Politics of Policing Conference](#) (2019)

International Studies Association Annual Conference (2016, 2017, 2021)

Midwest Meeting of the International Studies Association (2015, 2018)

Midwest Political Science Association Meeting (2017, 2021)

Peace Science Society (2020, 2021)

Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2012, 2014)

Western Political Science Association Annual Conference/Mini-Conference on Policing (2018)

## TEACHING

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**Drexel University** *2021–2026*

Politics of Policing (PSCI T380/378) 3 sections

Authoritarian Politics (PSCI T380/379) 2 sections

Comparative Politics I (PSCI 140) 7 sections

Comparative Politics II (PSCI 240) 3 sections

**Emory University**

Lab Instructor, QTM 100: Introduction to Statistical Inference Lab *Spring 2019*  
(Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods)

Instructor, Workshops on Quantitative and Qualitative Data Collection and Analysis *2017–2018*  
(The Institute for Developing Nations and The Carter Center)

Teaching Assistant, POLS 110: Introduction to International Relations *Fall 2017*  
(Professor Eric Reinhardt)

Co-Instructor, POLS 385: Repression and Control in Dictatorships *Spring 2017*  
(with Professor Jennifer Gandhi)

Grader, POLS 210: Intermediate International Relations *Spring 2016*  
(Professor Danielle Jung)

**Duke University, Summer College and Academy**

Instructor, Introduction to Global Diplomacy (2 sections) *Summer 2015, 2016*

**University of Arkansas**

Lecturer, Department of Political Science *Fall 2012–Summer 2014*

PLSC 2813: Introduction to International Relations (1 section)

PLSC 2013: Introduction to Comparative Politics (9 sections)

Instructor, PLSC 2013: Introduction to Comparative Politics (3 sections) *Fall 2010–Spring 2012*

## ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSIONS

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[The Carter Center's Democracy Program](#)

· National Elections in Nepal (Data Analyst) December 2017

· National Elections in Liberia (Data Analyst) Fall 2017

· National Elections in Kenya (Data Analyst) Fall 2017

· Cherokee Nation Special Election for Principal Chief (Observer) Fall 2011

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

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**Discipline**

Division Co-Chair, African Politics Conference Group (APSA Section), Philadelphia, PA 2024

Executive Board Member, Communications Chair, African Politics Conference Group (APSA Section), 2021-2023

Member of the Research Working Groups (RWG), Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden, 2019-2023

Member, African Studies Association, American Political Science Association, Peace Science Society, Midwest Political Science Association, and International Studies Association.

#### Book Reviews

Cambridge University Press

#### Grant Reviews

Security & Preparedness Program, U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF).

#### Journal Reviews

*African Affairs, African Security, American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, British Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science Democratization, Governance, Government and Opposition, Human Rights Review, Humanities and Social Sciences Communications, International Interactions, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Comparative Politics, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Experimental Criminology, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Policing & Society, Social Movement Studies.*

#### Discussant

Borders & Boundaries Conference, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2023

American Political Science Association, 2022, 2023, 2025

International Borders in a Globalizing World, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, 2022

Midwest Workshop in Empirical Political Science (MWEPS VI), 2021

Pursuit of Peaceful Polling, Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, Sweden (Virtual due to Covid19), 2020

Governance, Justice and the Rule of Law in Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy, London, UK (Virtual due to Covid19), 2020

Asian Online Political Science Seminar Series, 2020

Security Sector Reform in Fragile and Conflict-affected States, Folke Bernadotte Academy and New York University Research-Policy Dialogue, 2019

Experiences with Democracy in Africa, SPSA, 2014

#### **Drexel University**

Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor, 2021-Present

Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Fulbright Selection Committee, Summer 2023, Summer 2026

Sociology Department Head Search Committee, Summer 2023

Politics Department Head Search Committee, Winter 2024

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Politics, Spring 2023-Present

STAR (Students Tackling Advanced Research) Scholars Program Advisor

Uswa Mutaal, Summer 2023

Zane Al-Saleem, Summer 2024

Shrayaa Jayapal, Summer 2024

Jemima Oduwale, Summer 2025

DrexLab Cohort 6 Advisor, Spring - Fall 2026

**Community and Policy Engagement**

United Nations Peacebuilding Fund Briefing, Fall 2021

Expert Testimony, Ugandan Political Asylum Cases, Summer 2022, Summer 2023, Spring 2025