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## Research & Teaching Interests

Trade and Conflict, Democratic Backsliding, Digital Repression, International Security, Globalization, US Foreign Policy

## Education

**University of California, San Diego** *La Jolla, CA*
PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS *2023 - present*
- Advisor: Dr. Emilie Hafner-Burton
- Subfields: International Relations and Comparative Politics

**Georgetown University** *Washington, D.C.*
M.A. IN DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE *2021 - 2023*
- Advisor: Dr. Elton Skendai
- Graduated with high honors

**University of California, San Diego** *La Jolla, CA*
B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS *2019 - 2021*
- Graduated *magna cum laude* and with high honors
- Honors thesis advisor: Dr. Branislav Slantchev
- Minor in Human Rights

## Publications

### 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.

## Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

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| 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* |
| | *Tau Sigma*, National Transfer Student Honor Society | *UC San Diego* |

## Presentations

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

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| 2025 | **P**, IHS: Graduate Student Conference | *Remote* |
| 2025 | **P**, IS-ISSS: Security in a time of polarized extremes | *Washington, DC* |
| 2025 | **P & D**, PNAS SI Workshop: Climate Change and the Future of Peace and Security | *Remote* |
| 2025 | **D**, IGCC Conference: Climate Change, Green Backlash, and Democracy | *La Jolla, CA* |
| 2022 | **P & D**, International Association of Political Science Students | *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* |

## Teaching Experience

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

## Service & Professional Development

### 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: 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

**Advanced:** R, GitHub, LaTeX

**Intermediate:** ArcGIS, Stata

**Beginner:** Python