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### **Education**

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Ph.D., Security Studies, University of Central Florida, (May 2019, expected)  
Dissertation: “The Causes, Dynamics, and Implications of Child Soldiering”  
Committee: Günes Tezcür, Ph.D. (co-chair), Jonathan Powell, Ph.D. (co-chair), Thomas Dolan, Ph.D., Beth Elise Whitaker, Ph.D. (external member)  
\*2018-2019 Minerva Research Initiative—USIP Jennings Randolph Peace and Security Scholar

Graduate Certificate in Intelligence and National Security, University of Central Florida, July 2018

Master of Conflict Management and Resolution—National and International Security, University of North Carolina Wilmington, May 2013

Graduate Certificate in Conflict Management and Resolution—National and International Security, University of North Carolina Wilmington, May 2013

Master of Public Administration, Concentration in Public Management, University of North Carolina Wilmington, July 2010

Bachelor of Arts, Public and International Affairs, University of North Carolina Wilmington, May 2008

### **Publications**

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#### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (Forthcoming). “Buying Peace: The Duration of Peace and Private Military & Security Companies.” *Civil Wars*.

Powell, Jonathan, **Christopher Faulkner**, William Dean, and Kyle Romano. (2018). “Give Them Toys: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies” *Democratization*, 25(7), 1153-1172.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** (2016). “Money and Control: Rebel Groups and the Forcible Recruitment of Child Soldiers.” *African Security*, 9(3), 211-236.

#### Editorial Reviewed Articles/Analyses/Reports

Schiel, Rebecca, **Christopher Faulkner**, and Jonathan Powell. (2017). “Mutiny in Côte d’Ivoire.” *Africa Spectrum*, 52(2), 103-115.

**Faulkner, Christopher M.** and Gray, David H. (2014). “The Emergence of AQAP and the Effectiveness of US Counterterrorism Efforts.” *Global Security Studies*, 5(1), 1-17. Winter 2014.

## **Working Papers**

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### Under Review

“Competitive Illusion? Market Dynamics, Private Military and Security Companies, and the Duration of Africa’s Civil Wars,” with Joshua Lambert and Jonathan Powell. (*Invited to Revise and Resubmit*).

“Funding, Capabilities and the Use of Child Soldiers,” with Trace Lasley and Jonathan Powell.

“Forcible Recruitment of Children by Rebel Groups: Exploring the Relationship between Endowments and Recruitment,” with Roos van der Haer and Beth Whitaker.

“Unwelcomed? The Effects of Statelessness on Involuntary Refugee Repatriation in Bangladesh and Myanmar,” with Samuel Schiffer (UCF undergraduate student).

“Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2017,” with Rebecca Schiel and Jonathan Powell.

### Manuscripts in Preparation

“Following the Money? Considering the Effect of External State Sponsorship on Rebel Child Soldiering”

“Innocence to Violence. Investigating the Case of Child Soldiers in the PKK”

“Sign on the Dotted Line: Contracting Private Military and Security Companies in African Civil Wars,” with Joshua Lambert.

“The Contemporary Study of Political Survival: A Role for Area Studies in the Age of Big Data?” with Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel.

## **Commentaries & Academic Blog Posts**

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“Making Sense of Recent Mutinies in Côte d’Ivoire.” With Rebecca Schiel. *Political Violence at a Glance* (blog). June 9, 2017. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/06/09/making-sense-of-recent-mutinies-in-cote-divoire/>

## **Datasets**

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Child Soldier Dataset – Forced Recruitment Update.

Collaboration with Roos van der Haer, PhD (Leiden University, Netherlands and Konstanz University, Germany).

Data collection on non-state actors’ child soldier recruitment practices.

Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2017.

Collaboration with Rebecca Schiel (University of Central Florida) and Jonathan Powell, PhD (University of Central Florida).

Data collection on mutinies across Africa from 1950-2017.

## **Teaching Experience**

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Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Central Florida,  
Department of Political Science

**Instructor of Record:**

POS 3733-Designing Political Science Research  
Fall 2017

August 2016-December 2017

INR 4075-Human Rights Policy  
Fall 2016; Spring 2017

Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA), University of Central Florida,  
Department of Political Science

August 2014-July 2016

**Courses Serving as a Teaching Assistant:**

POS 2041-American National Government  
GEO 3471-World Political Geography  
POS 3703-Scope and Methods of Political Science  
POS 4030-Politics of Sport  
INR 4008-Global Perspectives  
INR 4114-American Security Policy  
IDS 4315-Global Perspectives  
CPO 4731-Politics of Democratization  
INR 4075-Human Rights Policy

Part-time Faculty, University of North Carolina Wilmington,  
Department of Public and International Affairs

August 2011-May 2014

**Instructor of Record:**

PLS 111-Politics and Government in the Global Perspective  
Fall 2012, 2013; Spring 2014

PLS 220-Introduction to International Relations  
Fall 2013; Spring 2014

PLS 423 –National Security Policy  
Fall 2011, Fall 2012

## **Honors and Awards**

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United States Institute of Peace-Minerva Peace and Security Scholar – Dissertation Fellowship (pre-doctoral), 2018-2019, \$20,000.

UCF College of Sciences' recipient of the Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching, 2017-2018 Academic Year.

UCF Graduate Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Spring 2018, \$10,000.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2017, \$200.

Florida Political Science Association 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> place), Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April 2017, \$250.

Honorable Mention, Security Studies PhD Program Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Central Florida, January 2017.

Nominee, College of Sciences Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching, University of Central Florida, January 2017.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2016, \$200.

Florida Political Science Association 2016 Best Graduate Student Paper Competition (Runner-up), Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, May 2016.

Jim Winkates Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1<sup>st</sup> Place), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2015, \$250.

UCF College of Sciences' Honorable Mention for Excellence by a Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2015-2016 Academic Year.

Gerard Alexander Monk Memorial Scholarship Recipient, “Partnering for Compliance” Export/Import Control Training and Education Program, March 2015.

## Grants

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Student Travel Grant Award, International Studies Association Southern Region, for travel to annual conference, Shepherdstown, WV, October 2016, \$200.  
University of Central Florida, Graduate Presentation Fellowship, October 2016, \$500.  
Prestage-Cook Travel Award, Southern Political Science Association, for travel to annual conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 2016, \$300.  
Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) Graduate Student Travel Grant, January 2016, \$500.  
Student Travel Grant Award, International Studies Association Southern Region, for travel to annual conference, Tampa, FL, October 2015, \$150.  
University of Central Florida, Graduate Presentation Fellowship, October 2015, \$300.

## Conference Presentations

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American Political Science Association Annual Meeting Boston, MA “Exploring the Conditions Under Which the US Enforces the CSPA of 2008”	August 2018
International Studies Association Annual Conference San Francisco, CA “Rebel Funding and Child Soldiers: Exploring the relationship between natural resources and forcible recruitment,” with Roos van der Haer and Beth Whitaker	April 2018
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference Ft. Meyers, FL “Exploring the Conditions Under Which the US Enforces the CSPA of 2008”	March 2018
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA “Exploring the Intersection of Women and Children Soldiers.” “Reconsidering What We Know About Private Military Companies and Their Effect on Conflict,” with Joshua Lambert	January 2018
International Studies Association—South Annual Conference Orlando, FL “Following the Money? Considering the Effect of External State Sponsorship on Rebel Child Soldiering.”	October 2017
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference Antwerp, Belgium “Rebel Funding and Child Soldiers: Exploring the relationship between endowments and forcible recruitment,” with Roos van der Haer and Beth Whitaker	June 2017
Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference	April 2017

Austin, TX	
“The Determinants of Contracting Private Military and Security Companies,” with Joshua Lambert.	
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference Lakeland, FL	April 2017
“Sign on the Dotted Line: Contracting Private Military and Security Companies in African Civil Wars,” with Joshua Lambert.	
International Studies Association Annual Conference Baltimore, MD	February 2017
“Innocence to Violence. Investigating the Case of Child Soldiers in the PKK.”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference New Orleans, LA	January 2017
“Give Them Toys: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies” with Jonathan Powell.	
International Studies Association—South Annual Conference Shepherdstown, WV	October 2016
“Funding, Capabilities and the Use of Child Soldiers,” with Trace Lasley and Jonathan Powell.	
“Innocence to Violence. Investigating the Case of Child Soldiers in the PKK.”	
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference Lakeland, FL	April 2016
“Buying Peace: The Duration of Peace and Private Military & Security Companies.”	
International Studies Association Annual Conference Atlanta, GA	March 2016
“Money and Control: Rebel Groups and Forcible Recruitment of Child Soldiers.”	
“Bang for the Buck: Is US Investment in the Fight Against Terrorism Paying Dividends?”	
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference San Juan, PR	January 2016
“Money and Control: Rebel Groups and Forcible Recruitment of Child Soldiers.”	
“Buying Peace: The Duration of Peace and Private Military & Security Companies.”	
International Studies Association—South Annual Conference Tampa, FL	October 2015
“Money and Control: Rebel Groups and Forcible Recruitment of Child Soldiers.”	
“Give them Toys: Military Allocations and Regime Stability in Transitional Democracies” with Jonathan Powell, Kyle Romano, and William Dean.	

Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference Orlando, FL “Bang for the Buck: Is US Investment in the Fight Against Terrorism Paying Dividends?”	March 2015
Southeast Methods Meeting & Political Science Graduate Student Conference (Attendee), Columbia, SC	February 2014

## **Research Interests**

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Child Soldiers; Civilian Victimization; Rebel Recruitment, Motivation, and Violence; Terrorism and Counterterrorism; Democratization; Coup d'états; Private Military and Security Companies

## **Research Experience**

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Resident Graduate Fellow, Prince Mohammad bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies, University of Central Florida.	January 2017 – Present
Graduate Research Assistant for Demet Mousseau, Ph.D.	Summer 2018
Graduate Research Assistant for Jonathan Powell, Ph.D.	Summer 2017

## **Training/Professional Development**

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Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO). Conflict Trends Course.	September 10-12, 2018
Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen PhD Course and Bergen Exchanges Effects of Lawfare: Courts and Law as Battlegrounds for Social Change.	August 15-24, 2018
UCF Department of Political Science 2017-2018 Weekly Colloquium, Presenter.	October 3, 2017
Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) Summer Seminar.	June 4-16, 2017
UCF Department of Political Science 2015-2016 Weekly Colloquium, Presenter.	April 19, 2016
UCF Graduate Research Forum, Poster Presentation.	April 5, 2016
Graduate Professional Development Workshops at UCF: Authorship, Credit, and Collaborative Scholarship and Research: Ethical Pitfalls to Avoid. Ethical and Legal Issues in Teaching. Intellectual Property Rights. Ethics: Personal Integrity as a Graduate Student.	August 2014-January 2015
Assistant Residence Coordinator, Department of Housing and Residence Life at the University North Carolina Wilmington.	July 2008-July 2012

## Professional Service

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Peer Reviewer: Armed Forces and Society (2018); Terrorism and Political Violence (2018); Conflict Management and Peace Science (2017); Florida Philosophical Review (2017).  
International Studies Association-South Executive Council – Graduate Student Member, January 2016 – present.  
Test bank reviewer/editor for 4LTR Press at Cengage Learning, Fall 2015.  
Panel Moderator for the Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) panel “Perspectives on Terrorism from the Academy and the Field.” July 2015.

## Community Service

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Adopt a Child – New Hope for Kids Orlando, December 2017.  
Special Olympics Volunteer/Coach for Orange County, Florida, Summer 2015.  
UCF STEM day volunteer, November 2014, April 2015.

## Skills

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STATA, Tableau, R (beginner)

## Membership in Professional Organizations

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American Political Science Association (APSA)  
International Studies Association (ISA)—ISSS and ISS subgroups  
ISA-South Executive Council (Graduate Student Member)  
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)  
Peace Science Society (PSS)  
Florida Political Science Association (FPSA)

## References

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