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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Security Studies, University of Central Florida**
Department of Political Science
Dissertation: “The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Three Analyses of Risk and Opportunity in Civil-Military Relations.”
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Jonathan Powell
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Thomas Dolan, Dr. Barbara Kinsey, Dr. Clayton Thyne
About: My dissertation research explores democratic vulnerability to coups and democratization in the aftermath of irregular leader removals. Examining the conditionality of democratic risk to coups d’état, I investigate both economic development and judicial institutional strength, finding that poor democracies and democracies with weak institutions are more likely to experience coups than wealthy democracies, democracies with stronger judicial institutions, or any autocracies. Additionally, I assess democratization likelihood in the aftermath of irregular leader removals and find that only coups, and not other forms of irregular removal, result in democratization at an increased rate post-removal.
- 2017 Graduate Certificate, Intelligence and National Security, University of Central Florida**
Department of Political Science
- 2013 M.S., Public Affairs, University of Massachusetts at Boston**
- 2008 B.A., History, Florida State University**

EMPLOYMENT

- Spring 2019- present Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Central Florida**
Supervisor: Dr. Bruce Wilson
Topic: Exploring the impact of the adoption of the human right to water in a global perspective
- Fall 2018 Adjunct Instructor, Valencia College**
International Politics (INR 2002), U.S. Government (POS 2041)
- Fall 2016- Spring 2017 Adjunct Instructor, University of Central Florida**
Introduction to International Relations: Theory and Practice (INR 2002)
- Spring 2015- Fall 2018 Graduate Research Associate, University of Central Florida**
Dr. Jonathan Powell: Civil Military Relations
Dr. Andrew Boutton: Foreign Aid, Term Limits
Dr. Konstantin Ash: Arab Spring, Protests
- Fall 2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Central Florida**
Politics of the Middle East (CPO 3404), Contemporary Revolutions and Political Conflict (POS 3253), Honors American National Government (POS 2041H), Florida Politics (POS 3182), Scope and Methods of Political Science (POS 3703)

RESEARCH

Publications:

- Jonathan Powell, Rebecca Schiel, and Salah Ben Hammou. “Oil Wealth, Risk Acceptance, and the Seizure of Power.” Forthcoming at *Journal of Global Security Studies*
- Rebecca Schiel, Jonathan Powell, and Christopher Faulkner “Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2018.” Forthcoming at *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
- Rebecca Schiel, Jonathan Powell, and Ursula Daxecker. “UN Peacekeeping Deployments and Mutinies in African Sending States.” Forthcoming at *Foreign Policy Analysis*.

- Rebecca Schiel, Malcolm Langford, and Bruce M. Wilson. 2020. "Does it Matter? Rights Constitutionalization, Democratic Governance, and the Right to Water." *Water* 20(12): 350.
- Rebecca Schiel. 2019. "An Assessment of Democratic Vulnerability: Regime Type, Economic Development, and Coups d'état." *Democratization* 26(8): 1439-57.
- Rebecca Schiel, Christopher Faulkner, and Jonathan Powell. 2017. "Mutiny in Côte d'Ivoire." *Africa Spectrum* 52(2): 103-115.
- Jonathan Powell, Trace Lasley, and Rebecca Schiel. 2016. "Combating Coups: Coup Attempts and Outcomes in Africa, 1950-2014." *Studies in Comparative International Development* 51(4): 482-502.

Under Review:

- Rebecca Schiel. "Judging the Uncertainty: Judicial Independence, Democracy, and Coups d'état."
- Güneş Murat Tezcür, Rebecca Schiel, and Bruce M. Wilson. "Evaluating a Human Rights Approach to Water: A Case Study of a Turkish Dam." Revise and Resubmit at *Development and Change*.
- Rebecca Schiel, Bruce M. Wilson, and Malcolm Langford. "Democracy and Public Goods Revisited: The Role of Local Institutions and Development."

Academic Blogs:

- Christopher Faulkner, Jaclyn Johnson, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel. "Another Mutiny Turned Coup: Mali is no Stranger to Military Unrest." *The Conversation*. August 21, 2020. <https://theconversation.com/another-mutiny-turned-coup-mali-is-no-stranger-to-military-unrest-144797>
- Rebecca Schiel, Bruce Wilson, and Malcolm Langford. "The Human Right to Water in a Pandemic." *London School of Economics Human Rights*. April 16, 2020. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/humanrights/2020/04/16/the-human-right-to-water-in-a-global-pandemic/#comments>
- Rebecca Schiel and Jonathan Powell. "Silent Guns: Examining the Two-Year Absence of Coups in Africa." *Political Violence at a Glance*. September 18, 2017. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/09/18/silent-guns-examining-the-two-year-absence-of-coups-in-africa/>
- Rebecca Schiel and Christopher Faulkner. "Making Sense of Recent Mutinies in Côte d'Ivoire." *Political Violence at a Glance*. June 9, 2017. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/06/09/making-sense-of-recent-mutinies-in-cote-divoire/>

Working Papers:

- Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. "US Military Aid and Democracy in the Shadow of Coups."

AWARDS

- 2017** ISA-South Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition
First Place, \$250
- 2017** Graduate Student Teaching Award, Honorable Mention
- 2016** ISPP Roberta Sigel Award
Best Paper by an Early Career Scholar, \$250
- 2015** ISA-South Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition
First Runner Up, \$200

TEACHING

Instructor of Record:

- Fall 2018** **Valencia College**
International Politics (INR 2002), U.S. Government (POS 2041)
- Fall 2016- Spring 2017** **University of Central Florida**
Introduction to International Relations: Theory and Practice (INR 2002)
- Teaching Assistant:** **University of Central Florida**
- Fall 2014** Politics of the Middle East (CPO 3404), Contemporary Revolutions and Political, Conflict (POS 3253), Honors American National Government (POS 2041H), Florida Politics (POS 3182), Scope and Methods of Political Science (POS 3703)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

External Conferences:

- 2020** Rebecca Schiel. “Judging the Uncertainty: Regime Type, Judicial Institutional Strength, and Coups d’état.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020** Rebecca Schiel, Malcolm Langford, and Bruce M. Wilson. “Democracy and Public Goods Revisited: The Role of Local Institutions and Development.” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2020** Rebecca Schiel, Bruce Wilson, and Malcolm Langford. “Democratic Deficiencies: Institutional Characteristics, Economic Development, and Water Access.” Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2019** Rebecca Schiel, Bruce Wilson, and Malcolm Langford. “The Human Right to Water and Democratic Deficiencies: Institutional Characteristics, Economic Development, and Water Access.” Bergen Exchanges, Bergen, NO
- 2018** Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. “US Military Aid and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups.” U.S. Military Assistance Conference, Orlando FL
- 2018** Rebecca Schiel. “The Coup Window: Violent Leader Removal, Economic Development, and Democratization.” Florida Political Science Association, Ft. Myers, FL
- 2017** Rebecca Schiel. “The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Economic Development and Coups d’état.” International Studies Association South, Orlando, FL
- Winner of the 2017 Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition, First Place, \$250
- 2017** Rebecca Schiel, Jonathan Powell, and Ursula Daxecker. “UN Peacekeeping Deployments and Mutinies in Sending States.” Jan Tinbergen Network of European Peace Scientists, Antwerp, BE
- 2017** Rebecca Schiel. “The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Economic Development and Coups d’état.” Florida Political Science Association, Lakeland, FL
- 2016** Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. “US Military Aid and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups.” Peace Science Society International, South Bend, IN
- 2016** Rebecca Schiel. “The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Economic Development and Coups d’état.” US CENTCOM Academic Symposium, Tampa, FL
- 2016** Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. “Oil Wealth, Risk Aversion, and Political Instability, 1950-2011.” Florida Political Science Association, Lakeland, FL
- 2016** Rebecca Schiel. “Democracies and Coups d’état: Exploring the Conditionality of Coup Vulnerability.” University of South Florida’s Graduate Research Forum, Tampa, FL
- 2016** Rebecca Schiel, Jonathan Powell, and Ursula Daxecker. “UN Peacekeeping Deployments and Mutinies in African Sending States.” International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA
- 2015** Rebecca Schiel. “Ungoverned Spaces: Religious Fractionalization, Violence, and their Effects on Governance in the Indian States and Union Territories.” International Studies Association South, Tampa, FL
- Winner of the 2015 Jim Winkates Graduate Student Paper Competition, First Runner Up, \$200
- 2015** Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. “US Military Aid and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA
- 2015** Rebecca Schiel and Gary E. Smith. “Leadership Psychology and Regime Repressive Behavior.” International Society of Political Psychology, San Diego, CA

- Winner of the 2016 Roberta Sigel Award for Best Paper by an Early Career Scholar, \$250
- 2015** Rebecca Schiel. "State Terror and its Effects on Terrorist Attacks: Establishing a Causal Relationship."
Florida Political Science Association, Orlando, FL

Presentations at University of Central Florida:

- 2019** Rebecca Schiel, Bruce M. Wilson, and Malcolm Langford. "Democratic Deficiencies: Democratic Institutions, Economic Development, and Water Access."
Department Presentation.
- 2017** Rebecca Schiel. "The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Economic Development and Coups d'état."
Department Presentation
- 2016** Rebecca Schiel. "The Conditionality of Vulnerability: Economic Development and Coups d'état."
University of Central Florida Graduate Research Symposium
- 2015** Jonathan Powell and Rebecca Schiel. "US Military Aid and Democratization in the Shadow of Coups."
Department Presentation

Invited Talks:

- 2020** Rebecca Schiel. "Water, Rights, and Inequality."
Bergen Exchanges, Bergen, NO
- 2020** Rebecca Schiel. "Kellogg Democratization Theory Cluster." Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN (Postponed due to Pandemic)
- 2020** Rebecca Schiel. "Views on Coups - When is a Coup a Coup and Why Does it Matter?"
International Studies Department, Centre College, Danville, KY
- 2019** Rebecca Schiel. "Methods Workshop."
Center on Law and Social Transformation & Chr, Michelsen Institute, Bergen, NO
- 2018** Rebecca Schiel. "Mutiny in Africa."
Africa Mission Center Spring Conference, Maclean, VA

SERVICE & MEMBERSHIP

Peer Reviewer:

- 2020** *The Social Science Journal*
- 2020** *International Interactions*
- 2019, 2020** *Democratization*
- 2019, 2018** *African Security Review*
- 2018, 2019** *International Interactions*
- 2018** *Journal of Conflict Resolution*
- 2018** *International Studies Quarterly*

Membership:

- 2015- present** International Studies Association
- 2014- present** American Political Science Association
- 2016- present** International Peace Science Society
- 2017- 2019** Political Science Graduate Student Association, UCF

SKILLS & TRAINING

Skills:

- Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods
- Research Design
- Stata, Python, Tableau
- Proficient in German

Training:

- 2016** “Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences.” Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin & WZB, Berlin, DE
- 2015** “Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence Summer Seminar 2015.” Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, Washington, D.C

GRANTS

- 2017** Intelligence Community’s Center for Academic Excellence, Travel Grant: \$1400
- 2016** Peace Science Society, Conference Travel Grant: \$200
- 2016** Intelligence Community’s Center for Academic Excellence, Study Abroad Grant: \$1000
- 2016** Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences, Travel Grant: €700
- 2016** Graduate Presentation Fellowship Award: \$500
- 2015** Graduate Presentation Fellowship Award: \$500