



Christopher Gahagan

Academic Summary:

- International Relations PhD Candidate with a focus on creating compelling theory and strong causal identification in time-series cross sectional research
- Recently published a co-authored paper on the Multisided Threat to Free Trade with Sean Ehrlich
- SPSA and APSA 2023 presenter
- Treasure of the Political Science Graduate Student Association and co-organizer of the Summer 2023 Methods workshop

Education:

Ph.D. Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Currently enrolled

MSc. Political Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- Graduated December 2021

M.A. Political Science, The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Graduated April 2019

B.A. Political Science, The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

- Graduated April 2012

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

INR 2002 – Introduction to International Relations

INR 4011 – Political Responses to Economic Globalization

FSU Graduate Courses:

CPO 5091 – Core Seminar in Comparative Politics

POS 5723 – Game Theory I

POS 5746 – Political Science Data Analysis (OLS Regression)

INR 5007 – International Relations Core Seminar

POS 5736 – Political Science Score and Research Design

POS 5737 – Political Science Data Analysis

POS 5744 – Fundamentals of Political Research

INR 5036 – International Political Economy

POS 5208 – Political Psychology

POS 5747 – Advanced Quantitative Methods (Maximum Likelihood Estimation)

INR 5934 – Political Violence

CPO 5934 – Authoritarian Regimes

POS 5748 – Causal Inference

INR 5934 – International Security

CPO 5934 – Politics in the Developing World

INR 5507 – International Organizations

CPO 5740 – Comparative Political Economy

POS 5208 – Social Influence of Political Behavior

Areas of Interest:

- Informal Economies



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- Trade Preferences
- Populist movements
- International Treaties
- Human Rights and Civil Liberties

Academic Work Experience:

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Graduate Research Assistant

August 2020 – present

- Co-authored and published a paper titled the “Multisided Threat to Free Trade” with Sean Ehrlich in the journal Politics and Governance.
- Designed and conducted an experiment to test the theoretical arguments made by Sean Ehrlich and myself for a follow-up paper to our “Multisided Threat to Free Trade” article.
- Designed and taught two undergraduate courses, one utilizing a commonly used academic textbook, and another course revolving entirely around published academic articles from top journals.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

August 2020 – present

Assist Professor Sean Ehrlich in the following courses:

INR 2002 – Introduction to International Relations (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

- Monitor, grade, and provide feedback of discussion posts as an ODL mentor to 200+ students in INR 2002 International Relations undergraduate seminar
- Monitor and edit the close captioning of all lecture videos throughout the semester to ensure accuracy
- Answer any student questions regarding exams, syllabus, extra credit, or general questions regarding class material

CPO 3101 – Politics of the European Union (Spring 2021)

- General TA duties for the class

Previous Academic Work Experience:

The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

May 2017 – October 2017

Graduate Research Assistant

- Worked in partnership with Dr. Demet Mousseau performing research, editing, and writing publishable work on the effects of foreign aid on civil war onset in a time-series quantitative study
- Compared Foreign Direct Investment and Foreign Aid given by the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, and Japan, on multiple countries, mostly located in Saharan Africa and observed the effects each state’s aid had on increasing or decreasing the onset of civil war

Master’s Thesis:

Government Respect for Human Rights and their relation to Shadow Economic Activity. UCF ETD, 2019

Conference Presentation(s):

“Transnational Contagion of the Shadow Economy due to Economic Crises”, Florida Political Science Association 2017 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL



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Professional Memberships:

Florida Political Science Association