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Education

Florida State University Ph.D., Political Science	2020 - present
Advanced to Candidacy – <i>Spring 2023</i>	
Committee – <i>Quintin Beazer (co-chair), Sean D. Ehrlich (co-chair), Dotan Haim</i>	
Florida State University M.S., Political Science	2021
University of Central Florida M.A., Political Science	2019
Committee – <i>Demet Mousseau (chair), Daniel Marien, Ted Reynolds</i>	
University of Central Florida B.A., Political Science	2012

Publications

1. [The Multisided Threat to Free Trade: Protectionism and Fair Trade During Increasing Populism](#)
Politics and Governance 11:1, 2023
with [Sean D. Ehrlich](#)

Working Papers

1. [Breaking Barriers: How an International Human Rights Treaty for Women Reduces the Size of the Informal Economy](#)
2. Populism, Xenophobia, and Foreign Trade: A List Experiment on Why People Oppose Trade
with [Sean D. Ehrlich](#)
(*Under Review*)
3. The Carrot or the Stick: How Variation in Trade Agreements' Labor Protections and Enforcement Mechanisms Impact the Informal Economy
4. Do Bilateral Investment Treaties with Labor Protections Matter? The role of FDI on Informal Employment

Grants and Fellowships

Frances McCall Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Research Workshop, APSA PE Section (2024)	\$700
Adelaide D. Wilson Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University Fellows Society (2021)	\$1000

Congress of Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant, Florida State University (2023,2024)	\$900
Political Science Department Travel Grant, Florida State University (2023,2024)	\$1600
APSA First Generation Scholar Travel Grant (2023)	\$145
Florida State University Graduate Student Resource Center Presentation Grant (2024,2025)	\$1000

Selected Presentations

- "Breaking Barriers: How an International Treaty for Women Reduces the Size of the Informal Economy"
2025 Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference, Cambridge, MA
- "Breaking Barriers: How an International Human Rights Treaty for Women Reduces the Size of the Informal Economy"
2024 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference PE Workshop, Philadelphia, PA
- "Can an International Human Rights Treaty Reduce the Size of the Informal Economy?"
2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- "The Effect of CEDAW Ratification on Informal Economic Activity"
2023 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL
- "Transnational Contagion of the Shadow Economy due to Economic Crises"
2017 Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

Professional Experience

Instructor of Record
Political Responses to Economic Globalization (2023 - present)
Introduction to International Relations (2022)

Graduate Assistant
[David Foster](#), Florida State University (2024 - present)
[Sean D. Ehrlich](#), Florida State University (2020 - 2024)

Research Assistant
[Demet Mousseau](#), University of Central Florida (2017)

Professional Service

Referee, *International Interactions, Politics and Governance*

Departmental Service and Mentoring

Research Mentor, Florida State Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (2023 - present)

Vice President, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2023 - 2024)

Treasurer, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2022 - 2023)

Co-Organizer, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association Methods Workshop

Experimental Survey Methods (2024)

Network Analysis and Machine learning (2023)

References

[Quintin Beazer](#), Associate Professor, Florida State University

[Sean D. Ehrlich](#), Associate Professor, Florida State University

[Dotan Haim](#), Assistant Professor, Florida State University

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