Bryce A. Beschorner

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Present Affiliation

- Ph.D. Candidate, University of Kentucky Department of Political Science

Education

- Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Kentucky, expected 2023
  - Dissertation: "The Spread of Nuclear Technology: The difficulty of arms control and the consequences of nuclear technology proliferation."
- B.A. in Political Science, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, 2017

Research and Teaching Interests

- International relations, nuclear politics, U.S. foreign policy, international security and cooperation

Working Projects

- "Testing for Victory: Nuclear weapons tests, brinkmanship, and nuclear crisis outcomes." Article manuscript under review at the *Journal of Global Security Studies*

Awards

- 2022 College of Arts & Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, University of Kentucky
- 2022 Peace Studies Program Outstanding Teacher Award, University of Kentucky
- 2022 Malcolm E. Jewell Outstanding Graduate Student Award Honorable Mention, University of Kentucky

Research Experience

2021-2023 Ph.D. candidate, University of Kentucky

- Examined how states can use nuclear weapons tests as part of a brinkmanship strategy to win nuclear crises using statistical analyses and a case study of the 1969 Soviet-China Border Crisis
- Investigated how different sources of threat influenced states' designs of arms control agreements using statistical analyses and case studies of U.S.-Soviet arms control negotiations in the 1970s and more recent arms control negotiations between the U.S. and Iran, with an additional focus on the role of Israel in the negotiations
- Examined how nuclear technology influences international cooperation using both statistical analyses and case studies of the United States' relationship with different types of potential nuclear proliferators

2017-2020 Ph.D. student, University of Kentucky

- Studied how exposure to globalization influences citizens' attitudes towards foreign aid using multilevel modeling
- Examined how civil war peace settlements influence states' respect for human rights

Conference Participation

Paper Presentations

- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association: "Dangerous Design: Threat and Arms Control Agreement Design."
- 2022 International Studies Association: "Testing for Victory: Nuclear weapons tests, brinkmanship, and nuclear crisis outcomes."

Discussant

- 2021 Midwest Political Science Association: Arms Control & Transfers

Grants

- 2021 Coleman Awards for Summer Research
- 2020 Alumni Development Fund for Summer Research

Teaching Experience

- Model United Nations (Fall 2020)
  - Taught 20 students about the basics of the United Nations and prepared them for a nationwide Model UN conference.
- American Government (Fall 2018, Spring 2020)
  - Taught over 60 students the basics of the American governmental system.
- Peace Studies Capstone Seminar (Spring 2022, Spring 2023)
  - Taught 12 students how to conduct academic-like research and produce and present a full research project.
- Introduction to International Relations (Spring 2019, Spring 2021)
  - Taught over 50 students the basic concepts and theories that are useful for understanding debates and challenges in international politics.
- Introduction to Comparative Politics (Summer 2021)
  - Taught 12 students the basics of comparative politics, with a focus on the developing world.
- Introduction to Political Analysis (Summer 2020)
  - Taught 9 students the skills of interpreting, conducting, presenting, and analyzing political science statistical research.
- War & Conflict (Summer 2022)
  - Taught 11 students about interstate war including why wars occur, what factors can bring peace, and how future developments will impact the study of war.
- International Organizations (Fall 2019)
  - Taught 41 students about the origins, design, and influence of international organizations in the international system.

Teacher Training

- 2022 Ignite Learning: Mind the Gap, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kentucky
- 2021 Lunch & Learn: Writing Assignments, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kentucky
- 2021 Assembling Your Teaching Portfolio, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kentucky
- 2019 Team Based Learning, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky

Methods and Research Writing Training

- 2020 Research Writing, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
- 2020 Advanced Social Network Analysis, Department of Management, University of Kentucky

- 2018 Causal Inference, Martin School of Public Policy, University of Kentucky
- 2018 Multilevel Analysis Training, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
- 2018 Multivariate Regression, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky
- 2017 OLS Regression, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky

Service

- 2022-2023 Peace Studies Program Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky
  - Helped organize and host guest speakers.
- 2021-2022 Peace Studies Program Teaching Assistant, University of Kentucky
- 2021-2022 President, University of Kentucky Political Science Graduate Student Association
  - Elected by fellow political science graduate students and served as a point of contact between grad students and faculty.
- 2019-2020 Head Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, University of Kentucky
  - Organized training sessions for teaching assistants affiliated with political science.

References

- Dr. Jesse Johnson, Associate Professor of Political Science/Director of Peace Studies, University of Kentucky, email: j.johnson@uky.edu
- Dr. Jillienne Haglund, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Kentucky, email: jill.haglund@uky.edu
- Dr. Robyn Brown, Associate Professor of Sociology/Director of Health, Society and Populations Program, University of Kentucky, email: robyn.brown@uky.edu