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Academic Positions

Postdoctoral Fellow United States Naval War College, National Security Affairs Department	July 2021- present
Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Central Florida, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs	May 2021-July 2021
Visiting Assistant Professor in International Studies, Centre College, International Studies Program	August 2019- July 2021
Minerva-Jennings Randolph Peace and Security Scholar, United States Institute of Peace	2018-2019

Education

- Ph.D., Security Studies, University of Central Florida, August 2019
Dissertation: "The Causes, Dynamics, and Implications of Child Soldiering"
- 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, Political Science, University of North Carolina Wilmington, May 2008

Publications

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

"Rebel Fragmentation and the Recruitment of Child Soldiers," with Austin Doctor.
Forthcoming at *International Studies Quarterly*

Schiel, Rebecca, Jonathan Powell, and **Christopher M. Faulkner**. (2021). "Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2018." *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 38(4): 481-499.

Haer, Roos, **Christopher M. Faulkner**, and Beth Elise Whitaker. (2020). "Forcible Recruitment of Children by Rebel Groups: Exploring the Relationship between Endowments and Recruitment." *European Journal of International Relations*, 26(1): 236-262.

Faulkner, Christopher M., Jonathan Powell, and Trace Lasley. (2019). "Funding, Capabilities and the Use of Child Soldiers." *Third World Quarterly*, 40(6): 1017-1039.

Faulkner, Christopher M., Joshua Lambert, and Jonathan Powell. (2019). "Reassessing Private Military and Security Company (PMSC) 'Competition' in Civil War: Lessons from Sierra Leone." *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, 30(3): 641-659.

Faulkner, Christopher M. (2019). "Buying Peace: The Duration of Peace and Private Military & Security Companies." *Civil Wars*, 21(1): 82-102.

Faulkner, Christopher M. and Samuel Schiffer.* (2019). "Unwelcomed? The Effects of Statelessness on Involuntary Refugee Repatriation in Bangladesh and Myanmar." *The Round Table: The Commonwealth Journal of International Affairs*, 108(2): 145-158. *UCF Undergraduate Student.

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. *UCF Undergraduate Student.

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.

Policy Reports and Engagement

Curran, Meghan, **Christopher Faulkner**, Curtis Bell, Tyler Lycan, Michael Van Ginkel, and Jay Benson. 2020. "Violence at Sea: How Terrorists, Insurgents, and Other Extremists Exploit the Maritime Domain." *Stable Seas - One Earth Future*, <https://stableseas.org/publications/violence-sea-terrorist-insurgents>.

Book Reviews

Faulkner, Christopher M. (2019). Review of *Tools of War, Tools of State. When Children Become Soldiers*, by Robert Tynes. *African Studies Quarterly*, 18(3): 29-30.

Faulkner, Christopher M. (2020). Review of *Fighting for Peace in Somalia: A History and Analysis of the African Union Mission (AMISOM), 2007–2017*, by Paul D. Williams. *African Affairs*, (Forthcoming).

Commentaries & Academic Blog Posts

“DRC’s Nyiragongo Erupts: Does This Mean Conflict Will Too?,” with Jaclyn Johnson. *Political Violence at a Glance*, 14 June 2020. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2021/06/14/drcs-nyiragongo-erupts-does-this-mean-conflict-will-too/>.

“Making Waves: Militant Maritime Operations Along Africa’s Eastern Coast,” with Tyler Lycan and Austin Doctor. *War On The Rocks*, 4 November 2020. <https://warontherocks.com/2020/11/making-waves-militant-maritime-operations-along-africas-eastern-coast/>.

“Another Mutiny Turned Coup: Mali is No Stranger to Military Unrest,” with Jaclyn Johnson, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel. *The Conversation*, 21 August 2020. <https://theconversation.com/another-mutiny-turned-coup-mali-is-no-stranger-to-military-unrest-144797>.

“Clearing the Lens of the Periscope: On the Lookout for Violent Non-State Armed Groups at Sea,” with Tyler Lycan. *Stable Seas*, 7 August 2020. <https://stableseas.org/maritime-terrorism/sea-blindness-non-state-actors>.

“Population Size Does Not Explain the High Number of COVID-19 Cases in the United States,” with Jonathan Powell.

- *The Cairo Review*, 4 April 2020. <https://www.thecaireview.com/covid-19-global-crisis/population-size-does-not-explain-the-high-number-of-covid-19-cases-in-the-united-states/>.
- *Addressing Global Crisis Project – UCF’s Office of Global Perspectives & International Initiatives*, 25 March 2020. <https://ucfglobalperspectives.org/population-size-does-not-explain-the-high-number-of-covid-19-cases-in-the-united-states/>.

“Flattening the Curve,” with Jonathan Powell. *Duck of Minerva*, 16 March 2020. <https://duckofminerva.com/2020/03/flattening-the-curve.html#more-39243>.

“Peeling back the layers on the role of private security companies in Africa,” with Joshua Lambert and Jonathan Powell. *The Conversation*, 4 August 2019. <https://theconversation.com/peeling-back-the-layers-on-the-role-of-private-security-companies-in-africa-121145>.

“Why some rebel groups force kids to fight: It depends on how they are funded,” with Roos van der Haer and Beth Elise Whitaker. *The Conversation*, 26 June 2019. <https://theconversation.com/why-some-rebel-groups-force-kids-to-fight-it-depends-on-how-they-are-funded-119133>.

“Rohingya Refugees in Bangladesh: How the Absence of Citizenship Rights Acts as a Barrier to Successful Repatriation,” with Samuel Schiffer. *South Asia Centre at The London School of Economics*, 12 June 2019. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/southasia/2019/06/12/rohingya-refugees-in-bangladesh-how-a-lack-citizenship-rights-are-a-barrier-to-successful-repatriation/>.

“Children for Hire.” *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 20 February 2019. <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2019/02/20/children-for-hire/>.

“Making Sense of Recent Mutinies in Côte d’Ivoire,” with Rebecca Schiel. *Political Violence @ a Glance*, 9 June 2017.

<http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/06/09/making-sense-of-recent-mutinies-in-cote-divoire/>.

Working Papers

Under Review

“Rebel Recruitment of Child Soldiers and the Use of Sexual Violence,” with Blair Welsh – *Invited to Revise and Resubmit*.

“The Logic of Militant Maritime Exploitation,” with Austin Doctor, Tyler Lyeon, and Curtis Bell.

“The Pitfalls and Potential of Systematic Collection of Information on Child Soldier Recruitment,” with Roos Haer.

“Democracy and Public Goods Revisited: The Role of Local Institutions and Development,” with Rebecca Schiel, Bruce Wilson, and Malcom Langford.

Manuscripts in Preparation for Submission

“Examining Temporal Variation in Child Recruitment: The Case of Child Soldiers in the PKK”

“Coup-proofing, Mutinies, & Private Military and Security Companies in Africa,” with Joshua Lambert

“Missteps and Mutinies: A New Coup-Proofing Paradox,” with Jaclyn Johnson, Jonathan Powell, and Rebecca Schiel.

Working Papers

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

“No Longer Invisible: Girl Soldiering and the Consequences for Conflict,” with Jaclyn Johnson and William O’Connell.

“Exploring the Conditions of Implementation: US Enforcement of the CSPA of 2008”

Datasets

Child Soldier Dataset – Forced Recruitment Update.

Collaboration with Roos van der Haer, PhD (Leiden University, Netherlands)

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

*Published in the *European Journal of International Relations*.

Mutiny in Africa, 1950-2018.

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

Data collection on mutinies across Africa from 1950-2018.

*Published in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

Teaching Experience

Visiting Assistant Professor, Centre College,
Department of International Studies

August 2019-Present

Instructor of Record

POL 130-Introduction to Comparative Politics
(Fall 2019; Spring 2020)

IST 210-Research Design

(Spring 2020)

POL 260-Introduction to International Relations
(Fall 2020)

POL 343-African Politics
(Spring 2020; Spring 2021)

IST 360-Global Health: COVID in Context
(Fall 2020)

POL 363-National and International Security
(Fall 2019)

POL 454-Child Soldiers: Causes & Consequences
(January 2020)

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

August 2016-December 2017

Instructor of Record:

POS 3733-Designing Political Science Research
(Fall 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

Adjunct/ 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)

*Instructor as part of a “Living-Learning Community” in
partnership with English 110 and First-Year Seminar

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

Honors and Awards

2019 Order of Pegasus Recipient, University of Central Florida.

*Highest honor UCF awards to students. Recipients are required to have demonstrated exemplary university and community involvement, leadership, academic achievement, and service.

United States Institute of Peace-Minerva Research Initiative 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 (1st Runner-up), International Studies Association-South Annual Meeting, October 2017, \$200.

Florida Political Science Association 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Award (1st 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 (1st 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 (1st 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

Community Based Learning Grant. Centre College – Center for Teaching and Learning, 2020, \$500.

American Political Science Association Travel Grant for Annual Meeting, August 2019, \$200.

University of Central Florida Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence (ICCAE) Graduate Student Travel Grant, September 2018, \$1600.

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.

University of Central Florida 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.

Research Experience

Research Consultant, One Earth Future – Stable Seas Program, Broomfield Colorado	July 2019-April 2020
Resident Graduate Fellow, Prince Mohammad bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies, University of Central Florida	January 2017-August 2018
Graduate Research Assistant for Demet Mousseau, Ph.D.	May-July 2018
Graduate Research Assistant for Jonathan Powell, Ph.D.	May-July 2017; May-August 2020

Conference Presentations (* denotes accepted, but attendance impacted by COVID-19)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting	2018, 2019, 2020*
Florida Political Science Association Annual Conference	2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
International Studies Association Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021
International Studies Association—South Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018
Jan Tinbergen European Peace Science Conference	2017
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference	2020*, 2021
Southeast Methods Meeting & Political Science Graduate Student Conference	2015
Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2016, 2017, 2018
Southwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference	2017
United States Institute of Peace – Peace Scholars Conference	2018

Research Interests

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

Training/Professional Development

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

Faculty Internship Supervisor, Centre College, Spring 2021.
 ([Be Artsy](#) internship– Savannah Kingery and LiAnna Steffen).
 Undergraduate Research Committee, Centre College, 2020-2021.
 LGBTQ+ Faculty and Staff Caucus, Centre College, 2021.
 Faculty Liaison, Men’s and Women’s Golf, Centre College, 2020-2021.
 Convocation Organizer, Centre College, “Views on Coups,” February 2020.
 Vice President, UCF Political Science Graduate Student Association, Fall 2018-Spring 2019.
 International Studies Association-South Executive Council – Graduate Student Member, 2016 – 2018.
 Peer Reviewer:
Allons-Y-Journal of Children, Peace and Security (2020)
Armed Forces and Society (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021)
Conflict Management and Peace Science (2017, 2018, 2020)
European Journal of International Affairs (2019)
Florida Philosophical Review (2017)
International Journal of Human Rights (2020)
International Studies Quarterly (2020)
Journal of Peace Research (2019)
Political Research Exchange (2021)
Security Studies (2021)
Terrorism and Political Violence (2018)
Third World Quarterly (2019)
Violence (2021)
Youth Justice (2021)
 Book Reviewer:
African Affairs (2020)
African Studies Quarterly (2018).
 Invited Presenter at UCF’s International Education Week, International Expo, November 2018.
 Founding Member/Treasurer, UCF Political Science Graduate Student Association, Spring 2018.
 UCF Kurdish Studies Program Graduate Student Affiliate, Fall 2016-present.
 Panelist, Innovative Teaching on Law and Social Change, University of Bergen’s Center on Law and
 Social Transformation, August 2018.
 Panel Moderator, International Relations Club, International Relations Forum, April 2018.

Moderator and Interviewer for the Tolerance in Education Symposium hosted by UCF's Prince
Mohammad Bin Fahd Program for Strategic Research and Studies, March 2018.
Panelist, UCF's My Political Science Day, February 2018.
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.

Skills

STATA, Tableau, LaTeX, SPSS, R (basic), Spanish (beginner)

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Florida Political Science Association (FPSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)—ISSS and ISS subgroups
Peace Science Society (PSS)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Southern Political Science Association (SPSA)

References

Available upon request.