

# Kaitlyn Webster

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- 2014–2019 **Ph.D in Political Science**, *Duke University*, Durham, *GPA – 3.846*.  
(expected) Subfields: Security, Peace, and Conflict; Methodology.  
Dissertation committee: Kyle Beardsley (co-chair), David Siegel (co-chair), Laia Balcells, Kathleen Cunningham.
- 2007–2011 **Bachelor of Arts**, *The University of Rochester*, Rochester, *GPA – 3.99*.  
International Relations, *summa cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*

### Papers and Working Projects

- Under Review "Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation." Winner, Stuart A. Bremer Award, Peace Science Society.
- R & R "Conflict, Peace, and the Evolution of Women's Empowerment." With Kyle Beardsley and Chong Chen. *Revise and Resubmit at International Organization*.
- Under Review "The Regional Context of Foreign-Imposed Democratization." With Jordan Roberts.
- Working Paper "Understanding When Civil Conflicts Escalate: A Strategic Approach."
- Working Paper "State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions." With David Siegel, William Moore, Margaret Foster, So Jin Lee, Marco Morucci, and Elizabeth Carlson.
- Working Project "War and Social Hierarchies." With Kyle Beardsley and Priscilla Torres.

### Awards

- 2018 APSA Travel Grant, \$250.00
- 2018 Alona Evans Research Grant, \$1707.21
- 2017 Stuart A. Bremer Award, \$2000, *best graduate student paper*, *Peace Science Society*
- 2015 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2015-2018 Duke Graduate School Summer Research Fellowship, \$5500 per summer
- 2014-Present James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke Graduate School, \$5000 per year
- 2011 James D. McGill Memorial Prize, University of Rochester (for undergraduate with highest achievement in Political Science)
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa Society (*inducted as junior*)
- 2009-2011 Stokes Scholarship, full tuition and stipend, Department of Defense

- 2009 Sophomore Book Award for Spanish, University of Rochester  
2007-2009 Rush Rhees Scholarship, University of Rochester

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## Experience

### Professional Experience

- 2013 **Intelligence Analyst**, *Office of the Director of National Intelligence*, Virginia.  
Authored long-term strategic analysis in support of the National Intelligence Council's Near East portfolio and conducted self-initiated and directed research in support of a wide variety of analytic products, including National Intelligence Estimates. Provided daily analytic support to senior policymakers, including the Director of National Intelligence.
- 2011-2014 **Intelligence Analyst**, *National Security Agency*, Maryland.  
Led NSA's reporting efforts on multiple current high interest events. Reporting included multiple times in the Presidential Daily Briefing and lauded by customers including FBI, CIA, DIA, and the US Army. As a graduate of the Intelligence Analysis Development Program, completed multiple analytic rotations and over 300 hours of formal instruction on report composition and advanced analytic techniques.

### Research Experience

- 2014–Present **Member**, SPCLAB/WARDLAB, Duke.  
2016–Present **Research Assistant**, KYLE BEARDSLEY, Duke University.  
2015–2016 **Research Assistant**, MICHAEL D. WARD, Duke University.  
2014–2015 **Research Assistant**, BAHAR LEVENTOGLU, Duke University.  
2009–2011 **Research Assistant**, GRETCHEN HELMKE, University of Rochester.  
2008 **Research Assistant**, DAVID PRIMO, University of Rochester.

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## Conferences and Presentations

- 2018 "Understanding When Civil Conflicts Escalate: A Strategic Approach," Annual (expected) Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Austin.
- 2018 "Understanding When Civil Conflicts Escalate: A Strategic Approach," Annual (expected) Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston.
- 2018 "A New Empirical Approach to Civil War Onset and Escalation," 35th Annual Meeting for the Society of Political Methodology (declined).
- 2018 "Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation," European Peace Science Conference.
- 2018 "Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation," Online Peace Science Colloquium.
- 2018 "Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation," University of Maryland College Park.
- 2017 "Rethinking Civil War Onset and Escalation," Society of Duke Fellows, Durham.
- 2017 "Unifying Civil War Onset and Escalation: A Strategic Approach", Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Phoenix.
- 2017 "State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions", with David Siegel, William Moore, Margaret Foster, So Jin Lee, Marco Morucci, and Elizabeth Carlson. Annual Meeting of the Peace Science Society, Phoenix.

- 2017 "Unifying Civil War Onset and Escalation: A Strategic Approach", Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- 2017 "State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions", with David Siegel, William Moore, Margaret Foster, So Jin Lee, Marco Morucci, and Elizabeth Carlson. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- 2017 "Conflict, Peace and the Evolution of Gender Hierarchy", with Kyle Beardsley and Chong Cheng. Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco.
- 2017 "State Interventions and the Growth or Suppression of Anti-State Actions", with David Siegel, William Moore, Margaret Foster, So Jin Lee, and Marco Morucci. Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Baltimore.
- 2016 (invited) "Career Series: Intelligence Community Panel," Princeton University Center for International Security Studies.

## Teaching Experience

- Summer 2018 **Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Introduction to Empirical Methods**, *Head Methods Teaching Assistant*, Duke University, David Siegel.  
Led lab sessions for summer program.
- Fall 2017 **PS630: Probability and Regression in Political Science**, *Teaching Assistant*, Duke University, Kyle Beardsley.  
Led weekly lab sessions
- Summer 2017 **Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Introduction to Empirical Methods**, *Head Methods Teaching Assistant*, Duke University, Scott DeMarchi.  
Led lab sessions for summer program.
- Summer 2016 **Ralph Bunche Summer Institute, Introduction to Empirical Methods**, *Methods Teaching Assistant*, Duke University, Scott DeMarchi.  
Led lab sessions for summer program.
- Fall 2016 **PS321: International Law and World Politics**, *Teaching Assistant*, Duke University, Joseph Grieco.  
Helped design syllabus and graded all coursework.
- 2009-2011 **College Writing Program**, *Writing Fellow, Vice President and Foreign Language Coordinator*, University of Rochester, Deborah Rossen-Knill.  
Peer writing tutor for undergraduate and graduate students.

## Service

- Anonymous Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*
- 2017 Security, Peace and Conflict Job Search Committee, Graduate Student Member
- 2016-Present Women in Political Science Working Group
- 2016 Collaborative forum between Political Science, Statistics, and Sociology departments, co-organizer.
- 2015-2016 Security, Peace and Conflict Workshop Series, Student Organizer

## Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association

Peace Science Society

Society of Political Methodology

European Peace Science Society

## Computer skills

Basic JAVA

Advanced R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, OpenOffice, Microsoft Windows

## Languages

English Native

Spanish Professional fluency

Arabic Basic