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Current Position

Johns Hopkins SAIS, Washington D.S. *Current*
Predoctoral Fellow, Kissinger Center for Global Affairs

Education

Ph.D. University of Texas at Austin *Expected May 2021*
Public Policy
LBJ School of Public Affairs

M.A. University of Texas at Austin *May 2015*
Public Affairs
LBJ School of Public Affairs

B.S. University of Texas at Austin *May 2012*
Public Relations
Moody School of Communication
Business Concentration
McCombs School of Business

Research Interests

Intersection of religion and foreign policy; religious liberty and national security/terrorism; executive and legislative branch relations; religion and gender; presidential advisory systems; congressional oversight; policy agenda setting

Dissertation: "International Religious Freedom Policy and U.S. Policy Choices: 1993-2017."

Publications and Working Papers

Henne, Peter, Nilay Saiya and Ashlyn W. Hand. 2020. "Weapon of the Strong: Government Support for Religion and Majoritarian Terrorism" *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

Hand, Ashlyn W. and William Inboden. 2018. "Religious Persecution Is on the Rise. It's Time for Policymakers and Academics to Take Notice" *Foreign Policy*.

Rodriguez, Victoria et. al. (including A. Hand). 2015. "Women Politics in the Americas: Political Representation and Policy Agendas in the Executive Branch". *LBJ School of Public Affairs: Policy Research Project 179*.

Rodriguez, Victoria and Ashlyn W. Hand. 2020. *Latin America's Women Presidents: Governance and Policymaking*. Manuscript available via Research Gate.

Hand, Ashlyn and Nilay Saiya. "Revisiting Democratization and Terrorism Across the Globe" *Under Review*.

Hand, Ashlyn. "Persecution and Partisanship: Toward a Middle Ground" *Working Paper*.

Awards/ Fellowships/ Grants

Smith Richardson Foundation: World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship	2020-2021
University Graduate Continuing Fellowship	2020- 2021
Clements Center for National Security: Graduate Fellow	2015- Current
William S. Livingston Outstanding Academic Employee Award: Teaching	May 2020
Center for Politics and Governance: Graduate Fellow	2015- 2017
Texas Governor's Office: Fellow	2010

Conference Presentations and Guest Lectures

"Interrogating Data and Choosing Cases". UT Austin, 2020

"Partisanship and Agenda-Setting in an Age of Polarization." UT Austin, 2020

"Weapon of the Strong? Government Support for Religion and Majoritarian Terrorism" *International Studies Association*. Toronto, Canada. March 2019

"Case Study Selection and Analysis". UT Austin, 2019

"Examining Social Welfare Policies in Latin America." *Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management*. Mexico City, Mexico. July 2018

"Political Power, Conflict Expansion and Agenda Setting." UT Austin, 2018

“Democracy Promotion, Religious Liberty and National Security” UT Austin. 2017

“Qualitative Methods: Interviewing with Reflexivity in Mind”. UT Austin, 2017

Teaching

Teaching Assistant: Analytical Methods for Global Policy Studies (*for Dr. Erin Lentz*). UT Austin, 2020

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Qualitative Methods (*for Dr. Peter Ward*). UT Austin, 2019

Teaching Assistant: Introduction to Analytical Methods (*for Dr. Erin Lentz*). UT Austin, 2016, 2017, 2019

Teaching Evaluations available upon request.

Academic Positions

Research Assistant. Women in Politics in the Americas, *Supervising Professor: Dr. Victoria Rodriguez*, 2016-2020

Research Assistant. Clements Center for National Security, *Supervising Professor: Dr. William Inboden*, 2016

Cohort Leader. Hatton W. Sumners Leadership Conference, *Supervising Professor: Dr. Howard Prince*, 2016-2019

Public Appearances

Podcast Guest: “Horns of Dilemma” hosted by Professor William Inboden. Episode: Topics You’re Not Supposed to Discuss at Dinner: The Role of Evangelical Religion in U.S. Foreign Policy, September 4, 2020.

Podcast Guest: “This is Democracy” hosted by Professor Jeremi Suri. Episode 40: Religion and Democracy, May 22, 2019. Available at <https://podcasts.la.utexas.edu/this-is-democracy/podcast/ep-40-religion-and-democracy/>.

Podcast Guest: “The Slavic Connexion” hosted by Matthew Orr. Episode: International Religious Freedom and the Case of Uzbekistan: Trading the Hammer-and-Sickle for the Moon and Star, April 17, 2019. Available at <https://www.slavxradio.com/uzbekistan-religiosity>.

Professional Experience

Texas Success Center, Policy Consultant

June 2014- Oct. 2014

Research Valley Partnership, Director of Communications

October 2012- August 2013

Burson Marstellar, Public Affairs Intern

June 2012- Aug. 2012

Texas House of Representatives, Legislative Aide

Dec. 2008- May 2011

References Available Upon Request