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## EDUCATION

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*Current*                    **University of Maryland, College Park**  
Ph.D, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS  
Comparative Politics | Methodology (*both w/ distinction*)

DEC 2016                **University of Maryland, College Park**  
MA, GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

DEC 2013                **University of Dayton**  
BA, *summa cum laude*  
Major: Economics | Minor: Political Science

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Billing, Trey (*Forthcoming*). Government Fragmentation, Administrative Capacity, and Public Goods: The Negative Consequences of Reform in Burkina Faso. *Political Research Quarterly*.

Billing, Trey and Lugg, Andrew. D. (*Forthcoming*). Conflicted Capital: The effect of civil conflict on patterns of BIT signing. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*.

— Winner of 2017-2018 Don C. Piper Award for best graduate student paper

## POLICY REPORTS

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McCauley, John F., Billing, Trey, and Lugg, Andrew D. (2017). Resilience in the Sahel Desk Assessment. *Produced for USAID*.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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The Demand for Aid in Africa, *Dissertation project*.

The Strategic Logic of Targeting of Aid by Rebel Groups During War, *with Michael G. Findley and David Backer*.

Analyzing Subnational Geocoded Data on Development Aid Projects: Standards and Methods, *with David Backer and Andrew Linke*.

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

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*Current*                    **Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM)**  
Research Assistant, *Aiding Resilience* Minerva grant  
Research Assistant, USAID Alert List

NOV 2016-JAN 2017    **United States Agency for International Development (USAID)**  
Academic consultant for The Mitchell Group

MAY-AUG 2015        **National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)**  
Research Assistant, INSPIRE project

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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PREVIOUS                      **Religion, Beliefs, and World Affairs**  
Teaching Assistant to Dr. John McCauley  
**Politics of the Developing World**  
Teaching Assistant to Dr. John McCauley  
Lectures given on *Conflict and Development* and *The State and Development*  
**International Negotiations**  
Teaching Assistant to Dr. Guy Ziv

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Teaching Assistant in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park, 2018  
Graduate Student Summer Research Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park, 2018  
Don C. Piper Award for best graduate student paper, *Conflicted Capital* (with Andrew D. Lugg), 2018  
Comparative Politics Subfield Research Grant, University of Maryland, College Park, 2017  
Dean's Fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park, 2014-2019  
Tim & Mary Riordan Scholarship, University of Dayton, 2013  
Statehouse Civil Scholars Fellowship, University of Dayton, 2013  
Jesse Phillips Economics Scholarship, University of Dayton, 2012

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND TALKS

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APR 2018                      **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference**  
A Conjoint Equilibrium Model of the Demand for Aid  
Chicago, Illinois

NOV 2017                      **Methods Workshop**  
**University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics**  
Causal Inference Using Conjoint Experiments

OCT 2017                      **Comparative Politics Workshop**  
**University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics**  
How Government Fragmentation Weakens the Public Goods Provision

SEP 2017                      **American Political Science Association Annual Conference**  
How Conflict Affects the Distribution of Aid  
San Francisco, California

SEP 2017                      **American Political Science Association Annual Conference**  
Methods and Standards in the Analysis of Subnational Development Aid Data  
San Francisco, California (non-presenting coauthor)

APR 2017                      **Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference**  
Agency Slack and the Distribution of World Bank Projects in Africa  
Chicago, Illinois

FEB 2017            **Methods Workshop**  
**University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics**  
Introduction to spatial data and GIS

JAN 2017            **The Political Economy of International Organizations**  
The Effect of Civil Conflict on Patterns of BIT Signing  
University of Bern, Switzerland (non-presenting coauthor)

MARCH 2016        **Methods Workshop**  
**University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics**  
Introduction to document processing with L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X and Knitr

FEB 2016            **IR/CIDCM Workshop**  
**University of Maryland Department of Government and Politics**  
Bilateral Investment Treaties and Post-Conflict Economic Recovery

## SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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REVIEWER        Journal of Politics

MEMBER          American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

DISCUSSANT     University of Maryland Comparative Politics Workshop (2015, 2016)

COORDINATOR    University of Maryland Department of GSA Methods Workshop Series, 2016-2017

CO-CHAIR        University of Maryland Department of GSA Social Division, 2015-2016

## SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE

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FIELDWORK        Uganda (2018)    Experimental survey, elite interviews, focus groups  
                          Ghana (2017)     Experimental survey

                          Burkina Faso (2017)    Administrative data collection, elite interviews

PROGRAMMING     R, Stata, GIS