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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Graduate Assistant, [Florida State University](#) 2018-present

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, [Florida State University](#) 2024  
- *Subfields*: International Relations & American Politics

*Dissertation Title*: “Buying and Selling Foreign Aid: Donor Motivations and Public Perceptions of Foreign Aid”

*Committee*: [Matthew Pietryka](#) (Co-Chair), [Sean Ehrlich](#) (Co-Chair), [Marina Duque](#) & [Dotan Haim](#)

M.S. Political Science, [Florida State University](#) 2020

B.A. Political Science, [North Carolina State University](#) 2018  
- *Summa Cum Laude*

## AWARDS

**Teacher of the Year** 2022  
*Florida State University, Department of Political Science*

**First Place Student Achievement Award** 2018  
*National Association for the Practice of Anthropology*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Foreign Aid, Status, U.S. Foreign Policy, International Political Economy,  
Network Analysis, Causal Inference, Survey Experiments, Research Methods

## UNDER REVIEW

“[Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid](#)” with Marina Duque

“[Making Agreements with Friends: Using an Analogy to Teach Informal Agreements and Bargaining in International Relations Courses](#)”

“[Buying Monetary Status: Chinese Foreign Aid and the Rise of the Renminbi](#)”

## WORKING PAPERS

“[A Network of Buyers: Foreign Aid and Vote Buying in the United Nations](#)”

“[Selling Foreign Aid: A Conjoint Experiment on Public Support for Foreign Aid](#)”

“Misconceptions and Public Support for Foreign Aid Provisions”

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

September, 2023. “Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid” with Marina Duque  
*American Political Science Association*

April, 2022. “Noblesse Oblige: Status Motivations and Public Support for Foreign Aid” with Marina Duque  
*International Studies Association*

April, 2021. “Buying Monetary Status: Chinese Foreign Aid and the Rise of the Renminbi”  
*International Studies Association*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT For Marina Duque 2019–2022  
For for Inken von Borzyskowski 2018–2019

UNDERGRADUATE  
TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE  
(INSTRUCTOR OF  
RECORD)

**INR 3502: International Organizations** Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023  
*Florida State University*

**POS 1041: American National Government** Summer 2020, Summer 2023  
*Florida State University*

**INR 4102: American Foreign Policy** Summer 2021, Spring 2022, Summer 2022  
*Florida State University*

GRADUATE  
TEACHING  
ASSISTANCE

**POS 5746: Political Science Data Analysis** 2023  
*Methods II: Florida State University*

UNDERGRADUATE  
TEACHING  
ASSISTANCE

**INR 3933: Nationalism and Conflict** 2019 - 2022  
*Florida State University*

**INR 3933: The State and the Modern International System** 2020  
*Florida State University*

**INR 2002: Introduction to International** 2019-2020  
*Florida State University*

**INR 3502: International Organizations** 2019  
*Florida State University*

ADVISING

**Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program** 2023-2024  
*Florida State University*

**Research Intensive Bachelor’s Certificate Program: Yadianis Ojeda** 2023  
*Florida State University*

TRAINING

Political Network Conference: R Network Workshops 2021  
 PIE Teacher Training Recognition: Program for Instructional Excellence 2018  
*Florida State University*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

**Reviewer**  
*Journal of Political Science Education*

**Graduate Student Representative** 2022-2023  
*International Relations Professor Search Committee, Florida State University*

**Treasurer** 2021–2022  
*Political Science Graduate Student Association, Florida State University*

**Memberships**  
*American Political Science Association, International Studies Association*

GRANTS

**Departmental Travel Grant** \$800 total  
*Department of Political Science, Florida State University* 2023

**Congress of Graduate Students Travel Grant** \$250 total  
*Florida State University* 2023

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*Department of Political Science, Florida State University* 2022

**Congress of Graduate Students Travel Grant** \$250 total  
*Florida State University* 2022

SKILLS & TRAINING

**Statistical:**  
 Regression, Maximum Likelihood Estimation, Time Series, Multilevel/Hierarchical Models, Social Network Analysis

**Software:**  
 R, Stata L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

REFERENCES

<p><a href="#">Matthew T. Pietryka</a>                  Associate Professor                  Department of Political Science                  Florida State University                  Tallahassee, FL 32306                  ✉<a href="mailto:mpietryka@fsu.edu">mpietryka@fsu.edu</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Sean Ehrlich</a>                  Associate Professor                  Department of Political Science                  Florida State University                  Tallahassee, FL 32306                  ✉<a href="mailto:sehrlich@fsu.edu@fsu.edu">sehrlich@fsu.edu@fsu.edu</a></p>
<p><a href="#">Marina Duque</a>                  Associate Lecturer                  Department of Political Science                  University College London                  London, UK, WC1H 9QU                  ✉<a href="mailto:marinagduque@gmail.com">marinagduque@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Dotan Haim</a>                  Assistant Professor                  Department of Political Science                  Florida State University                  Tallahassee, FL 32306                  ✉<a href="mailto:dhaim@fsu.edu">dhaim@fsu.edu</a></p>