

# ALEX STEPHENSON

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## EDUCATION

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### University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Fields: International Relations, Methodology and Formal Theory, Comparative Politics

Committee: Aila Matanock (*co-chair*), Susan Hyde (*co-chair*), Robert Powell, Leonardo Arriola, Saira Mohamed

M.A. Political Science

2018

### University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

2011

B.A., Political Science and Statistics

## WORKING PAPERS

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"The Effect of Delays in Service on Police Legitimacy: Evidence from Minneapolis 911 Calls"

"Justifying Deadly Force: A Quantitative Text Analysis of Police Narratives"

"Calling for Help: Modeling Third-Party Counterbalancing on Coup Risk"

"Shift Share Instruments with Continuous Treatments"

"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme repression in the Shadow of Civil War" with *Dogus Aktan and Gregoire Phillips*

"Status Seeking by Middle Powers: Evidence from Token United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions"

## PRESENTATIONS

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"Calling for Help: Modeling Third-Party Counterbalancing on Coup Risk" *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, September 10, 2020

"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme Repression in the Shadow of Civil War" *Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, April 15, 2020

"Swords before Ploughshares: Extreme Repression in the Shadow of Civil War" *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 9, 2020

"Status in Token United Nations Peacekeeping Contributions" *Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, January 18, 2019

"Where Did They Go? The Decline of Mercenaries in the 19th and 20th Centuries" *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, August 30, 2018

## TEACHING

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Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to International Relations, Aila Matanock 2019

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Comparative Politics, M. Steven Fish 2019

Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Quantitative Methods, Andrew Little 2018

## **AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

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Member, The Violence & Insurgency Lab, UC Berkeley *2018-Present*  
Co-Student Coordinator, Department Methods Workshop, UC Berkeley *2019-20*  
Student Coordinator, International Relations Colloquium, UC Berkeley *2018-19*  
Graduate Methods Tutor, UC Berkeley *2018-Present*  
Member: American Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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*Senior Data Science Contractor* YouGov America *2018-Present*  
*Research Assistant*, Berkeley Program on Security Institutions and Violent Instability *2017*  
*Research Assistant*, RAND Corporation *2014-2016*

## **TECHNICAL TOOLS**

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**Main Computer Languages** R, Python  
**Other Software & Tools** Stata, Git, Bash