



# **School of Public and International Affairs Reception**

**Celebrating Student  
Achievements**

**2021-2022**

**UNDERGRADUATE  
STUDENT  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**BACHELOR'S OF POLITICAL  
SCIENCE**

*Degree Recipients*

**Fall 2021**

**Political Science**

Marisol Sabrina Allison

Grant James Bagshaw

Christine Baker

Mandela A Brown

Kayce Mae Bassman

Briana Michaela Bishop

Morgan Nicole Correll

David Sander

Winston Rhodes Caine

Amanda Carrick

Jared W Darlington

Duncan James Houchell

Elena Marie Kaufman

Abigail Jane Klare

Navya Venkat Koppusetty

Lance Eric Lobenthal

Nicholas Maldonado

Madeleine Paige McCabe

Noah Malik Nixon

Mathilde Normand

Shannon Leigh Rischar

Sara Ariana Sadri-Lonbani

Shelby L Swanger

Isabella Claire Thomas

Nia V Thomas

Sarvani Vemuri

Sky Marie Waldbillig

Dakota Michelle Watters

Bethany Christine Worton

**International Affairs**

Sarah Kamran Aftab

Dominick Joseph Antija

Briana Michaela Bishop

Castillo Duenkelsbuehler

Alexis Marie Caroline

Ndeye Fatou Gueye

Austin Heller

Ellie Kaloudis

Navya Venkat Koppusetty

Lance Eric Lobenthal

Destiny Sauer

Dea'Jonna Alexiss Tucker

Chloe N Wilson Lorenzen

***Spring 2022***

**Political Science**

Thomas M. Abadie

Reanna Rose Andrews

Sophie Erin Ballah

Tyler Benson

Reghan Buie

Elizabeth Anne Coffman

Morgan Nicole Correll

Erin C Costello

Andrew Stephen Demellia

Trudie Doris Effron

Genevieve Joey Fortin

Jessica Erin Griffiths

Alyssa Marie Gruich

Maya Annette Gulani

Micah D Haring

Connor Jacob Herbert

Cathryn Victoria Hodge

Gwyn Holtgrieve

Isaiah Matthew Johnson

Ethan Alexander Kash

Allyson Elizabeth Kline

Noemi Leibman

Nathan Linden

Lukas Giang Liszkay

Maxwell Eric McDonald

Kavian Izak McMillan

Emily Moore

Sachiko Rose Morita-Mullaney

Zophia Kali Pittman

Matthew Pryor

Brian Regan

Kelsie Adrienne Renfrow

Jordan L Renner

Paul Adam Riedel

Rayme Shae Rogers

Sarah Bugal Saadeh

Dylan Ross Sleyo

Olivia Morgan Smith

Jason Patrick Sponaugle

Nicolas John Tammaro

Amilcar Miguel Torres-Enriquez

Dillon Michael Trafzer

Lydia Brianna Turner

Emily Claire Walburn

Indonesia D Walker

Elise Moran Walsh

**International Affairs**

Chase P Altier

Isabelle Fay Armitage

Christopher Caleb Deehan

Clare Driehaus

Caimen Michael Domer

Nathan Eads

Nicholas Finn

Carly Fisher

Grace M Grissett

Jessica Elyse Hemmerle

Theodore Francis Jansen

Christopher Andrew Keil

Michael J Kilmore

George Henry Kunkel

Joshua Antonio Lindsay

Jonathan Kevin McDonald

Alena Sky Moullet

Bethany Joy Notestine

Christopher B Padgett

Matthew Photides

Andrew Sean Ricica

Chloe Marie Roth

Matthew Slone

John Salvatore Tedesco

Spencer Ware

Megan Elizabeth Westermeyer

Adam David Wissman

## **Law & Society**

Kiana Barber

Tyler Benson

Laura Patricia Cabrera Espinal

Connor Michael Gleim

Erica Robin Keckert

Sara Smart

Allison Jean Todd

## **POLITICAL SCIENCE MINORS**

Taylor Renee Anderson

Kiana Barber

A'Jiana Bri-Ann Birchmore

Jack Connor Bowman

Jourden Mo'Neeq Cobb

Brendan Carl Dewing

Evan Elliott Eskilson

Benjamin Joseph Griesmer

Anthony Paul Gustely

Paige Madison Hendricks

Sydney Nicole Holtsapple

Augusta Leigh Hooks

Michelle J Jardine

Ryan Cameron Johnson

Griffin King

George Henry Kunkel

Mary Callaway LeBus

Brigid Lee

Megan JoAnn McConnell

Taylor Elise McQueen

Joseph Cobb Molski

Evan Richard Pyle

David Michael Rees

Karen Isela Rosen-Guevara

Taylor Patricia Sachs

Laura Danielle Scott

Emma Grace Segrest

Sara Smart

MacKenzie Thompson

Maya Ashley Threat

Joseph Anthony Valentine

Christopher Jacob Waford

Alexi Renee Wallace

Lydia Elaine Whiteford

Adam David Wissman

## **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS CERTIFICATE**

Reanna Rose Andrews

Sophie Erin Ballah

Laura Patricia Cabrera Espinal

Connor Herbert

## **LEGAL STUDIES CERTIFICATE**

*Fall 2021*

Mandela A Brown

Ellie Kaloudis

Abigail Jane Klare

Navya Venkat Koppusetty

Taylor Elise McQueen

Shannon Leigh Rischar

Shelby L Swanger

Sarvani Vemuri

Sydney Morales-Badillo

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Connor Jacob Herbert

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Morgan Jaine Dent

Clare Driehaus

Noor Mustafa Ghuniem

Erin Kathryn Gray

Jessica Erin Griffiths

Alyssa Marie Gruich

Connor Jacob Herbert

Madelyn K Iles  
Riley Vivian Knauf  
Noemi Leibman  
Lukas Giang Liszkay  
Kavian Izak McMillan  
Zophia Kali Pittman  
Paul Adam Riedel  
Olivia Morgan Smith  
Elise Moran Walsh

**WAR, PEACE, AND  
SECURITY STUDIES  
CERTIFICATE**

*Fall 2021*

Mandela A Brown  
Ellie Kaloudis  
Abigail Jane Klare  
Navya Venkat Koppusetty  
Taylor Elise McQueen  
Shannon Leigh Rischar  
Shelby L Swanger  
Sarvani Vemuri  
Sydney Morales-Badillo

*Spring 2022*

Thomas Abadie  
Chase Altier  
Maya Gulani

Sara Hamilton  
Connor Herbert  
Ethan Kash  
Maxwell McDonald  
Kevin Melloh  
Carter Sotkiewicz  
Jason Sponaugle  
MacKenzie Thompson

**NATIONAL HONORS**

**PHI BETA KAPPA**

Sophie Erin Ballah  
Tyler Benson  
Clare Driehaus  
Carly Fisher  
Zachary D Gale  
Erin Kathryn Gray  
Connor Jacob Herbert  
Marty Raymond Ishmael  
Layne Robert Miller  
Matthew Pryor  
Jordan L Renner  
Paul Adam Riedel  
Sarah Saadeh  
Jason Patrick Sponaugle  
Elise Moran Walsh

## **PI SIGMA ALPHA**

Jagur Beascjler

Matthew Berning

Reghan Buie

Laura Cabrera-Espinal

Jourden Cobb

Trudie Effron

Hanna Engle

Genevieve Fortin

Courtney George

Sara Hamilton

Connor Herbert

Marty Ishmael

Logan Kijewski

Allyson Kline

Mary LeBus

Laila Lowe

Daira Maldonado

Peter Nelson

Kristen Roberts

Erin Sharp

Kaitlyn Mahaffy

Megan McConnell

Maxwell McDonald

Kelsie Renfrow

Sarah Saadeh

Nicolas Tamaro

## **UNIVERSITY HONORS**

### ***Summa Cum Laude***

*Fall 2021*

Abigail Jane Klare

Margaret Reese Scripps

*Spring 2022*

Sophie Erin Ballah

Reghan Buie

Laura Patricia Cabrera Espinal

Clare Driehaus

Gulani, Maya Annette

Anthony Paul Gustely

Sara Nicole Hamilton

Sydney Nicole Holtzapple

Badre Rachidi

Jordan L Renner

Paul Adam Riedel

Jason Patrick Sponaugle

Christopher Jacob Waford

### ***Magna Cum Laude***

*Fall 2021*

Dylan Hunter Blair

Amanda Carrick

Brendan Carl Dewing  
Ellen Grace Haney  
Elena Marie Kaufman  
Madeleine Paige McCabe  
Taylor Elise McQueen  
Hannah Ruth Naberhaus  
Thomas Glenn Schott  
Sarvani Vemuri

*Spring 2022*

Reanna Rose Andrews  
Tyler Benson  
Morgan Jaine Dent  
Evan Elliott Eskilson  
Carly Fisher  
Zachary D Gale  
Noor Mustafa Ghuniem  
Connor Michael Gleim  
Erin Kathryn Gray  
Jessica Erin Griffiths  
Micah D Haring  
Connor Jacob Herbert  
Cathryn Victoria Hodge  
Madelyn K Iles  
Michelle J Jardine  
Megan JoAnn McConnell  
Layne Robert Miller

Zophia Kali Pittman  
Matthew Pryor  
Kelsie Adrienne Renfrow  
Sarah Bugal Saadeh  
Olivia Morgan Smith  
Allison Jean Todd  
Elise Moran Walsh

***Cum Laude***

*Fall 2021*

Grant James Bagshaw  
Brigid Lee  
Ramsey John Marshall  
Mathilde Normand  
Alexander J Vance

*Spring 2022*

Isabelle Fay Armitage  
Kiana Barber  
Jourden Mo'Neeq Cobb  
Elizabeth Anne Coffman  
Trudie Doris Efron  
Alyssa Marie Gruich  
Marty Raymond Ishmael  
George Henry Kunkel  
Mary Callaway LeBus  
Nathan Linden



Emily Moore

David Michael Rees

Emma Grace Segrest

Sara Smart

Nicolas John Tamaro

## **SCHOOL HIGH HONORS**

Tyler Benson

Erin Kathryn Gray

Maya Annette Gulani

Ellen Grace Haney

Connor Jacob Herbert

Noemi Leibman

Hannah Ruth Naberhaus

Badre Rachidi

## **SCHOOL HONORS**

Reanna Rose Andrews

Isabelle Fay Armitage

Grant James Bagshaw

Kiana Barber

Dylan Hunter Blair

Reghan Buie

Amanda Carrick

Elizabeth Anne Coffman

Brendan Carl Dewing

Clare Driehaus

Trudie Doris Efron

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Jessica Erin Griffiths

Alyssa Marie Gruich

Sara Nicole Hamilton

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Olivia Morgan Smith  
Jason Patrick Sponaugle  
Nicolas John Tammaro  
Allison Jean Todd  
Alexander J Vance  
Sarvani Vemuri  
Elise Moran Walsh

## **MODEL UN**

Luc Balson  
Sydney Balson  
Maisy Green  
Spenser Hore  
Trey Johnson  
Adit Kulkarni  
Marisol Martin  
Owen Moe  
Gracie Reed  
Joe Sammon  
Morgan Standley  
Amilcar Torres  
Dillon Trafzer  
Zac Worth

## **AWARDS**

### **Ruehlmann Scholarship**

Mackenzie Collett

### **Tolley Scholar**

Chloe Kilguss

### **Undergraduate Student Body Vice President**

Taylor Allgood

### **AAUP Paradise Scholarship**

Taylor Allgood

### **Fulbright Scholarship to Spain**

Isabel Slonneger

### **William Baughin Liberal Arts Scholarship**

Nicole Newman

### **Salmon P. Chase Merit Scholarship**

Nicolas Tammaro

### **Cincinnatus Honor Society**

Taylor Allgood

Tyler Benson

### **Hatfield Stanhope Memorial Award**

Noemi Leibman

### **Taft Research Center Undergraduate Enrichment and the Mentor-Mentee Award**

Abigail Crabtree

### **Joy E Lewis Scholarship**

Lauren Leong

**School of Public and International  
Affairs Internship Award**

Sam Adams

Malak Alwawi

Marcie Baker

Emily Bowen

Kennedi Bruce

Laura Cabrera Espinal

Mackenzie Collett

Harper Esterle

Hunter Fain

Madelyn Feeney

Josie Hughes

Chloe Kilguss

Margaret Lekan

Zophia Pittman

Sydney Rosenthal

Morgan Standley

Adora Stephenson

Margaret Sweeney

Erin Tedtman

Andrew Tekulve

Cole Williams

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

### **MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

#### *Degree Recipients*

Victoria Bloechl

Joy Girgis

Amy Greene

Adrianna Hernandez-Ortiz

James Hierath

Ryan James

Kiara Johnson

Daniel Jones

Sunga Kufeyani

Jacqueline Lewis

Janiah Miller

Alexandra Nash

Emma Parker

Jala Stephens-Bertin

Nia Thomas

Joey Williams

Gabrielle Woehler

### **MASTER OF POLITICAL SCIENCE**

#### *Degree Recipient*

Mahir Ikram

## **PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE**

#### *Degree Recipient*

Igor Kovač

Jelena Vičić

### **University Honors**

#### *Summa Cum Laude*

Joy Girgis

Adrianna Hernandez-Ortiz

Alexandra Nash

Gabrielle Woehler

#### *Magna Cum Laude*

Victoria Bloechl

Amy Greene

Daniel Jones

Igor Kovač

Sunga Kufeyani

Emma Parker

Jala Stephens-Bertin

Joey Williams

#### *Cum Laude*

James Hierath

## **CENTER FOR TRUTH, RACIAL HEALING, AND TRANSFORMATION**

Graduate Scholar- Emma Parker

Graduate Student Representative-  
Alexandra Nash

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified National Diversity  
Professional- Molly Scruta

Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP)-  
Victoria Bloechl

Foundational Restorative Justice for  
Institutions of Higher Education- Molly  
Scruta

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

American Society for Public  
Administration, Democracy and Social  
Justice Division Book Club Leader-  
Victoria Bloechl

Cincinnati Black United Front, Leaders  
of the Free World- Janiah Miller

Hamilton County Democratic Party,  
Executive and Nominating Committee  
Member- Janiah Miller

Just Leadership USA/Justice Votes KY  
Guest Speaker- Joy Girgis

Ohio State University Presenter (2021)-  
Aida Ramusovic

Rising Stars of America Volunteer-  
Janiah Miller

Southwest Ohio Young Black  
Democrats, President- Janiah Miller

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

David Niven, **Stephen Bryant**,  
**Francesca Gottardi**, **Yorkow**  
**Oppon-Acquah**, and **Mustafa Sagir**.  
2022. "Resist Not Evil: The Rhetoric of  
Religion in Death Penalty Policy  
Debates," Annual Meeting of the  
Southern Political Science Association.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2021.  
"Indigenous Rights and Federal Power  
in the International Legal Framework: A  
Comparison Between the United States  
and Australia," Manitoba University.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2021.  
"Istituzioni Resilienti: Buone Prassi per  
Fronteggiare la Crisi Pandemica,"  
University of Trento, Italy.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2021. "Modern  
Challenges in International Law, and  
Indigenous Rights: The United Nations  
Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous  
Peoples," American Political Science  
Association, Seattle, USA.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2021. "Modern  
Challenges in International Law and  
Human Rights," University of Trento,  
Italy.

**Gottardi, Francesca**. 2022. "The  
Death Penalty as Moral Consensus? The  
Gap Between Public Sentiment and  
Death Penalty Sentencing in Texas,"  
Midwest Political Science Association,  
Chicago, USA.

**Ilhan, Bekir**. 2022. "Explaining  
Peacetime Military Innovations in  
Authoritarian Regimes: China's

Evolving Military Strategy After the Cold War,” International Studies Association.

**Ramusovic, Aida.** 2021, “The Other Big News- BLM in TV Evening News in the Time of COVID,” American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA.

**Ramusovic, Aida.** 2022, “Let's Talk About Highly Selected International Women Leaders in the US Mass Media During COVID,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, Il.

**Ramusovic, Aida.** 2022, "Representation of China in Montenegro's Media," DeWitt Wallace Center for Media & Democracy, and the Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

**Ramusovic, Aida.** 2022, “The Other Big News: BLM in Times of COVID in US Media,” International Communication Association, Paris, France.

## **FELLOWSHIPS**

A&S Public Career Fellow- Nia Thomas

Albert C. Yates Fellowship- Joy Girgis

Albert C. Yates Fellowship- Janiah Miller

Cares Economy Digital, Ohio Organizing Collaborative (21)- Janiah Miller

Emerson National Hunger Fellow (20-21)- Janiah Miller

Research Fellow at Guaranteed Income Program, Louisville- Joy Girgis

UC Digital Scholarship Center Fellowship- Aida Ramusovic

UC Space Research Institute for Discovery and Exploration- Aida Ramusovic

## **FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR**

Yenni Rosana

## **GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

A&S Office of Inclusive Excellence & Community Partnerships- Nia Thomas

Digital Futures- Gabrielle Woehler

Editorial Assistant at the University of Cincinnati Press- Alexandra Nash

## **GRADUATE CERTIFICATES**

Feminist Comparative International Politics- Sarah Imran

Feminist Comparative International Politics- Stephen Bryant

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies- Janiah Miller

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Studio ATA0- Sarah Imran

Queen's Village Cincinnati- Janiah Miller

## **JOBS**

AmeriCorps Vista Affordable Housing Preservation Project Community Organizer (20-21)- Janiah Miller

Assistant Professor, Bilkent University- Crystal Whetstone

Assistant Professor, Kastamonu University- Murat Yilmaz

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UC Blue Ash- Molly Scruta

Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia- Igor Kovač

Innovation Ohio, first ever Radical Justice and Policy Associate- Janiah Miller

OneSight Associate Manager of Marketing- Amy Greene

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati- Victoria Bloechl

## **POST-DOC PLACEMENTS**

Center for Peace and Security Studies, University of San Diego- Jelena Vicić

Visiting Scholar at The Center for Peace and Security Studies, University of California (San Diego)- Igor Kovač

University of Arizona- Dani McLaughlin

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

American Political Science Association Member (2022)- Aida Ramusovic

Community Partner Research, University of Pennsylvania- Joy Girgis

Guest Speaker on Alternative Careers for SPIA Graduate Students - Alexandra Nash

Guest Writer for Studi Atao's Newsletter- Yash Sharma

International Communication Association Member (2022)- Aida Ramusovic

John Quincy Adams Society Student Foreign Policy Essay Contest Honorable Mention- Jonathan Liu

Midwestern Political Science Association Member (2022)- Aida Ramusovic

Ohio Women's Alliance, Reproductive Justice Table Cohort Member (22)- Janiah Miller

School Board (21)- Janiah Miller

Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (2022)- Bekir Ilhan

## **PUBLICATIONS**

**Gottardi, Francesca.** 2021. Indigenous Rights and Federal Power in the International Legal Framework: A Comparison between the United States and Australia in WALKING TOGETHER IN INDIGENOUS RESEARCH. Manitoba University Press.

**Gottardi, Francesca.** 2022. Down Syndrome Legislation in the U.S. and Italy: A Comparison, MILAN LAW REVIEW.

**Kovač, Igor**, Anže Burger, and Staša Tkalec. 2021. (Geo)politics of Universal Periodic Review, Why States Issue and Accept Human Rights Recommendations? Foreign Policy Analysis, 17(4), orab029.

**Kovač, Igor** and Norrin Ripsman. 2021. Material Sources of Grand Strategy. In Thierry Balzacq and Ronald Krebs (Eds.), Oxford Handbook of Grand Strategy. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pp. 205–20.

Marianne Marchand, Anne Runyan, and **Molly Scruta**. Prospects for Addressing Social Inequalities in US-Mexico Relations: US Domestic Barriers to and Potentials of a US Intersectional Feminist Foreign Policy. Universidad de las Americas Puebla.

**Miller, Janiah**. Cincinnati's first Housing Justice Voter Empower Guide

**Ramusovic, Aida** and Brian Calfano. 2021 The American Professor Pundit-Academics in the World of US Political Media, Palgrave Macmillan, Co-author.

**Sharma, Yash**. Shaheen Bagh and the Politics of Protest in the Anti-CAA Movement in India. To be published in Gendered Activism in South Asia of Feminist Encounters Journal (2023).

## **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

GSG Diversity and Inclusion in Academia- Francesca Gottardi

Kuamka Graduate and Professional Recognition (21-22)- Janiah Miller

Marquita McLean Research Grant- Janiah Miller

Niehoff Center Funding for Research and Creative Projects- Aida Ramusovic

## **SPIA GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Nathan Bailleux (CCPS)

Stephen Bryant

Joy Girgis

Francesca Gottardi

Bekir Ilhan (CCSP)

Sarah Imran

Jinkyung Lee (CCSP)

Jonathan Liu

Janiah Miller

Md. Wasim Newaz

Yorkow Oppon-Acquah

Mallory Rock

Yenni Rosana

Mustafa Sagir (CCSP)

Regina Shahi

Yash Sharma

Gabrielle Woehler

## **SPIAGSA GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM**

SPIAGSA Graduate Symposium Organizer- Aida Ramusovic

2021 Second Place Winner- Jonathan Liu



2022 Presenter- Bekir Ilhan  
2022 Presenter- Md. Wasim Newaz  
2022 Presenter- Yash Sharma  
2022 Presenter- Yorkow Oppon-Acquah

## **SPIAGSA OFFICERS**

*2021-2022*

President- Sunga Kufeyani  
Vice President- Alexandra Nash  
Treasurer- Bilgen Turkey

*2022-2023*

President- Stephen Bryant  
Vice President- Prateek Srivastava  
Treasurer- Bilgen Turkey

## **TAFT DISSERTATION FELLOWS**

Francesca Gottardi, 2022-23  
Bekir Ilhan, 2022-23  
Sayam Moktan, 2021-22

## **TAFT RESEARCH CENTER GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Adriana Hernandez-Ortiz  
Sunga Kufeyani

## **UC COLLEGE OF LAW GRADUATION**

Francesca Gottardi (Cum Laude, 2021)

## **UC GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Treasurer (21-23)- Aida Ramusovic