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EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts Expected: May 2028
Ph.D. in Political Science
Subfields: International Relations and Comparative Politics
Research Interests: International Political Economy, Political Psychology, Security Studies, Causal Inference

University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, Massachusetts May 2023
M.A. in International Relations

University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, W.I. July 2019
BSc. in International Relations
Minor in Gender and Development with Honors

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025 Early Career Scholar, Center for International Affairs and World Cultures, Northeastern University
Graduate Affiliate, Center for Innovation in Social Science (CISS), Boston University

2024–25 Affiliate, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society at Harvard University

2023–24 Inaugural Graduate Student Fellow, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society,
Harvard University

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Sullivan, B. 2025. *Trading Peace for War: Market Embeddedness and Military Support in the U.S. Financial Sector*. Manuscript in preparation

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Summer Mini Grant, Center for Innovation in Social Science (CISS), Boston University
Early Career Scholars Seed Funding, Transnational Political Networks & the Future of Global Order Project
(PI: Mai'a K. Davis Cross; Funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York)
Inaugural Graduate Student Fellowship, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University
Dean's Fellowship, Boston University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GRS)
Teaching Fellowship, Boston University Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GRS)
American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Grant

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2026 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL — *Trading Peace for War: Market Embeddedness and Military Support in the U.S. Financial Sector* [Accepted]

2026 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH — *Trading Peace for War: Market Embeddedness and Military Support in the U.S. Financial Sector*

2025 International Studies Association Northeast (ISA-NE) Annual Meeting, Providence, RI — *Lexicons of Risk: Capital, Loss, and Support for Coercive Force*

2024 International Studies Association Northeast (ISA-NE) Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD — *Your Business is Our Business: Theorizing Market Coercion and State Interest*

Fellows Fireside Chats, Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University — *Coercion and Market Power*

Modern Sciences & Technology Working Group, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University — *Technology in the Production of Security*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025	Research Assistant for Marcus Walton (Boston University)
2024	Research Assistant for Kaija Schilde and Rosella Cappella Zielinski (Boston University)
2023	Summer Research Assistant (Berktern), Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University Research Assistant for Erin O'Brien (UMass Boston) and Amy Fried (UMaine)
2022	Strategic Project Fellow in Technology & Innovation, The Innovation Institute at the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025	Teaching Fellow for Comparative Politics (PO151/PO251), Boston University Teaching Fellow for Comparative Political Economy (PO331), Boston University
2024	Teaching Fellow for Causes of War and Peace (PO 357), Boston University
2021	Graduate Student Instructor for Introduction to American Politics, University of Massachusetts Boston Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Political Theory, University of Massachusetts Boston

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2025	Auditor, <i>Banking Structure and Regulation</i> , Boston University School of Law
2024	Participant, <i>ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research</i> , University of Michigan, Ann Arbor – Causal Inference I & II
2024	Auditor, <i>Law and Political Economy</i> , Harvard Law School

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Mentor, Graduate Student Mentorship Program, Boston University Department of Political Science
Co-lead Organizer (Spring 2024 – Fall 2025), Graduate Student Speaker Series, BU Department of Political Science
Co-lead Organizer (Fall 2024 – Fall 2025), Topics in Politics (TIPS) Workshop, BU Department of Political Science
Country Expert, Digital Society Project (DSP); Jamaica (JAM), Barbados (BRB), and Trinidad & Tobago (TTO)
[Funded by the National Science Foundation]
Internet Access and Inclusion Session Co-chair, RightsCon 2025 Annual Meeting, Seoul, South Korea

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA); International Studies Association (ISA), American Bar Association (ABA) Student Member

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Group Communications Lead, Wikimedians of the Caribbean (WikiCari)
Community Communications Specialist (North America and the Caribbean), Wikimedia Education
Marketing and Communications Consultant, MBJ Airports Limited (Sangster International Airport [MBJ])

RESEARCH AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spoken and Written Languages: English (Native); Jamaican Patois (Native); French (Working Proficiency); Spanish (Limited Proficiency); German (Beginner)
Programming and Computation: R (Advanced); $\text{\LaTeX}$ (Advanced); SPSS (Intermediate); Python (Intermediate)