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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, Syracuse University current

Dissertation title: *Co-evolutionary networks in international relations*

Advisor: Ryan Griffiths

M.A. Political Studies, American University of Beirut 2018

M.A. *cum laude* International Relations, Leiden University 2016

B.A. *summa cum laude* International Studies: Middle East, Portland State University 2015

Publications

PEER-REVIEWED

Michael C. McCall, Ryan Griffiths. "The State made the System and the System made the State". *European Journal of International Relations*. (Revise and resubmit)

Olivia Miske, Anna Lou Abatayo ... Sebastian Karcher ... Michael C. McCall ... Brian A. Nosek and Timothy M. Errington. "Investigating the reproducibility of the social and behavioural sciences". *Nature*. (Revise and resubmit)

Michael C. McCall. "Layer interdependence in the multiplex international system". *Network Science*. (Under review)

Michael C. McCall. "Redundant connections in diplomatic networks". *International Interactions*. (Under review)

WORKING PAPERS

"Complexity theory, international networks and empirical evidence" (presented at ISA 2025 and APSA 2025)

"Trade relationships and IGO ties: a complex network perspective" (presented at APSA 2024 and PolNet 2025)

BOOK CHAPTERS

"Chinese Engagement with the MENA Region: Exploring Sino-MENA Event Data." In *Rethinking China, the Middle East and Asia in a "Multiplex World"*, edited by Mojtaba Mahdavi and Tugrul Keskin. Social, Economic and Political Studies of the Middle East and Asia 128. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2022. <http://brill.com/view/title/54211>.

Michael C. McCall, Tugrul Keskin. "Sino-Turkish Relations in the New Era: From Political Conflict to Economic Cooperation." In *Rethinking China, the Middle East and Asia in a "Multiplex*

World”, edited by Mojtaba Mahdavi and Tugrul Keskin. Social, Economic and Political Studies of the Middle East and Asia 128. Leiden; Boston: Brill, 2022. <http://brill.com/view/title/54211>.

“US-Gulf Cooperation Council Relations in the Age of the Obama Doctrine.” In *US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: From American Missionaries to the Islamic State*, edited by Geoffrey F. Gresh and Tugrul Keskin. Routledge Studies in US Foreign Policy. Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY: Routledge, 2018. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781351169646-10>.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Contextual Critical Theory: Revisiting the Historical Mode of Thought.” Book review of *Critical International Theory: An Intellectual History* by Richard Devetak. *International Studies Review*, July 20, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viaa052>.

“Turkey and Russia: A New Paradigm for Regional Rivalries?” *LSE Middle East Centre* (blog), July 6, 2020. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mec/2020/07/06/turkey-and-russia-a-new-paradigm-for-regional-rivalries/>

“The Beijing Consensus and Its Relevance in the Arab Gulf.” *Issue Brief*. Houston, TX: Baker Institute for Public Policy, 2018. <https://hdl.handle.net/1911/105140>.

“First Things First: Core Interests in American Gulf Policy.” *International Affairs Review* (blog), July 17, 2017. <https://web.archive.org/web/20200815194853/https://iar-gwu.org/2017/07/17/first-things-first-core-interests-in-american-gulf-policy/>.

“In Iraq, the PMF’s Day of Reckoning Approaches.” *Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy* (blog), July 17, 2017. <https://jmepp.hkspublications.org/2017/07/17/understanding-turkeys-influential-role-in-the-gulf-crisis/>.

“Determining a Successful Humanitarian Intervention.” *E-International Relations* (blog), July 9, 2017. <https://www.e-ir.info/2017/07/09/determining-a-successful-humanitarian-intervention/>.

SOFTWARE

awardFindR. ROpenSci, 2021. <https://docs.ropensci.org/awardFindR/>.

Awards

EXTERNAL

PolNet-PaCSS travel grant (\$200)	2025
APSA Travel Grant (\$200)	2024
International Studies Association Travel Grant (\$400)	2024
ICPSR Scholarship for Political Science Research (\$2,800)	2022
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (\$750)	2022

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Betsy and Alan Cohn Fund for best application for external funding (\$1,000)	2024
Graduate School Summer Fellowship (\$4,500)	2024
Research Excellence Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,000)	AY 2023-2024

Betsy and Alan Cohn Fund for best application for external funding (\$3,250)	2023
Political Science Research Fellowship (\$11,000)	2022
Betsy and Alan Cohn Fund for best application for external funding (\$4,215)	2022
Stuart Thorson Award to Support Attendance at ICPSR (\$3,100)	2022

Conferences

APSA 2025 (presented)
 PolNet-PaCSS 2025 (presented)
 International Studies Association 2025 (presented)
 American Political Science Association 2024 (presented)
 International Studies Association 2024 (presented)
 Midwest Political Science Association 2023 (presented)
 Political Networks 2022 (presented)

Research roles

Graduate research assistant, Qualitative Data Repository, Syracuse University	2021-2022
Developed awardFindR package for ROpenSci	
Developed machine learning models for scientometric analysis	
Developed internal software for reproducible workflows	
Curated qualitative data sets, consulted with researchers on data management	
Research assistant for Daniel McDowell, Syracuse University	2020-2021
Conducted data collection, coding	

Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	summer 2021, 2022
Teaching Assistant, Political Science Department, Syracuse University	
PSC 794 Advanced Quantitative Political Analysis (graduate)	2025
PSC 693 Intro to Quantitative Political Analysis (graduate)	2024
MAX 201 Quantitative Methods for Social Science	2024-2025
PSC 363 Ethics and International Relations	2021
PSC 123 Introduction to Comparative Politics	2020
PSC 124 Introduction to International Relations	2020
PSC 344 Politics of the Middle East	2019

Additional training

Advanced Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science, Santa Fe Institute	2025
Graduate Workshop in Computational Social Science, Santa Fe Institute	2023
Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, UC Berkeley	2022
ICPSR Summer Institute, University of Michigan	2022
Courses: Network Analysis II, Bayesian Modeling for the Social Sciences II	

Skills

Developed packages and programs in: R, python, bash, node.js

Competent in: julia, java, SQL, \LaTeX , C/C++, and more

Web scraping, network analysis, simulation modeling, machine learning

Professional membership

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association

Service

Editorial manager, *International Politics*

Reviewer, *International Studies Review*

Tech administrator (2019-2024), Political Science Graduate Student Association

Future Professoriate Program, Syracuse University