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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Director, Interdisciplinary Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2026 – Present

Teaching Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2026 – Present

Lecturer (Full-time), Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2023 – 2026

Instructor (Full-time, 1-Year, Renewable), Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2020 – 2023

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL (2021)

- Dissertation: “Dying to Fight: The Individual and Social Processes of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon” (Pass with Distinction)

M.S., Politics & Government, Illinois State University, Normal, IL (2014)

- Master’s Thesis: “A Holy Peace: Abrahamic Interconnectivity and Collective Identity Framing in Israel/Palestine”

B.S., Politics & Government and History (double major), with a minor in Peace and Conflict Resolution Studies, Illinois State University, Normal, IL (2012)

- Honors Thesis (Department of Politics & Government): “International Law as a System of Anarchy: A Paradigmatic Divide”
- Senior Thesis (Department of History): “The Fabric of Conflict: Cotton Diplomacy in the American Civil War”

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Schumacher, Michael J., and Eileen C. DeGuire (undergraduate student). 2026. “Instability, Regime Type, and Terrorism: A Global Comparative Analysis (2001 – 2019).” *Democracy and Security*. 22(2) (May): 211-248.

Emig, Addison K. (graduate student), and **Michael J. Schumacher**. 2025. "The Rhetoric of Radicalism: The Anti-Colonial Inspiration behind Osama bin Laden's Ideology." *Terrorism and Political Violence*. 37 (3) (April): 313-331.

Emig, Addison K. (graduate student), and **Michael J. Schumacher**. 2025. "Politicizing Terror: The (Ab)use of Counterterrorism Law for Authoritarian Ends in Tunisia." *Democratization*. 32 (2) (February): 561-587.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Addison K. Emig (graduate student). 2025. "The Wilting Jasmine: The Erosion of Public Administration and Democratic Backsliding in Tunisia." *Policy Studies*. Accepted (January). Forthcoming in Print.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Addison K. Emig (graduate student). 2025. "Deadly Consequences: Lessons from the Evolution of Terrorist Attacks Against United States Diplomats." *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism* 20 (1) (January): 106-127.

Emig, Addison K. (graduate student), and **Michael J. Schumacher**. 2024. "Beyond Terrorist Attacks: The Impact of Jihadist Non-State Actors on Foreign Policy." *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*. Accepted (December). Forthcoming in Print.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. "From Partition to Peace? A Retrospective on Religion and Reconciliation in Palestine/Israel." *Peace Review* 35 (1) (April): 62-71.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. "A Holy Peace: Sacred Values, Collective Identity, and the Future of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict." *Peace & Change* 48 (1) (January): 21-38.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2021. "Critical Junctures in Terrorism Studies: The Arab Spring and the New Twenty-First Century Security Environment." *Critical Studies on Terrorism* 14 (4) (December): 470-473.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2021. "Does Domestic Political Instability Foster Terrorism? Global Evidence from the Arab Spring Era (2011-14)." *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* 44 (3) (February): 198-222.

Schraeder, Peter J., and **Michael J. Schumacher**. 2020. "Collective Action, Foreign Fighting, and the Global Struggle for the Islamic State." *Democracy and Security* 16 (3) (August): 234-259.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2020. "A 'Tale of Two Jihadis?' Improperly Conflating Terrorists and Foreign Fighters in the Arab Spring." *Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* 12 (2) (April): 118-139.

Schumacher, Michael J., and Peter J. Schraeder. 2019. "The Evolving Impact of Violent Non-state Actors on North African Foreign Policies during the Arab Spring: Insurgent Groups, Terrorists, and Foreign Fighters." *Journal of North African Studies* 24 (4) (July): 682-703.

Schraeder, Peter J., Brian Endless, **Michael J. Schumacher**, and Kirstie L. Dobbs. 2019. "Revolutionary Diplomats? Introduction to the Study of North African Foreign Policies within the Context of the Arab Spring." Editors of a special issue in the *Journal of North African Studies* 24 (4) (July): 540-557.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Schumacher, Michael J. 2024. "Critical Reflections on State Terrorism: Terrorist Stereotypes, Vietnam, and the Legacy of American Cold War Cinema." In *Terrorism and Youth Popular Culture: Teaching the Next Generation from the Cold War to Present* edited by Martin Claar and Clint Jones. New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, August 2024.

Schumacher, Michael J. 2023. "The Arab Spring and the New Twenty-First Century Security Environment." In *9/11 Twenty Years On: Critical Perspectives* edited by Leonie B. Jackson, Lee Jarvis, and Harmonie Toros. New York: Routledge, May 2023.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

(In progress/under contract) Schraeder, Peter J., **Michael J. Schumacher**, and Peter M. Sanchez, eds. *Intervention Abroad: United States Foreign Policy toward the Global South*. Boulder: Lynne Rienner. Expected publication: 2025.

"Be Careful What You Wish For: The Impact of Democratization on Global Terrorism during the Third Wave" (with Peter J. Schraeder and Tofigh Maboudi). Preparing for submission.

Dying to Fight: The Individual and Social Processes of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon. Book project based on dissertation research.

STUDENT MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate

2024-25 "A Language of Power: The Impact of Emotion Paradigms on Political Discourse," (with Hailey Gates (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.

- 2024-25** “God’s Country, Their Revolution: White Christian Nationalism, January 6th, and the Future of Extremism in America,” (with Amy Rupsis (undergraduate)), Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2023-24** “Intractable Conflict, Queer Theory, and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” (with Deena Al-Ali (undergraduate)). Global Studies Capstone and Independent Study Course and Presentation at Loyola University Chicago’s Undergraduate Research Symposium, Spring 2024.
- 2023-24** “An Analysis of the Political Use and Mischaracterization of COVID-19 and How it Affected Christian Nationalism,” (with Kelsey Fitzgerald (undergraduate)), Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference (Virtual).
- 2023-24** “Preceding Political Violence: The Amplification of Extremism, Dehumanization, and Radicalization in the Era of “Post-Truth,” (with Sierra Wann (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “Violent Mediation: A Study of the Impact of Terrorism on U.S. Diplomacy,” (with Addison Emig (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “An Online World of Extremism: The Relationship Between College Students' Social Media Use and Radicalization,” (with Jordan Hamrick (undergraduate)), Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and Scholarship (CELTS) Provost Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2022-23** “Evaluating the Domestic Political Instability-Terrorism Nexus: A Comparative Case Study of Global Terrorism (2000 – 2019),” (with Eileen DeGuire (undergraduate), Gannon Fellowship for Women in Leadership and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2021-22** “The Comparative and Historical Study of Sexual Violence in War,” (with Abigail Apple (undergraduate)). Political Science Directed Readings and Independent Study Course, Summer 2022.
- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele (co-faculty advisor)), National Conference on Undergraduate Research, Gaithersburg, Maryland (Virtual).
- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele (co-faculty advisor)). Center for Engaged Learning, Teaching, and

Scholarship (CELTS) Interdisciplinary Research Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.

- 2021-22** “An Analysis of French Colonial Agricultural Practices and their Effects” and “Fascism in the Countryside: Propaganda Propagated to the P(r)asant,” (with Liam Broderick (undergraduate)). Ricci Scholars Program.
- 2021-22** “A Critical Examination of the History of the Chicago Police Department at Sites of Political Violence (1886 Haymarket, 1968 Democratic National Convention, and 2020 BLM protests) across Categories of Labor Rights, War, and Race,” (with Megan Walsh (undergraduate)). Leibman Research Fellowship and Loyola University Chicago Undergraduate Research Symposium.
- 2020-21** “Ancient and Modern Concepts of Justice,” (with Jessik Therien (undergraduate)). Political Science Directed Readings and Independent Study Course, Summer 2021.

Graduate

- 2025-26** “Standardizing Transitions to Democracy: A Mixed-Method Transitional Justice Policy Evaluation in Rwanda and South Africa,” (with Nadia Attia (MA student)). Criminal Justice & Criminology Applied Research Project, Spring 2026.
- 2025-26** “Tactics of Terror: The Influence of Ideology on Terrorist Target and Weapon Choice,” (with Hannah Eure (MA student)). Criminal Justice & Criminology Applied Research Project, Fall 2025.
- 2025-26** “The Relationship between Climate Shocks and Gender-Based Violence,” (with Gillian Wagner (MA student)). Criminal Justice & Criminology Applied Research Project, Fall 2025.
- 2024-25** “The Time to Kill? A Cross-National Comparative Analysis of Civil Unrest, Opportunity Structures, & Criminal Homicide,” (with Jackie Alfred (MA student)). Criminal Justice & Criminology Applied Research Project, Spring 2024.
- 2023-24** “The Comparative and Historical Study of Sexual Violence in War,” (with Shae Sauere (MA student)). Criminal Justice & Criminology Applied Research Project, Spring 2024.

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

“White Collar Crime” (undergraduate) (CJC 353) (last taught Spring 2026) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“Social Justice and Crime” (CJC 345) (last taught Spring 2026) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“International Criminal Justice” (undergraduate) (CJC 378) (last taught Fall 2025) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice” (undergraduate study abroad course in Rome, Italy) (CJC 372) (last taught Summer 2025) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology and the John Felice Rome Center, Loyola University Chicago

“Terrorism” (CJC 337/CJC 395/PLSC 337) (last taught Spring 2025) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology and Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Criminal Justice in a Global Context” (CJC 101) (last taught Spring 2026) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“International Criminal Justice” (graduate) (CJC 416) (last taught Fall 2024) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Loyola University Chicago

“Political Violence” (CJC 336/CJC 395/PLSC 300c) (last taught Spring 2024) Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology and Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Political Justice” (PLSC 301) (last taught Fall 2022) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Intervention in World Politics” (PLSC 359) (last taught Spring 2022) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Revolutions” (PLSC 359) (last taught Fall 2021) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Democracy & Dictatorship” (PLSC 300c) (last taught Spring 2021) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Contemporary Political Thought” (PLSC 308) (last taught Spring 2023) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Introduction to Political Theory” (PLSC 100) (last taught Spring 2023) Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago

“Teaching Effectiveness Seminar” (GSSM 501) (co-instructor, year-long course, 2017-18, for training Ph.D. students from across the graduate school who are teaching a course as the instructor of record for the first time), The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago

“Senior Seminar: International Humanitarian Law” (POL 300) (last taught Spring 2014) Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

- 2018-19 American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Workshop Fellowship**
Travel, food, and lodging to present the theoretical chapter of my dissertation, “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective,” at two week-long workshops on “The Evolving Role of Political Institutions in the Arab World” in Rabat, Morocco (September 24-28, 2018) and Tunis, Tunisia (January 28 – February 01, 2019).
- 2018-19 The Harold D. Lasswell Award for the Most Outstanding Dissertation Project in International Relations and Foreign Affairs (The Horowitz Foundation)**
Cash award (\$1,500) for most outstanding dissertation project.
- 2018-19 World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, The Smith Richardson Foundation**
Dissertation grant (\$7,500) for archival research at the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (New York University) in New York City and to conduct interviews in Tunisia.
- 2018-19 Ernest Hemingway Research Grant, The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Foundation**
Dissertation grant (\$1,600) for archival research at The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Archives in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2018-19 Dissertation Research Grant, The Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy**
Dissertation grant (\$7,500) for archival research at the Abraham Lincoln Brigade Archives (New York University) in New York City, archival research at The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library Archives in Boston, Massachusetts, and to conduct interviews in Tunisia.
- 2016-17 Moroccan Studies Research Grant, Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa**
Research grant (\$2,000) to conduct interviews in Rabat, Morocco for project entitled, “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime.”

Internal Grants and Fellowships (Loyola University Chicago)

- 2024-25 Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Course Development Grant**
\$4,000 to plan a John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) course in Rome, Italy
- 2023-24 College of Arts and Sciences, Professional Development Grant**
\$4,000 to plan a John Felice Rome Center (JFRC) course in Rome, Italy
- 2019-20 Department of Political Science Research Assistantship**
1-year, \$15,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance.

- 2019-20 Graduate School Research Grant**
\$500 to conduct field interviews in Tunisia.
- 2018-19 Dissertation Fellowship (funded by The Arthur J. Schmitt Foundation)**
1-year, \$18,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance.
- 2018-19 Research Mentoring Program Fellowship**
\$1,500 stipend plus \$500 research support to work with an undergraduate mentee who was integrated into my dissertation research.
- 2018-19 Graduate School Conference Grant**
\$500 to present paper entitled, “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective,” at the APSA MENA Workshops.
- 2017-18 Graduate School Teaching Fellowship**
1-year, \$18,000 stipend, tuition, and health insurance to teach one class each semester for the Political Science Department and to co-teach the year-long “Teaching Effectiveness Seminar” for the Graduate School.
- 2016-17 Graduate School Research Grant**
\$400 for fieldwork in Morocco for project entitled, “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime.”
- 2016-17 Graduate School Conference Grant**
\$400 to present paper entitled, “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime,” at ASMEA conference in Washington, D.C.
- 2014–17 Research Assistantship (funded by a U.S. Department of State, Economic Support Fund (ESF) Grant with Principal Investigator, Peter J. Schraeder)**
3-years, \$18,000/year stipend, tuition, and health insurance.

Internal Grants (Illinois State University)

- 2012–14 Graduate Student Fellowship and Award**
2-years, \$14,000/year stipend, tuition, and health insurance.
- 2013-14 Research Grant (funded by the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning)**
\$1,000 to conduct research on project entitled, “Conference Participation as a Mentoring and Learning Experience: Applying Social Network Theory to the Annual ISU Research Symposia.” Co-investigator, Michaelene Cox.
- 2013-14 Cross-Disciplinary Grant Development Program Award**
\$500 to conduct research on project entitled, “Inter-Agency Integration of Offender Data: Strategies for Effective Information Management in Criminal Justice.” Co-investigators, Michaelene Cox and Sesha Kethineni.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Papers Presented

- 2022-23** “The Social Logic of the Foreign Fighter Phenomenon,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2023.
- 2021-22** “Online Radicalization and Indoctrination: Power, Identity, and Violence in Alt-Right Online Forums,” (with Colleen Trybanski (undergraduate) and Chad VandeWiele), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2022.
- 2018-19** “The Foreign Fighter Phenomenon in Historical Perspective,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Conference and Workshop, September 2018 (Rabat, Morocco) and January 2019 (Tunis, Tunisia).
- 2018-19** “Dying to Travel and Fight for a Foreign Cause? Foreign Fighters and the Global Struggle for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS),” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, April 2018.
- 2017-19** “Evolving Role of Foreign Fighters, Terrorists, and Insurgent Groups in the Foreign Policymaking Process,” Loyola University Chicago Symposium: “Revolutionary Diplomats? Impacts of the Arab Spring on the Formulation and Implementation of North African Foreign Policies (2011-16),” March 2017.
- 2016-17** “Moroccan Foreign Policy: Challenges of Democratization in a Hybrid Regime,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, (ASMEA) Washington, D.C., October 2016.
- 2014-15** “From Rhetoric to Response: Understanding the Post-9/11 Terror Narrative as a Discursive Formation,” Critical Media Literacy Conference, Illinois State University, March 2014.
- 2013-14** “Identifying Diversity in the Field: An Evaluation of Political Science Student Journals,” Illinois State Graduate Research Symposium, Illinois State University, April 2013.

Panel Chair, Moderator, or Discussant

- 2025-26** “Climate Change & Migration,” Migration, Mobilities, and Environments Conference (MiMEC), Loyola University Chicago’s John Felice Rome Center, May 2026.
- 2025-26** “Border Governance,” Migration, Mobilities, and Environments Conference (MiMEC), Loyola University Chicago’s John Felice Rome Center, May 2026.

- 2024-25** “Is Religious Terrorism Still a Threat to the United States?” Political Discourse Club Faculty Debate, Loyola University Chicago, March 2025.
- 2020-21** “How the U.S. Thinks, Talks, and Acts During Elections,” The Graduate, Professional, and Adult Student section of the Civic Engagement Series, Loyola University Chicago, October 2020.
- 2014-15** “Political Theory,” 22nd Annual Illinois State Conference for Students of Political Science, Illinois State University, April 2014.
- 2013-14** “War and Peace,” 21st Annual Illinois State Conference for Students of Political Science, Illinois State University, April 2013.

Symposium Coordinator

- 2024-26** Chicago Coordinator: “Migration, Mobilities, and Environments Conference (MiMEC), co-sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) and the John Felice Rome Center (JFRC), Loyola University Chicago.
- 2017-18** Symposium Co-coordinator: “Revolutionary Diplomats? Impacts of the Arab Spring on the Formulation and Implementation of North African Foreign Policies (2011-16),” co-sponsored by the Department of Political Science, the International Studies Program, and African Studies and the African Diaspora Program (with additional funding from the College of Arts and Sciences).
- 2013-14** Symposium Co-coordinator: “International Humanitarian Law,” sponsored by the Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University (with additional funding from the American Red Cross (Federal) and United States Institute of Peace (Federal)).

ACADEMIC AWARDS

- 2024-25** Sujack “Master Researcher” Award and Designation, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2023-24** Edwin T. & Vivijeanne F. Sujack Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2022-23** Sujack “Master Teacher” Award and Designation, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2020-21** Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Excellence in Teaching Award (Loyola University Chicago Winner, Illinois Winner, and Midwest Finalist)

- 2019-20** Graduate Student Teacher of the Year Award, The Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago (one graduate student selected from Loyola's 11 schools and colleges)
- 2017-18** Tuma-Gravett Award for Academic Excellence at the Ph.D. level, Department of Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
- 2015-16** Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award, Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University
- 2014-15** Walter S.G. Kohn Award for excellence in European scholarship, Department of Politics & Government, Illinois State University

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2026-Present** Director, Interdisciplinary Honors Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2023-Present** Faculty Affiliate, Center for Research on International Affairs (CRIA)
- 2023-Present** Faculty Advisor, Alpha Sigma Alpha Sorority
- 2023-Present** Faculty Advisor, Beta Theta Pi Fraternity
- 2024-25** Migration Studies Task Force Committee Member, College of Arts and Sciences, Loyola University Chicago
- 2023-24** Faculty Scholar for Civil Academic Discourse, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy (FCIP)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE

- 2024-25** Non-Tenure Track Search Committee and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Lead, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology
- 2023-Present** Review Committee for Tenure and Promotion Guidelines, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Podcast appearance, “You Teach, We Learn,” Loyola University Chicago’s Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy (FCIP): <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/episode-1-with-dr-michael-schumacher-and-patty-lamberti/id1763108427?i=1000709018947>

Professional membership in the American Political Science Association (APSA) and Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

Refereed manuscripts for *Advances in Applied Sociology*, *African Security*, *Cogent Arts & Humanities*, *Cogent Social Sciences*, *Critical Studies on Terrorism*, *Cross-Cultural Research*, *Peace Review*, *Perspectives on Terrorism*, *Policy Studies*, *Politics, Religion, and Ideology*, *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism*, *Terrorism and Political Violence*