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Education and Experience

Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance - Princeton University Postdoctoral Fellow	2026 - 2027
Florida State University Ph.D., Political Science Advanced to Candidacy – <i>Spring 2023</i> Expected Defense Date – <i>June 2026</i> Committee – <i>Quintin Beazer (co-chair), Sean D. Ehrlich (co-chair), Dotan Haim</i>	2026
Florida State University M.S., Political Science	2021
University of Central Florida M.A., Political Science	2019
University of Central Florida B.A., Political Science	2012

Publications

1. [Breaking Barriers: How an International Treaty for Women Reduces the Size of the Informal Economy](#)
(*Forthcoming at the American Journal of Political Science*)
2. [The Multisided Threat to Free Trade: Protectionism and Fair Trade During Increasing Populism](#)
Politics and Governance 11:1, 2023
with [Sean D. Ehrlich](#)

Working Papers

1. Enforcement, Displacement, and Informality: Labor Market Adjustment under the USMCA's Rapid Response Mechanism
2. Labor Provisions in Trade Agreements: What do they improve and when do they matter?
3. Rethinking Audience Costs: The Role of Domestic Audiences and Inaction Costs
4. Populism, Xenophobia, and Foreign Trade: A List Experiment on Why People Oppose Trade
with [Sean D. Ehrlich](#)

Grants and Fellowships

Frances McCall Rosenbluth Junior Scholar Research Workshop, APSA PE Section (2024)	\$700
Adelaide D. Wilson Graduate Fellowship, Florida State University Fellows Society (2021)	\$1000
Congress of Graduate Students Conference Travel Grant, Florida State University (2023-2026)	\$2000
Political Science Department Travel Grant, Florida State University (2023-2026)	\$3200
APSA First Generation Scholar Travel Grant (2023)	\$145
Florida State University Graduate Student Resource Center Presentation Grant (2025-2026)	\$2000
SPSA Prestage-Cook Travel Award (2026)	\$500

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2026 4th Annual Political Economy of Aid and Development Society (PEADS), Washington, DC
- 2026 Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SOWEPS-10), Tallahassee, FL
- 2026 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA
- 2025 Global Public Opinion Workshop, Tallahassee, FL
- 2025 Political Economy of International Organization (PEIO) Annual Conference
Plenary Paper Presentation, Cambridge, MA
- 2024 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference
Francis Rosenbluth Junior Scholar PE Workshop, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA
- 2023 Southern Political Science Association (SPSA) Annual Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL

Professional and Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Political Responses to Economic Globalization (10 classes, from 2023–present)

Introduction to International Relations (Summer 2022)

Graduate Assistant

[David Foster](#), Florida State University (2024 - 2025)

[Sean D. Ehrlich](#), Florida State University (2020 - 2024)

Research Assistant

[Demet Mousseau](#), University of Central Florida (2017)

Professional Service

Referee: *International Studies Quarterly*; *Journal of Experimental Political Science*;
International Interactions; *Politics and Governance*

Departmental Service and Mentoring

Research Mentor, Florida State Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (2023 - present)

Vice President, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2023 - 2024)

Treasurer, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association (2022 - 2023)

Co-Organizer, FSU Political Science Graduate Student Association Methods Workshop

Experimental Survey Methods (2024)

Network Analysis and Machine learning (2023)

Additional Conference and Workshop Attendance

– 2025 Multi-Method Conflict Consortium (M2C2) mini-conference
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

– 2024 Annual Political Networks (PolNet) Conference attendee
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

– 2024 EPOVB Annual Conference
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

– 2023 Human Rights Conference
Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, Tallahassee, FL

References

[Quintin Beazer](#)

Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Recruitment and Admissions, Florida State University

[Sean D. Ehrlich](#)

Associate Professor, Florida State University

[Dotan Haim](#)

Associate Professor, Florida State University