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Education

University of Oxford, PhD, Politics 2024-Present
University of Oxford, MPhil, Comparative Government (*with distinction*) 2022-2024
University of California, San Diego, B.S., Data Analytics/Political Science (*summa cum laude*) 2016-2020

Employment

London School of Economics

Research Assistant 2025-Present

University of Oxford

Tutor 2025-Present

Research Assistant 2022-2024

Payments and Governance Research Program

Pre-Doctoral Fellow 2020-2022

Center for the Study of African Political Economy

Research Assistant 2018-2020

Center for Peace and Security Studies

Lab Assistant 2019-2020

Research Assistant 2018-2019

Working Papers as (Co-) Author

Brodeur, A., Mikola, D., Cook, N., **Brailey, T.**, Briggs, R., Gendre, A. de, Dupraz, Y., Fiala, L., Gabani, J., Gauriot, R., Haddad, J., McWay, R., Levin, J., Johannesson, M., Metson, L., Kinge, J. M., Tian, W., Wochner, T., Mishra, S., ... McManus, E. (2026). Mass reproducibility and replicability: A new hope. *Nature*. Forthcoming. <https://hdl.handle.net/10419/289437>

Brailey, T., Harding, R., & Isbell, T. (2026). *Coups and Social Trust: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Burkina Faso*. Under review.

Brailey, T. (2026). Conceptualizing Private Military and Security Companies [Revise and resubmit]. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.

Brailey, T., & Sanchez-Bellosta, P. (2026). *Rethinking Public Goods Provision: Functional Specialization and Security in Displacement Settings* [Working Paper].

Brailey, T. (2025). *The Centralization of Security and Citizen Safety: Evidence from Mozambique* [Working Paper].

Brailey, T. (2025). *Tracing Dataset Usage in Political Science: A Pre-Analysis Plan and Pilot Study* [Working Paper].

Brailey, T., & Kelly, E. (2024). *A robustness reproduction of tappin, berinsky and rand (2023): "Partisans' receptivity to persuasive messaging is undiminished by countervailing party leader cues"* [I4R Working Paper]. <https://osf.io/9m4n6>

Brailey, T., Kelly, E., Odermatt, A., & Ward, A. (2024). *Reproduction and robustness of Kao et al. (2024): "Female representation and legitimacy". A report from the 2024 UC Berkeley Replication Games* [I4R Working Paper]. <https://osf.io/294cs>

Brailey, T., Hepplewhite, M., & Moser, S. (2023). *Direct Replication and Additional Sensitivity and Robustness Analyses for Frederiksen (2022): A Replication Report from the Nottingham Replication Games* [I4R Working Paper]. <https://doi.org/10.2139/ssrn.4437368>

Other Publications

Andriano, L., **Brailey, T. J.,** & Ebbinghaus, M. (2024). *Building a comprehensive database on conflict: Ethiopia, 1997–2017*. <https://doi.org/https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/6VKM8>

Publications as Research Assistant

Gannon, J. A., Gartzke, E., Lindsay, J. R., & Schram, P. (2024). The Shadow of Deterrence: Why Capable Actors Engage in Contests Short of War. *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 68(2-3), 230–268. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00220027231166345>

Gannon, J. A. (2023). Planes, Trains, and Armored Mobiles: Introducing a Dataset of the Global Distribution of Military Capabilities. *International Studies Quarterly*, 67(4). <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqad081>

Muralidharan, K., Niehaus, P., & Sukhtankar, S. (2023). General Equilibrium Effects of (Improving) Public Employment Programs: Experimental Evidence From India. *Econometrica*, 91(4), 1261–1295. <https://doi.org/10.3982/ecta18181>

Muralidharan, K., Niehaus, P., & Sukhtankar, S. (2023). Identity Verification Standards in Welfare Programs: Experimental Evidence from India. *The Review of Economics and Statistics*, 1–46. https://doi.org/10.1162/rest_a_01296

Gannon, J. A. (2022). One if by Land, and Two if by Sea: Cross-Domain Contests and the Escalation of International Crises. *International Studies Quarterly*, 66(4), 474–475. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/sqac065>

Faridani, S., & Niehaus, P. (2022). *Rate-optimal linear estimation of average global effects*. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.14181v2>

Gaikwad, N., & Nellis, G. (2021). Overcoming the Political Exclusion of Migrants: Theory and Experimental Evidence from India. *American Political Science Review*, 115, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055421000435>

Teaching Experience

Q-Step (quantitative social science) (University of Oxford, 2026).

Politics of Sub-Saharan Africa [[Syllabus](#)] (University of Oxford, 2025-2026).

Conference and Workshop Invites

American Political Science Association (2021, 2026).

European Political Science Association (2025).

European Political Science Society (2026).

International Studies Association (2020, 2021).

Midwestern Political Science Association (2020, 2024, 2025).

Political Studies Association (2023).

Southern California Research Conference (2019).

Western Political Science Association (2019).

Awards and Scholarships

Grand Union DTP Scholar 2024-2027 (Economic and Social Research Council).

Event Participant Grant 2024 (European Consortium for Political Research).

Cyril Foster Award 2024 (University of Oxford).

Merton College Research Grant 2023 (University of Oxford).

Clarendon Scholar 2022-2024 (University of Oxford).

BITSS Catalyst Grant Awardee 2021 (BITSS).

Sanford Lakoff Award for the Most Outstanding Senior Thesis 2020 (UC San Diego).

Pi Sigma Alpha 2017-2020 (UC San Diego).

Provost Honors 2016-2020 (UC San Diego).

Ernest C. Mort Leadership Excellence Award 2018 (UC San Diego).

Service

Journal reviewer: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2025.

Conference/workshop chair: *MPSA*, 2025.

Conference/workshop discussant: *T.E. Lawrence Program on the Study of Conflict*, 2023-2026. *MPSA*, 2025.

Organizer: *I4R Oxford Replication Games*, 2024.

Fieldwork

South Africa (March 2026).

Namibia (April 2026).

Training

European Consortium for Political Research (Social Network Analysis, 2024).

Oxford Spring School for Advanced Research Methods (Qualitative Methods, 2024).

European Consortium for Political Research (Bayesian Statistics, 2023).

Oxford Spring School for Advanced Research Methods (Machine Learning, 2023).

Consulting

Africa analyst: *Knightsbridge Strategic Group*, 2025.

Skills

Spoken languages

English (native), French (beginner), Arabic (beginner).

Technical languages

Proficient: ArcGIS, Git, LaTeX, R, SPSS, STATA, SQL, Tableau, QGIS.

Beginner: Julia, Python, Stan.

Infrastructures

Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Office, Google Suite.

References

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