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CURRENT POSITION

Research Fellow at University College London (UCL) July 2022 to Present
The GRIEVANCE Project (funded by the European Research Council)
Principal Investigator: Paul Gill

EDUCATION

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| PhD | University of Pittsburgh, Political Science | Expected in December 2023 |
| | Dissertation: “Three Essays on Terrorism and Political Behavior: An Analysis at Country, Individual, and Party Levels” | |
| | Committee: Steven Finkel (chair), Burcu Savun, Jae-Jae Spoon, Luke Condra | |
| MA | University of Pittsburgh, Political Science | April 2019 |
| MA | Sabanci University, Political Science | June 2017 |
| BA | Bahcesehir University, Political Science and International Relations | June 2015 |
| | Study Abroad: | |
| | Syracuse University, NY, USA | Spring 2014 |
| | Viadrina European University, Frankfurt (Oder), Germany | Spring 2013 |

PUBLICATION

- Chris Chinda, Cigdem Unal, Zoe Marchment & Paul Gill (2023) The Impact of Public Holidays on Insurgent Attacks: The Case of Thailand, Terrorism and Political Violence, DOI: [10.1080/09546553.2023.2222810](https://doi.org/10.1080/09546553.2023.2222810)

WORKING PAPERS

- “The Effects of Rainfall on Terrorist Attacks in Northern Ireland” with Paul Gill
- “Does Airport Security Reduce Terrorism? Analysis of Prevention and Displacement toward Transport Hubs” with Amber Seaward, Zoe Marchment, and Paul Gill
- “Terrorist Attacks and Political Attitudes and Behavior: A p-curve analysis” with Sandy Schumann
- “The Consequences of Civilian Casualties Caused by Counterterrorism Operations: The Case of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Afghanistan” with Paul Gill
- “Do Terrorist Attacks Mobilize People to Protest?”
- “The Impact of Terrorism on the Level of Voter Turnout”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Instructor | |
| Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Pittsburgh | Fall 2023 |

International Terrorism, University of Pittsburgh Summer 2020

Teaching Assistant

World Politics, University of Pittsburgh 2018, 2019, 2022

Humanity and Society I, Sabanci University Fall 2016 - Spring 2017

Guest Lecturer

Media and Terrorism, NATO Centre of Excellence Defence Against Terrorism Summer 2022

Achievement in Pedagogy Badge, Center for Teaching and Learning 2020-2021

PREVIOUS RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Participant at Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Summer 2020

Research Assistant to Steven Finkel, University of Pittsburgh Spring 2020

- Reviewed the current literature on civic education and democratic backsliding

Research Assistant to William Spaniel, University of Pittsburgh 2019 to 2020

- Wrote case studies on the effect of competition on terrorist group operations

Research Assistant to Laura Paler, University of Pittsburgh Spring 2019

- Assisted in creating replication files
- Cleared and transformed data

Research Assistant to Kerim Can Kavakli, Sabanci University 2015 to 2016

- Collected data on terrorist incidents from newspapers
- Gave computer-based implicit bias tests to undergraduate students

Research Assistant to Ozge Kemahlioglu, Sabanci University Summer 2016

- Reviewed the V-Dem Project Codebook and inspected relevant variables for the project

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

- Society for Terrorism Research (2023)
- American Political Science Association (2022, 2023)
- International Studies Association (2022)
- “Political Turbulence” Workshop at University College London (2020)
- Southern Political Science Association (2019)
- Midwest Political Science Association (2018)
- “Refugee and “refugees”: Challenge for the World, not just for Europe” Workshop by Academia Aestiva Internationalis Summer School in Ljubljana, Slovenia (2016)

HONORS AND AWARDS

First-Generation Scholar Travel and Accessibility Grant, APSA 2022

Pitt Three Minute Thesis Competition, University of Pittsburgh 2022

Social Science Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2020-2021

Outstanding Presenter Award at the Grad Expo, University of Pittsburgh 2019 & 2018

Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences Fellowship, University of Pittsburgh 2017-2018

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Peer reviewer for: *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Annals of Criminology*

University of Pittsburgh

Member of the *Structural Racism* (Assistant Professor) Search Committee 2022

TA/TF Mentor for the Department of Political Science 2020-2021

President of Turkish American Students Association 2020-2023

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Istanbul Policy Center, Istanbul, Turkey 2017

- Project Assistant

Co-Opinion (NGO with a focus on youth employment) 2015 to 2017

- Board Member, Academic Affairs

American Studies Center (AMERS), Istanbul, Turkey 2012 to 2014

- Administrative Assistant

SKILLS

Methods

Quantitative research methods including time-series/longitudinal analysis, maximum likelihood estimation, structural equation modeling, and quasi-experimental approaches such as difference in difference and event study design

Programming

Stata, R, Python

REFERENCES

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