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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Political Science, University of Iowa** 2027 (expected)
Dissertation: "Unequal Destruction: Strategic Repositioning in the Wake of Natural Disasters"
Chair: Elizabeth Menninga
Committee: Frederick Boehmke, Cullen Hendrix, Sara Mitchell, Elise Pizzi
- M.A., Political Science, University of Iowa** 2023
- B.S., Political Science, University of Iowa** 2022

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

International Relations

Civil Conflicts, Natural Disasters, Natural Resources, Rebel Tactics, Food/Water Scarcity,
Foreign Aid, Rebel Capacity for War

Methodology

Spatial Models, Geoinformatics, Text Analysis

FORTHCOMING

Dainty, Thomas C. and Adam Lappe. "Proximity to the Border and Border Fortification's Impact on Immigration Attitudes" *Accepted at the Political Research Quarterly*.

UNDER REVIEW

Boehmke, Frederick J., **Thomas Dainty**, Sami DeRagon, Hyein Ko, Taylor Tokos, Tianhui Wu, Weidong Zhang. "The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science." *Invited to Revise and Resubmit at Political Science and Politics*.

WORKING PAPERS

- Dainty, Thomas C.** "Foreign Aid Between Disaster and Rebellion: Subnational Evidence from the Philippines"
- Dainty, Thomas C.** "Resource Riches, Rebel Rulers: The Impact of Resource Wealth on Insurgent Governance"

IN PROGRESS

- Dainty, Thomas C.** "Classifying Violence and Infrastructure Attacks: A Data-Driven Approach"
- Dainty, Thomas C.** "Rebel Alliances and Natural Disaster Resiliency"
- Dainty, Thomas C.** "Natural Resource Wealth and the Use of Pro-Government Militias"

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- "Rebel Foreign Aid Targeting Amid Natural Disaster Recovery"
ISA 2026, Columbus, Ohio
- "Resource Riches, Rebel Rulers: The Impact of Resource Wealth on Insurgent Governance"
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ISA Midwest 2025, St. Louis, Missouri
“Foreign Aid Between Disaster and Rebellion: Subnational Evidence from the Philippines”
ISA Midwest 2025, St. Louis, Missouri
“The Use of Data Visualization in Political Science” with Sami DeRagon and Taylor Tokos
University of Iowa Methods Workshop Fall 2025
“Foreign Aid Between Disaster and Rebellion: Subnational Evidence from the Philippines”
APSA 2025, Vancouver, Canada
“Barriers, Borders, and Beliefs: Proximity to the Border and Border Fortification’s Impact on Immigration Attitudes” with Adam Lappe
IPSA World Congress 2025, Seoul, South Korea

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Stata Camp Instructor, Iowa Political Science Fall 2025
Compiled materials and taught an instructional workshop to first-year PhD students on how to code in Stata, covering topics such as file/data management, data summarization, and data visualization.

Independent Instructor, University of Iowa Spring 2025
POLI 3000: Analyzing Political Data
An upper-level undergraduate quantitative methods course, covering the utility of theory, and the basics of research design, probability theory, bivariate statistics, simple/multiple linear regression, and Stata as a statistical programming tool. Each student conducts their own research as a final project.

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa
POLI 1100: Introduction to American Politics Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant, University of Iowa
POLI 1501: Introduction to American Foreign Policy Fall 2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of Iowa Summer 2025 - Present
Continued work under Dr. Elizabeth Menninga and Dr. Alyssa Prorok for their Cooperation in Civil War project.

Research Assistant, University of Iowa Summer 2024 - Fall 2024
Worked under Dr. Elizabeth Menninga and Dr. Alyssa Prorok for their Cooperation in Civil War project, where I conducted data collection and cross-coder validation for individual cooperative events between rebels and the government during the civil conflict in the Philippines.

Research Assistant, University of Iowa Summer 2023
Worked under Dr. Frederick Beohmke to finalize the IPOL release of the 1981 Iowa Poll survey data and to write up a report compiling the analysis conducted by IPOL in the past year.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Graduate College Post-Comprehensive Research Award (\$11,653) Fall 2026

Political Science Department Summer Fellowship (\$5,500) Summer 2026

Emerging Scholar Forum Award - ISA Midwest (\$250) 2025

Political Science Departmental Travel Funding Grant (\$900) 2025-2026

Political Science Departmental Travel Funding Grant (\$1,000) August 2025

Political Science Departmental Travel Funding Grant (\$1,000) April 2025

Political Science Departmental Travel Funding Grant (\$500) 2024-2025

SKILLS

Programming Languages and Software: Stata, R, ArcGIS Pro
Statistical and Computational Methods: Introductory and Advanced Statistical Models, Time Series Analysis, Multilevel Models, Spatial Statistics, Survival Analysis, and Text Analysis

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer , Political Science Writing Accountability Group	2026-Present
Peer Mentor , Iowa Graduate Association of Political Scientists	2023-Present
First-year Orientation Team Member, Iowa Political Science	2025
Consulted and collaborated with a team of graduate students and the DGS on the first-year PhD students' orientation schedule and panel composition.	
Travel Funds Committee Chair, Graduate Student Senate	2024-2025
Assisted the Travel Funds Director in the management of GSS travel fund applications, including the delegation and facilitation of application reviews among the Travel Funds Committee.	
Evaluated applications to receive travel funding from GSS for conference presentations, symposiums, art galleries, and more for the larger graduate student body at the University of Iowa.	
Editorial Assistant, American Political Science Review	2024
Worked as the assistant to an Editor of the American Political Science Review, Kelly Kadera, where I managed the reviewer database and advised on reviewer selection for submitted manuscripts.	
Graduate Student Senate Representative	2023-2024
Executive Board Member, Iowa Graduate Association of Political Scientists	2023-2024

REFEREE

Foreign Policy Analysis	2024
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AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association	2025 - Present
International Political Science Association	2025 - Present
International Studies Association	2025 - Present