

# TAYLOR COX

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## EDUCATION

- Present Ph.D. (in progress) Political Science, University of Washington
- 2023 M.A. Global Policy Studies, University of Texas at Austin, LBJ School of Public Affairs  
Certificate in Applied Statistical Modeling
- 2021 B.A. Arabic, Peace, War, and Defense, Minor in Middle Eastern Languages, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Highest Distinction and Highest Honors)

## EMPLOYMENT

- 2023–25 Department of Defense, Presidential Management Fellow  
Space Systems Command, Program Manager  
Center for Army Analysis, Operations Research Systems Analyst

## PUBLICATIONS

Manuscripts in Preparation

*Fear the Reaper: Estimating the Effect of Drone Strikes on Terrorist Violence using Bayesian Causal Forests.*  
Taylor Cox and David Puelz. Manuscript in preparation, 2025.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Presidential Management Fellow, U.S. Office of Personnel Management
- 2023 Kenneth Flamm Data Science Award, University of Texas at Austin

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2025-26 Ione E. Curtis Graduate Research Grant, UW-Seattle, Political Science Department
- 2024-25 Paul Speyer Fellowship, UW-Seattle, Political Science Department
- 2024-25 Blalock Fellowship, UW-Seattle, Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences
- 2022 National Bureau of Asian Research Fellowship
- 2021-22 Ann Grabhorn-Friday Endowment Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PARTICIPATION

- 2026 Assessing Efficacy of Mass Drone Attacks in the Russia-Ukraine War, Conference for Russian, East European, and Central Asian Studies

- 2023 Clustering Analysis of US and Chinese UAV Technology, UT Statistical Modeling Colloquium
- 2023 Fear the Reaper: How Drone Strikes Impact Terrorist Attacks, Texas Empirical Policy Conference; Joint Base Lewis-McChord
- 2021 Do Drones Drive Violence?, Triangle Security Studies Conference

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2021–23 University of Texas at Austin, History Department, Teaching Assistant

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2021–23 University of Texas at Austin, Salem Center for Policy Analysis, Graduate Research Assistant

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

R, Python, LaTeX, ArcGIS Pro

## **LANGUAGES**

- Arabic Limited working proficiency (reading, writing, speaking)
- Farsi Beginner (reading, writing)

## **REFERENCES**

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