

# Megan Ward

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in International Studies, University of Washington (2020)  
Dissertation Title: National Security, Narco-culture, and Expertise: Policing Religion on the Border
- M.S. in Homeland Security, San Diego State University 2016  
Master's Thesis: "Material Representation: Narco Religiosity in New American Conception"
- B.A. in Study of Religion, University of California, San Diego 2011

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Lead Research Assistant at the University of Washington 2018-2020  
Lead Research Assistant for the Jackson School Global Research Group. Managed teams of masters and undergrad students. Provided support and guidance for the development of external research reports to private clients including Microsoft and the Wilson Center.
- Instructor at the University of Washington 2018  
Sole Summer Instructor for the Jackson School. Designed and taught JSIS core class.
- Teaching Assistant at the University of Washington 2017-2018  
Full-Year Teaching Assistant appointment with the Jackson School and Law, Societies, and Justice Departments.
- Research Assistant at the University of Washington 2017  
Acted as research support for the Geography Department. Provided Atlas:ti and qualitative analysis support for current projects regarding the Northwest Detention Center and Tacoma Superfund site projects.
- Program Management Analyst at Client Solution Architects (CSA) LLC 2013 - 2016  
Provided client side consulting support at US Navy's Space and Naval Warfare Systems in San Diego. Directly supported the Fleet Readiness Directive. Managed, supported, and advised the program office. Managed database records, cyber readiness status, and communication with on-site engineers.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Walls and Cows: Vigilante Violence as Online Political Discourse (Forthcoming 2020)  
Megan Ward. (Forthcoming). Social Media + Society
- Vulnerable Landscapes: Case Studies of Violence and Disinformation. 2019  
Megan Ward, Jessica Beyer. Nov 5, 2019. The Wilson Center.
- Formative Battles: Cold War Disinformation Campaigns and Mitigation Strategies. 2019  
Megan Ward, Jessica Beyer, Shannon Pierson. Nov 1, 2019. The Wilson Center.
- "Material Representation: Narco Religiosity in New American Conception" 2016  
Master's Thesis. San Diego State University.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- National Horizons Scholarship – Women in Defense 2019-2020.
- Joseph and Yetta Blau Award for Excellence in Research 2019-2020
- American Academy of Women National Dissertation Fellowship (Alternate) 2019-2020
- Research/Teaching Assistantship, Jackson School for International Studies 2018-2019
- Research Grant, JSIS Diversity & Equity Committee 2018
- Dr. Clyde Snow Fund for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2018
- Teaching Assistantship, Jackson School for International Studies 2017-2018

Dr. Clyde Snow Fund for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	2017
Henry M. Jackson Fellowship – University of Washington	2016-2017
Dean’s Award for Research and Scholarship- San Diego State University	2015
Cash prize for original research. Judged and Awarded at the SDSU Research Symposium.	
National Horizons Scholarship – Women in Defense	2012

### COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor, “States and Capitalism: The Origins of the Modern Global System.”	2018
Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington	
Teaching Associate, “Cultural Interactions.”	2018
Dr. Tony Lucero, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington	
Teaching Associate, “Human Rights in Latin America.”	2017
Dr. Angelina Godoy, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington	
Teaching Associate, “States and Capitalism.”	2017
Dr. Anand Yang, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington	

### HONORS

Elected PhD Committee Cohort Representative	2016-2020
Order of Sword and Shield (OSS), Homeland Security National Honor Society	
Phi Alpha Theta, National History Honors Society (Senior Officer -Elected)	

### CONFERENCES

GPSS Academic Conference	2017
California American Studies Association Conference	2015
San Diego State Research Symposium (SRS)	2015

### RESEARCH

Graduate Research- Southwest United States	2015-2018
Graduate Travel Research- Bangkok, Thailand.	2013