

Lauren Barden-Hair

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	International Security, International Political Economy, Non-State Actors, Comparative Political Economy, Chinese Foreign Policy
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley <i>Ph.D.</i> , Political Science 2026 Dissertation (Book): <i>Firm Instrumentalization: The Use of Multinational Corporations in Covert State Operations</i> While scholars often view multinational firms as powerful, independent actors, new evidence shows states frequently enlist major firms as instruments of covert security policy. How do governments persuade some of the world's most influential companies to jeopardize their profits in service of state objectives? What strategic calculations shape state and firm decisions? And how do domestic institutional contexts affect the means and success of such covert collaborations? Committee: Susan Hyde (chair), Ryan Brutger, Michaela Mattes, Steve Vogel University of Chicago <i>M.A.</i> , International Relations 2017 Thesis: <i>Subtle Influence: Election Intervention in US Foreign Policy</i> Brigham Young University 2016 <i>B.A.</i> , Political Science (<i>with honors</i>)
BOOKS IN PROGRESS	Lauren Barden-Hair , "Firm Instrumentalization: The Use of Multinational Corporations in Covert Security Operations"
WORKING PAPERS	Lauren Barden-Hair , "Introducing Firm Instrumentalization: The Use of Multinational Corporations in Covert Security Operations" Lauren Barden-Hair , "The Blame Game: How Multi-State Violations Undermine the Efforts of Human Rights NGOs" (<i>Under Review</i>)
PAPERS IN PROGRESS	Lauren Barden-Hair , "Fool Them Once: Using Survey Experiments to Quantify the Costs of Firm Instrumentalization" Lauren Barden-Hair , "Cues from the Homeland: Authoritarian Influence and Diaspora Populations" Lauren Barden-Hair and Julia Raven , "Aggressive Negotiations: Volatility in Strategic State Partnerships"
CONFERENCES	International Political Economy Society (IPES) 2025 American Political Science Association Conference 2025 American Political Science Association Conference 2024 Brigham Young University Conference 2024 International Studies Association Conference 2024 Graduate Student International Political Economy Conference 2024 American Political Science Association Conference 2023

	Graduate Student International Political Economy Conference	2023
	American Political Science Association Conference	2022
	Brigham Young University Conference	2022
	Midwest Political Science Association Conference	2022
	Program on International Security Policy, University of Chicago	2017
	Graduate Student Conference, University of Chicago	2017
FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant (\$900)	2025
	UC Berkeley Graduate Division Travel Grant (\$900)	2024
	UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) (\$25,000)	2023
	Simpson Research Grant (\$11,000)	2023
	Institute of International Studies Exploratory Research Grant (\$5,000)	2020
	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (top 10%)	2020
	College Valedictorian, Graduation Speaker	2016
	BYU ORCA Research Grant (\$1,500)	2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Undergraduate Research Apprentice Mentor	2022 - 2024
	Reconciliation After Mass Atrocities, Graduate Student Instructor	2021
	International Security, Graduate Student Instructor	2020 - 2021
RESEARCH POSITIONS	Managing Editor , <i>Security Studies</i> , UC Berkeley	2023 - 2024
	Graduate Research Assistant , UC Berkeley	2020 - 2021
	Graduate Research Assistant , University of Chicago	2017
	Research Team Manager , Brigham Young University	2015 - 2016
	Research Assistant , Brigham Young University	2013 - 2015
FIELD RESEARCH	Taiwan	Summer 2024
	The Netherlands	Summer 2021
	Uganda	Summer 2015
AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE	Mentor , Institute of International Studies	2022 - 2024
	Search Committee , Senior Faculty Hire	2023
	Co-chair , Women in Political Science, UC Berkeley	2021 - 2022
	Member , Women in Political Science, UC Berkeley	2020 - 2025
SKILLS	Programming: STATA, R, Qualtrics, L ^A T _E X	
	Languages: English (native), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate)	