# Lauren Barden-Hair

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| <small>RESEARCH INTERESTS</small> | International Security, International Political Economy, International Influences on Domestic Politics, Non-State Actors, Comparative Political Economy, Chinese Foreign Policy |

<small>EDUCATION</small>

**University of California, Berkeley**
*Ph.D.*, Political Science **2026**
Dissertation (Book): *Firm Instrumentalization: The Use of Multinational Corporations in Covert State Operations*

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**
*M.A.*, International Relations **2017**
Thesis: Subtle Influence: Election Intervention in US Foreign Policy

**Brigham Young University** **2016**
*B.A.*, Political Science (*with honors*)

<small>BOOKS IN PROGRESS</small>

**Lauren Barden-Hair**, "Firm Instrumentalization: The Use of Multinational Corporations in Covert Security Operations"

<small>WORKING PAPERS</small>

**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" (*Under Review*)

<small>PAPERS IN PROGRESS</small>

**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"

<small>CONFERENCES</small>

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|---|---|
| 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** |

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| | 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** |
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| FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS | 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** |
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| TEACHING EXPERIENCE | Undergraduate Research Apprentice Mentor | **2022 - 2024** |
| | Reconciliation After Mass Atrocities, Graduate Student Instructor | **2021** |
| | International Security, Graduate Student Instructor | **2020 - 2021** |
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| RESEARCH POSITIONS | **Managing Editor**, *Security Studies*, 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** |
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| FIELD RESEARCH | Taiwan | **Summer 2024** |
| | The Netherlands | **Summer 2021** |
| | Uganda | **Summer 2015** |
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| 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** |
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| SKILLS | **Programming:** STATA, R, Qualtrics, LaTeX | |
| | **Languages:** English (native), Mandarin Chinese (intermediate) | |