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EDUCATION

M.A.	Mississippi State University, History	August 2025-present
M.A.	Mississippi State University, Political Science Phi Kappa Phi	May 2025
B.A.	Mississippi State University, Political Science	December 2023
B.A.	Mississippi State University, Philosophy	December 2023
A.A.	Itawamba Community College, Political Science Phi Theta Kappa	May 2021

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant Mississippi State University	August 2025-Present
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- Assisted in course instruction, led discussion sections, graded assignments, and supported student learning on topics from colonial America to Reconstruction.

Graduate Research Assistant Mississippi State University	January 2024-May 2025
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- Graduate research assistant on a Department of Defense grant that uses open-source data in relation to national security.

Undergraduate Research Assistant Mississippi State University	November 2022 – December 2023
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- Student worker on a Department of Defense grant that used open-source data in relation to national security.

Directed Independent Study Mississippi State University	August 2023- December 2023
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- Develop and complete a research project concerning crime in Estonia, specifically the current state of crime in Estonia after the fall of the USSR.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Military history, with a focus on strategy, diplomacy, and the political impact of armed conflict; U.S. military policy; 19th- and 20th-century warfare; and the intersection of defense agreements and international relations.

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Jayes, Laurel, "Russia in the MENA Region: Why do states draft defense cooperation agreements with non-contiguous states?" (2025). *Theses and Dissertations*. Mississippi State University

David C. May, **Laurel Jayes**, Clay Hardwick, Sierra Nelson, & Megan Morici. (2023). Using Open-Source Intelligence to Understand Crime in Estonia. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the European Society of Criminology, Florence, Italy.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, History	2025-Present
Graduate Research Assistantship, Political Science, CCI	2024-2025
Phi Kappa Phi Scholar	2025-Present
Pell Grant Recipient	2019-2023
Phi Theta Kappa Scholar	2019-Present

MEMBERSHIPS

Member, Transfer Student Association	2021-Present
Member, College Democrats	2021-Present
Member, Climate Reality Project	2021-Present
Member, Combating Overdoses in Rural Areas	2021-Present
Member, Dueling Dawgs Fencing Club	2021-Present
Member, Anthropology	2022-2023

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer, Hostile Terrain 94	2021
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- Created identification tags for a participatory map installation for the Undocumented Migration Project.

SKILLS

- Proficient in Russian (listening, speaking, reading, and writing)
- Data Analysis
- Aptitude for all Microsoft Office applications and can demonstrate knowledge of their different intricacies and workings.
- *Canvas* Application
- Research Reporting

REFERENCES

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