

# KATHRYN LAUREN ROMAN BANDA, MA/JD

## DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATE

<https://orcid.org/0000-0002-1647-197X>  
 koverton@unm.edu  
 kathrynromanbanda@gmail.com  
 (623) 210 - 8583

University of New Mexico  
 Department of Political Science  
 MSC 05-3070  
 1 University of New Mexico  
 Albuquerque, NM 87131

### EDUCATION

---

PhD	University of New Mexico, Political Science <i>Research foci: Quantitative methods, conflict studies</i> <i>Doctoral dissertation: Modelling the effects of economic shocks on terrorism in Nigeria and the greater Sahel</i>	2017 - 2026, <i>Anticipated</i>
JD	Arizona State University; Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law; LSAT 177	2022 - 2025
MA	University of New Mexico, Political Science	May 2019
MA	University of New Mexico, Sociology	December 2012
MA	University of New Mexico, Economics	December 2012
BS	University of New Mexico, Mathematics; GPA 4.03	December 2012
BA	Haverford College, Molecular Biology	May 2003

### EMPLOYMENT

---

#### RESEARCH AND TEACHING:

Adjunct instructor; University of New Mexico <i>PS1120: American Government (Fall 2025)</i> <i>PS2140: Introduction to Political Analysis (Spring 2024)</i>	2024 - 2025
Research assistant; Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law	2023 - 2024
Research assistant; University of New Mexico	2017 - 2019; 2023
Graduate teaching assistant; University of Michigan (ICPSR)	2019 - 2022
Graduate statistics/career consultant; University of New Mexico	2021 - 2022

#### LEGAL AND JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE:

Law clerk; MayesTelles, PLLC; Phoenix, Arizona	2025
Legal intern; Law Office of the Legal Defender; Yuma, Arizona	2024
Judicial extern; Eighth Judicial District Court; Las Vegas, Nevada	2023
Judicial intern; Utah State Supreme Court; Salt Lake City, Utah	2014 - 2016
Paralegal; Various law firms; Albuquerque, New Mexico	2007 - 2008

### PUBLICATIONS

---

#### SUBSTANTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE:

2024. Violence after victory? Civil wars, one-sided wins, and terrorism in the post-conflict period — with Mahtab Shafiei. *Perspectives on Terrorism*.
2023. Peace is in the air: Reducing conflict intensity with United Nations peacekeeping radio broadcasts — with Mahtab Shafiei. *Conflict Management and Peace Science*.
2023. Mirage or oasis? A critical assessment of the United Nations assistance mission in Afghanistan — with Mahtab Shafiei. *Asian Journal of International Peacebuilding*.
2023. Agents with principles? The role of human rights norms and laws in preventing conflict-related sexual violence — with Sally Shariff. *Human Rights Quarterly*.

#### METHODOLOGICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOCIAL SCIENCE:

2025. Relations between Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension for L2 English Readers in Grades 3 and 5 in India – with Sunaina Shenoy. *Research in Social Sciences*.
2024. Exploring the differences between only children, typical siblings and siblings with disabilities on psychological and family systems constructs — with Sunaina Shenoy et al. *The Family Journal*.
2023. Relations between decoding, fluency, and comprehension for L2 English readers in India — with Sunaina Shenoy et al. *The Educational Review*.
2023. The effects of school-based policies and programs on violence among all students and sexual and gender minority students — with Theresa Cruz et al. *Journal of School Health*.
2022. Effects of predictor variables on L2 English reading acquisition for grades 3 and 5 — with Sunaina Shenoy et al. *Reading Psychology*.
2022. Use of a smartphone app versus motivational interviewing to increase walking distance and weight loss in overweight/obese adults with peripheral artery disease: A pilot randomized trial — with Tracie Collins et al. *JMIR Formative Research*.
2022. Effects of curriculum, socioeconomic status and gender on L2 English reading acquisition for students in grade 1 — with Sunaina Shenoy and Nisha M. Rao. *The Educational Review*.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW:

2026. Widening the net? Mental competence and case-processing times among criminal offenders. *Under review*.
2026. Nigeria and the greater Sahel: Modelling the terrorist response to economic shocks. Doctoral degree dissertation. *In preparation*.
2026. Demand elasticity of Nigerian political violence: A research note. *In preparation*.

#### HONORS AND AWARDS

---

##### JURIS DOCTOR STUDIES:

Arizona Legal Access Fellowship; Arizona Bar Association; \$5,000	2025
American Bar Association; Judicial Internship Opportunity Program; \$2,000	2023
Arizona State University; Dean's recruitment scholarship; \$66,000	2022

##### DOCTORAL DEGREE STUDIES:

University of New Mexico; Research and travel grants; \$3,780	2017 - 2022; 2024
Syracuse University; Participation grant (IQMR); \$1,500	2023
University of New Mexico; National Security Studies Program; \$3,000	2021
Society for Political Methodology; Conference travel grant; \$1,350	2019
National Science Foundation Fellowship; \$900	2019
University of Michigan; Janet-Box Steffensmeier Scholarship (ICPSR); \$7,200	2018

## **ADDITIONAL LEGAL AND STATISTICAL TRAINING**

---

University of New Mexico; CTL; Instructional methods	2023
University of Michigan; ICPSR Summer Program; Statistical methodology	2018 – 2022
University of New Mexico; Department of Statistics; Graduate coursework	2021
University of São Paulo; IPSA-USP Summer School; Research methodology	2020
Duke University; APSA Political Networks Workshop; Research methodology	2019

## **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

---

Supreme Court Justice; Graduate and Professional Student Association; ASU	2025
Volunteer witness; Litigation Experience Program; ASU	2023 - 2025
Volunteer judge; Marshall-Brennan High School Moot Court; ASU	2024
Waste management volunteer; Various nonprofits; Costa Rica and Indonesia	2022; 2023
Highschool equivalency mathematics instructor; Catholic Charities of NM	2018 - 2021; 2023
Administrative volunteer; NM Immigrant Family Law Center	2020 - 2021
Panel Judge; Shared Knowledge Conference; UNM	2021
Grant reader; Graduate association; UNM	2020 - 2021
English language instructor; Various nonprofits; Rwanda and Haiti	2008; 2009; 2021
Classroom teacher; Saint Francis Elementary School; Lumberton, NM	2003 - 2006

## **ADDITIONAL SKILLS**

---

**LANGUAGES:** French, Level 3+ (ILR); Hebrew, Level 2 (ILR); Spanish, Level 1 (ILR)

**SOFTWARE:** Python, R, Stata, Mplus, Tableau

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

---

American Mensa member (ID #201135307) 2023 – present

### **ATHLETICS:**

Bloomsday Run; 12k Finisher, Spokane, WA	2020, 2025
American Council on Exercise; Certified group fitness instructor	2024
Bukit Lawang Orangutan Trail; 7k trail run finisher; Bukit Lawang, Indonesia	2023
Fresh Start Swim Series; 2.5k Swim finisher; St. Petersburg, FL	2022
Cactus Man Aquabike; Olympic length finisher; Tempe, AZ	2021
Mack Cycle Triathlon Key West; Olympic length finisher; Key West, FL	2019
Tempe International Triathlon; Olympic length finisher; Tempe, AZ	2010; 2011
Duke City Marathon; Marathon finisher; Albuquerque, NM	2008; 2009