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BIO

I am a final-year doctoral research candidate at the interdisciplinary School of Regulation and Global Governance at the Australian National University (ANU). My innovative research focuses on how power informs and modulates governance responses to extreme weather events and associated vulnerabilities. I am trained as a social scientist and have worked with leading Australian researchers and disaster-related institutes on a range of projects examining how police organisations and networks adapt to disruptions and crises. In 2022, I was awarded the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology's Award for Best Honours or Masters Thesis 2021. Through my PhD program, I have gained substantial teaching, research, academic writing, policy writing and ambassadorial skills.

EDUCATION

PhD in Regulation and Governance, College of Law, Governance and Policy, Australian National University, 2023-2026

- Project title: 'Networked Governance of Extreme Heat Vulnerability'
- Supervisors: Professor Kathryn Henne, Associate Professor Jarrett Blaustein, Associate Professor Kanika Samuels-Wortley, Dr Jenna Imad Harb
- Recipient of Australia Government Research Training Programme (AGRTP) Scholarship.
- Qualitative, ethnographic analysis of interviews and policy via NVivo

Bachelor of Arts (Honours), School of Social Sciences, Monash University, 2021

- Thesis: Resilience Policing during the Black Summer Bushfires
- GPA: 4.0; Final Result: 87 (HD)
- Recipient of Sir John Monash Scholarship for Achievement
- Led community-focused component of fieldwork for a staff-student project which involved collaboration with Victoria Police. Undertook advanced social research training and gained first-hand experience of undertaking qualitative fieldwork in a bushfire impacted community using trauma-informed methods.
- Supervisors: Dr Jarrett Blaustein and Dr Kate Burns.

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology, School of Social Sciences, Monash University, 2018-2020

- Weighted Average Mark: 80.1 (HD)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Policy Analyst, HowWeSurvive, University of New South Wales, June-July 2026

- Conducted analysis of emergency management policy in Victoria and South Australia to assess the quality of disaster housing provisions embedded into policy
- Led by Dr Kate Brady, worked with a team of like-minded individuals to ultimately assess how Australian emergency management policy considers the health and wellbeing of communities and their ability to contribute to governance that impacts them
- Utilised COVIDENCE to conduct large-scale iterative qualitative policy analysis

Course Facilitator and Research Officer, The Australian National University and the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG), January 2025 – Present

- Facilitating core regulatory lessons for Australian Public Servants, including topics regarding ethics, communications, and generating public value
- Responsibilities include lesson planning, presentation planning and virtual course facilitation; ensuring materials are catered to a mature audience of members of the Australian Public Service.
- Leading the educational design (educational narrative, content and web-design) for 'Phase 2' of The Professional Regulator project

Research Officer, Australian National University, October 2023 – December 2024

- Lead a project with the ANU and the ACMC to conduct a historical PESTEL analysis into prior domestic and international disasters that impacted Australia's disaster management policy.
- Responsibilities include managing a team of three research assistants, communicating with stakeholders, writing policy-driven research, and conducting desk-based research.
- Lead the final report '*A Historical Analysis of Crisis Responses for a Future of Complex, Recurring and Cascading Crises*'.

Student Ambassador, Australian National University, January 2024 – December 2024

- Elected as the School of Regulation and Global Governance's Student Ambassador for 2024
- Responsibilities included vouching for student needs at School and College HDR committee meetings, pastoral peer support, creation and implementation of student support resources such as academic talks and social lunches for the cohort, and coordinating larger scale events, such as writing retreats.

Research Officer, Deakin University, January 2023 – April 2024

- Contracted by Dr Diarmaid Harkin and Professor Chad Whelan to contribute to an Australian Federal Police (AFP) funded project to investigate policing of cybercrime with an emphasis on themes of civilianisation and multi-agency partnerships.

- Responsibilities include day-to-day project management, communicating with key agencies, interviewing AFP officers, data management, and co-authoring of final police report and scholarly publications.

Research Assistant, Australian National University, January 2024 – December 2024

- Assisting a project with the ANU and the ACT-P to explore the role, and possibilities, of the police in the ACT's disaster preparedness, emergency management and planning apparatus.
- Responsibilities included elite interviewing, interview transcription, qualitative data analysis via NVivo, and stakeholder engagement.

Teaching Associate, Monash University, February 2022 – June 2023

- Contributed to the delivery of *ATS2458 Policing* under course convenor Dr Ross Hendy in Semester 1, 2022 and *ATS2552 Crime, Justice and the Public* in Semester 2, 2022 under course convenor Dr Kate Burns.
- Facilitated in-person and online tutorials, contributed guest lectures, and successfully managed course admin and marking with outstanding student evaluation results.

Research Assistant, Monash University, December 2021 – August 2022

- Worked with A/Prof Jarrett Blaustein, Dr Ross Hendy, and Dr Kate Burns to prepare research report for industry partner, Victoria Police, based on the Black Summer resilience policing case study.
- Contributed to data collection, data management, coding and qualitative data analysis, and report writing.

Intern, Australian Institute of Police Management (AIPM), January 2022 – April 2022

- Led a group of policing scholars and practitioners in the 'Map the System' competition run by Oxford Said Business School under the supervision of under the supervision of AIPM Director Dr Vicky Herrington.
- Team received an award for Excellence in Collaboration.

PUBLICATIONS

- Whelan, C., Miccelli, M. & Villeneuve-Dubuc, M-P. (2026) Double-clicking on police subcultures: a case study on cybercrime, *Policing and Society*.
- Blaustein, J., Shearing, C. & Miccelli, M. (2024) 'Adaptive policing for a climate crisis.' *Policing and Society*.
- Miccelli, M., Zhu-Maguire, I., Anderson, B & Blaustein, J. (2024) *A Historical Analysis of Crisis Responses for a Future of Complex, Recurring and Cascading Crises*. Australian Civil Military Centre. [Embargoed]

- Hendy, R., **Miccelli, M.**, Blaustein, J & Hutton Burns, K. (2024) 'Police sergeants and disaster management during Australia's Black Summer bushfire crisis.' *Policing & Society*.
- Whelan, C., Dupont, B., Harkin, D., Martin, J., **Miccelli, M** & Villeneuve-Dubuc, M-P. (2024) 'Expertise Integration in Cybercrime Policing: Exploring Civilian Career Lifecycles.' *Deviant Behaviour*.
- Blaustein, J., **Miccelli, M.**, Hendy, R. & Burns, K. (2023) 'Resilience Policing and Disaster Management During Australia's Black Summer Crisis.' *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.
- Whelan, C., Harkin, D., Martin, J., **Miccelli, M.**, & Villeneuve-Dubuc, M-P. (2023) *Examining Opportunities and Constraints of Civilianisation for Enhancing Law Enforcement Cyber Capability*. Australian Federal Police. [Embargoed]
- Blaustein, J., Burns, K., Hendy, R. & **Miccelli, M.** (2022) *Resilience Policing during the 2019-20 Black Summer Bushfires*. Victoria Police. [Embargoed]

In progress:

- **Miccelli, M.** 'The Constitution of Extreme Heat Governance and Associated Vulnerabilities' [journal article to be submitted to *Sociology* in Q4 2026]