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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022-2024 Inaugural Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow
The University of Arizona, The School of Government and Public Policy

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Davis
Committee: Matthew S. Shugart (Chair); Lauren Young, Josephine Andrews
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle East and North Africa

2014 M.A., Political Science, Loyola University Chicago
Subfields: International Relations and Comparative Politics (World Politics)

2009 B.A., Political Science, *cum laude honors*, University of Illinois at Chicago

TEACHING

ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR

2022 The Scientific Study of Civil Wars
Undergraduate Course | The School of Government and Public Policy |
University of Arizona

2019 Ethnic Conflict
Undergraduate Course | Political Science | UC Davis

2017 Introduction to Comparative Politics
Undergraduate Course | Political Science | UC Davis

TEACHING ASSISTANT

2019-2020 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations | Political
Science | UC Davis

2016-2017 Introduction to International Relations, Politics of Interdependence | Political Science |
UC Davis

2015-2016 Ethnicity and Conflict, Introduction to International Relations, Politics and Sports |
Political Science | UC Davis

2015 Introduction to International Relations, Politics and Inequality | Political Science | UC
Davis

2014 Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam, Gender & U.S. Foreign Policy | Political
Science | Loyola University Chicago (Tunisia)

2013 Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam, Gender & U.S. Foreign Policy | Political
Science | Loyola University Chicago (Tunisia)

MENTORING

2019-2020 Undergraduate Research Mentor | Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis

2016-2020 Graduate Student Mentor | Political Science | UC Davis

2016 Undergraduate Research Mentor | Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis

RESEARCH

INTERESTS

Institutional design and ethnic conflict, non-violent movements, ethnic and indigenous groups, minority rights, territorial autonomy, nationalism and self-determination, ethno-religious minorities in the MENA, qualitative and mixed-methods research.

UNDER REVIEW

“Verbal Conflict Against the Islamic State Increased Attacks against Civilians.” (with Iliyan Iliev and Brandon J. Kinne). Revise and Resubmit at *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) Nexus*.

“Regional Autonomy and Ethnic Protests: Consequences of autonomy on regional ethnic minority protests.”

WORKING PAPERS

“Territorial Autonomy and Ethnic Protests in Northern Iraq: How Regional Autonomy Arrangements Increase Protest by Local Minority Groups.”

“Ethnic Representation and Ethnic Protests in Eastern European Countries, 1990-2006.”

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

“Does Regional Autonomy Increase Local Ethnic Protests? The Consequences of Autonomy on Local Ethnic Minorities and Local Ethnic Group Conflict. Examining ethnic-group movement ”

DATASET

Transnational Security Cooperation Agreements (with Timea Balogh, Patrick Bernhard, Dylan Forrester, Brandon J. Kinne, Enrico LaVina, Alexandra Lazar, Andrew Roskos-Ewoldsen, Daniel Scates, and Anya Stewart).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2020-2021	U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship USIP, \$20,000 Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship UC Davis, \$50,000
2019-2020	Undergraduate Research Mentor Fellowship UC Davis Grad Slam Finalist, Third Place and People’s Choice Award UC Davis Suad Joseph’s Graduate Student Research Award on Middle East and/or South Asia Studies UC Davis Graduate Student Association Spring Travel Award UC Davis American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Award APSA American Political Science Association (APSA) First Generation Scholar Travel Reimbursement Award APSA Assyrian Studies Association (ASA) Conference Travel Award ASA
2018-2019	Summer Faculty Collaborative Grant, Dept. of Political Science UC Davis
2017-2018	Suad Joseph’s Graduate Student Research Award on Middle East and/or South Asia Studies UC Davis Institute of Social Science Dissertation Advancement Award ISS

- 2016-2017 Rothchild Memorial Graduate Research Award, Dept. of Political Science | UC Davis
 Undergraduate Research Mentor Fellowship | UC Davis
- 2015 Joint Faculty-Student Summer Collaborative Award, Dept. of Political Science | UC Davis
- 2014 Summer Methods Travel Award, Dept. of Political Science | UC Davis
 University of California, Davis Full Department Fellowship | UC Davis
- 2013 Achieving College Excellence Master's Mentor Fellowship, Dept. of Education | Loyola University Chicago
 Tuma-Gravett Award for Academic Excellence, Dept. of Political Science | Loyola University Chicago

PRESENTATIONS

CONFERENCES

- 2023 Assyrian Studies Association | panel (invited)
 Assyrian Studies Association | roundtable (invited)
- 2021 APSA Annual Meeting | panel
 ISA (virtual) Annual Meeting | panel
 Pacific International Politics (virtual) Conference | panel
- 2020 Assyrian Policy Institute (API) Virtual conference | panel (invited)
- 2019 MESA Annual Meeting | panel (chair, organizer)
 APSA Annual Meeting | panel
 WPSA Annual Meeting | panel (invited)
 MPSA Annual Meeting | panel
 ISA Annual Meeting | panel
- 2018 WPSA Annual Meeting | panel
- 2015 APSA Annual Meeting | transcriber
- 2014 MPSA Annual Meeting | poster presentations

GUEST LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2023 Rap and God | April 6 | Religious Studies | University of Arizona
- 2023 Assyrian Protests in Northern Iraq | March 31 | Center Middle Eastern Studies/Middle East and North Africa Colloquium Series | University of Arizona
- 2023 Guest Speaker Introduction | March 16 | The Annual Sabbagh Lecture | School of Anthropology | University of Arizona
- 2022 Regional Autonomy and Ethnic Minority Protests | November 9 | UA School of Government and Public Policy Speaker Series
- 2022 International Politics of the Middle East | November 8 | MENA/School of Government and Public Policy | University of Arizona
- 2022 University of Arizona Steps in the Scholar Journey Workshop
- 2021 American Political Science Association Middle North Africa Summer Workshop
 United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Fellow Workshop
 UC Davis Political Science Research Workshop (invited)
 UC Davis Contentious Politics (biweekly) Workshop
- 2020 United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Fellow Workshop
 American Political Science Association Middle East North Africa Summer Workshop
 Middle East/South Asia Studies Research Symposium (cancelled)
- 2019 Ethnic Conflict | November 8 | Political Science | UC Davis
 The Scientific Study of Politics | February 15 | Political Science | UC Davis
- 2019 UC Davis Political Science Research Workshop (invited)
- 2018 Middle East/South Asia Studies Research Symposium
- 2016 UC Davis Political Science Research Workshop

SERVICE

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022-2023 Fellow, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) | University of Arizona
- 2019-2020 Co-organizer, Women's Roundtable | Department of Political Science | UC Davis
Global Education for All Fellow | Global Affairs | UC Davis
Mentor, Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis
- 2017-2019 Co-organizer, Muslim Women and the Media Training Institute | Sponsored by the Henry Luce Foundation and the Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures | UC Davis
- 2016-2017 President | Graduate Association of Political Science Students | UC Davis
- 2016 Co-organizer | Political Science Research Workshop Series | Graduate Association of Political Science Students | UC Davis
Mentor, Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis
- 2015-2016 Secretary | Graduate Association of Political Science Students | UC Davis

MEMBERSHIP

American Political Science Association | American Political Science Association Middle East North Africa | International Studies Association | Middle East Studies Association

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION

LANGUAGES

Assyrian/Neo-Aramaic (native, fluent), Arabic (reading/writing, rudimentary), Spanish (speaking/reading/writing, intermediate).

REFERENCES *(in alpha order)*

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