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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Political Science, Stanford University	2018 - present
— Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute	2014 - present
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences	
— Center Fellow	2023 - 2024
— Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellow	2015 - 2016
Associate Professor, Political Science, Stanford University	2014 - 2018
Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies	2008 - 2010
Assistant Professor, Political Science, Stanford University	2007 - 2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles	2008
M.A., School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University	1998
B.A., International Relations, Johns Hopkins University	1997

PUBLICATIONS

Books

State of Repression: Iraq Under Saddam Hussein. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2018

Elections and Distributive Politics in Mubarak's Egypt. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press, 2010

Edited Volumes

Ba'thist Iraq through Archives: Reflections, Explorations, and Opportunities (co-edited with Samuel Helfont). Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2026

Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World (co-edited with Amr Hamzawy and Hesham Sallam). Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2022

Articles

“‘Selling’ China in the Arab Gulf States: Economic Insecurity and Attitudes toward Chinese Growth,” *Studies in Comparative International Development*, FirstView

“Understanding Intimate Partner Violence” (with James Fearon and Mae MacDonald), *Annual Review of Political Science*, 28 (2025)

“Historical State Formation Within and Beyond Europe” (with Anna Grzymala-Busse), *World Politics*, 75, 5 (2025)

“Constraints on Female Labor Force Participation in Qatar: Understanding the Effects of Marriage, Family, and Traditional Values” (with Justin Gengler and Noora Lari), *Middle East Law and Governance*, 16, 3 (October 2024)

“Old World Trade Diasporas” (with Christopher Paik), *Sociological Science*, 11, 1 (January 2024)

“Arab Identity and Attitudes toward Migration in Kuwait and Qatar” (with Justin Gengler), *Research and Politics*, 10, 4 (December 2023)

“Assessing the Labor Conditions of Migrant Domestic Workers in the Arab Gulf States,” *ILR Review*, 76, 4 (August 2023)

“Did Egypt’s Post-Uprising Crime Wave Increase Support for Authoritarian Rule?” (with Caroline Abadeer, Alexandra Blackman and Scott Williamson), *Journal of Peace Research*, 59, 4 (July 2022)

“Authoritarian Media and Diversionary Threats: Lessons from Thirty Years of Syrian State Discourse” (with Ala’ Al-Rababa’h), *Political Science Research and Methods*, 9, 4 (October 2021)

“Muslim Trade and City Growth before the 19th Century: Comparative Urbanization in Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia” (with Christopher Paik), *British Journal of Political Science*, 51, 2 (April 2021)

“Trade and Political Fragmentation on the Silk Roads: The Economic Effects of Historical Exchange between China and the Muslim East” (with Christopher Paik), *American Journal of Political Science*, 65, 1 (January 2021)

“Rebuilding the Ba’thist State: Party, Tribe and Administrative Control in Authoritarian Iraq, 1991-96,” *Comparative Politics*, 53, 1 (October 2020)

“Religion, Patriarchy and the Perpetuation of Harmful Social Conventions: The Case of Female Genital Cutting in Egypt” (with Melina Platas), *Journal of Demographic Economics*, 86,

3 (September 2020)

"Political Cultures: Measuring Values Consensus" (with Justin Grimmer), *Political Science Research and Methods*, 8, 3 (July 2020)

"Mamluks, Property Rights and Economic Development: Lessons from Medieval Egypt," *Politics & Society*, 47, 3 (September 2019)

"Mirrors for Princes and Sultans: Advice on the Art of Governance in the Medieval Christian and Islamic Worlds" (with Justin Grimmer and Alison McQueen), *Journal of Politics*, 80, 4 (October 2018)

"Middle Eastern State Building," *Annual Review of Political Science*, 20 (2017)

"The Impact of Holy Land Crusades on State Formation: War Mobilization, Trade Integration and Political Development in Medieval Europe" (with Christopher Paik), *International Organization*, 70, 3 (Summer 2016)

"Social Capital and Dispute Resolution in Informal Areas of Cairo and Istanbul" (with Ceren Belge), *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 49, 4 (December 2014)

"How Does Islamist Local Governance Affect the Lives of Women? A Comparative Study of Two Cairo Neighborhoods," *Governance*, 27, 3 (July 2014)

"Religiosity-of-Interviewer Effects: Assessing the Impact of Veiled Enumerators on Survey Response in Egypt" (with Rachel Gillum), *Politics and Religion*, 6, 3 (September 2013)

"The Feudal Revolution and Europe's Rise: Political Divergence of the Christian West and the Muslim World before 1500 CE" (with Eric Chaney), *American Political Science Review*, 107, 1 (February 2013)

"Elite Competition, Religiosity and Anti-Americanism in the Islamic World" (with Drew Linzer), *American Political Science Review*, 106, 2 (May 2012)

"One Man, One Vote, One Time? A Model of Democratization in the Middle East" (with James Lo), *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, 24, 1 (January 2012)

"Counting Calories: Democracy and Distribution in the Developing World" (with Mark Kayser), *International Studies Quarterly*, 55, 4 (December 2011)

"Spoiling the Peace? Peace Process Exclusivity and Political Violence in North-central Africa" (with Jennifer De Maio) *Civil Wars*, 12, 1 (March 2010)

"Women's Electoral Participation in Egypt: The Implications of Gender for Voter Recruitment and Mobilization" (with Safinaz El-Tarouty), *Middle East Journal*, 63, 3 (July 2009)

"Ideological Reorientation and Counterterrorism: Confronting Militant Islam in Egypt" (with Lawrence Rubin), *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 20, 4 (October 2008)

"The Political Economy of Women's Support for Fundamentalist Islam" (with Drew Linzer), *World Politics*, 60, 4 (July 2008)

"Rewarding Impatience Revisited: A Response to Goodrich," *International Organization*, 60, 2 (April 2006)

"Rewarding Impatience: A Bargaining and Enforcement Model of OPEC," *International Organization* 58, 2 (April 2004)

Other Publications

"The Politics of Legal Pluralism in a Muslim Society," *Nationalities Papers* (2024)

"Authoritarian State Repression of Women and Girls" *Oxford Handbook of Authoritarian Politics*. Editor, Anne Wolf (2024)

"Chinese Soft Power Projection in the Arab World: From the Belt and Road Initiative to Global Pandemic Response," *Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World*. Editors, Lisa Blaydes, Amr Hamzawy, and Hesham Sallam (2022)

Book Review of Dana El Kurd's *Polarized and Demobilized: Legacies of Authoritarianism in Palestine* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press) *Governance* 34, 3 (July 2021)

"Competing Visions, Escalating Rivalry: What does US-China Competition Mean for Arab Political Development?" *Democracy and Autocracy* (June 2021)

"State Institutions and Economic Performance in 19th Century Egypt" (with Safinaz El-Tarouty) *Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*. Editors, Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones (2021)

"Distributive Politics in the Middle East," *Routledge Handbook of Middle East Politics*. Editor, Larbi Sadiki (2020)

Book Review of Dina Bishara's *Contesting Authoritarianism: Labor Challenges to the State in Egypt* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press) *Perspectives on Politics* 17, 4 (December 2019)

"Challenges to Stability in Egypt," *Governance in an Emerging New World*, Hoover Institution, Spring 2019

Book Review of Kira Jemet's *Contesting the Repressive State: Why Ordinary Egyptians Protested during the Arab Spring* (New York, NY: Cambridge University Press) *Middle East Journal* 72,

3 (Summer 2018)

"Federalists, Heed the Lessons of Iraqi Consolidation," *Lawfare* (August 18 2018)

"How 9/11 Created a Feedback Loop for International Jihadism" (with Martha Crenshaw) *Monkey Cage/Washington Post* (September 22 2017)

"Political Economy Legacy of Institutions from the Classical Period of Islam" (with Eric Chaney) *New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics*. Editors, Steven N. Durlauf and Lawrence E. Blume (2016)

"Is There a Sunni Solution to ISIS?" (with Martha Crenshaw) *The Atlantic* (November 3 2015)

"Illiberal Reform: Why Did Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Fail?" (Book Review of Carrie Wickham's *The Muslim Brotherhood: Evolution of an Islamist Movement*) *Boston Review* (November/December 2013)

Book Review of Bahgat Korany's *The Changing Middle East: A New Look at Regional Dynamics* (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press) *Review of Middle East Studies*, 46, 2 (Winter 2012)

Comment on Eric Chaney's "Democratic Change in the Arab World, Past and Present," *Brookings Papers on Economic Activity* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution), 42, 1 (Spring 2012)

Book Review of Samer Soliman's *The Autumn of Dictatorship: Fiscal Crisis and Political Change in Egypt under Mubarak* (Stanford: Stanford University Press) *Perspectives on Politics*, 10, 1 (March 2012)

Book Review of Anne Marie Baylouny's *Privatizing Welfare in the Middle East: Kin Mutual Aid Associations in Jordan and Lebanon* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press) *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 43, 3 (August 2011)

Book Review of Giacomo Chiozza's *Anti-Americanism and the American World Order* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press) *Public Opinion Quarterly*, 74, 2 (Summer 2010)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Victoria Schuck Faculty Scholar Chair in Political Science	2022-2025
Fulbright Scholar Award, American University of Kuwait	2022-2024
King Center on Global Development, Stanford University	2021-2023
Social Impact Lab Fellowship, Stanford University	2019-2020
United Parcel Service Endowment Fund, Stanford University	2018-20
Honorable Mention, Luebbert Book Award, Comparative Politics Section, APSA	2019
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Seed Grant, Stanford University	2018

Best Article Award, European Politics & Society Section, APSA	2017
Outstanding Article Award, International History & Politics Section, APSA	2017
Mary Parker Follett Prize, Politics & History Section, APSA	2014
Outstanding Article Award, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA	2014
Global Underdevelopment Action Fund Grant, FSI, Stanford University	2013
Hoover Institution, National Fellow	2012-13
Smith Richardson Foundation, Junior Faculty Research Grant	2012-13
Institute for Research in the Social Sciences Fellow, Stanford University	2011-12
Paul J. Weber Award, Religion & Politics Section, APSA	2011
Best Paper Award, Women & Politics Section, APSA	2011
Hewlett Faculty Grant, FSI, Stanford University	2010-11
Clayman Institute for Gender Research Faculty Fellow, Stanford University	2010-11
Stanford Presidential Fund for Innovation in International Studies	2008-11
United Parcel Service Endowment Fund, Stanford University	2008-11
American Institute for Maghreb Studies Research Grant (declined)	2009-10
Gabriel Almond Best Dissertation Award, Comparative Politics Section, APSA	2009
Juan Linz Best Dissertation Prize, Comparative Democratization Section, APSA	2009
Dissertation Year Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCLA	2006-7
Roy and Dorothy John Doctoral Fellowship, International Institute, UCLA	2006-7
Dissertation Improvement Grant (SES-0517556), National Science Foundation	2005-7
Humane Studies Fellowship, Institute for Humane Studies	2005-7
Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science	2005-6
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2004-5
Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation Dissertation Fellowship, UC system	2004-5
Associate Fellow (Global Fellows Program), International Institute, UCLA	2004-5
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic, UCLA	2003-4
Belkin Fellowship, Burkle Center for International Relations, UCLA	2003-4

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board membership: *Political Behavior* (2015-2017), *World Politics* (2019-2025); Cambridge Studies in Comparative Politics, Cambridge University Press (2022-present); *American Political Science Review* (2024-present)

Invited talks and presentations

2025-26 (*invited*): Yale Comparative Politics Workshop (September 2025), Australian National University Center for Arab and Islamic Studies (September 2025)

2024-25: Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (September 2024), Princeton Conference on Nationalism (October 2024), Beijing Forum (October 2024), Peking University Middle East Studies (October 2024), University of Oxford Middle East Studies (June 2025)

2023-24: Yale Conference on Comparative State Capacity (January 2024), Brown Philosophy,

Politics, and Economics Seminar (April 2024), Princeton Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2024), Stanford CDDRL (April 2024), Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (May 2024)

2022-23: Kuwait University Political Science (February 2023), Gulf University of Science and Technology Global Studies Center (February 2023), Penn State Comparative Politics Workshop (March 2023)

2021-22: Princeton Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World (April 2022), UC Berkeley Comparative Politics Colloquium (April 2022), Columbia University Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2022), Duke Workshop on Historical Comparative Politics (April 2022), UC Santa Barbara Political Economy Workshop (May 2022)

2020-21: Harvard University Comparative Politics Workshop (September 2020), University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop (October 2020), Texas A&M Comparative Politics Workshop (October 2020), University of Rochester Riker Seminar (November 2020), Harvard Political Economy Seminar (April 2021), MIT Conference on Islam and Muslim Societies (April 2021), Cornell-ILR Conference (April 2021)

2019-20: Princeton Comparative Politics Workshop (December 2019), Harvard Conference on Religion and Economic Development (December 2019), Qatar University Conference on Radicalization (December 2019)

2018-19: Yale Leitner Political Economy Seminar (September 2018), University of Wisconsin International Organization Workshop (September 2018), Arizona State Conference on State Building (November 2018), Stanford CISAC (January 2019), LSE Government (February 2019), King's College Political Economy Workshop (February 2019), NYU Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2019), UC Davis Comparative Politics (May 2019), University of Tokyo Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology (July 2019)

2017-18: Harvard Conference on State Capacity (October 2017), UC Davis Economic History Seminar (November 2017), University of Washington Comparative Politics Colloquium (January 2018), University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2018), Princeton Conference on Islam and Muslim Societies (April 2018), LSE Conference on Long Range Development (May 2018)

2016-17: Princeton Conference on State Repression (October 2016), USC Department of Political Science (October 2016), Stanford Law School (January 2017), Pomona College Conference on Political Economy of the Muslim World (April 2017), University of Konstanz Department of Politics (June 2017)

2015-16: New York University Law (September 2015), Berkeley Institute for the Study of Societal Issues (October 2015), University of Chicago PISP (January 2016), Hong Kong University of Science and Technology Social Science Division (February 2016), Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Fellows Seminar (April 2016)

2014-15: USC Conference on Nationalism (February 2015), UCLA Comparative Politics Workshop (February 2015), Berkeley Comparative Politics Workshop (March 2015), University of Michigan Political Economy Workshop (April 2015), Arizona State Global Studies Colloquium (April 2015), Oxford University Conference on Political Economy of Islam (May 2015)

2013-14: University of Wisconsin Comparative Politics Workshop (September 2013), Princeton Workshop on Institutions of Islam (October 2013), University of Rochester International Relations Workshop (February 2014), Columbia University Comparative Politics Workshop (February 2014), UCSD Comparative Politics Workshop (March 2014), Yale University Leitner Political Economy Workshop (March 2014), MIT Security Studies Seminar Series (April 2014), Harvard Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2014)

2012-13: University of Virginia Global Politics Seminar (February 2013), Stanford Comparative Political Workshop (March 2013), Rice University Conference on Political Economy of the Muslim World (April 2013)

2011-12: World Bank Middle East and North Africa Seminar Series (October 2011), Hebrew University (December 2011), Princeton Comparative Politics Colloquium (February 2012), Berkeley Comparative Politics Workshop (March 2012), Juan March Institute (March 2012), Yale Comparative Politics Workshop (March 2012), UCLA Giorgio Levi Della Vida Conference (May 2012)

2010-11: University of Wisconsin Political Economy Colloquium (September 2010), Harvard Kennedy School Conference on Islam and Muslim Societies (April 2011), University of Michigan Conference on Autocracy (April 2011), Duke Conference on Preference Formation (April 2011), Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2011), UCLA Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2011), Ohio State University Mershon Center (May 2011)

2009-10: MIT Political Science (November 2009), Notre Dame Kellogg Institute (November 2009), UCSD Political Science (April 2010), Emory Political Science (April 2010), Duke Conference on Islam and Economic Development (April 2010), Stanford CISAC (April 2010), Stanford Comparative Politics Workshop (April 2010)

2008-9: Yale Leitner Political Economy Seminar (September 2008), Duke Comparative Politics Seminar (September 2008), Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies (April 2009)

2007-8: Stanford Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies (November 2007), Princeton Conference on Dictatorships (April 2008), Stanford Conference on Monarchies (June 2008)

2006-7: UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies (April 2007)

2005-6: Duke Comparative Politics Seminar (February 2006), Centre d'Etudes et de Documentation, Economiques, Juridiques, et Sociales — Cairo (May 2006)

Associational Activities:

APSA-MENA Workshop Leader, "The Politics of Identity in the Middle East and North Africa," Kuwait University, 2024

Book Awards Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2023

Chair, Best Book Award, Middle Eastern Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2022

Chair, Mancur Olson Best Dissertation Award, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2020

Program Co-Chair, Politics & History Section, American Political Science Association, 2020

Executive Council, Political Economy Section, American Political Science Association, 2018-2021

Chair, Jervis & Schroeder Best Book Award Committee, International History & Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2018

Steering Committee and Secretary, Association for Analytical Learning on Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS), 2010-2018

— 2012 AALIMS Conference Chair, Stanford University

— 2016 AALIMS Conference Chair, Stanford University

— 2023 AALIMS Conference Chair, Stanford University

Chair, Luebbert Book Prize Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2017

Gabriel Almond Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016

Mary Parker Follett Prize Committee, Politics & History Section, American Political Science Association, 2015

Chair, Best Paper Prize Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association, 2015

Nominating Committee, International Studies Association, 2012-2015

Executive Committee, Comparative Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2012-2014

Best Paper Prize Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association, 2012

Section Head, Politics of the Middle East, Midwest Political Science Association, 2011

LANGUAGES AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced), Egyptian Dialect (Advanced)

Arabic Programs

Monterey Institute of International Studies	Winter 2011
Workshop in Social Science Translation (Arabic), UCLA	Summer 2007
Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo	Summer 2001
Arabic School, Middlebury College	Summer 2000
Arabic Language Institute, American University in Cairo	Summer 1999
Center for Maghreb Studies in Tunis (CEMAT)	Summer 1998
Intermediate Arabic Program in Morocco, Georgetown University	Summer 1997

Political Methodology Programs

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM)	Summer 2003
Washington University in St. Louis	
Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)	Summer 2002
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Level:

Everyday Political Life in the Authoritarian Middle East, POLISCI 44N
Middle Eastern Politics, POLISCI 149T

Cross-listed Graduate & Undergraduate:

Authoritarian Politics, POLISCI 244A/344A
States and Regimes, POLISCI 245F/445F
Paths to the Modern World: Islam and the West, POLISCI 246A/446A

Graduate Level:

Theories of Comparative Politics, POLISCI 440A
Workshop in Comparative Politics, POLISCI 440D
Middle Eastern Politics, POLISCI 441L

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

At Stanford:

Advisory Board, Stanford Global Studies, 2025-present
Steering Committee, King Center for Global Development, 2019-24

Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, 2017-2023
Stanford Global Studies Advisory Board, 2022-23
Undergraduate Advisory Council, 2021-23
CASBS Director Search Committee, 2021-22
Faculty Advisory Committee, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, 2021-22
Academic Council Committee on Graduate Studies, 2018-21
Faculty Senate (elected), 2019-2020
Co-chair, Long-range Planning Committee (Humanities & Social Sciences), 2018-19
Faculty Search Committees, Islamic Studies, 2013-14, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20
Comparative Politics Field Convener, Department of Political Science, 2016-17
Faculty Scholar, 2015-16
Breadth Governance Board, 2014-15
P&P Committee, Department of Political Science, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2017-18, & 2021-22
Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science, 2013-14 & 2014-15
Omnibus Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2010-11
Comparative Politics Workshop Co-coordinator, 2010-11 & 2011-12
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, 2007-8, 2011-12 & 2015-16

At Harvard:

Middle East Politics Workshop Co-convener, 2008-9 & 2009-10