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Education

Michigan State University

M.A., Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science 2016–
Major: International Relations, Minor: Quantitative Research Methodology
Committee: Jakana Thomas (chair), Ben Appel, Jeffrey Conroy-Krutz, Shahryar Minhas

Graduate Certificate, Computational Modeling 2018
Department of Computational Mathematics, Science, and Engineering

University of Kentucky

B.A., International Studies 2012
Departmental Honors, Summa Cum Laude

Publication

1. “Once More, with Feeling: Using Sentiment Analysis to Improve Models of Relationships between Non-State Actors” (with Kevin Greene). *International Interactions* 46, no. 1 (2020):150-162

Selected Projects

Under Review

2. Deadly Dates: The Relationship Between Holy Days and Terrorism
1. Not Too Distant: Opportunity, Grievance, and the Onset of Civil War (with Benjamin Appel and Alyssa Prorok)

In Progress

3. Media Matters: The Effect of Propaganda on Civilians During Conflict
2. Rethinking the Empirical Definition of Civil War: How Arbitrary Death Thresholds Affect Findings
1. Exploring the Antecedents and Consequences of Hate Speech by Extremists on Social Media (with Will Hobbs and Nazita Lajevardi)

Additional Training

ICPSR Summer Program: Applied Bayesian Models for Social Scientists Workshop 2020
Beirut Politics Exchange Annual Workshop 2019
Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium Summer Program 2018
Formal Arabic: Syria (2009, 2010), Morocco (2011, 2017)

Fieldwork

Beirut, Lebanon 2019

Skills

Formal Arabic, \LaTeX , Python, R, Web Scraping

Teaching

Programming in R for Political Science Graduate Students Summer Course, Co-instructor	2020
Introduction to Data Science, Teaching Assistant (PLS 202)	2020
Introduction to American Politics, Teaching Assistant (PLS 100)	2017
Workshops: ¹ <i>Social Media Mining in R: Collecting and Analyzing Twitter Data</i> , ² <i>Cleaning Messy Text Using R: How to Get Your Data Ready for Analysis</i> , ³ <i>Computational Text Analysis: An Introduction using R</i>	

Grants & Awards

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS)	
Summer Fellowship, Advanced Formal Arabic, Morocco (\$8,500)	2017
University	
University Distinguished Fellowship	2016–2021
Cloud Computing Fellowship	2019–2020
Department	
Dissertation Research Grants	2019, 2020
Conference Travel Grants	2017, 2018, 2019, 2020
Summer Performance Fellowships	2017, 2018, 2019

Affiliations

Social Science Data Analytics, Michigan State University	2019–
Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut	2019

Service

University	
Steering Committee, Graduate Student Representative	2016–2017
University Council, Graduate Student Representative	2016–2017
Department	
Workshop on Social Science Methods, Co-organizer	2017–2019
Workshop on Social Science Methods, Co-founder	2017
Graduate Student Association, Vice President	2017–2018
Workshop on Conflict, Co-organizer	2017
Conference Organization	
Arabic Studies Conference, Michigan State University	2017
Conference Assistant (with Camelia Suleiman and Marc Bernstein)	
Discussant	
Midwest Political Science Association	2018, 2019
Workshop on Conflict, Michigan State University	2017, 2018
Arabic Studies Conference, Michigan State University	2017

Conference & Workshop Presentations

International Studies Association (canceled due to COVID-19)	2020
Midwest Regional Peace and Conflict Conference	2019, 2020
Midwest Political Science Association	2017, 2018, 2019
Minnesota Political Methodology Colloquium	2018, 2019
American Political Science Association	2019
International Studies Association - Midwest	2019
Boston International Security Graduate Student Conference	2018