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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA 2018–Present <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Expected Completion: May 2024 • Graduate Research Fellow, MIT GOV/LAB & MIT Global Diversity Lab • Fields: Comparative Politics and Political Methodology • Committee: Profs. Richard Nielsen (Chair), Fotini Christia, Mai Hassan, & Lily Tsai Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies , Washington, D.C.. 2014-2016 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.A., Middle East Studies, Conflict Management, & International Economics Hamilton College , Clinton, N.Y. 2008-2012 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A., World Politics, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> • Study in Rennes, France & Amman, Jordan 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Can Media Campaigns Empower Women Facing Gender-Based Violence amid COVID-19?,” with Fotini Christia, Horacio Larreguy & Manuel Quintero, Pre-registration, Current Draft, EGAP write-up, <i>Forthcoming, Nature Human Behavior</i>. 2. “Social Media Narratives on Conflict from Northern Syria,” with Erin Walk, Kiran Garimella, Ahmet Akbiyik & Fotini Christia, Current Draft, <i>Revised & Resubmitted, Journal of Politics</i>. 3. “Paper-Pusher or President’s Guard? State Work and Contentious Action in the Syrian Uprising” (<i>In Submission, Available upon request</i>) 4. “Striking from the Schoolyard: State Worker Networks and Teachers Activism in Jordan” (<i>Available upon request</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-winner of APSA Labor Politics A. Philip Randolph Award for best graduate student paper, 2023 	
IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Autocratic Errors,” with Thoraya El Reyyes 2. “Double Shift: School Segregation and Social Cohesion in Jordan’s Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis” 	
SELECTED POLICY PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Transparency and Repression in Jordan’s Response to COVID-19,” <i>Project on Middle East Political Science</i>, April 2020, Link. 2. “Jordanians see more to worry about in their economy than Syrian refugees,” <i>Lawfare</i>, September 2019, Link. 3. “What a Syrian neighborhood can teach us about the talks to end the civil war,” with Dan Wilkofsky, <i>War on the Rocks</i>, February 2017, Link. 4. “Syria’s currency means big trouble for Bashar al-Assad’s war efforts,” <i>Quartz</i>, October 2016, Link. 5. “U.N. Mediation in the Syrian Crisis: From Kofi Annan to Lakhdar Brahimi,” with Raymond Hinnebusch, I. William Zartman, and Omar Imady, <i>International Peace Institute</i>, March 2016, Link. 	
SKILLS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Languages: Arabic (Modern Standard & Levantine, Proficient), French (Intermediate), English (Native) 	

TEACHING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Science “Math Camp” MIT, August 2022 & August 2023 (Scheduled) • Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference (Graduate), MIT, Spring 2021, Evaluations: 6.9/7 • Macroeconomics, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Fall 2015 												
TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023: MESA (Scheduled, November), POMEPS Politics of Migration and Refugee Rentierism in the Middle East (Scheduled, September), APSA (Scheduled, September), APSA Education Section Virtual Workshop, APSA Comparative Labor Politics Virtual Workshop, MIT Global Diversity Lab, MIT Comparative Politics Works in Progress • 2022: APSA, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative, MIT GOV/LAB, MIT Global Diversity Lab, MIT Graduate Student Works in Progress • 2021, All remote: MESA, APSA, Politics and Computational Social Science, Midwest Political Science Association, Harvard Political Violence Workshop, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative, MIT GOV/LAB • 2020, All remote: Household in Conflict Network, MIT-Harvard-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference 												
LEADERSHIP & SERVICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentor, Summer Research Program, <i>MIT Global Diversity Lab</i>, Summer 2023 • Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Co-Chair, <i>MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council</i>, 2020-2021 • Mentor, URM Research Mentor Program, <i>MIT GOV/LAB</i>, 2020-2021. • Graduate Resident Advisor, <i>Simmons Hall @ MIT</i>, 2019-2021. • Co-President, <i>MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council</i>, 2019-2020 • Board Member, <i>The Amal Foundation</i>, a small NGO increasing Syrians’ access to tertiary education in Jordan, 2015-2019 												
SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<table> <tr> <td>• Synaps Network Consultant, Syria’s economy.</td><td>Feb. - Oct. 2021 Beirut, Lebanon (<i>Remote</i>)</td></tr> <tr> <td>• International Organization for Migration Consultant, Iraq - Economic Development Fund.</td><td>2019–2020 Erbil, Iraq & Cambridge, MA</td></tr> <tr> <td>• U.S. Department of the Treasury Research analyst, Syria’s economy.</td><td>2017–2018 Washington, DC</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Navanti Group Research analyst and team lead, governance in northern Syria (USAID/OTI).</td><td>2015–2017 Washington, DC</td></tr> <tr> <td>• Syria Direct Reporter, editor, and translator covering the Syrian conflict.</td><td>2013–2014 Amman, Jordan</td></tr> <tr> <td>• U.S. Fulbright Program U.S. Fulbright Fellow, teacher in a semi-public high school.</td><td>2012–2013 Amman, Jordan</td></tr> </table>	• Synaps Network Consultant, Syria’s economy.	Feb. - Oct. 2021 Beirut, Lebanon (<i>Remote</i>)	• International Organization for Migration Consultant, Iraq - Economic Development Fund.	2019–2020 Erbil, Iraq & Cambridge, MA	• U.S. Department of the Treasury Research analyst, Syria’s economy.	2017–2018 Washington, DC	• Navanti Group Research analyst and team lead, governance in northern Syria (USAID/OTI).	2015–2017 Washington, DC	• Syria Direct Reporter, editor, and translator covering the Syrian conflict.	2013–2014 Amman, Jordan	• U.S. Fulbright Program U.S. Fulbright Fellow, teacher in a semi-public high school.	2012–2013 Amman, Jordan
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GRANTS AND AWARDS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant, \$15,000, MIT, June 2022 • Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant, \$3,500, MIT, March 2022 • Peace & Recovery Exploratory Grant, \$10,000, Innovations for Poverty Action • GOV/LAB Seed Grant, \$5,000, MIT, October 2021 • Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant, \$3,500, MIT, May 2020 • Christian A. Herter Award for Academic Excellence (Valedictorian), Johns Hopkins SAIS, May 2016 • Conrad Black Fellow, Johns Hopkins SAIS, AY 2015 – 2016 • Rosenthal Fellow, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Summer 2015 												

- *Fulbright Fellowship & Critical Language Enhancement Award for Arabic*, U.S. Department of State, AY 2012-2013
- *Judge John H. Wells Fellow*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Pi Sigma Alpha*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Barrett Seaman Prize for Writing*, Hamilton College, August 2011
- *Dean's List*, Hamilton College, August 2008 – May 2012