

Chagai M. Weiss

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APPOINTMENTS **The University of Toronto**

Assistant Professor and Andrea & Charles Bronfman Chair	July 2025–
• Department of Political Science	
• Anne Tanenbaum Centre for Jewish Studies	

Stanford University

Affiliated Faculty, Politics and Social Change Lab	2025–
Koret Postdoctoral Fellow, Politics and Social Change Lab	2024-2025
Postdoctoral Fellow, Conflict and Polarization Initiative	2022-2024

Harvard University

Middle East Initiative Predoctoral Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School	2020-2022
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EDUCATION **The University of Wisconsin–Madison**

Ph.D., Political Science	2022
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- **Dissertation:** Prejudice Reduction at Scale: How Institutional Inclusion Reduces Social Exclusion
 ★ *Best Dissertation in Comparative Politics Award*, UW-Madison (2022)
- **Fields:** Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Methodology (*minor*)

M.A., Political Science	2018
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The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

B.A., Political Science & Middle Eastern Studies	2016
• <i>cum laude</i>	

BOOKS

Weiss, Chagai M. “Delivering Tolerance: How Unintended Institutional Inclusion Reduces Prejudice.” Forthcoming with **Princeton University Press**, *Studies in Political Behavior Series*.

Brutger, Ryan, Joshua D. Kertzer, Jonathan Renshon, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Abstraction in Experimental Design: Testing the Tradeoffs.” **Cambridge University Press**, *Elements in Experimental Political Science Series* (2022).

Weiss, Chagai M., Alexandra Scacco, and Alexandra Siegel. “Outgroup Avoidance.” Forthcoming in *The Journal of Politics*.

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem, Jonathan Renshon, Jessica Weeks, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “The Generalizability of IR Experiments Beyond the U.S.” Forthcoming in *The American Political Science Review*.

Jha, Saumitra, Moses Shayo, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Financial Market Participation Increases Generalized Trust, Particularly Among the Politically Polarized.” *The Journal of Public Economics*, 242 (2025).

- *Stanford GSB Working Paper No. 4083*

Kao, Kristen, Ellen Lust, Marwa Shalaby, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Group Gender Composition and Perceptions of Legitimacy.” *The American Political Science Review*, 118(1) (2024).

Weiss, Chagai M., Eran Halperin, and Shira Ran. “Educating for Inclusion: Diversity Education Programs Can Reduce Prejudice Toward Outgroups in Israel.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 120(16) (2023).

- ★ *APSA Experimental Research Section Best Paper Award* (2023)

Peyton, Kyle, **Chagai M. Weiss**, and Paige Vaughn. “Beliefs About Minority Representation in Policing and Preferences for Increasing Officer Diversity.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 119(52) (2022).

- ★ *MPSA Lucius Barker Award* (2023)

Weiss, Chagai M., Alexandra Siegel, and David Romney. “How Threats of Exclusion Mobilize Palestinian Political Participation.” *The American Journal of Political Science*, 67(4) (2023).

Brutger, Ryan, Joshua D. Kertzer, Jonathan Renshon, Dustin Tingley, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Abstraction and Detail in Experimental Design.” *The American Journal of Political Science*, 67(4) (2023).

Getmansky, Anna, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Wartime Military Service Can Affect Partisan Preferences.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 56(10) (2023).

Weiss, Chagai M., Neal Tsur, Dan Miodownik, Yonatan Lupu, and Evgeny Finkel. “Atypical Violence and Conflict Dynamics: Evidence from Jerusalem.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, 12(2) (2024).

Getmansky, Anna, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Interstate Conflict Can Reduce Support for Incumbents: Evidence from the Israeli Electorate and the Yom Kippur War.” *The Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 67(2) (2023).

Weiss, Chagai M.. “Diversity in Health Care Institutions Reduces Israeli Patients’ Prejudice Toward Arabs.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 118(14) (2021).

- ★ *APSA Conflict Processes Best Paper Award* (2019)

- ★ *Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award, Honorable Mention, UW–Madison* (2021)

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Party Competition and Cooperation Shape Affective Polarization: Evidence from Natural and Survey Experiments in Israel.” *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(2) (2020): 287–319.

★ *George and Sylvia Laikin Prize, UW–Madison* (2021)

★ *Mildred Potter Howland Journal Article Prize, UW–Madison* (2021)

Gilad, Sharon, Saar Alon-Barkat, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Political and Bureaucratic Translation of Social Movement Demands: The Case of Israel’s 2011 Social Protest.” *Governance*, 32(2) (2019): 369–385.

Rock, Jonathan, **Chagai M. Weiss**, and Dan Miodownik. “Geographies of Violence in Jerusalem: The Spatial Logic of Intergroup Conflict.” *Political Geography*, 66 (2018): 88–97.

WORKING PAPERS **Weiss, Chagai M.**, Donald Green, and Robb Willer. “Can Politicians Bridge Partisan Divides? Evidence from a Field Experiment with the U.S. National Governors Association. Invited to revise and resubmit at *The American Journal of Political Science*.”

IN PROGRESS **Weiss, Chagai M.** “Rethinking Prejudice Reduction.” In preparation for *The Annual Review of Political Science*.

Siegel, Alexandra, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Shooting the Messenger: The Polarizing Effects of Attacks on the Press.”

Hanlon, Michele, Saumitra Jha, Namrata Kala, Nemit Shroff, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Seeing Green: The Effects of Financial Exposure on Climate Beliefs and Political Attitudes.”

Weiss, Chagai M., Zeynep Biyikli, Michael Baumer, Donald Green, James Slezak, and Robb Willer. “Persuasion at Scale: Evidence from Meta-Analyses of Proprietary Experiments and Addressable TV RCTs.”

Riaz, Sascha, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Healing Democracy: Psychological Distress, Democratic Erosion, and the Promise of AI-Based Therapy.”

OTHER PUBLICATIONS **Weiss, Chagai M.** “Group Identity, Ingroups, and Their Implications.” In *Handbook of Innovations in Political Psychology*, edited by Ethan C. Busby, Christopher F. Karpowitz, and Cara J. Wong. Edward Elgar Press, 2024.

Littman, Rebecca, Alexandra Scacco, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “Reducing Prejudice through Intergroup Contact Interventions.” In *Psychological Intergroup Interventions*. Routledge, 2024.

Shalaby, Marwa, **Chagai M. Weiss**, Ellen Lust, Kristen Kao, and coauthors. “The Dynamics of Decentralization in the MENA: Processes, Outcomes, and Obstacles.” *Program on Governance and Local Development Working Paper No. 31*.

Weiss, Chagai M. “Sharing Spaces: Segregation, Integration, and Intergroup Relations.” *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*, Spring 2020.

Bassan-Nygate, Lotem, and **Chagai M. Weiss**. “It’s Us or Them: Partisan Polarization in Israel and Beyond.” *APSA MENA Newsletter*, Spring 2020.

Weiss, Chagai M. “Segregation, Integration, and Intergroup Relations in Israel.” *POMEPS Working Paper*, Fall 2020.

SELECTED OUTREACH

“Another payoff from trading stocks: Reducing political polarization.” *Stanford Graduate School of Business Insights*, August 2023.

The Experiment that Revealed: Watching this Show Reduces Prejudice *KAN News (Israel)*, 2023.

“Israel is voting—for the third time in a year. That’s polarizing voters even more.” *The Monkey Cage*, February 2020. (With Lotem Bassan-Nygate).

“An HBO series looks at political violence in Jerusalem. Here’s the reality behind the drama.” *The Monkey Cage*, September 2019.

“How might recent confrontations with Hamas influence Israeli elections?” *The Monkey Cage*, December 2018.

INVITED TALKS

2026: Columbia, *Media Effects Empirical Workshop*, **McGill University**, *Center for the Study of Democratic Citizenship*.

2025: UC Berkeley, *Citrin Center for Public Opinion Research*, **UCLA**, *Department of Political Science*, **BYU**, *Initiative for Peacemaking*, **UCLA**, *Nazarian Center for Israel Studies*.

2024: Princeton, *Center for the Study of Democratic Politics*, **Meta**, *Computational Social Science Seminar*, **Princeton**, *Program on Race, Ethnicity, and Identity in Politics*, **CEGA**, **ESOC**, and **U.N. Behavioral Insights**, *Roundtable on Engineering Peace*, **National Institute for Civil Discourse**, *Community Briefing on Effective Depolarization Interventions*..

2023: Stanford, *Identity Politics Seminar*, **UC Berkeley**, *IR Speaker Series*, **Stanford**, *Polarization and Social Change Lab*, **WashU**, *10th Comparative Politics Annual Conference*, **Stanford**, *CDDRL Speaker Series*, **Harvard**, *Weatherhead Research Cluster on Identity Politics*, **UPenn**, *Comparative Politics Workshop*.

2022: UC Irvine, *Department of Political Science*, *Survey Methodology Seminar*, **Harvard**, *Department of Psychology*.

2021: Hebrew University (Israel), *PCIR Lab*, **Harvard**, *Cushman-Greene Lab*.

2020: Ben-Gurion University (Israel), *Department of Economics*, **WZB Berlin (Germany)**, *Institutions and Political Inequality Speakers Series*.

2019: George Washington University, *Workshop on Israeli politics*.

CONFERENCES

2025: New Research on Inclusive Nationalism (Yale), Polarization Research Lab Annual Conference (Salt Lake City), MOPED (WZB Berlin), EPSA (Madrid), APSA (Vancouver), The Future of Democracy? (WZB Berlin).

2023: MPSA (Chicago), PolMeth (Stanford), APSA (Los Angeles).

2022: Overcoming Prejudice Conference (University of Pennsylvania), MPSA (Chicago), Berlin Meeting on the Political Economy of Development (WZB Berlin), PolMeth (St. Louis), APSA (Montreal), Toronto Political Behavior Workshop (Toronto).

2021: APSA (Seattle), PolMeth Europe (Virtual Poster), MPSA (Virtual), Harvard Experimental

Political Science Conference (Virtual), Chicago Area Political and Social Behavior CAB Workshop (Virtual Poster, hosted at Northwestern University).

2020: The Dynamics of Decentralization in MENA (The University of Gothenburg), CSES Conference on Experimental Political Science (NYU), POMEPS Working Group (Virtual), APSA (Virtual).

2019: Eurasian Peace Science (Jerusalem), Winter Experimental Social Science Institute (WESSI, NYU Abu-Dhabi), Economic Science Association (ESA, NYU Abu-Dhabi), ISA (Toronto), MPSA (Chicago), Political Psychology APSA Pre-Conference (Washington D.C.), APSA (Washington D.C.), Peace Science (Manhattan, Kansas).

2018: ISA (San Francisco).

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

The Middlebury Arabic School	2018
Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods	2016

AWARDS & GRANTS

Public Agenda Research Fund Award	Spring 2024
Democracy Communications Fund Research Award	Spring 2024
Center for Jewish Studies Travel Grant, UW–Madison	Summer 2022
National Science Foundation PolMeth Conference Travel Grant	Summer 2022
Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Spring 2021
Political Science Summer Writing Grant, UW–Madison	2021
Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2021
Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Research Grant, National Competition	2020
Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2020
Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2020
POMEPS Travel Grant	2020
IRIS Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award, UW–Madison	2019
The Morris Abrams Award in International Relations, National Competition	2019
Political Science Summer Initiative Grant, UW–Madison	2019
IR Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2019
Graduate Student Travel Award, Elections Research Center, UW–Madison	2019
Best Graduate Paper in the 8th Eurasian Peace Science Conference	2019
Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Fall 2018
Student Research Travel Grant, UW–Madison	2018
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Yearly Fellowship (<i>Declined</i>)	2018
The Morris Falk Institute for Economic Research in Israel, Hebrew University	2018
The Harry S. Truman Institute Research Grant, Hebrew University	2018
Israel Institute Research Grant	2018
Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Spring 2018
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship	2018
IR Graduate Student Travel/Research Grant Competition, UW–Madison	2018
Minerva Center for Human Rights Research Grant, Hebrew University	2017
Isaac and Ida Lipton Study Abroad Fellowship, UW–Madison	2017
Charles and Gayle Mazursky Student Support Fund, UW–Madison	Fall 2017

TEACHING	Primary Instructor: Causal Inference Graduate Course, The University of Toronto.	Fall 2025
	Teaching Assistant: Research Methods in Political Science Professor Jessica Weeks, University of Wisconsin–Madison	Fall 2018
SERVICE	<p>Referee: <i>American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Cambridge University Press (Elements in Experimental Political Science), Comparative Political Studies, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Conflict Resolution Quarterly, Economic Journal, Ethnopolitics, Electoral Studies, Frontiers in Psychology, Human Right Review, International Organizations, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Elections, National Science Foundation, Public Opinion and Parties, Journal of Accounting and Economics, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Journal of Hospital Management and Health Policy, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Local Government Studies, Nature Human Behavior, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, Party Politics, PNAS, PNAS Nexus, Political Behavior, Political Geography, Political Psychology, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Research and Methods, Political Studies, Public Administration, Public Opinion Quarterly, Quarterly Journal of Economics, Science Advances, Social Psychological and Personality Science, Strengthening Democracy Field Test Grants, TESS, U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, World Politics.</i></p> <p>Award Committees: APSA best paper award in experimental political science (2023), MPSA best paper award in political behavior (2025), APSA best paper award in experimental political science (2025).</p> <p>Co-Founder and Coordinator: IGR – The Intergroup Relations Workshop 2020 Monthly working group to discuss research on intergroup relations With Cara Wong, Rebecca Littman, and Alexandra Scacco</p> <p>Co-Founder and Coordinator: Comparative Politics Graduate Working Group 2019 University of Wisconsin–Madison, With Anton Shirikov</p> <p>Student Coordinator: CP and Experimental Politics Colloquia 2018-2019 University of Wisconsin – Madison</p>	
OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Strategies for Civic Inclusion Network	2025-
	Team Member	
	Polarization Research Lab	2023-
	Global Advisor	
	aChord – Social Psychology for Social Change	2020
	Research Consultant, Israel	
	Zulat – Equality and Human Rights	2020
	Research Consultant, Israel	
SOFTWARE	R, STATA, ArcMap, QGIS, SQL	
LANGUAGES	Hebrew (Native), Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced), Levantine Arabic (Intermediate)	
LAST UPDATED:	November 20, 2025	