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EDUCATION

New York University Abu Dhabi

May 2016

B.A. in Political Science Concentration in Arabic Abu Dhabi, UAE

CIEE Study Abroad Program

Jan 2015 - May 2015

Princess Sumaya Institute of Technology Amman, Jordan

RESEARCH

Research Assistant

Aug 2016 – present

Prof. J. Andrew Harris and Prof. Jeffrey Timmons

- Scraped, cleaned, and merged data for projects on U.S. redistricting, campaign finance, and Kenyan electoral politics.
- Geocoded Kenyan polling stations in R.
- Monitored the implementation of an RCT in several Kenyan counties.
- Drafted grant applications.
- Maintained a shared server running the RStudio interface.

Research Assistant

May - July 2015

Prof. Jeffrey Jensen and Prof. Mario Chacon

- Catalogued and managed data.
 - Researched sources for Reconstruction-Era administrative data.

EXPERIENCE

Journal of Social Sciences

Oct 2015 - May 2016

Senior Editor

- Reviewed undergraduate research articles submitted for publication.
- Copyedited and reviewed articles, providing comments for revision.
- Conducted introductory R and LATEX workshops for undergraduate students.

The Gazelle

Research Desk Editor

Aug 2015 - May 2016

- Sourced article summaries on professors' original research.
- Edited copy for an undergraduate student audience.

Copy Chief

Sept 2013 - Aug 2014

- Proofread all final production copies.
- Maintained and revised The Gazelle's original style guide.
- Trained writers and editors in AP and internal style.

Representative Committee for Academic Divisions

NYU Abu Dhabi

Social Sciences Representative

Oct 2013 - May 2014

- Provided student input for curriculum revision.
- Collected and organized student feedback to improve the university's writing program, working with administration and outside consultants.
- Facilitated communication between students, faculty, and the divisional dean.

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

R, QGIS, ArcGIS, z-Tree (basic).

Modern Standard Arabic (proficient), Levantine Dialect (conversational).

CONFERENCES Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) January 2016

Non-presenting participant

Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) January 2017

Non-presenting participant

WORKS IN PROGRESS Jensen, Jeffrey L. and Cole Tanigawa-Lau. "Malapportionment and the Political Geography

of the Seventeenth Amendment".

MISC. WRITING Harris, J. Andrew and Cole Tanigawa-Lau. "Approximate Georeferencing: Fuzzy-matched record linkage of geographic point data." Available on GitHub.

Harris, J. Andrew and Cole Tanigawa-Lau. "Inferring ethnicity given names: preprocessing and evaluation". Available on GitHub.

Headley, Tyler and Cole Tanigawa-Lau. "Why Did Hong Kong's Umbrella Movement Fail?". *The Diplomat.* Published Apr. 6, 2016.

Headley, Tyler and Cole Tanigawa-Lau. "Measuring Chinese Discontent". Foreign Affairs. Published Mar. 10, 2016.