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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Brigham Young University

Assistant Professor

2021–Present

Harvard University

Raphael Morrison Dorman Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow

2020–2021

Weatherhead Scholars Program, [Weatherhead Center for International Affairs](#)

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D.

2020

Government

Committee: Melani Cammett, Ryan Enos, Dustin Tingley

Brigham Young University

B.A.

2013

Middle East Studies and Arabic, Minor in Modern Hebrew

Valedictorian, *summa cum laude*

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

"The supply of conspiracy theories in state-controlled media," with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Rich Nielsen. *Conditionally accepted at The Journal of Politics*. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"Social accountability and minority status: Contributions to public goods by Hindus and Muslims in Delhi slums," 2024, *Comparative Political Studies*, 57 (2): 321–355, with Melani Cammett and Poulomi Chakrabarti. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"How threats of exclusion mobilize Palestinian political participation," 2023, *American Journal of Political Science*, 67 (4): 1080–1095, with Chagai Weiss and Alex Siegel. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"Changing hearts and minds: Why media messages designed to foster empathy often fail," 2022, *The Journal of Politics*, 84 (4): 2156–2171, with Joshua Gubler, Christopher Karpowitz, J. Quin Monson, and Mikle South. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"The enemy of my enemy is not my friend: Arabic Twitter sentiment toward ISIS and the United States," 2021, *International Studies Quarterly*, 65 (4): 1176–1184, with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"Chinese views of the United States: Evidence from Weibo," 2020, *International Relations of the Asia-Pacific*, 20 (1): 1–30, with Yichen Guan, Dustin Tingley, Amaney Jamal, and Robert O. Keohane. [Paper](#).

"Anti-Americanism and anti-interventionism in Arabic Twitter discourses," 2015, *Perspectives on Politics*, 13 (1): 55–73, with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

MANUSCRIPTS IN SUBMISSION

"What affects attitudes toward US-related conspiracy theories in the Arab Middle East?," with Dustin Tingley and Amaney Jamal. *Preparing for resubmission*. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

"Social accountability and public goods provision: Testing informal mechanisms to improve community welfare in the slums of Delhi," with Melani Cammett and Poulomi Chakrabarti. *Preparing for resubmission*. [Paper](#), [Supplementary Materials](#).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

"Encouraging ingroup policing in Israel." *Solo-authored dissertation paper, available upon request*.

"The supply of conspiracy theories and authoritarianism in the MENA region," with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Richard Nielsen. *Not yet available*.

"Disaggregating beliefs in US-ISIS conspiracy theories," with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. *Not yet available*.

"Segregated living and intergroup attitudes among college students," with Ryan Enos and Richard Nielsen. *Not yet available*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Defensive cooperation: Understanding pro-social attitudes in Indian Muslims," 2024, October 14, *Ideas for India*, with Melani Cammett and Poulomi Chakrabarti. [Link](#).

"Plain text: Transparency in the acquisition, analysis, and access stages of the computer-assisted analysis of texts," 2015, *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 13 (1): 32–37, with Brandon Stewart and Dustin Tingley. [Link](#).

"Tweeting terrorist attacks in the U.S. and Europe," 2015, July 1, *Middle East Institute*, with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. [Link](#).

"Anti-Americanism in Arabic Twitter discourses is driven by perceptions of US impingement in the region," 2015, March 19, *USApp—American Politics and Policy Blog*, with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. [Link](#).

"Did civilizations clash over the #ChapelHillShooting," 2015, March 2, *Monkey Cage*, with Amaney Jamal, Robert O. Keohane, and Dustin Tingley. [Link](#).

CURRENT PROJECTS

[Ingroup Policing in Israel](#)

[Ethnic Politics in Malaysia](#)

[Minorities and Public Goods Provision in India](#)

[Views of the West and Conspiracy Theories in the MENA Region](#)

INVITED TALKS

2024	"The supply of conspiracy theories in state-controlled media," Comparative Field Seminar, Columbia University
2024	"The implications of October 7 and the Israel-Hamas War for Israeli domestic politics," Peace and Justice Studies Program, Utah Valley University
2015	"Anti-Americanism and anti-interventionism in Arabic Twitter discourses," Morality Lab, Department of Psychology, Boston College

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Abbreviations: American Political Science Association (APSA), International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP), International Studies Association (ISA), Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS), Harvard Experimental Political Science (HEPS), Southeast Asia Research Group (SEAREG)

Participation: Chair (C), Discussant (D), Organizer of Conference or Panel (O), Presenter (P)

2024	Four Corners Political Psychology Conference (P), MPSA (D), AALIMS, APSA (CDOP)
2023	SEAREG, International Conspiracy Theory Symposium (DP)
2022	AALIMS (P)
2021	APSA (COP)
2020	APSA (DOP); HEPS (O)
2019	NYU CESS Experimental Political Science (P); AALIMS (P); BYU Scholars Workshop (P); APSA (OP); HEPS (O)
2018	HEPS (OP)
2017	ISA (P); MPSA (P); AALIMS (P); BYU Scholars Workshop (P); HEPS (O)
2016	MPSA (P); APSA (P)
2014	Digital Methods in Political Science (P); APSA (P); AALIMS (P); MPSA (P)
2013	Digital Methods in Political Science (P); ISPP (P); MPSA (P)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

EXTERNAL

2019–Present	Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies
2015–2020	Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation

INTERNAL, BYU

2024	Department Outstanding Mentorship Award
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INTERNAL, BYU

2023	For the project "Ethnic voting in Malaysia," secured the following grants: Global Politics Lab—\$5,000 FHSS Experiential Learning—\$2,500 International Development Program—\$6,000
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2022 For the project "Views of the West and conspiracy theories in the MENA region," secured the following grant:
Competitive Department Grant—\$20,000

TEACHING

TEACHING, BYU

POLI 300—Statistical Analysis—Most recently taught Fall 2024

POLI 357—Middle East Politics—Most recently taught Fall 2023

POLI 474—Arab-Palestinian-Israeli Conflict—Most recently taught Winter 2024

POLI 350 (formerly 450)/MESA 495—Capstone: Ethnicity, Conflict, and Conflict Resolution—Most recently taught Winter 2024

OTHER TEACHING AND MENTORING, BYU

Global Politics Lab Students: Trevor Monney, Giada Pol, Brynn Morse, Samuel Yeboah, Julia Chatterly, Margarita Haro, Sara Jensen

Advisee to Undergraduate Honors Theses of: Samuel Yeboah, Lydia Shaw, Tania Carillo

SERVICE

ACADEMIA

2024–Present Digital Society Project country expert, Palestine/Gaza

2024–2027 Harvard Graduate School Alumni Association
Alumni Council Member

2024–2025 APSA Experiments Section, Best Paper 2024 Awards Committee

DISCIPLINARY

Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*; *American Journal of Political Science*; *Asian Journal of Social Science*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Conflict Management and Peace Science*; *European Journal of Political Research*; *Humanities & Social Sciences Communications*; *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*; *Journal of Peace Research*; *Journal of Politics*; *PNAS Nexus*; *Political Analysis*; *Political Behavior*; *Political Communication*; *Political Psychology*; *Political Research Quarterly*

DEPARTMENTAL, BYU

2023–Present Course Scheduling, Comparative Politics

2022–Present Faculty Advisor, Middle East Studies/Arabic Students (MESAS)

2021–Present Faculty Advisor, BYU Political Review

CONSULTING & OUTSIDE WORK

2024 *Davis & Partners, Cultural Beliefs and Integration in Malaysia*
Supervised local firm in conducting, and analyzed the data for, 12 focus groups in Klang Valley, Penang Island, Kota Bharu, Kota Kinabalu, and Kuching

LANGUAGES

Arabic Advanced proficiency

Malay	Advanced proficiency
Hebrew	Advanced proficiency
Programming	R, limited Stata and Python

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