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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Harvard University, Cambridge, MA Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative	2019-2020
EDUCATION	Columbia University, New York, NY Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science • Major Field: <i>Comparative Politics</i> • Advisor: Daniel Corstange • Research Interests: Political Economy; Experimental Methods; Politics of the Middle East and North Africa M.Phil., Political Science M.A., Political Science Yale University, New Haven, CT B.S., Physics • <i>cum laude</i> , With Honors in the Major • Second Major: Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations	<i>Degree expected 2019</i> May 2016 February 2015 May 2009
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	[1] with Tara Slough and Michael Ting, A Dynamic Theory of Primary Elections. Forthcoming at <i>Journal of Politics</i> , 2020. [2] with Daniel Corstange, Sectarian Framing in the Syrian Civil War, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> 62.2 (2018): 441-455.	
BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS	[3] with Alicia Cooperman, Alexander Hamilton, Craig Hammer, and Tara Slough, <i>Monitoring & Evaluation Manual in Fragile States</i> , Forthcoming at <i>The World Bank</i> . [4] with Donald P. Green, Field Experiments in Political Behavior, in <i>The Routledge Handbook of Elections, Voting Behavior, and Public Opinion</i> (pp. 509-521), Routledge: 2018.	
OTHER PUBLICATIONS	[5] with Jeff Martini and William Young, Syria as an Arena of Strategic Competition, <i>RAND Corporation</i> (Santa Monica, CA: 2013). [6] with Todd Helmus and Peter Chalk, Promoting Online Voices for Countering Violent Extremism, <i>RAND Corporation</i> (Santa Monica, CA: 2013). [7] with Jeff Martini and Dalia Dassa Kaye, Muslim Brotherhood Youth: Generational Divides and Implications for U.S. Engagement, <i>RAND Corporation</i> (Santa Monica, CA: 2012).	
WORKING PAPERS	[8] Preferences over Foreign Migration: Testing Existing Explanations in Qatar. <i>Under review</i> . [9] with Jacob Kopas, Xiaomeng Jin, S. P. Harish, Ryan Kennedy, Shiran Victoria Shen, and Johannes Urpelainen, Environmental Justice in India: Incidence of Air Pollution from Coal-Fired Power Plants. <i>Revise & Resubmit, Ecological Economics</i> . [10] with Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen, Greasing the Wheels: The Politics of Environmental Clearance in India. <i>Under review</i> .	

AWARDS &
FELLOWSHIPS

Columbia University

- Dissertation Development Fellowship, 2016, 2017 (\$5300)
- Katerina Alevizaki Dracopoulos Summer Fellowship, 2016, 2017 (\$6750)
- Middle East Institute Research Fellowship, 2014 (\$750)
- Graduate Fellowship, Institute for Comparative Literature and Society, 2013 - 2016
- Dean's Fellowship, 2013

National Science Foundation

- Graduate Research Fellowship, 2014–2017 (\$138000)

Project on Middle East Political Science

- Travel Research Engagement Grant, 2016 (\$3000)

U.S. Department of Education

- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic), 2015 (\$7500)

U.S. Department of State

- Fulbright Fellowship, Damascus, Syria, 2009–2010
- Critical Language Award (Arabic), 2009

Yale University

- Bensinger Prize, 2009 (\$3000)

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

World Bank

Consultant

August 2016 to present

Drafted chapters to be included in a forthcoming World Bank manual on monitoring and evaluation in fragile state contexts. Solo-authored chapters include: Randomized controlled trials; Combining qualitative and quantitative approaches; and Monitoring and audit methods.

USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

Contracted by NORC

Impact Evaluation Specialist

February 2015 to present

Assessed governance programs for impact evaluation potential. Led project teams at workshops to expand the use of randomized controlled trial methodology in policy settings; taught impact evaluation design techniques to program officers. Assisted in the design and implementation of an impact evaluation in conjunction with a large-scale local governance initiative in the West Bank (ongoing).

RAND Corporation, Washington, DC

Adjunct Researcher

August 2013 to June 2015

Research Associate

June 2011 to August 2013

Designed and implemented research project protocols. Drafted summary reports and conducted client presentations. Conducted policy-relevant research and analysis on a variety of current policy topics, including: political developments in the Middle East, cyber security, US military budget planning, and efforts to increase Internet freedoms internationally. Employed quantitative analysis, including statistical testing, on large-scale data sets in order to assess patterns relevant to policy considerations.

Project on Middle East Democracy, Washington, DC

Research Assistant

January to June 2011

Helped to plan and produce a series of policy briefs on relevant topics across the broader Middle East. Researched subjects for articles and edited pieces for content and grammar. Regularly consulted news sources in English and Arabic.

Arabic and Middle Eastern Electronic Library, Yale University

Digitization Specialist

May 2006 to May 2009

Worked as part of a strategic team to develop a searchable database of electronic Arabic texts. Assessed the effectiveness of Arabic Optical Character Recognition programs to improve performance and increase accuracy.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION	Who Works, and Who Wins? Electoral Accountability in an Authoritarian Parliament	
	Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference	2017
	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2017
	A Dynamic Model of Primary Elections	
	American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting	2016
	Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference (Emory)	2017
	Preferences over Foreign Migration: Testing Existing Explanations in Qatar	
	Midwest Political Science Association	2016
	Ethnic Framing in the Syrian Civil War: Evidence from a Survey Experiment	
	AUB-Bobst-Princeton "After the Uprisings" (Princeton)	2016
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Columbia University , Instructor	
	• Math review course for incoming students, 2018 and 2019	
	Columbia University , Teaching Assistant	
	• Experimental Research: Design, Analysis, and Interpretation, for Donald Green, Spring 2016	
	• Principles of Quantitative Political Research, for Mark Lindeman, Fall 2015	
	• Comparative Democratic Politics & Data Analysis and Statistics for Political Science Research, for John Huber, Summer 2015	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Coordinator, Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop (2014-2016)	
	Referee, American Political Science Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Democratization	
EXPERTISE	Languages: Arabic (advanced) - MSA and Levantine Colloquial	
	French (advanced)	
	Spanish (intermediate)	
	Farsi (beginning-intermediate)	
	Computing: Excel, R, Stata, JMP, \LaTeX , ArcGIS	