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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

C. Family Dean's Faculty Fellow

Assistant Professor, Political Science

2021-present

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Postdoctoral Fellow, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance 2020-2021

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative

2019-2020

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

Ph.D., Political Science

May 2020

• Dissertation: Democratic Institutions under Autocracy

M.Phil., Political Science

May 2016

M.A., Political Science

February 2015

Yale University, New Haven, CT

B.S., Physics

May 2009

- cum laude, With Honors in the Major
- Second Major: Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Constituency Service and Electoral Accountability in Autocratic Legislatures. *Comparative Political Studies* Forthcoming (2024). Link to draft.
- [2] Ministries matter: Technocrats and regime loyalty under autocracy. *Political Science Research and Methods* 12.1 (2024): 207-219. Link.
- [3] Preferences over Foreign Migration: Testing Existing Explanations in the Gulf. World Politics 74.3 (2022): 443-475. Link.
- [4] with Jacob Kopas and Johannes Urpelainen, Greasing the Wheels: The Politics of Environmental Clearances in India. Studies in Comparative International Development 57.1 (2022): 113-144. Link.
- [5] with Tara Slough and Michael Ting, A Dynamic Model of Primaries. *Journal of Politics* 82.4 (2020): 1443-1457. Link.
- [6] 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. *Ecological Economics* 176 (2020): 106711. Link.
- [7] with Daniel Corstange, Sectarian Framing in the Syrian Civil War, American Journal of Political Science 62.2 (2018): 441-455. Link.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

[8] with Daniel Corstange, Clientelism, Constituency Service, and Elections in Oxford Handbook on Politics in Muslim Societies. Oxford University Press: 2022.

 [9] with Donald P. Green, Field Experiments in Political Behavior, in The Routledge Handbook of Elections, Voting Behavior, and Public Opinion (pp. 509-521), Routledge: 2018.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- [10] with Jeff Martini and William Young, Syria as an Arena of Strategic Competition, RAND Corporation (Santa Monica, CA: 2013).
- [11] with Todd Helmus and Peter Chalk, Promoting Online Voices for Countering Violent Extremism, *RAND Corporation* (Santa Monica, CA: 2013).
- [12] with Jeff Martini and Dalia Dassa Kaye, Muslim Brotherhood Youth: Generational Divides and Implications for U.S. Engagement, *RAND Corporation* (Santa Monica, CA: 2012).

# RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- [13] with Daniel Tavana, Legislative Cooptation in Authoritarian Regimes: Policy Cooperation in the Kuwait National Assembly. *Under Review*.
- [14] with Alicia Cooperman, Alexander Hamilton, Craig Hammer, and Tara Slough.

  Monitoring & Evaluation Manual in Fragile States (Book-length manuscript).

  In submission.
- [15] with Abhit Bhandari, Political Connections, Patronage, and Consumer Attitudes. *Under Review*.
- [16] Political Competition in Autocratic Institutions. In progress.
- [17] Cosponsorship and Collective Action in an Authoritarian Legislature. In progress.
- [18] Buying Autocratic Supermajorities. In progress.
- [19] with Daniel Tavana, Ideological Positioning in Authoritarian Legislatures. *In progress*.
- [20] with Eunji Kim, Consuming Politics: Culture and Identity in Times of War. *In progress*.

# AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

# EXTERNAL

## Bright Data

• Bright Initiative Grant, 2024 (\$1500)

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

# Internal

# Vanderbilt University

- Dean's Faculty Fellowship, 2022-2024 (\$30,000)
- Course Improvement Grant, 2022 (\$500)

#### 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

#### Yale University

• Bensinger Prize, 2009 (\$3000)

# Professional Experience

# USAID Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance

Contracted by NORC

Impact Evaluation Specialist February 2015 to June 2019

#### World Bank

Consultant August 2016 to December 2017

# RAND Corporation, Washington, DC

Adjunct Researcher August 2013 to June 2015 Research Associate June 2011 to August 2013

## Project on Middle East Democracy, Washington, DC

Research Assistant January to June 2011

# Arabic and Middle Eastern Electronic Library, Yale University

Digitization Specialist May 2006 to May 2009

# Conference Participation & Invited Talks

2024: SPSA; EPSA; APSA; Women in Legislative Studies conference

2023: SPSA; Copenhagen Business School "Money in Politics" conference; EPSA; APSA; Women in Legislative Studies conference

2022: European Political Science Association annual meeting; International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP) annual meeting, APSA

2021: Princeton University Workshop on Arab Political Development; Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS); Princeton University IR Colloquium; SPSA; APSA; Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting

2020: Harvard Kennedy School; Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes (VWAR); Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) virtual workshop; SPSA

2019: Vanderbilt University; APSA

2017: Formal Theory and Comparative Politics Conference (Emory); Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) annual conference; Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute (NYU Abu Dhabi); APSA

2016: AUB-Bobst-Princeton "After the Uprisings" (Princeton); MPSA; APSA

# TEACHING

## Vanderbilt University, undergraduate

- The Politics of Autocracy
- Understanding Policy Data
- Political Science Honors Seminar (Thesis capstone course)

## Vanderbilt University, graduate

• Comparative Authoritarianism

# Columbia University, graduate

• Math review course for incoming students, 2018 and 2019

Professional Service Coordinator, Columbia University Political Science Methods Workshop (2014-2016) Referee, American Political Science Review, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Democratization, Studies in Comparative International Development, Comparative Politics, World Politics, American Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

EXPERTISE

Languages: Arabic (advanced) - MSA and Levantine Colloquial

French (advanced)
Spanish (intermediate)

Farsi (beginning-intermediate)

 $\textbf{Computing:} \ R, \ Stata, \ Selenium, \ JMP, \ \LaTeX, \ ArcGIS$