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Research Interests

Religion and Politics, Religious Institutions, Muslim-Majority Countries, Political Violence
Text-as-Data, Causal Inference, Spatial and Computational Analysis

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Ph.D. in Political Science

2023 – Present

Fields: Comparative Politics (*with Honors*), Political Methodology (*with Honors*)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

M.A. in Political Science

(Expected 2025)

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

B.A. in International Relations (*with Honors*)

2019 – 2023

Working Papers

“Anonymous Attackers: An Alternative Logic to Credit-taking in Terrorism.”

“War, Memory and Social Cohesion: The Intergenerational Legacy of Political Violence.” (with Caroline Lindey)

“Opportunistic Repression? Understanding the Relationship between Terrorism and Religious Regulation.” (with Pauline Jones)

Works in Progress

“Not All Quiet on the Religious Front.”

“The Political Economy of the American Mosque.” (with Hasher Nisar)

Selected Public Scholarship and Policy Writing

“Extremism, Violence and Ideology: The Complexity and Evolution of Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism in Canada.” *Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society*, 2022 (with Shannon Nash, Nermeen Zia Islam and Anaïs El Amraoui)

“Threatening Engagement: Terrorist Groups and Regional Hegemons.” *E-International Relations*, 2022

“Soldiers of God: The Muslim Brotherhood and Egyptian Democracy.” *The Yale Review of International Studies*, Global Issue Print Edition (12), 2021.

Research Experience

University of Michigan

2023 – 2024

Research Assistant for Megan Stewart

University of Toronto

2021 – 2023

Research Assistant for Seva Gunitsky

Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security, and Society Researcher	2022
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Conferences

Peace Science Society	2024
American Political Science Association	2024, 2025*
International Studies Association	2024
Midwest Political Science Association	2023, 2025

Awards and Fellowships

Collaborative Research Grant, American Political Science Association <i>with Hood Ahmed, Salam Alsaadi, Mohammed Dhia Hammami, Noor Hamwy and Asma Rabeh</i>	2025
Individual Research Grant, American Political Science Association	2025
Matthew K. Smith Study Abroad Award, University of Michigan	2025
Rackham Graduate Student Research Award, University of Michigan	2024
Global Islamic Studies Center Student Fellowship, University of Michigan	2024, 2025
Graduate Student Department Fellowship, University of Michigan	2023 – 2024
Dean's List Scholar, University of Toronto	2019 – 2023

Workshops and Other Training

Toulouse Summer School for Quantitative Social Science	2025
APSA-MENA Graduate Student Workshop	2024
ASREC Graduate Student Workshop	2024

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics <i>with Brian Min</i>	Winter 2025
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics <i>with Kenneth Lowande</i>	Fall 2024

Service

Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, CPRD Workshop	2024 – 2026
Summer Research Opportunity Program Mentor, University of Michigan	2024, 2025
Graduate Student Organizer, Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference	2023

Professional Experience

Research Analyst, Delphic Research	2022
Legislative and Policy Assistant, House of Commons	2021
Community Office Assistant, House of Commons	2020

Skills

Programming: R, \LaTeX , Python, STATA, ArcGIS
Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Native Proficiency)
Field Research: Tunisia (2024), Kuwait (2025)

Last updated: May 10, 2025