Saumyaa Gupta

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EDUCATION

Yale University

New Haven, CT

Ph.D., Political Science (Comparative Politics and International Relations)

August 2024 - Present

Beloit College Beloit, WI

B.A., (Honors) Political Science and Psychology (Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

May 2024

Relevant Research Experience

Research Assistant - Elizabeth Parker-Magyar

August 2023 – May 2024

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Analyzed labor force participation and political attitudes across 13 MENA countries; conducted geospatial analysis
of Islamist social service sites and their impact on Jordanian election outcomes.

Research Assistant - Global Diversity Lab

June 2023 – August 2023

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

• Created a novel dataset on the Muslim Brotherhood's charitable networks in Jordan and analyzed primary and secondary Arabic sources on its political role.

Fieldwork In Jordan

January 2023 – June 2023

School for International Training, Jordan

Amman, Jordan

• Conducted 40+ interviews with Jordanian elites and opposition leaders on protest demobilization; partnered with the University of Jordan's Center for Strategic Studies to analyze public opinion data on the monarchy's legitimacy.

Presentations

2025 (Scheduled): Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association

2024: Midwest Political Science Association

2023: Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference (University of Michigan), MIT Global Diversity Lab, MIT Summer Research Program Conference, School for International Training Research Conference, Beloit College Student Symposium

2022: Midwest Political Science Conference, Annual Illinois State University Conference, World Congress - International Association for Political Science Students, Beloit College Symposium

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

Blue Center Short-term Research and Travel Award (Yale University) - \$2000 (2024)

Weissberg Post Graduate Research Fellowship (Beloit College) - \$6000 (2024)

Weissberg Research Equity Fieldwork Grant (Beloit College) - \$4000 (2023)

Ivan Stone Grant for International Relations Research (Beloit College) - \$4000 (2022)

Harry Rex Davis Departmental Prize for Exceptional Achievement in Political Science - Beloit College (2024)

Ruth C. Peterson Award for Best Honors Thesis in International Relations - Beloit College (2024)

Paul Pollock Memorial Prize for Excellence in Political Science - Beloit College (2022, 2023)

Wisconsin Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi Award for Highest Academic Ranking - Beloit College (2023, 2024)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Trilingual in English, Hindi, and Gujarati; Intermediate in Arabic

Skills: R, Python, ArcGIS, LaTeX

References

Jennifer Gandhi, Professor, Political Science and Jackson School of Global Affairs, Yale University (Email: jennifer.gandhi@yale.edu)

Elizabeth K. Parker-Magyar, Moulay Hicham Alaoui Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (2024-2025) (Email: ekpm@mit.edu).