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Education

Ph.D. Candidate Fellow, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. Doctoral Candidate (G5) Exam Fields: Comparative Politics, Middle East Studies and Formal & Quantitative Methods. Incidental M.A. Awarded Summer 2022.

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois — June 2019

Master of Arts in International Relations (Honors). Thesis Advisor: Susan Stokes.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania — May 2018

Bachelor of Arts, Summa cum Laude; Political Science Major (Honors); Minor in Philosophy. Phi Beta Kappa; Dean's List (2014-2018); Benjamin Franklin Scholar.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Princeton Multicenter Grant (2025): Awarded \$15,000 for field research and nationally representative (1,000 respondent) survey experiment in Tunisia

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (2024): Awarded \$2,450 for field research in Tunisia and Morocco.

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (2023): Awarded \$2700 for archival and field research in France. Supplementary Grant \$500 from Princeton Program in African Studies.

Mamdouha S. Bobst Center, Graduate Dissertation Grant (2023, 2024): Awarded \$11,000 to support research assistance building a spatial database of late colonial contention (1948-1956) in Morocco and Tunisia.

Mamdouha S. Bobst Center Discretionary Research Grant (2022): Awarded \$2,000 for archival and field research in France and Tunisia.

Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (2022): Awarded \$2,500 for archival and field research in France and Tunisia.

Robert Holtz Memorial Prize (2018): Awarded to the best overall political science major in the graduating class.

Penn Democracy, Citizenship and Constitutionalism Fellow (2015-2016): Awarded \$4,000 for research project, The Development of Egypt's Irreligious Community After the 25th of January Revolt.

Dissertation Project

Fellahin into Frenchmen: Social Control and Educational Supply in the Postcolonial Maghreb

Committee: Amaney Jamal (Chair), Elizabeth Nugent and Mark Beissinger.

Publications

Secularization in the Minaret's Shadow: Group Identity and Religious Identity in the Contemporary MENA region (With Hussein E. Ceyhun). *Mediterranean Politics*, 2025.

Working Papers

Rebellion and Educational Supply after Colonial Rule: Secondary Education and Civic Licensing in Postcolonial Tunisia (Job Market Paper)

Anatomy of Religious Infrastructure in Authoritarian Regimes (With Gordon Arsenoff, Amaney Jamal, Elizabeth Nugent, Hussein E. Ceyhun)

Selected Works in Preparation

Military Recruitment and Subsequent Mobilization: Evidence from Algeria and the Raj (With Shourya Sen)

Cross-Border Militancy and Postcolonial Development: FLN Militancy and Development in Tunisia

Internationalization and Contentious Politics: Late Colonial Mobilization and International Diplomacy

Competing at the Root: How Local-Level Associational Competition Fuels Politics in Hybrid Regimes. (With Hussein. E. Ceyhun)

Teaching

Pol 366: African Politics (3 Sections). Associate Instructor for Professor Jennifer Widner. Fall 2022

Pol 230: Introduction to Comparative Politics (Head Preceptor). Professor: Andreas Wiedemann. Spring 2023

Pol 379: Politics of Southeast Asia (Associate Instructor). Professor: Nicholas Kuipers. Spring 2025

Average instructor rating across sections taught: 4.54/5

Workshops & Conference Presentations

Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting. March 2018 & 2019.

Princeton Comparative Politics Workshop: Annually 2021-2024

Princeton Workshop on Arab Political Development: Spring 2023 & Spring 2024

Comparative Politics Colloquium (Invited Talk). Bogazici University, Istanbul. November 2021.

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting. September 2022. September 2025.

Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies. April 2025.

Skills & Research Experience

Language: Professional Fluency in French (Reading proficiency, working proficiency for interviews), Egyptian Arabic (Native dialect), Tunisian Dialect, and Modern Standard Arabic (Working proficiency).

Technical Skills: R & LaTeX, Github (basic HTML, web design), ArcGIS, ArcMap, STATA & Tableau.

Professional Affiliations: Junior Fellow, AALIMS; Member, the American Political Science Association.

Archival Experience:

Archives Nationales D’Outre-Mer. Aix-en-Provence, France. (Summer 2022 and 2025).

National Archives and Records Administration, College Park, Maryland (Summer 2022).

Archives Diplomatiques – Centre de Nantes, France (Summer 2023, Fall 2025).

National Archives of Tunisia & Institut Supérieur de l’Histoire de la Tunisie Contemporaine, Tunis (Winter 2024).

Service Historique de la Défense, Chateau de Vincennes, Paris, France (Summer & Fall 2025).

Field Experience:

Kairouan, Tunisia (Summer 2022), Tunisia-Morocco (Winter-Spring 2024). Cairo (Summer 2015). Lived in Cairo: 2009-2014.

Other Professional Experience

Professor Devesh Kapur, Research Assistant, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2016–2017)

Professor Beth Simmons, Research Assistant, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (2017–2018)

Professor Monika Nalepa, Research Assistant, Chicago, Illinois (2019–2020)

Professor Susan Stokes, Research Assistant, Chicago, Illinois (2020)

Human Rights Watch, MENA Division Research Intern, New York, New York (2017)

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