

EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science , The Ohio State University (OSU)	Expected 2025
<i>Specializations in Comparative Politics and Research Methodology</i>	
<i>Committee: Jan Pierskalla (chair), Amanda Robinson</i>	
MA in Political Science , The Ohio State University	2022
BS in International Relations , Seton Hall University (SHU)	2020
BA in Economics , Seton Hall University	2020

RESEARCH PROJECTS AT OSU

Tribal Identity and Resource Allocation Jordan (*dissertation; in progress*)

- Collected Data on surname-tribe associations using self-reported user-level information from a social media platform
- Used Arabic-language tribal dictionaries to develop additional surname-tribe associations
- Recovered data from Jordanian voter registries and local election results to estimate election turnout figures across the country

Electoral Reforms and Voter Behavior in Jordan (*dissertation; in progress*)

- Designed a difference-in-differences project that used variation in Jordanian electoral rules to assess theories relating to identity-based voting and instrumental voting

Evaluating Measures of Democracy

- Designed a project to evaluate Freedom House (FH)'s regime classification as a valid measurement of democracy
- Employed text analytic techniques such as term-category association, topic modelling, and original dictionary creation to compare changes in FH reports to changes in FH indices

Election Boycotts in Electoral Autocracies

Paper Title: Nothing to gain, nothing to lose: Expected electoral gains and the decision to boycott

Presented at the Midwestern Political Science Association Annual Conference in April 2022

- Designed a study that examined the conditions under which opposition parties boycott elections in electoral autocracies.
- Made use of various datasets (IDEA, V-Dem, NELDA, DPI) that track opposition party characteristics and information about elections in autocratic settings

Voter Turnout in Electoral Autocracies

- Designed a study examining the economic determinants of voter turnout in electoral autocracies
- Examined literature on voter turnout, voter confidence, and political trust
- Used various statistical techniques to analyze data (IDEA, V-DEM, DPI, NELDA) on economic trends and voter turnout in a global sample

Experiences with Violence and Attitudes toward Syrian Refugees in Lebanon

The Ohio State University

- Designed a study examining the long term effects of civil war violence on public opinion toward Syrian refugees
- Cleaned and analyzed survey data from Lebanon as well as data on violence occurring during the Lebanese Civil War (UCDP)
- Used regression techniques to test hypotheses about experiences with violence and attitudes toward refugees

SKILLS

Languages	R, Python, HTML, Stata, SPSS
Packages	R - dplyr, ggplot2, tidyverse, glmnet, caret, e1071, stringr, arabicstemr, quanteda, preText, tabulizer; Python - pandas, sklearn, BeautifulSoup4, matplotlib, seaborn
Communication	English (native), Arabic (MSA - advanced-mid level), Arabic (Jordanian dialect - working proficiency)
Tools	RStudio, Visual Studio Code, Jupyter Notebook, Google Collab, \LaTeX , GitHub
Techniques	Inferential and predictive modeling; linear regression and GLMs; machine learning (Penalized Regression, SVMs); web-scraping; visualization; data analysis; data mining; Natural Language Processing (NLP)

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Jordan (Amman)	July - August 2023; June 2022; August 2019
Lebanon (Beirut)	July 2022

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AWARDS

Mershon Center for International Security <i>Ohio State University</i> Fieldwork in Jordan, Summer 2023	2023
Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant <i>Ohio State University</i> Funds to attend a methodology workshop at the University of Michigan, June 2023	2023
Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant <i>Ohio State University</i> Fieldwork in Jordan and Lebanon, 2022	2022
Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant <i>Ohio State University</i>	2021
Political Science Research Grant <i>Ohio State University</i>	2021 - 2024
Graduate Enrichment Fellowship <i>Ohio State University</i>	Dissertation Year
Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship <i>Ohio State University</i> Summers	2021 - 2024
University Fellowship <i>Ohio State University</i>	2020 - 2021
Research Experience for Undergraduates <i>Ohio State University</i>	Summer 2019

TEACHING

POLS 7552 - Quantitative Political Analysis II (Generalized Linear Models) <i>Teaching Assistant for Skyler Cranmer</i>	Spring 2023
POLS 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I (Probability Theory) <i>Teaching Assistant for Jan Pierskalla</i>	Autumn 2022
POLS 1200 - Introduction to Comparative Politics <i>Teaching Assistant for Sarah Brooks</i>	Spring 2022
POLS 3220 - Politics of the Developing World <i>Teaching Assistant for Erin Lin</i>	Autumn 2021

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Associate / War Economy in Yemen <i>Center for Peace and Conflict Studies</i>	Apr 2019 - Feb 2020 <i>South Orange, NJ & Amman, Jordan</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Managed logistics and finances for a survey project funded by the German government that sought to understand the social, political, and economic ramifications of the civil war in YemenCoordinated with our donor in Germany (GIZ) as well as our partner organization in Yemen (not named for security purposes) to plan a week-long survey development workshop in Amman, JordanProvided preliminary data analysis of survey data	

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference <i>Committee Chair</i>	2022 - 2023
Midwestern Political Science Association <i>Member</i>	2020 - Present
OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference <i>Committee Member</i>	2021 - 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Caritas Internationalis

United Nations Advocacy Assistant

New York, NY

January 2019 - May 2019

BDO Jordan

Business Development Intern

Amman, Jordan

May - August 2018

Endeavor Jordan

Entrepreneur Selection and Growth Intern

Amman, Jordan

February - May 2018

City of Jersey City

City Council Aide (Ward C)

Jersey City, NJ

June - August 2016, 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Midwestern Political Science Association

Turnout for what? Election boycotts and voter turnout in electoral autocracies

April 2022

International Studies Association - Midwest

Conflict-Induced Peace: The Effects of Conflict Intensity on Mediation

November 2019

Seton Hall University Petersheim Academic Exposition

Microfinance and Education: A Two-Prong Approach to Development Inside Za'atari Camp

May 2019