
EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science , <i>The Ohio State University</i>	Expected 2026
<i>Specializations: Comparative Politics and Research Methodology</i>	
<i>Committee: Jan Pierskalla (chair), Amanda Robinson, Erin Lin, Samer Talozi (non-OSU member)</i>	
MA in Political Science , <i>The Ohio State University</i>	2022
BS in International Relations , <i>Seton Hall University</i>	2020
BA in Economics , <i>Seton Hall University</i>	2020

WORKING PAPERS

1. "Formalizing the Informal: Decentralization, Irrigation Water Provision, and Kinship Ties in Jordan" (*Job Market Paper*)
2. "Tribes all the way down: Measuring Jordan's Tribes as Nested Social Networks" *with Elizabeth Parker-Magyar (Harvard University)*
3. "The Limits of Participatory Irrigation Management: Using Remote Sensing to Evaluate Agricultural Policy Impact" (*Under Review; with Samer Talozi (JUST)*)
4. "Gendered Polling Places and Female Vote Share in Jordan" (*co-authored with Elizabeth Parker-Magyar & Saumyaa Gupta (Yale University)*)
5. "Nothing to gain, nothing to lose: Expected electoral gains and the opposition's decision to boycott"

IN-PROGRESS RESEARCH

1. Social Dynamics, Decentralization, and Public Goods Provision in Jordan (*dissertation project*)
2. Urbanization and the Maintenance of Social Tribal Networks in Jordan's Parliament (*co-authored with Elizabeth Parker-Magyar*)

POLICY PAPERS AND CONSULTANCY WORK

1. "Water User Associations in the Jordan Valley: History, Successes, and Challenges" *with Methods for Irrigation and Agriculture*
2. "Jordanian Political Attitudes and Ideology Survey Report" *with the Center for Strategic Studies (CSS)*
3. "Political Reform in Jordan: Desired Outcomes and Assessment Strategies", *with CSS and The Adam Smith Institute (ASI)*

TEACHING

POLITSC 4940 - Politics of Immigration	Autumn 2023
<i>Instructor of Record</i>	
POLITSC 7552 - Quantitative Political Analysis II (Generalized Linear Models)	Spring 2023
<i>Teaching Assistant for Skyler Cranmer</i>	
POLITSC 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I (Probability Theory)	Autumn 2022
<i>Teaching Assistant for Jan Pierskalla</i>	
POLITSC 1200 - Introduction to Comparative Politics	Spring 2022
<i>Teaching Assistant for Sarah Brooks</i>	
POLITSC 3220 - Politics of the Developing World	Autumn 2021
<i>Teaching Assistant for Erin Lin</i>	

FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Jordan (Amman, Irbid)	Jan.-Nov. 2024; Jul. - Aug. 2023; Jun. 2022; Aug. 2019
Lebanon (Beirut)	Jul. 2022

AWARDS

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Abroad Award	2024
<i>US Department of Education</i>	
Dissertation research award to study the politics of water management in Jordan from February 2024 through November 2024 in Jordan	

Francis R. Aumann Award for Distinguished Service	2023
<i>Ohio State University Department of Political Science</i>	
Award for distinguished service to the Department of Political Science and the Political Science Community	

Mershon Center for International Security	2023
<i>Ohio State University</i>	
Fieldwork in Jordan, Summer 2023	

Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant	2021 - 2024
<i>Ohio State University</i>	
Funded fieldwork in Jordan (2022-2024) and Lebanon (2022), language training (2021), and methodological training (2023)	

Political Science Research Grant	2021 - 2024
<i>Ohio State University</i>	

Graduate Enrichment Fellowship	Dissertation Year
<i>Ohio State University</i>	

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship	2021 - 2024
<i>Ohio State University Summers</i>	

University Fellowship	2020 - 2021
<i>Ohio State University</i>	

Research Experience for Undergraduates	Summer 2019
<i>NSF/ University of North Texas</i>	

AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies	2025 - present
<i>Junior Fellow</i>	

Middle East Studies Association	2024 - Present
<i>Member</i>	

American Political Science Association	2024 - Present
<i>Member</i>	

OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference	2022 - 2023
<i>Committee Chair</i>	

Midwestern Political Science Association	2020 - 2021
<i>Member</i>	

OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference	2021 - 2021
<i>Committee Member</i>	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

American Political Science Association (scheduled) <i>Formalizing the Informal: Decentralization, Irrigation Water, and Kinship Ties in Jordan</i>	September 2025
American Political Science Association (scheduled) <i>Tribes all the way down: Measuring Jordan's tribes as nested social networks</i>	September 2025
Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies <i>Tribes all the way down: Measuring Jordan's tribes as nested social networks</i>	April 2025
Middle East Studies Association <i>Formalizing the Informal: Decentralization and Tribal Networks in Jordan's Irrigation Water Management Apparatus</i>	November 2024
Middle East Studies Association <i>Measuring Jordan's Tribal Communities as Nested Social Networks (with Elizabeth Parker-Magyar (Harvard University))</i>	November 2024
Midwestern Political Science Association <i>Turnout for what? Election boycotts and voter turnout in electoral autocracies</i>	April 2022
International Studies Association - Midwest <i>Conflict-Induced Peace: The Effects of Conflict Intensity on Mediation</i>	November 2019
Seton Hall University Petersheim Academic Exposition <i>Microfinance and Education: A Two-Prong Approach to Development Inside Za'atari Camp</i>	May 2019

NON-PHD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Visiting Research Associate <i>Center for Strategic Studies (University of Jordan)</i>	Feb. - Nov. 2024 Amman, Jordan
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Designed and analyzed a survey assessing Jordanian political attitudes and moral foundationsContributed to policy-related research projects on public administration and political reform in JordanContributed to an original survey studying Jordanian public opinion about the 2023-2024 War in Gaza (questionnaire design; translation)Contributed to a project designing a monitoring and assessment program for Jordan's political reform process	
Research Associate <i>Center for Peace and Conflict Studies</i>	Apr. 2019 - Feb. 2020 South Orange, NJ & Amman, Jordan
<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	

SKILLS

Programming	R, Python, HTML, Stata, SPSS
Communication	Arabic (MSA - advanced-mid level), Arabic (Jordanian dialect - working proficiency)

OTHER TRAINING

Quantitative Methods	Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR, Summer 2023)
Language Training	Indiana University Language Flagship Program (Arabic, Summer 2021)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Caritas Internationalis <i>United Nations Advocacy Assistant</i>	New York, NY January 2019 - May 2019
BDO Jordan <i>Business Development Intern</i>	Amman, Jordan May - August 2018
Endeavor Jordan <i>Entrepreneur Selection and Growth Intern</i>	Amman, Jordan February - May 2018
City of Jersey City <i>City Council Aide (Ward C)</i>	Jersey City, NJ June - August 2016, 2017

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