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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science , *The Ohio State University (OSU)*   Expected 2025
Specializations in Comparative Politics and Research Methodology
Committee: Jan Pierskalla (chair), Amanda Robinson
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
- Desinged 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, CSS, 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
Ohio State University
Fieldwork in Jordan, Summer 2023

2023

Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant
Ohio State University
Funds to attend a methodology workshop at the University of Michigan, June 2023

2023

Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant
Ohio State University
Fieldwork in Jordan and Lebanon, 2022

2022

Political Science Dept. Summer Funding Grant
Ohio State University

2021

Political Science Research Grant
Ohio State University

2021 - 2024

Graduate Enrichment Fellowship
Ohio State University

Dissertation Year

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences Fellowship
Ohio State University Summers

2021 - 2024

University Fellowship
Ohio State University

2020 - 2021

Research Experience for Undergraduates
Ohio State University

Summer 2019

Teaching

POLS 7552 - Quantitative Political Analysis II (Generalized Linear Models)
Teaching Assistant for Skyler Cranmer

Spring 2023

POLS 7551 - Quantitative Political Analysis I (Probability Theory)
Teaching Assistant for Jan Pierskalla

Autumn 2022

POLS 1200 - Introduction to Comparative Politics
Teaching Assistant for Sarah Brooks

Spring 2022

POLS 3220 - Politics of the Developing World
Teaching Assistant for Erin Lin

Autumn 2021

Other Research Experience

Research Associate / War Economy in Yemen
Center for Peace and Conflict Studies

Apr 2019 - Feb 2020
South Orange, NJ & Amman, Jordan

- 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 Yemen
- Coordinated 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, Jordan
- Provided preliminary data analysis of survey data

Affiliations and Service

OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference
Committee Chair

2022 - 2023

Midwestern Political Science Association
Member

2020 - Present

OSU Political Science Graduate Immersion Conference
Committee Member

2021 - 2021

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Work Experience

Caritas Internationalis   New York, NY
United Nations Advocacy Assistant   January 2019 - May 2019

BDO Jordan   Amman, Jordan
Business Development Intern   May - August 2018

Endeavor Jordan   Amman, Jordan
Entrepreneur Selection and Growth Intern   February - May 2018

City of Jersey City   Jersey City, NJ
City Council Aide (Ward C)   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