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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Clarence Dillon Professor of International Affairs, Harvard University. July 2017 – present.

Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, July 2021 – present.

Chair, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, July 2018 – June 30, 2021.

Acting Director, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, July 2019 – June 2020.

Secondary Faculty Appointment, Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. July 2017 – June 2022.

Professor, Department of Government, Harvard University. January 2015 – present.

Professor, Department of Political Science, Brown University. July 2014 – December 2014.

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Brown University. July 2009 – June 2014.

Takemi Fellow in International Health, Harvard School of Public Health, August 2013 – June 2014.

Fellow, New Directions Program, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, August 2013 – June 2014.

Dupee Faculty Fellow, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University. July 2012 – June 2013.

Kutayba Alghanim Assistant Professor of Political Economy and Assistant Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Brown University. July 2005-June 2009.

Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, The Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University. 2005-2006, 2007-2008.

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Brown University. July 2002-July 2005.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California at Berkeley. Political Science. December 2002.

M.A. University of California at Berkeley. Political Science. 1996

M.A. The Fletcher School, Tufts University. International Relations. 1994
Fields: Development Economics, International Conflict Resolution

B.A. Brown University. International Relations. 1991

BOOKS

The Oxford Handbook on Politics in Muslim Societies. New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2022.
(Co-edited with Pauline Jones)

A Political Economy of the Middle East, 4th ed. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 2015. (With Ishac Diwan, Alan Richards and John Waterbury)

Compassionate Communalism: Welfare and Sectarianism in Lebanon. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014.

Winner of the 2015 Giovanni Sartori Book Award, American Political Science Association (APSA) Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research; Honorable Mention, 2015 Gregory Luebbert Book Award, APSA Section on Comparative Politics.

The Politics of Non-State Social Welfare. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014. (Co-edited with Lauren Morris MacLean)

Honorable Mention, 2015 Outstanding Book in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

Globalization and Business Politics in Arab North Africa: A Comparative Perspective. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007, 2010.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED JOURNALS AND UNDER REVIEW

“Is Clientelism (Only) for the Poor? Insights on Class and Clientelism from a Survey Experiment in Lebanon.” Reject and resubmit, *Journal of Politics*. (With Christiana Parreira and Sami Atallah) (Pre-analysis plan 20170907AA available [here](#).)

“Social Accountability and Public Goods Provision: Testing Informal Mechanisms to Improve Community Welfare in Delhi Slums.” Under review. (With Poulomi Chakrabarti and David Romney) (Pre-analysis plan 20180613AA available [here](#).)

“The Religious Advantage: External Mobilization and the Success of Church-Backed Parties.” Under review. (With Lucas Novaes and Guadalupe Tuñón)

“Social Accountability and Minority Status: Contributions to Public Goods by Hindus and Muslims in Indian Slums.” *Comparative Political Studies*, forthcoming. (With Poulomi Chakrabarti and David Romney) (Pre-analysis plan 20180613AA available [here](#).)

“The IO Effect: International Actors and Service Delivery in Refugee Crises.” *International Studies Quarterly* 66, no. 4 (2022). (With Aytuğ Şaşmaz.) (Pre-analysis plan 20170417AA available [here](#).)

“Commitment to the “National” in Post-Conflict Countries: Public and Private Security in Lebanon.” *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 66, nos. 7-8 (2022): 1234-1262. (With Dominika Kruszewska, Christiana Parreira and Sami Atallah). (Pre-analysis plan 20170907AA available [here](#).)

“Coethnicity Beyond Clientelism: Insights from an Experimental Study on Religion and Political Behavior in Lebanon.” *Politics & Religion* 15, no. 2 (2021): 417-438. (With Dominika Kruszewska, Christiana Parreira, and Sami Atallah). (Pre-analysis plan 20170907AA available [here](#).)

“Navigating Welfare Regimes in Divided Societies: Diversity and the Quality of Service Delivery in Lebanon.” *Governance* 35, no. 1 (2021): 209-231. (With Aytuğ Şaşmaz)

“Political Science Scholarship on the Middle East: A View from the Journals.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 54, no. 3 (July 2021): 448-455. (With Isabel Kendall.)

“Insecurity and Political Values in the Arab World.” *Democratization* 27, no. 5 (2020): 699-716. (With Ishac Diwan and Irina Vartanova)

“Popular Grievances in the Arab Region: Evaluating Explanations for Discontent in the Lead-Up to the Uprisings.” *Middle East Development Journal* 10, no. 1(2018): 64-96. (With Nisreen Salti)

“Political Context, Organizational Mission and the Quality of Social Services: Insights from the Health Sector in Lebanon.” *World Development* 98 (October 2017): 120-132. (With Aytuğ Şaşmaz)
Winner of the 2017 Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis*-American Political Science Association (JCPA-APSA)

“Building Resilient Health Systems: A Proposal for a Resilience Index.” In *BMJ* 357(May 2017): 1-8. (With Margaret Kruk (lead author) et al.)

“Does Risk Promote or Undermine Citizen Trust in Government? The Case of Health Care in Europe.” In *Perspectives on Politics* 13, no. 4 (December 2015), 938-957. (With Julia Lynch and Gavril Bilev)

“Sectarianism and the Ambiguities of Welfare in the Middle East.” In *Cultural Anthropology* 56, no. 6 (December 2015).

“Is There an Islamist Political Advantage?” In *Annual Review of Political Science*, vol. 17 (May/June 2014). (With Pauline Jones Luong)

“Governance and Health in the Arab World.” In *The Lancet*, vol. 382 (2013): 1-13. (With Rajaie Batniji (lead author), Sanjay Basu, Rita Giacaman, Amaney Jamal, Lina Khatib, Geoffrey Sweet, and Paul Wise)

“Power-Sharing in Post-Conflict Societies: Implications for Peace and Governance.” In *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 56, no. 6 (December 2012): 982-1016. (With Edmund Malesky)

“Informal Politics and Access to Health Care in Lebanon.” In *International Journal for Equity in Health*. 11, no. 23 (2012): 1-8. (With Bradley Chen)

“Introduction: The Political Consequences of Non-State Social Welfare in the Global South.” Article in special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* on “Non-State Actors, States and Citizens and the Provision of Social Welfare in the Global South.” 46, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 1-21. (With Lauren Morris MacLean)

“Partisan Activism and Access to Welfare in Lebanon.” Article in special issue of *Studies in Comparative International Development* on Non-State Actors, States and Citizens and the Provision of Social Welfare in the Global South.” 46, no. 1 (Spring 2011): 70-97. (PMCID: PMC4043299)

“Bricks and Mortar Clientelism: The Political Geography of Welfare in Lebanon.” In *World Politics* 62, no. 3 (July 2010): 381-421. (With Sukriti Issar). (PMCID: PMC4029429)

Winner of the 2011 Alexander L. George Award, Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, American Political Science Association.

“Labor Standards and Labor Flexibility in the Middle East: Freer Trade and Freer Unions?” In *Studies in Comparative International Development* 45, no. 2 (Summer 2010). (With Marsha Pripstein Posusney): 250-279.

“Business-Government Relations and Industrial Change: The Politics of Upgrading in Morocco and Tunisia.” In *World Development* 35, no. 11 (2007): 1889-1903.

“Development and the Changing Dynamics of Global Production: Global Value Chains and Local Clusters in Apparel Manufacturing.” In *Competition and Change* 10, no. 1 (March 2006): 23-48.

“Fat Cats and Self-Made Men: Globalization and the Paradoxes of Collective Action.” In *Comparative Politics* 37, no. 4 (July 2005): 379-400.

“International Exposure, Domestic Response: Financiers, Weavers and Garment Manufacturers in Morocco and Tunisia.” In *Arab Studies Journal* 7, no. 2/8, no. 1 (Fall 1999/Spring 2000): 26-51.

“Defensive Integration and Late Developers: The Gulf Cooperation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union.” In *Global Governance* 5, no. 3 (July-September 1999): 379-402.

CURRENT PROJECTS & WORKING PAPERS

“Toleration: Living Together After Violence.” Book project in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Lebanon, and Northern Ireland. Data collection in progress.

“External Support and Persistent Authoritarianism in the Middle East.” (With Daniel Baissa.)

“Vaccine Politics in Divided Societies: Insights from Lebanon.” (With Amanda Rizkallah and Daniel Corstange) Pre-analysis plan available [here](#).

“Voices of Arab Youth: Challenges and the Consequences of Exclusion.” Research project in Lebanon and Tunisia. (With the Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Aytuğ Şaşmaz and Daniel Baissa, supported by the International Development Research Centre, Government of Canada) Pre-analysis plan available [here](#).

“Conditional Hospitality: How International Aid Shapes Local Attitudes toward Refugees.” (With Ahmet Akbiyik) Pre-analysis plan available [here](#).

“Power-sharing, Decentralization, and Governance.” (With Edmund Malesky and Christiana Parreira)

“Distributive Politics in Conflict Settings: The Case of Iraq (1997-2012).” (With Reva Dhingra and Gabriel Koehler-Derrick)

“Colonial Legacies and Human Capital Development in the Middle East.” (With Allison Hartnett and Gabriel Koehler-Derrick)

“Municipal Governance and Pandemic Response in Lebanon.” (With Lama Mourad, Sami Atallah, and the Policy Initiative, Beirut, Lebanon).

BOOK CHAPTERS

“What’s Religion Got to Do With It?” In Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022. (With Pauline Jones)

“Colonial Legacies and Welfare Provision in the Middle East and North Africa.” In Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones, eds. *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2021. (With Allison Hartnett and Gabriel Koehler-Derrick)

“The Value of Positive Deviant Cases for Development Policy.” In Jennifer Widner, Michael Woolcock and Daniel Ortega Nieto, eds. *The Case for Case Studies: Integrating Scholarship and Practice in International Development*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2022.

“The Dynamics of Pro-State Mobilization: Insights from Egypt.” In *Ruling by Other Means: State-Mobilized Movements*, edited by Grzegorz Ekiert, Elizabeth Perry and Yan Xiaojun. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020, pp. 261-290. (With Ashley Anderson)

“Lebanon, The Sectarian Identity Test Lab.” In Thanassis Cambanis and Michael Wahid Hanna, eds. *Citizenship and Its Discontents: The Struggle for Rights, Pluralism, and Inclusion in the Middle East*. New York: The Century Foundation, 2019.

“Development and Underdevelopment in the Middle East.” In Carol Lancaster and Nicolas van de Walle, eds. *Handbook of the Politics of Development*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.

“Transition Experiences and Relevant Lessons for the Arab Transitions.” In *The Middle East Economies in Times of Transition*, edited by Ahmed Galal and Ishac Diwan. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 279-308.

“Fiscal Policy and Crony Capitalism in MENA Countries.” In *The Middle East Economies in Times of Transition*, edited by Ahmed Galal and Ishac Diwan. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016, pp. 63-98. (With Ishac Diwan.)

“The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East.” In Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 14th ed. New York: CQ Press, 2015. (With Ishac Diwan)

“Social Welfare.” In Tulia Falleti, Orfeo Fioretos and Adam Sheingate, eds., *Handbook of Historical Institutionalism*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2015. (With Aytuğ Şaşmaz)

“Human Insecurity: Poverty and Welfare in Lebanon.” In Donna Lee Bowen and Becky Schulthies, eds, *Everyday Life in the Middle East*, 3rd ed. Indianapolis, IN: Indiana University Press, 2014.

“Introduction,” “The Political Consequences of Non-state Social Welfare: An Analytical Framework” and “Conclusion.” In *The Politics of Non-state Social Welfare*, edited by Melani Cammett and Lauren Morris MacLean. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014. (With Lauren Morris MacLean)

“Sectarian Politics and Social Welfare: Non-state Provision in Lebanon.” In *The Politics of Non-state Social Welfare*, edited by Melani Cammett and Lauren Morris MacLean. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2014.

“Epilogue: A Political Economy of the Arab Uprisings.” *A Political Economy of the Middle East*. Third ed. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, forthcoming 2013. (With Ishac Diwan.)

Abridged versions reprinted in Arabic in *Kalamon Al-Thaqafiyya* (Fall 2013), *Le Monde Diplomatique/Al-Khaleej* (October 2013) and *Le Monde Diplomatique/Al-Ahram* (Sept. 28, 2013); and in English in *Jadaliyya* (January 2013).

“Using Proxy Interviewing to Address Sensitive Topics.” In Layna Mosley, ed., *Interviewing in Political Science*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2013.

“The Diversity of Islamic Charitable Activities: Analytical Distinctions Among Shi’a Muslim Organizations in Lebanon.” In Raj Brown and Justin Pierce, ed., *Charities in the Non-Western World: The Development and Regulation of Indigenous and Islamic Charities*. London: Routledge, 2013.

“The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East.” In Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 13th ed. New York: CQ Press, 2013.

“The Political Economy of Development in the Middle East.” In Ellen Lust, ed., *The Middle East*, 12th ed. New York: CQ Press, 2010.

“Challenges to Networks of Privilege in Morocco: Implications for Network Analysis.” In Steven Heydemann, ed. *Networks of Privilege in the Middle East: The Politics of Economic Reform Revisited*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2004, pp. 245-279.

REPORTS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Comment: 10 Years of the Syrian Conflict: A Time to Act and Not Merely to Remember.” In *The Lancet*, March 12, 2021. Available [here](#). (With Samer Jabbour (lead author) et al.)

“The Twin Crises and the Prospects for Political Sectarianism in Lebanon.” Featured Analysis, Lebanese Center for Policy Studies, Beirut Lebanon, April 2020. English version available [here](#) and Arabic version available [here](#).

“Building Solidarity: Challenges, Options, and Implications for COVID-19 Responses.” White Paper, Edmund J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University, March 30, 2020. (With Evan Lieberman.) Available [here](#).

“Lebanon, the Sectarian Identity Test Lab.” The Century Foundation, New York, April 10, 2019. Available [here](#).

“Local Winners and Losers in Erdoğan’s Turkey.” The Forum ERF Policy Portal, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, Egypt, June 19, 2018. (With Davide Luca.) Available [here](#).

“Unfair Play: Central Government Spending Under Turkey’s AK Party.” Future Development Blog, Brookings and the World Bank, June 20, 2018. (With Davide Luca.) Available [here](#).

“What Lebanon’s Elections Can Teach Us About the Importance of Religion in Elections.” Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post*, May 5, 2018. (With Dominika Kruszewska and Sami Atallah.) Available [here](#).

“Insight on Syria: A Quagmire of Warring Religious Groups? Why the Western View is Misguided.” In EpiCenter, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, September 26, 2017. Available [here](#).

“The Future of Syria.” In the *Lancet Commission Report on Syria*, 2017. In progress.

“The Effects of War and Violence Conflict on Youth in the Middle East.” In the *Arab Human Development Report*, United National Development Program, 2016. (With Nisreen Salti.)

“Accountability: The Last Mile on the Route to Quality Service Delivery.” World Bank report. (With Tamer Rabie, Samira Towfighian and Cari Clark).

“How Hezbollah Helps (And What it Gets Out of It).” Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post*, October 2, 2014. Available [here](#).

“The Syrian Conflict’s Impact on Lebanese Politics.” In *PeaceBrief*, U.S. Institute of Peace, Washington, D.C., November 18, 2013. Available [here](#).

“The Dynamics of Democratic Transitions: Insights from Democratization Theory and Case Studies of Non-MENA Countries.” Background paper prepared for the Arab Transitions Report, Middle East and North Africa Division, World Bank, May 2013.

“Democracy in Post-Invasion Iraq.” Report for the Costs of War Project, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, February 10, 2012. Available at www.costsofwar.org.

“The Politics of Economic and Social Change in the MENA.” In “Arab Uprisings: New Opportunities for Political Science.” POMEPS Briefing, no. 12, June 12, 2012. Available [here](#).

“The Limits of Anti-Islamism in Tunisia.” In *Foreign Policy Online*, October 31, 2011. Available [here](#).

“Hezbollah in Latin America: Implications for U.S. Homeland Security.” Testimony before the Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, Committee on Homeland Security, U.S. House of Representatives, July 7, 2011. Available at <http://homeland.house.gov/sites/homeland.house.gov/files/Testimony%20Cammett.pdf>. Video of proceedings available at <http://homeland.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-hearing-hezbollah-latin-america-implications-us-homeland-security>.

“Democracy, Lebanese Style.” In *Middle East Report Online*, August 2009. Available [here](#).

“The War on Terror: Implications for Data Collection in the Middle East.” In *APSA-CP: Newsletter of the Comparative Politics Division of the American Political Science Association*. 18, no. 1(Winter 2007): 16-19.

“Political Ethnography in Deeply Divided Societies.” In *Qualitative Methods: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Qualitative Methods*. 4, no. 3(Fall 2006): 15-18.

“Habitat for Hezbollah.” In *Foreign Policy*, August 2006. Available at http://www.foreignpolicy.com/story/cms.php?story_id=3572.

“Reviving the Global Economy.” Parliamentarians for Global Action, Background Paper, PGA-World Bank Joint Conference, Washington, D.C., October 1995.

“The Madrid Conference: Baker's Enticing Diplomacy (March-October 1991),” Working Paper, Harvard Law School Program on Negotiation, 1993.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Jason Brownlee, *Democracy Prevention: The Politics of the U.S.-Egyptian Alliance* and Amaney Jamal, *Of Empires and Citizens: Pro-American Democracy or No Democracy At All?* In *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2013).

Review of Mona Harb, *Le Hezbollah à Beyrouth (1985-2005): De la Banlieue à la Ville*. In *Arab World Geographer* 15, no. 3(Fall 2012).

Review of Augustus Richard Norton, *Hezbollah: A Short History*. In *MESA Bulletin* 42, no. 3(Summer 2008).

Review of Jagdish Baghwati, *In Defense of Globalization*. In *International Journal* 60, no. 2(Spring 2005).

Review of Eva Bellin, *Stalled Democracy: Capital, Labor and the Paradox of State-Sponsored Development* and Stephen King, *Liberalization Against Democracy: The Local Politics of Economic Reform in Tunisia*. In *Perspectives on Politics* 2, no. 2(2004).

Review of Hugh Roberts, *The Battlefield Algeria: Studies of a Broken Polity, 1988-2002*. In *Science and Society* 68, no. 1(Spring 2004).

Review of Gregory White, *A Comparative Political Economy of Morocco and Tunisia: On the Outside of Europe Looking In*. In *Journal of North African Studies* 7, no. 2(Summer 2002): 122-25.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Comparative Politics (Development, Social Welfare, Identity Politics, Conflict and Peacebuilding)
- Methodology (Research Design and Mixed Methods Research)
- Middle Eastern and North African Politics

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Star-Friedman Challenge for Promising Scientific Research Grant, Harvard University, March 2023 – present.
- Honorary Professor, Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland, U.K., February 2023 – February 2026.
- Corresponding Member, Tunisian Academy of Sciences, Letters and Arts – Beit al Hikma, June 2022 – present.
- 2022 Graduate Student Association Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Award, Government Department, Harvard University.
- Lifetime Member, Council on Foreign Relations, 2022 – present.
- Dean's Competitive Fund for Promising Scholars, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (Project – Toleration: Peacebuilding After Ethnoreligious Violence), 2020 – present
- Medium Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University to support the project on "Toleration: Peacebuilding after Ethnoreligious Violence," 2020 – present

- 2019 Government Department Graduate Student Association Faculty Mentorship Award, Harvard University
- 2017 Best Comparative Policy Paper Award, Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis-American Political Science Association (JCPA-APSA)
- Faculty Research Grant, Emirates Leadership Initiative, Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School to support the project on “Citizens and Security Threats in the Middle East: Perceptions and Consequences,” 2017-2018. (With Ishac Diwan and Alexei Abrahams)
- Faculty Research Grant, Emirates Leadership Initiative, Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School to support the project on “Organizational Mission, Social Context, and the Quality of Service Delivery: Identity Politics and Health in Lebanon,” 2016 – present.
- Faculty Research Grant, South Asia Program, Harvard University, to support the project on “Diversity and Accountability: Intergroup Relations and Public Goods Provision in India,” 2017 – present.
- Faculty Research Grant, Asia Center, Harvard University, to support the project on “Diversity and Accountability: Intergroup Relations and Public Goods Provision in India,” 2017 – present.
- Medium Research Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University to support the project on “Diversity and Accountability: Intergroup Relations and Public Goods Provision in India,” 2016 – present.
- Research Incubation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University to support the project on “Community Participation and the Performance of Primary Health Care Providers in Tunisia: Grassroots and Elite Mechanisms of Accountability,” 2016 – present.
- 2015 Giovanni Sartori Book Prize, APSA Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
- 2015 Honorable Mention, Gregory Luebbert Book Prize, APSA Section on Comparative Politics
- 2015 Honorable Mention, Outstanding Book in Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Research of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)
- New Directions Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (2013-2014)
- Takemi Fellow in International Health, Harvard School of Public Health (2013-2014)
- Dupee Faculty Fellow, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University (2012-2013)
- 2011 APSA Alexander L. George Award, Section on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research
- “Health and Social Protection in Weak States: Comparative Research on the Middle East,” International Research on Public Health Seed Grant, Office of International Affairs, Brown University (2010-2011)
- Junior Faculty Research Grant, International Security and Foreign Policy Program, Smith Richardson Foundation (2007-2008)
- Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Scholarship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University (2005-2006, 2007-2008)
- United States Institute of Peace Grant (September 2005-June 2007)
- Faculty Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Brown University (2004-2005)
- Richard B. Salomon Faculty Research Award, Brown University (2004-2005)
- Nominee, Karen T. Romer University Teaching Award, Brown University (2004)
- Faculty Research Grant, Department of Political Science, Brown University (2003-2004)
- Kappa Alpha Theta Mentoring Award, Brown University (2003)
- Simpson Fellowship for Research in International and Comparative Studies, Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley (2001-2002)
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (1999-2000)

- American Institute for Maghrib Studies Dissertation Grant (1999-2000)
- Social Science Research Council International Predissertation Fellowship Program Fellowship (1997-1998)
- Distinction, Comparative Politics Qualifying Examination, U.C. Berkeley (March 1997)
- The Berkeley Fellowship (1995-1997, 2000-2001)
- Fulbright IIE Fellowship, Jordan (1994-1995)
- Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic language study (1993-1994)
- Program on Southwest Asia and Islamic Studies Grant, The Fletcher School (Summer 1993)
- Fletcher School Fellowship (1992-1993)
- Graduated *Cum Laude*, International Relations, Brown University (1991)

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2024 (scheduled): Vanderbilt University (Comparative Politics Workshop); Cornell University (PSAC); Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Eminent Visiting Scholar).

2023: Indiana University (Wadie Jwaideh lecture in Arabic and Islamic Studies); American University (School of International Studies); Dartmouth College (Middle East Studies Program); UCLA CMED (Middle East Regional Security and Cooperation Meeting); Economic Research Forum, Egypt; Doha Institute (Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies); University of Michigan (Center for Political Studies); Invisible University/Central European University (Comparative Conflict Studies).

2022: Leiden University (International Relations and Diplomacy Program); University of Sarajevo (Faculty of Political Science); Queen's University in Belfast (The Mitchell Institute); U.S. Embassy, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Oxford University (Center for Islamic Studies and Blavatnik School); University of Wisconsin, Madison (Political Science); Cambridge University (R4HC-MENA Conference on Health in Conflict); Leiden University (Leiden Political Economy Group (L-PEG)); Chatham House (Session on Social Protection in the MENA: The Role of Non-State Actors).

2021: FUNGLODE (Conference on Trends in a Changing World, Dominican Republic); LSE (Workshop on Consociationalism and the State, Middle East Centre); CU Boulder (Political Science); Sciences Po, Paris (Paris School of International Affairs); Emory University (Political Science); Boston University (Pardee School); Leiden University (Political Science); Tsinghua University (IIAS Liangxiang Forum); POMEPS/George Washington U.; Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS), Washington D.C.

2020: University of Chicago (Comparative Politics Workshop); Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey (Political Science, postponed); Colby College (Hunt Lecture, postponed); London School of Economics (Institute of Global Affairs); U. Minnesota (Political Science); POMEPS/George Washington U.; Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University; Brookings Institute Doha; University of Pennsylvania (Lauder Institute); King's College London (Center for the Study of Governance and Society); London School of Economics (Middle East Centre); U.C. Berkeley (Political Science).

2019: POMEPS/George Washington U.; Notre Dame (Kellogg Institute); Virginia Tech (Workshop on Escaping Proxy Wars in the Middle East); NYU Abu Dhabi (Association for Analytical Learning on Muslim Societies (AALIMS)); U. Michigan (Rubin Speaker Series, Political Science); Texas A&M (Program in Policy and Politics); NYU (book conference); U. Michigan (Conference on Politics in Muslim Societies); The Century Foundation, New York; U. Gothenburg, Sweden (Governance and Local Development Conference); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.; UCLA (Center for Near East Studies and Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, Sociology); Portland State University (Tarbell Family Fellow Lecture); King's College London (Series on Women Leaders in Health and Human Rights); American University of Cairo (Keynote, Middle East/North Africa Social Policy Network Conference); Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2018: Harvard Chan School of Public Health (Takemi Seminar); Boston University (Political Science Dept. Seminar Series); Harvard University (Government Dept. Comparative Politics Seminar Series); Rahmania Annual Seminar (Malta); Centre for Policy Studies (Delhi, India); University of Bremen (Workshop on External Factors and Social Protection in the Global South); The Century Foundation, New York (Workshop on New Foundations for Citizenship in the Middle East); University of Pittsburgh (Seminar in Representation and Identity Politics, Political Science), U. Texas at Austin (Book workshop); American University of Cairo, Egypt (Political Science Dept. Annual Workshop); American University of Beirut (Conference on Health and Conflict); Harvard University (WCFIA Middle East Seminar).

2017: The Fletcher School (Colloquium on Religion and Migration); Syracuse University (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); Brandeis University (Dept. of Political Science); Harvard Transnational Studies Initiative (WCFIA, Harvard); Harvard Chan School of Public Health (GHP Dept. Seminar Series); Washington University in St. Louis (Comparative Politics Conference); *Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals* (keynote, IBEI Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference, Barcelona, Spain); The Talloires Conference (Talloires, France); Brookings Institute/Japan International Cooperation Agency/World Workshop on Post-Conflict Reconstruction in the Middle East (Amman, Jordan); Harvard Global Institute (Symposium on Migration and Globalization); University of Toronto (Comparative Politics Seminar Series); MIT (Comparative Politics Seminar Series); Boston University (Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences); Harvard Kennedy School (Harvard Arab Weekend); U. Toronto (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); MIT (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series).

2016: Smith College (Workshop on Theorizing Authoritarianism); MIT (Conference on Political Behavior in Developing Contexts); Harvard University (Middle East Initiative); Gothenburg (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); North American Association for Islamic and Muslim Studies (Cambridge, MA); Brown University (India Initiative); MIT (Governance Lab Workshop); Boğaziçi University (Boğaziçi Journal, Istanbul); IVY: The Social University, Boston, MA; Georgetown University/University of Exeter (Workshop on State-Business Relations in the Middle East); Harvard University (Middle East Initiative, CES Workshop on State-Mobilized Contention); Rockefeller Foundation/Bellagio Center (Workshop on Best Practices for Building Resilient Health Systems); Princeton University (Fung Global Fellows Program); Princeton University/World Bank (Workshop on Case Studies and Development); Oxford University (Dept. of Political Science

Seminar Series, Workshop on Resources, Governance and Development); London School of Economics (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series).

2015: UN ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon (Conference on Resilient Governance Institutions in Conflict-Affected Countries); American University of Beirut (Policy Studies and Public Affairs Seminar Series); Harvard University (Middle East Initiative); MIT (Emile Bustani Lecture); Brandeis University (Crown Center); Radcliffe Institute (Workshop on State-Mobilized Contention); King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Harvard University (Conference on Intra-Muslim Affairs); Association for Analytical Learning on Muslim Societies (AALIMS)/Oxford University; George Mason University (Arab Studies Institute); Princeton University (Comparative Politics Seminar); Yale University (Leitner Seminar and Comparative Politics Workshop); Ohio State University (Comparative Politics Workshop); Brigham Young University (Wheatley International Affairs Conference); Harvard University (Comparative Politics Seminar); American University of Beirut (Issam Fares Institute).

2014: George Washington University (Program on Middle East Political Science, POMEPS Workshop on Islamist Social Services); University of Texas, Austin (Robert S. Strauss Center); Princeton University/AUB Issam Fares Institute (Workshop on Economic Development and Social Justice in the Arab World); Brown University (Watson Institute for International Studies); Columbia University (Comparative Politics Seminar); Yale University (Program on Governance and Local Development); Harvard University (Academy Scholars Program, Middle East Seminar); University of Pennsylvania (Workshop on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism); Harvard Kennedy School (Middle East Initiative/Economic Research Forum); Harvard University (Government); American University of Beirut (Launch Event of the Lancet Arab World Series).

2013: Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (Dept. of Political Science); Development Analytics, Istanbul, Turkey; Boston University (Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Boston University); Brown University (Beyond Geopolitics: Syria from the Ground Up; Symposium on Humanitarian Assistance at a Crossroads); Harvard Kennedy School (Middle East Initiative); Georgetown University (Dept. of Government Seminar Series); Harvard University and Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI) (Weatherhead Center for International Affairs); Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Rivarotta di Pasiano, Italy (Symposium on the Politics of the Urban Poor); Harvard School of Public Health (Takemi Fellows Program); U.S. Institute of Peace and U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. (Workshop on Sectarianism in the Arab East); World Bank (Office of the Chief Economist Seminar Series); University of Michigan (Conference on Religion, Identity and Politics, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies); Harvard University (Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies); New York University (Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies);

2012: Harvard Kennedy School (CMES/Middle East Initiative); University of Michigan (Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies); University of Toronto (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); University of Guelph (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); Northeastern University (SSRC Open Classroom Program); Centre d'Etudes Maghrébines à Tunis (CEMAT), Tunisia; International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Gammarth, Tunisia; Brown University (Watson Institute for International Studies); National Defense University (Conference on Islam and Democratization); Harvard Kennedy School (Middle East Initiative); Oberlin College (Tanwir

Seminar); Boston University (Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies and Civilizations, Boston University); Barrington Public Library.

2011: Hollings Center, Istanbul, Turkey (Regional Policy Dialogue on the Economies of the Arab Spring); Hong Kong University/Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey; Yale University (Graduate Seminar on Middle East Politics); Northeastern University (SSRC Open Classroom Program); World Bank (Development Research Group); UN/Social Science Research Council (Brainstorming Workshop on Tunisia, Algeria, Libya); Brown University (Global Health & Medicine Lecture Series, Population Studies and Training Center); Association for Analytical Learning on Muslim Societies (AALIMS)/Harvard Kennedy School; U.C. Berkeley (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series); MIT (Comparative Politics Workshop); Moulay Hicham Foundation (Meeting on Economic Development in the Middle East); Hong Kong University, Penang, Malaysia; The Fletcher School, Tufts University (Graduate School Conference).

2010: Northwestern University (Symposium on New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies); UN/Social Science Research Council (Brainstorming Workshop on North Africa); New England Political Science Association, Newport, RI (Roundtable on James McGuire's *Wealth, Health and Democracy in East Asia and Latin America*); Duke University (Conference on Interview Research in Political Science).

2009: Yale University (Seminar on Religion and Politics, Council on Middle East Studies); Brown University (Colloquium on Comparative Research); Harvard University (Middle East Politics Working Group); Syracuse University (Planning Workshop for the Qualitative Data Repository); Yale University (Middle East Studies Program); Harvard University (Workshop on Legitimacy, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs).

2008: University of Pennsylvania (Comparative Politics Workshop); Princeton University (Workshop on Middle East Politics); Harvard University (Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies); Wesleyan University (Dept. of Political Science Seminar Series).

2007: Harvard University (Academy Scholars Program); Yale University (Comparative Politics Workshop); Princeton University (Department of Near Eastern Studies); University of Chicago (Comparative Politics Workshop); Georgetown University (Maghreb Center); Arizona State University (Institute for Qualitative Research Methods).

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

General

Member, Board of Governors, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2016 – present.

Member, Advisory Council, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, July 1, 2021 – present.

Member, Advisory Council on Graduate Studies, Doha Institute, Qatar, September 2021 – present.

Member, Leadership Circle, Foreign Policy for America, September 2021 – present.

Member, Advisory Board, Century International, The Century Foundation, May 2020 – present.

Member, Advisory Board, The Home Project, Athens, Greece, 2020 – present.

Commissioner, Lancet Commission on Syria, 2016 – 2021.

Member, Advisory Council, Institution Quraysh for Law and Policy, 2020 – present.

Member, Board of Overseers, Boston Ballet, July 2018 – present.

Disciplinary

Chair, Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, 2023.

Chair, Selection Committee, Roger Owen Book Award, Middle East Studies Association, 2021.

Member, External Review Committee, Political Science and International Affairs Department, Lebanese American University, December 2020.

Chair, External Review Committee, Political Science Department, Georgetown University, February 2020.

Member, Committee on Academic Freedom – North America, Middle East Studies Association, 2019 – present.

Chair, *American Political Science Review* editorial team search committee, 2018 – 2019.

Short course on Interviewing in Multi-Method Research, International Political Science Association-University of São Paulo Summer School on Research Methods, São Paulo, Brazil, 2018-2020.

Member, Advisory Committee, Program on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), 2019 – present.

President, Organized Section on Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, American Political Science Association, 2017 – 2019.

Member, Executive Board, Organized Section on Comparative Politics, American Political Science Association, 2017-2019.

Co-Editor, Cambridge University Press Elements Series on the Politics of Development, 2016-2021. (With Ben Ross Schneider)

Member, Editorial Board, *Boğaziçi Journal*, June 2016 – 2018.

Member, Review Committee, APSA Open Access Journal, 2016.

Selection committee member, Gregory Luebbert Book Award, APSA Section on Comparative Politics, 2016.

Selection committee member, Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award, APSA Section on Religion and Politics, 2015.

Co-Chair, Organized Section on Comparative Politics of Developing Countries, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C., August 28-31, 2014. (With Sarah Brooks)

Member, Editorial Board, *Comparative Political Studies*, September 2013 – present.

Vice President, Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, American Political Science Association, September 2012 – 2014.

Editor, *Middle East Law and Governance*, January 2013 – 2016.

Member, Editorial Board, Tadween Publishing, November 2012 – present.

Steering Committee, Program on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), November 2012 – 2019.

Member, Nominating Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2012.

Member, Workshop Grants Committee, International Studies Association, 2011 – present.

Chair, Organized Section on Comparative Democratization, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, September 1-4, 2011.

Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2009 – 2013.

Member, Board of Directors, Society for Comparative Research, 2008-2010.

Member, Board of Directors, American Institute for Maghrib Studies, 2004-2008.

Director, International Relations Concentration, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2006-2007.

Co-Chair, Organized Section on Qualitative Methods, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 31-September 3, 2006. (With Julia Lynch)

Coordinator, Colloquium on Comparative Research lecture series, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, 2004-2005, 2011-2012.

Book Review Editor/Associate Editor, *Journal of North African Studies*, 2004-2007.

Manuscript and Proposal Reviewer: American University in Cairo Press, AXA, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, CQ Press, Economic Research Forum, Hurst, Indiana University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Lynne Rienner, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, Pluto Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Sage Publications, Social Science Research Council, Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Stanford University Press, Westview, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Critique International*, *Democratization*, *Electoral Politics*, *Feminist Economics*, *Governance*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, *Journal of North African Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Nature*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *World Development*, *World Politics*.

Regular participation in annual meetings and conferences: American Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association, Midwest Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Northeast Middle East Politics Working Group, Program on Middle East Political Science.

Participation in public fora on political and economic development, current events and public policy issues.

University (selected)

Member, Committee on Department-Center Relations, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Spring 2022.

Member, Screening Committee, Harvard University, 2021-2023.

Chair, Standing Committee on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI), Government Department, Harvard University, September 2020 – June 2022.

Government Department Representative, Faculty Liaison for Inclusive Excellence (FLIE), Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, September 2020 – 2022.

Member, Committee on Appointment and Promotion, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, July 2020 – June 2021.

Acting Director, Weatherhead Center for International Studies, Harvard University, July 2019 – June 2020.

Chair, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, July 2018 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for International Development, Harvard Kennedy School, July 2019 – Present.

Member, Provost's Academic Leadership Forum, Harvard University, July 2018 – May 2019.

Chair, Standing Committee on Women, Harvard University, July 2018 – June 2019.

Co-convenor, Workshop on Social Science Research in the Middle East, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, 2017-2020.

Steering Committee Member, FXB Center for Health and Human Rights, Harvard University, September 2016 – present.

Steering Committee Member, Harvard Humanitarian Initiative, Harvard University, September 2016 – present.

Steering Committee and Executive Committee Member, Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, June 2015 – present.

Senior Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, Weatherhead Center, Harvard University, January 2015 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University, February 2015 – present.

Steering Committee Member, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, February 2015 – present.

Faculty Affiliate, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center, John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, March 2015 – present.

Founding Director, Watson Institute Postdoctoral Fellows Program, Brown University. September 2013 – December 2014.

Faculty Fellow, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University. September 2013 – December 2014.

Faculty Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University. January 2012 – December 2014.

Director, Middle East Studies Program, Brown University. September 2009 – June 2012.

Director, Middle East Study Abroad Committee, Brown University, 2004-2005.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association
- International Studies Association
- Middle East Studies Association
- Midwest Political Science Association
- American Institute for Maghrib Studies
- American Association of University Professors
- American Association of University Women

FIELD RESEARCH AND LANGUAGES

- Field research throughout the Middle East and North Africa (i.e., Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Morocco, Palestine, Tunisia, Turkey), Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, India, U.K.
- Languages: Arabic, French