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- 1/17 - present** **Research Fellow, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Middle East Initiative**
- 3/16 - present** **Reviews Editor & Editorial Board Member, *Mediterranean Politics***
- 8/15 - present** **Global Security Fellow, Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy**
- 8/14 - present** **Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee**
- 8/13 - 8/14** **Post-doctoral Fellow, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Center for International & Regional Studies**

University of Texas at Austin, 2013 - *Ph.D., Government, Department of Government*
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies

University of Texas at Austin, 2009 - *M.A., Government, Department of Government*

University of Damascus, Syria, 2007 - *Certificate, Advanced-High Proficiency in Arabic*

Willamette University, 2006 - *cum laude*

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Why Alliances Fail: Opposition Coalitions between Islamists and Leftists in North Africa. Syracuse University Press, Middle East politics series. *Under contract.*

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Prejudice from the Pocketbook? Exploring Xenophobia towards Arab and sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).” (with Kyung Joon Han). *Under review.*

“Judges, Bribes, and Verdicts: An Original Survey on Citizen Perceptions of Judicial Corruption in the Middle East.” *Under review.*

“The Autocrat’s Advisors: Opening the Black-Box of Ruling Coalitions in Tunisia’s Authoritarian Regime.” (with Mehdi Ayari). *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 70, No. 4 (December 2017).

“Do You Have ‘Connections’ at the Courthouse? An Original Survey on Informal Influence and Judicial Rulings in Morocco.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 69, No. 4 (December 2016).

“Continuity through Co-optation: Rural Politics and Regime Resilience in Morocco and Mauritania.” *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (August 2015).

“Labor Demands, Regime Concessions: Moroccan Unions and the Arab Uprisings.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (January 2015).

“The Threat to ‘Un-Moderate’: Moroccan Islamists and the Arab Spring.” *Middle East Law and Governance*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (January 2013).

“Safety-Valve Elections in the Arab Spring: The Weakening (and Resurgence) of Morocco’s Islamist Opposition Party.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (January 2013).

Book Chapters:

“Regime Resilience and the Arab Uprisings,” in Richard Gillespie and Frederic Volpi (eds.), *Handbook of Mediterranean Politics*. (with Amnah Ibraheem). (Routledge, 2017)

“Mauritania’s Uprisings and Aftermath,” in Stephen King and Abdeslam Maghraoui (eds.), *Social, Economic, and Political Dynamics in the Maghreb After the Arab Spring*. (with Mehdi Ayari). *Under review*.

Thematic Review Articles:

“Ruptures, Reconfigurations, and Revolutions: Political Change in North Africa after the Arab Uprisings.” *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (June 2017).

“International Politics and the Arab Uprisings: Survey of Recent Works.” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (December 2016).

Book Reviews:

Laleh Khalili and Jillian Schwedler, *Policing and Prisons in the Middle East: Formations of Coercion, Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (March 2015).

Lise Storm, *Party Politics and the Prospects for Democratization in North Africa*, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 1 (February 2015).

Lise Storm, *Party Politics and the Prospects for Democratization in North Africa*, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 1 (Winter 2014).

Lelia Piran, *Institutional Change in Turkey: The Impact of European Union Reforms on Human Rights and Policing*, *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (March 2014).

Research in Progress:

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” (with Curtis Bell). *Working paper*.

“Public Support for Nuclear Energy as a Prerequisite to Nuclear Weaponization: Results from an Original Poll in Morocco.” (with Amnah Ibraheem). *Survey data collection completed*.

“Entrusting Elites: Who do Autocrats Make Security Ministers and Why?” (with Mehdi Ayari). *Data collection completed*.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. (with Brandon Prins) (June 2016). *Successful*.

“(Mis)managing Authoritarian Coalitions in Tunisia: Minister Survival from Colonial Independence to Democratic Revolution.” University of Tennessee, Scholarly Research and Incentive Fund (April 2014). *Successful*.

“Exploring Citizen Attitudes toward the Weaponization of Peaceful Nuclear Technology in the Middle East and North Africa.” University of Tennessee, Institute for Nuclear Security (December 2015). *Successful*.

“Refugees and Racism: An Original Survey on Attitudes of Prejudice toward Arab and Black African Refugees in Morocco.” Georgetown University-Qatar, Center for International and Regional Studies. (with Kyung Joon Han) (May 2016). *Unsuccessful*.

“Who Supports Authoritarianism? Individual Insecurity and Democratic Rollback in the Middle East.” National Science Foundation. (with Jason Brownlee, University of Texas and Steven Brooke, University of Louisville) (December 2015). *Unsuccessful*.

“Modeling the Behavior and Geography of Violent Non-State Groups using Arabic, Turkish, and Hindi Sources.” Minerva Research Initiative. (with Brandon Prins, Krista Wiegand, and Hyun Kim) (December 2015 & December 2016). *Unsuccessful*.

“Healthcare for All Gulf Citizens? Geospatial Mapping of Hospital Accessibility in Qatar and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States.” Qatar National Research Fund (January 2013). *Unsuccessful*.

“Mauritania fieldwork for 2012.” Project for Middle East Political Science (Spring 2012). *Successful*.

“Mauritania fieldwork for 2012.” American Institute for Maghrib Studies (Spring 2012). *Successful*.

“Elections Monitor for the 2011 Tunisian Constituent Assembly Elections.” Jimmy Carter Presidential Center (Fall 2011). *Successful*.

“Morocco & Tunisia fieldwork for 2010-2011.” U.S. Institute of International Education, David Boren Fellowship (Fall 2010). *Successful*.

“Doctoral-level Arabic literature, culture, and politics courses.” University of Texas, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) (Spring 2006). *Successful*.

“Intensive Arabic in Damascus, Syria for 2006-2007.” U.S. Institute of International Education, David Boren Scholar. *Successful*.

SKILLS

Languages:

Modern Standard Arabic, *Professionally Fluent* - reading, writing, speaking
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, advanced-high certificate

French, *Advanced* - reading, speaking

Fieldwork and Language Training in the Middle East and North Africa:

Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania (Summer 2009; November 2010 - March 2012 for main book fieldwork; shorter trips in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 & 2017 for follow-up book research and public opinion surveys)
Qatar (August 2013 - July 2014 for post-doctoral fellowship)
Syria (August 2006 - October 2007) (intensive Arabic study)
United Arab Emirates (May 2006 - August 2006) (Arabic study)
Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Turkey (travel)

Methods Training:

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute - New York University - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research - Syracuse University, New York
University of Texas Summer Statistics Institute

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” 2017 American Political Science Association conference.

“Opening the Black-Box of Authoritarian Coalitions: Minister Retention and the Internal Politics of Tunisia’s Autocratic Ruling Elite.” 2016 University of Alabama workshop. (*Invited*).

“Verdicts, Bribes, Judges: An Original Survey on Citizen Perceptions of Bribe-Paying and Judicial Rulings.” 2016 Middle Eastern Studies Association conference. (*Panel organizer*).

“manhajiyaat jadiida fi bahth al-ra’y al-‘aam” [New Methodologies in Public Opinion Research]. 2016 King Hassan II University workshop in Morocco. (*Invited, Arabic lecture*).

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making.” 2016 Southern Political Science Association conference.

“Opening the Black-Box of Authoritarian Coalitions: Minister Retention and the Internal Politics of Tunisia’s Autocratic Ruling Elite.” 2016 Southeastern Regional and Islamic Studies Seminar.

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Citizen Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making in Morocco.” 2015 Alumni Conference, Winter Experiments Institute in the Social Sciences, New York University.

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Citizen Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making in Morocco.” 2015 Middle Eastern Studies Association conference. (*Panel organizer*).

“Continuity through Co-optation in North Africa.” 2015 Project on Middle East Political Science.

“Book Introduction: Why Alliances Fail.” 2014 Middle Eastern Studies Association conference.

“Co-optation of Morocco’s Socialist Party.” 2014 American Political Science Association conference.

“Continuity through Co-optation in Morocco and Mauritania.” 2014 lecture at Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University-Qatar.

“Continuity through Co-optation in Morocco and Mauritania.” 2013 American Political Science Association conference.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

At University of Tennessee:

Member, Tennessee Initiative for Middle Eastern Studies committee, 2014-2016

Member, Community Advisory Committee for Political Science

Member, Graduate Committee & Undergraduate Committee

In Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies:

Elected to Executive Board, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society

Member, American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Member, Middle Eastern Studies Association

Member, American Political Science Association

Peer-Reviewer for Academic Journals:

International Security

Journal of Conflict Resolution

World Politics

Comparative Politics

Comparative Political Studies

Political Research Quarterly

Electoral Studies

Governance

Foreign Policy Analysis

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

Journal of North African Studies

Middle East Journal

Mediterranean Politics

International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

Terrorism and Political Violence

Middle East Law and Governance

Peer-Reviewer for Academic Book Series:

Cambridge University Press - Middle East Book Series

Lynne-Rienner Publishers - Middle East Book Series

Teaching, University of Tennessee:

Contemporary Middle East Politics, undergraduate: Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015

Nuclear Politics of the Middle East, undergraduate & graduate: Fall 2015

Middle East Area Studies Seminar, graduate: Fall 2014

Personal:

Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout Award, 2001

REFERENCES

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