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EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, Northwestern University, expected 2020

Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods

Committee: Wendy Pearlman and William Reno (co-chairs), Ana Arjona, Jason Seawright

Dissertation working title: Whither Civil Resistance? Aid and Activism in the Syrian Warscape

MA, Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 2012

Field: Comparative politics *with distinction*

BA, Political Science, American University, 2008

Fields: Political Science, International Studies, *magna cum laude*

PUBLICATIONS

Book

As Ohio Goes: Life in the Post-Recession Nation. Kent: Kent State University Press, 2016.

Winner: Independent Publisher Book Award for Current Events, 2017

Academic Articles, peer-reviewed

“Aiding Activism? Humanitarianism’s Impact on Mobilized Syrian Refugees in Jordan.” *Middle East Law and Governance* 9(3): 267-281, 2017.

“Western Sahara and Palestine: A Comparative Study of Colonialisms, Occupations, and Nationalisms.” *New Middle Eastern Studies* 1: 1-20, 2011.

Book Reviews

“*Counting Islam: Religion, Class, and Elections in Egypt* by Tarek Masoud.” *Arab Studies Journal* 24 (1):335-339, 2016.

“*Refugees of the Revolution: Experiences of Palestinian Exile* by Diana Allan.” *Journal of Refugee Studies* 27(2): 305-307, 2014.

Academic Articles and Essays, non-peer reviewed

“Trajectories of Activism among Syrian Refugees.” In *Refugees and Migration Movements in the Middle East*. POMEPS Studies 25. Project on Middle East Political Science. March 2017.

“Refugees’ Contentious Politics and the Case of Syrian Activists in Jordan.” In *The Long-term Challenges of Forced Migration: Perspectives from Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq*. LSE Middle East Centre Collected Papers 6: pp.17-22. September 2016.

“Sweet Tea and Cigarettes: A Taste of Refugee Life in Jordan.” *Forced Migration Review* 49: 93-94. May 2015.

“Protecting Refugees Where There is No Legal Safety Net.” *Buffett Center Quarterly Newsletter* 20(1), Fall 2014. Co-authored with Galya Ruffer.

Writing for General Audiences

- “Rex Tillerson’s Magical Thinking on Syria.” *Los Angeles Times*, p. A13. 28 January 2017. [Link](#).
- “Finding Home in War: The history—and limitations—of the international refugee regime.” *Lapham’s Quarterly “Roundtable.”* 25 January 2017. [Link](#)
- “Obama versus Romney on the Middle East.” *Al Jazeera English*. Co-authored with Michael C. Hudson. 17 September 2012. [Link](#)
- “What is Ohio’s Middle Class?” *The Huffington Post*. 15 August 2012. [Link](#). (Additional articles on American politics written for *The Huffington Post* can be found [here](#).)
- “Syria at Risk? A Country Divided.” *Middle East Insights*, Middle East Institute, Singapore, No. 19, 30 March 2011.
- “Why it Matters to Asia: Much at Stake in Arab Crisis.” *The Straits Times*, Singapore, 26 February 2011. Co-authored with Michael C. Hudson and Mary E. Stonaker.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- Council of American Overseas Research Centers
ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Amman, Jordan, 2016
- ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation
Bucerius Fieldwork Grant, 2016-2017
- Social Science Research Council
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2015

Internal

- Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University
Graduate Student Fellow, 2018 – 2020
- Northwestern University
Mellon Foundation MENA Cluster Fellow, 2013 – 2018
- Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
Dispute Resolution Research Center grant, 2016-2017
- Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
Funding for methods training, 2017
- Buffett Institute, Northwestern University
Dissertation Research Travel Award, 2017
- Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
Minar Memorial Summer Award, 2016
- Buffett Center, Northwestern University
Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, 2014
- Department of Political Science, Northwestern University
American Politics Summer Research Grant, 2014
- Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
Howar Scholarship, full tuition funding, 2011-2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, spring 2016
Galya Ruffer, Center for Forced Migration Studies, Northwestern University, 2014
Michael C. Hudson, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, 2010 – 2014
Jean-François Seznec, Georgetown University, 2011 – 2012
Michael C. Hudson, Georgetown University, 2009 – 2010
Elizabeth Thompson, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2010

Manuscript Editing

Wendy Pearlman's *We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria* (2017), 2016
Ana Arjona's *Rebelocracy: Social Order in the Colombian Civil War* (2016), 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science, Northwestern University

Politics of Africa, winter 2016
Introduction to Empirical Methods, fall 2015
Contemporary African Politics, spring 2015
Political Economy of Development, winter 2015
Democratic Transitions, fall 2014

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Political Science, American University

Dynamics of Political Change, spring 2008
Politics in the US (laboratory instructor), fall 2007
American Legal Culture, fall 2006

Recipient: Teaching Certificate, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2016

AWARDS

Minar Prize for Community Enrichment by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2018

Independent Publisher Book Awards ("IPPY" Awards)
Bronze Medal, Current Events I, for *As Ohio Goes*, 2017

English Department, Northwestern University
Creative Nonfiction Essay Prize for "On Shale and Chestnuts," 2014

The Graduate School, Georgetown University
Willard G. Oxtoby Essay Prize for paper on the Israel-Palestine Conflict, 2010

School of Public Affairs, American University
Amos Perlmutter Award for Excellence in Comparative Politics, 2008

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*

Student coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2018 – 2019

Student coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017 – 2018

Co-chair, MENA Graduate Student Group, Northwestern University, 2015 – 2016

Member, Political Science Department Teaching Committee, Northwestern University, 2015 – 2016

SKILLS

Language: Arabic (Modern Standard and Levantine Colloquial) fluency

Statistical Software: R, RDS-Analyst, Stata, Excel

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2018.

Northwestern University and Duke University, “Research Design for Causal Inference Workshop,” Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 2017.

World Health Organization Collaborating Center, “Training workshop in design and implementation of respondent driven sampling (RDS) and RDS Data Analysis,” University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2016.

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, “Probability and Non-Probability Sampling Methods,” University of Michigan, 2016.

Higher Language Institute, modern standard Arabic, Damascus University, Syria, 2008 – 2009.

PROFESSIONAL TALKS

Conferences and Workshops, External

Panel organizer and panelist, International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, 2019 (scheduled).

Panelist, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2018.

Panel organizer and panelist, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2017.

Paper presenter, GIGA IMES/LAU Research Platform Conference on the politics of reception, Lebanese American University, Lebanon, 2017.

Report for Fieldwork Workshop and Students Conference. Trajectories of Change, ZEIT-Stiftung and ZMO, Germany, 2017.

Paper presenter, Project on Middle East Political Science workshop on “Refugee and Migration Movements in the Middle East.” University of Southern California, 2017.

Paper presenter, LSE Middle East Centre symposium, “The Long-term Challenges of Forced Migration.” United Kingdom, 2016.

Panelist, International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

Workshops, Internal

Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017.

Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017.

Middle East and North African Studies graduate student colloquium, Northwestern University, 2014.

Invited Presentations and Panels

“Bilad al-Sham United: A conversation with SJP on Syria, refugees, and US policy in the Middle East,” School of the Art Institute, Chicago, 2018.

“Coming Home to Syria: Feasibility and Preconditions,” Käte Hamburger Dialogue at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg, Germany, 2017.

“President Trump and Foreign Policy in the Middle East,” NU Middle East Review, Northwestern University, 2017.

Presentation on the MENA refugee crisis for Alternative Student Breaks group embarking on service trip to refugee and immigrant centers, Northwestern University, 2016.

Presentation on the MENA refugee crisis for Amnesty International, Northwestern branch, Northwestern University, 2016.

Presentation on the MENA refugee crisis for International Student's Association, Northwestern University, 2016.

"MENA: 2015 in Review (and what to look for in 2016)," MENA Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2016.

"The Syrian Crisis: Demilitarizing the Conflict and the Conversation," Women Against War, Chicago, IL, 2014

"An Introduction to the Arab-Israeli Conflict," Ministry of Foreign Affairs Diplomatic Academy 'Introductory Course on the Middle East,' Singapore, 2011.

"The Rentier State and Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Persistence of a Theory and Implications for Southeast Asia," Institute of Southeast Asian Studies 'Energy Forum', Singapore, 2011.

"Multiculturalism and the Interfaith Experience in Syria," University Scholars Programme, National University of Singapore, 2010.

"Introduction to Culture and Society in the Middle East," School of Business, National University of Singapore, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Save the Children International – Iraq

Consultant, quantitative and qualitative analysis of mental health surveys among children, youth, and caregivers April 2017; May 2018

Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore

Publications Executive, January 2011 – July 2011

Executive Assistant/Assistant Manager, September 2010 – July 2011

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Heartland Alliance, Women's Empowerment Program, Chicago, IL

Volunteer family mentor, 2018

United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Damascus, Syria

Volunteer English instructor, 2009

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Television

WGTE "Deadline Now," Toledo, Ohio, May 2016

Radio

91.5 KJZZ, Phoenix, Arizona, January 2018

91.7 WVXU, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2017

Danish Public Broadcasting, Denmark, May 2017

Jefferson Public Radio, Oregon, June 2016

Live from the Heartland Show, Chicago, Illinois, May 2016