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- Education** Northwestern University
Ph.D., Political Science, expected 2020
Dissertation: "Aid and Activism across the Syrian Warscape"
Committee: Wendy Pearlman and William Reno (co-chairs), Ana Arjona and Jason Seawright
M.A., Political Science, 2015
Fields: Comparative Politics, Methods
Georgetown University
M.A., Arab Studies, 2012
Field: Comparative Politics, *with distinction*
Damascus University, Syria
Certificate (Arabic), Higher Language Institute, 2009
American University
B.A., Political Science, 2008
Fields: Political Science, International Studies, *magna cum laude*
- Book** *As Ohio Goes: Life in the Post-Recession Nation*. Kent: Kent State University Press, 2016.
Award: Independent Publisher Book Award for Current Events, 2017
- Refereed Journal Articles** "Hard-to-Survey Populations and Respondent-Driven Sampling: Expanding the Political Science Toolbox," *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming.
"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 Essays** "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.

Works in Progress

“From Extension to Containment: Aid and Activism across the Syrian Warscape”

“Migration and Displacement in the Middle East” (with Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad, and Wendy Pearlman)

“Going Local without Localization: Responses to the War in Syria” (with Emily K.M. Scott)

Grants, Fellowships, & Awards

External Grants and Fellowships

Council of American Overseas Research Centers, ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Amman, Jordan, 2016

ZETT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucorius Foundation, Bucorius Fieldwork Grant, 2016-2017

Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2015

Internal Grants and Fellowships

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 methodological training and summer research, 2014, 2016, 2017

Buffett Institute, Northwestern University, Dissertation Research and Middle East Research travel awards, 2014, 2017

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Howar Scholarship full tuition funding, 2011-2012

Awards

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

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

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

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

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

**Research
Experience**

Research Assistance

Alvin B. Tillery, Jr., Northwestern University, spring 2016

Galya Ruffer, Northwestern University, 2014

Michael C. Hudson, 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

Survey Analysis

Save the Children International—Iraq, 2017, 2018

Manuscript Editing

Wendy Pearlman’s *We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria*, 2016

Ana Arjona’s *Rebelocracy: Social Order in the Colombian Civil War*, 2016

**Teaching
Experience**

Graduate Teaching Assistance, Northwestern University

Politics of Africa, 2016

Introduction to Empirical Methods, 2015

Contemporary African Politics, 2015

Political Economy of Development, 2015

Democratic Transitions, 2014

Undergraduate Teaching Assistance, American University

Dynamics of Political Change, 2008

Politics in the U.S., 2007

American Legal Culture, 2006

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

English Instructor (volunteer), United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Damascus, Syria, 2009

Service

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

Student Coordinator, Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017 – 2019

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

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

Skills & Training

Languages: Arabic (Modern Standard and Levantine Colloquial) fluency

Software: R, Stata, RDS-Analyst

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

Presentations, *Invited Presentations*

Conferences, & Workshops

“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

“The MENA refugee crisis,” Alternative Student Breaks, Northwestern University, 2016

“The MENA refugee crisis,” Amnesty International, Northwestern branch, Northwestern University, 2016

“The MENA refugee crisis,” International Student 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,” 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

Conferences and Workshops, External

American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2019

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) annual conference, 2019

International Studies Association, annual convention, 2015, 2019

Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, 2017, 2018

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

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

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

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

Conferences and Workshops, Internal

Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Science Conference, 2019

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

**Writing for
General
Audiences**

“Rex Tillerson’s Magical Thinking on Syria.” *Los Angeles Times*, p. A13. 28 January 2018.

“Finding Home in War: The history—and limitations—of the international refugee regime.” *Lapham’s Quarterly* “Roundtable.” 25 January 2017.

“Obama versus Romney on the Middle East.” *Al Jazeera English*. Co-authored with Michael C. Hudson. 17 September 2012.

“What is Ohio’s Middle Class?” *The Huffington Post*. 15 August 2012. (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.

Media

Television

WGTE “Deadline Now,” Toledo, Ohio, June 2016
Channel News Asia, Singapore, January 2011

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

**Non-
Academic
Employment**

Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Publications Executive, 2011
Executive Assistant/Assistant Manager, 2010-2011

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