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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  
Publications** “Hard-to-Survey Populations and Respondent-Driven Sampling: Expanding the Political Science Toolbox,” *Perspectives on Politics*, 2019.  
“Aiding Activism? Humanitarianism’s Impact on Mobilized Syrian Refugees in Jordan.” *Middle East Law and Governance* 9(3): 267-281, 2017.  
“Sweet Tea and Cigarettes: A Taste of Refugee Life in Jordan.” *Forced Migration Review* 49: 93-94, 2015.  
“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**      “Finding Home in War: The history—and limitations—of the international refugee regime.” *Lapham’s Quarterly*. 2017.

“Trajectories of Activism among Syrian Refugees.” In *Refugees and Migration Movements in the Middle East*. POMEPS Studies 25. 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. 2016.

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

**Works in Progress**      “From Extension to Containment: Aid and Activism across the Syrian Warscape”

“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

                                 ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Bucerius 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, Howard  
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 Ben Arieh, 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

*Graduate Teaching Assistance, Georgetown University*

MBA Global Residency, Dubai, UAE, 2012

*Undergraduate Teaching Assistance, American University*

Dynamics of Political Change, 2008

Politics in the U.S., 2007

American Legal Culture, 2006

*Service-based Teaching*

English tutor (volunteer), Refugee and Immigrant Community Services, Heartland Alliance, Chicago, 2018

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, Citizenship Studies, Third World Quarterly, International Security*

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, Qualtrics, 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

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

**Presentations, Workshops & Conferences**, *Invited Presentations, External*

Center for International Education, Lakeland Community College, OH, 2019, *scheduled*

Staff retreat of United States Senator Sherrod Brown, Cleveland, OH, 2019

“Rebuilding Home in Exile,” Victory Gardens Theater, Chicago, IL, 2019

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

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

“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

*Invited Presentations, Internal*

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

“The MENA refugee crisis.” Presentations prepared for Northwestern student groups including: Alternative Student Breaks, Amnesty International, and International Student Association, 2016

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

“The Rentier State and Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” Institute of Southeast Asian Studies ‘Energy Forum’, National University of 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

*Workshops, External*

Bobst Center—American University of Beirut Collaborative Initiative workshop on “The Politics of Everyday Contestation in the Arab World,” Beirut, Lebanon, 2020, *scheduled*

Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, workshop on “Vicious Cycles: Toward a Research Agenda on Refugee Return and Repeat Migration,” 2019

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

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

LSE Middle East Centre symposium on “The Long-term Challenges of Forced Migration,” London, UK, 2016

#### *Workshops, Internal*

Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017, 2019

Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017

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

#### *Conferences*

Southern Political Science Association, Conference within a Conference: “The Politics of Migration,” Puerto Rico, 2020, *scheduled*

ASA Sociology of Development Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2019

American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2019

Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Science Conference, 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

#### **Writing for General Audiences**

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

“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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