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Scott Hall, 601 University Place
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- Academic Employment** Princeton University
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, expected 2021-22
- Education** Northwestern University
Ph.D., Political Science, expected December 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*

University of Damascus, 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.
* 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* 18(2): 509-526, 2020.
* QMMR Alexander L. George Article Award, Honorable Mention, 2020 *

“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.

**Working
Papers**

“Mobilization Beyond Uprising: How International Aid Shaped the Trajectory of Syrian Activism”

“Migration and Displacement in the Middle East” (with Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad, and Wendy Pearlman), in *Middle East Political Science*, edited by Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom, *under review with Oxford University Press*

**Works in
Progress**

“Displaced Resources: The Future of Syrian Business Ventures in Turkey after COVID-19” with Ceren Baysan, Kristin Fabbe, and Lisa Spantig

“Global Civil Society in Wartime: Content Analyses of Syrian Facebook Pages” with Alexandra Siegel

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

**Grants &
Fellowships**

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, Howard Scholarship full tuition funding, 2011-2012

**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

**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, American Political Science Review*

Committee member, APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, George Article Award, 2020 – 2021

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

Awards & Recognition*Writing Awards*

Alexander L. George Article Award, Honorable Mention, APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, for “Hard-to-Survey Populations and Respondent-Driven Sampling,” 2020

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

Recognitions

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

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

Skills & Training

Languages: Arabic (Modern Standard and Levantine Colloquial) proficiency

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

**Workshops,
Conferences &
Presentations**

Workshops, External

Bobst Center—American University of Beirut Collaborative Initiative workshop on “The Politics of Everyday Contestation in the Arab World,” Beirut, Lebanon, 2020, *postponed due to COVID-19*

POMEPS book workshop on “State of the Field in Middle East Political Science,” George Washington University, 2019, 2020

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

American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2019, 2020

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) annual conference, 2020

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

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

International Studies Association, annual convention, 2015, 2019

Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Science Conference, 2019

Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, 2017, 2018

Invited Presentations, External

Center for International Education, Lakeland Community College, OH, 2020

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.” Multiple presentations prepared for Northwestern undergraduate 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

**Other
Writing**

“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*. 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.

“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

Podcast

The Postindustrial Podcast, May 2020

Television

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

Radio

91.5 KJZZ, Phoenix, Arizona, January 2018
91.7 WXXU, 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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