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## Education

### **The George Washington University**, Washington, D.C.

Ph.D, Political Science, 2016 (expected).

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations (passed with distinction).

Committee: Nathan Brown (*chair*), Marc Lynch, Henry Hale.

### **Tufts University**, Medford, MA.

B.A., International Relations (minor in Arabic Language), graduation with honors, 2008.

### **Ben Gurion University**, Beer Sheva, Israel.

Overseas Student Program, Special Concentration in Peace Studies and Regional Security, 2006-2007.

## Research Experience

***Dissertation: Enduring Authority: Kinship, State Formation, and Resource Distribution in the Arab Gulf.***

My dissertation uses extensive archival work and interviews conducted in three countries to explain variation in the political salience of kinship and tribal identity. I contend that historic patterns of resource distribution constrain states' outreach to kinship groups. Based on 7 months of field work in Kuwait and Oman, I show that cooperative or competitive access to vital limited resources shapes whether states make deals with kinship groups directly, or subsume proto-bureaucratic institutions into the state apparatus. These conclusions are based on a systematic examination of thousands of pages of archival documents in English and Arabic. I supplemented this archival work with 52 semi-structured interviews with current and former government officials, tribal leaders, local experts, and university students.

### ***Appointed Positions***

**American University of Kuwait**, Salmiya, Kuwait, 2013-2014.

*Visiting Research Fellow, Center for Gulf Studies*

As a visiting research fellow at the Center for Gulf Studies, I conducted archival research and interviews under the supervision of Professor Farah al-Nakib. I guest lectured in three undergraduate classes and interacted with students in classes on Arabic language and literature. Additionally, I supported the Center for Gulf Studies by interacting with students at the Center's

speaker events, and advising the center on expanding its influence as a center of Arab Gulf scholarship.

**The George Washington University**, Washington, D.C., 2011-2015.

*Graduate Research Assistant*

Professor Nathan Brown, Summer 2011.

Translated and analyzed Hamas documents on education policy for UNDP report.

Professor Harris Mylonas, Summer 2012.

Researched migration policies of four European countries for project on nation and citizenship.

Professor Henry Hale, Professor Gina Lambright, Summer 2013.

Compiled descriptions of ethnic groups for eight African countries for ethnic politics database.

Professor Paul Wahlbeck, Summer 2014.

Coded and analyzed student writing for college-mandated Political Science department report.

Professor John Sides, Professor Henry Farrell, Summer 2015.

Developed categories and tags scheme for the *Monkey Cage Blog*.

## **Grants and Awards**

Association for the Study of Nationalities Doctoral Papers Award

April 2015.

David L. Boren Fellowship (Arabic language, Kuwait)

August 2013.

Travel, Research, Engagement Grant - Project on Middle East Political Science (Israel),

August 2010.

## **Teaching Experience**

*Graduate*

International Affairs Cornerstone (Prof. Henry Farrell), August-December 2014.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University

*Undergraduate*

Introduction to International Affairs (Prof. Susan Sell), August-December 2015.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University

The Middle East: An International Affairs Survey (Prof. Marc Lynch), January-May 2014.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University

Introduction to International Affairs (Professor Henry Nau), August 2012-May 2013.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University

University Writing Center, August 2011-May 2012.

Graduate Writing Tutor, George Washington University

Politics of Development (Prof. Gina Lambright), January-May 2012.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, George Washington University

## **Publications and Working Papers**

### ***Academic***

Book Review: "Palestinian Ethnonationalism in Israel," *Nationalities Papers* 41 no. 3 (2013): 484-486.

"Reconsidering Political Agency and the Mutual Construction of Objectification" (*Revised and resubmitted, June 2015*).

"On Local Frameworks and the Ethics of Accuracy," in "POMEPS Studies 8: The Ethics of Research in the Middle East," *Project on Middle East Political Science*, July 2, 2014.

"Enduring Authority: Kinship, State Formation, and Resource Distribution in Kuwait and Oman," (*In preparation for manuscript submission*).

### ***Policy***

"Gulf Countries Pursuing Unique Approaches to Oil Price Drop," *Monkey Cage Blog*, January 9, 2015.

"The Muscat Commute: A Young Generation's Journey Between Tradition And Modernity," *The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington*, June 18, 2015.

"The Forgotten Children of Zaatari," *Muftah.org*, May 30, 2014.

"Silenced Revolutions," *The Diplomatic Courier*, October 2012.

"Carrots AND Sticks Necessary for Counterterrorism?" *The Monkey Cage Blog*, August 29, 2012.

"Bin Laden Arabic Editorial Roundup," *Small Wars Journal*, May 3, 2011.

"Behind the Flotilla Headlines: Turkish Strategic Competition and U.S. Policy in the Middle East," *GlobalSecurity.org*, July 18, 2010 (with Ghassan Schbley).

"2009 Iraqi Provincial Elections Fact Sheet," *Institute for the Study of War*, January 26, 2009.

"Maliki Makes a Play for the Southern Tribes," *Institute for the Study of War*, November 6, 2008.

## **Conference Participation**

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Panelist), April 2015

Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention (Panelist, Discussant), April 2015

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (Panelist), November 2014

Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference (Participant), May 2014

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Panelist), August 2013  
Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention (Panelist, Discussant, Chair),  
April 2013  
George Washington University Graduate Student Conference (Panelist), October 2012  
Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention (Panelist, Discussant), April 2012  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (Panelist), April 2012  
New Era in Foreign Policy Conference (Participant), March 2012

## **Presentations and Invited Talks**

**American University of Kuwait**, Salmiya, Kuwait.

“Family Ties: Kinship and State Formation in the Arab Gulf,” March 2014.

“State Formation in Kuwait and the Arab Gulf,” November 2013.

**George Washington University**, Washington D.C.

“International Relations of the Arabian Gulf States,” February 2015.

“International Relations of the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” February 2013.

“Origins of the Israeli-Arab Conflict,” October 2012.

“The Israeli-Arab Conflict: The Cold War Period,” October 2012.

**Congregation Har-Tzeon Agudath Achim**, Silver Spring, MD.

“Israel At 67: Where Is It Heading?” June 2015.

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

Middle East Studies Association

Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies

Bridging the Gap

## **Languages**

Modern Standard Arabic (Low advanced: L2+ ACTFL/ILR rating)

Hebrew (Proficient)

French (Intermediate)