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**EDUCATION:**

**The George Washington University**, Washington, DC

PhD Candidate, Political Science (May 2015 – Present)

PhD Student, Political Science (August 2012 – May 2015)

Master of Arts – January 2015

Academic Adviser: Nathan J. Brown

Research Interests: Political Parties & Organizations, Social Movements, Middle East and North Africa

**The University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL

Masters of Arts in Social Sciences – August 2009

Concentration: Political Science, Comparative Politics

Thesis Title: Social factors for political party weakness in Jordan

Thesis Adviser: Lisa Wedeen

**Tufts University**, Medford, MA

Bachelor of Arts – May 2004

Majors: International Relations Magna Cum Laude, Economics Cum Laude

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:**

- (2016) with Lamis El-Muhtasib and Nathan J. Brown, “Arguing about Family Law in Jordan: Disconnected Spheres?” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 48(4), pp. 721-741.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:**

- Excellence in Research Fellowship, The George Washington University, September 2016 – May 2018
- Trajectories of Change, ZEIT- Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Bucerius Fieldwork Grant – May 2015
- Institute for Middle East Studies, The George Washington University, Dissertation Research Grant – March 2015
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Alumni Grant – September 2014
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Workshop Fellow, Cairo, Egypt – February 2014 / Tunis, Tunisia – June 2014
- Selective Excellence Fellowship, The George Washington University, August 2012 – May 2016
- Fulbright Foreign Student Program Grantee, 2008-2009
- Pi Sigma Alpha, 2003
- National Society for Collegiate Scholars, 2002

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- (2014) Review of Adham Saouli “The Arab State: Dilemmas of Late Formation,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46(3), pp. 624-626.
- (2011) “The Arab Spring has slowed, for all the wrong reasons,” *The National*, July 7, 2011.

#### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, San Francisco, CA – August/September 2017
- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Political Science Research and Publication Conference, Tunis, Tunisia – July 2017
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Political Party Development Under Monarchy,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, Chicago, IL – April 2017
- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” The George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, Washington, DC – February 2017
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Notes from the field,” Trajectories of Change Student Conference, ZEIT- Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Hamburg, Germany – June 2016
- “Variants of Arab Nationalism: The Case of Morocco’s Istiqlal Party,” International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, New Orleans, LA – February 2015
- “Why Parties in Morocco? The development and strength of political parties under monarchy,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting, Washington, DC – November 2014
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Political Party Development Under Monarchy” Misfit Politics: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Power and Politics, Ann Arbor, MI – April 2014

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE:**

- Introduction to Comparative Politics, Department of Political Science, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

#### **SERVICE:**

- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Newsletter Editor, July 2016 – Present

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- **Venture Magazine**, Amman, Jordan  
Senior Associate (February 2010 – August 2012)  
Managing Editor (May – August 2008)  
Staff Writer (August 2007 – May 2008)
- **Mergermarket**, London, UK  
Correspondent (January 2011 – August 2012)
- **The National**, Abu Dhabi, UAE  
Op-Ed Contributor (July 2011 – August 2012)
- **Arab Institute for Research and Publishing**, Amman, Jordan  
Sales Manager (August 2005 – August 2007)

- **Harvard University Press**, Cambridge, MA  
Sales Assistant (September 2004 – June 2005)

**MEMBERSHIP:**

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
- Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)

**LANGUAGES:**

- Arabic (Native)
- English (Near-native proficiency)
- French (Intermediate)

**SOFTWARE:**

- STATA
- SPSS
- MS Office

**REFERENCES:**

- Nathan J. Brown, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, The George Washington University – nbrown@gwu.edu
- Henry E. Hale, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, The George Washington University – hhale@gwu.edu
- Sarah E. Binder, Professor of Political Science, The George Washington University – binder@gwu.edu