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EDUCATION

George Washington University

Ph.D. candidate, Department of Political Science; degree expected December 2017

Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle East Politics

Dissertation: Branding Islam: The Strategic Use of Official Religious Discourse

Committee: Nathan Brown, chair; Marc Lynch; Harris Mylonas; Henry Hale

Master of Arts in Political Science, awarded January 2015

New York University, The Gallatin School

Bachelor of Arts in Conflict Studies, *Magna cum laude*, awarded May 2008

PUBLICATIONS

“Ibadism and the Tradition of Tolerance in Oman.” 2017. *Studies on Ibadism and Oman*. 12.

Review of “Hussain, Zakir. 2016. *Saudi Arabia in a Multi-Polar World: Changing Dynamics*. New York: Routledge Publishers.” *Journal of International and Global Studies*. 8 (2): 18-19.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2017 Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom Conference Travel Grant

2016 Sar and Britta Levitan Endowment Scholarship, George Washington University

2016 Shirley and Robert Richards Endowment Scholarship, George Washington University

2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship to Jordan

2015 Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research, Woodrow Wilson International Ctr.

2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University

2014 Project on Middle East Political Science, TRE grant to Qatar and Oman

2012 National Security Education Program, David L. Boren Fellowship to Egypt

2011 - 2016 Writing in the Discipline Graduate Teaching Fellowship

SELECT WORKING PAPERS

“Constructing an Islamic Nation: National Mosque Building as a Form of Nation-building,”
Under review, July 2017.

Branding Islam: The Strategic Use of Official Religion. Book manuscript.

“Strategic Branding of Official Religious Discourse By Arab Monarchies,” to be published by
the Project on Middle East Political Science, January 2018.

“Islamist Responses to the Promotion of ‘Moderate Islam’ in Jordan”

OTHER WRITINGS

With Brown, Nathan, and Engelcke, Dorte. “Official Islam in the Arab World: The Contest
for Religious Authority.” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.* May 11, 2017.

“Middle East Regimes are Using ‘Moderate’ Islam to Stay in Power.” *The Washington Post –
Monkey Cage.* March 1, 2017.

“Calling Yemen a Proxy War is an Oversimplification,” *Turkish Policy Quarterly,* June 12,
2015.

“Egyptian Revolution in the American Media,” *Midan Masr,* September 2, 2012.

“Who Will be Egypt’s Next President?” *The World Post.* May 24, 2012.

“Nearly a Third of Egyptian Children Malnourished – Report,” *IRIN.* November 5, 2009.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Moderate Islam as a Strategy of Regime Legitimation,” to be presented at the annual meeting
of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2017.

“Subordinating Religion to the State: How Institutions Shape Islam,” presented at the annual
meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 2016.

“Beyond the Religion/State Dichotomy: Promoting Moderate Islam in Jordan and Oman,”
presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington
DC, September 2016.

“Ibadism and the Tradition of Tolerance in Oman,” presented for the annual meeting of
Ibadism Studies, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, May 2016.

“State Promotion of “Moderate Islam”: Comparing Jordan and Oman,” presented at the Islam
and the Modern State Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, April 2016.

“Religious Nationalism: The Unintended Effects of State Promotion of an Islamic National
Identity,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities,
New York City, April 2015.

“State Sponsored Nation-building in the 20th Century,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, April 2014.

“Strategic Nationalisms: Imposing a Peaceful National Identity,” presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, October 2013.

“Tribal Nationalisms: Identity Building in Oman and Yemen,” presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Nationalities, New York City, April 2013.

OTHER ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Sole Instructor *upcoming Spring 2018*
George Washington University
Course: Research Methods for International Affairs

Research Instructor, Director Spring 2017-Spring 2018
George Washington University
Course: Undergraduate Scholars Program

Sole Instructor Summer 2017
The Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom
Course: Islam and Religious Freedom

Fellow Fall 2016-Spring 2017
The Loeb Institute for Religious Freedom
George Washington University

Teaching Assistant Fall 2011-Spring 2016
George Washington University, Department of Political Science
Courses: Introduction to Comparative Politics, International Security Politics, Contemporary Politics of the Middle East

Department Coordinator for Writing Pedagogy Fall 2013-Spring 2014
George Washington University
Coordinated writing instruction in writing intensive courses

Research Assistant to: Summer 2014
Dr. Harris Mylonas
Department of Political Science, George Washington University
Topic: Global territorial disputes as a result of irredentism

Dr. Joshua Mitchell Summer 2011
Department of Political Science, Georgetown University
Topic: Alexis De Tocqueville and French colonization of Algeria

Dr. Catherine Tinsley Spring 2011
McDonough School of Business, Georgetown University
Topic: Translation of Arabic language surveys on business practices

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Research Assistant <i>The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC</i> | 2011 |
| News Reporter <i>The Daily News Egypt, Cairo, Egypt</i> | 2009-2010 |
| Conflict Resolution Trainer <i>Youth Peacebuilders Network, New York, NY</i> | 2008-2009 |

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic: Advanced professional proficiency. Can process traditional and social media and academic publications on a range of political and religious topics.

Jordanian Arabic: General professional proficiency. Can process colloquial used in social media, graffiti, television interviews, and informal conversations.

Egyptian Arabic: General professional proficiency. Can process colloquial used in social media, graffiti, television interviews, and informal conversations.

French: Professional proficiency. 4 years study, 4 mo. language immersion in France.

Spanish: Professional proficiency. 5 years study, 9 mo. language immersion in Nicaragua.

REFERENCES

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