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## **EDUCATION**

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**The George Washington University**, Washington, DC, degree expected Spring 2017

*Ph.D. Candidate*, Department of Political Science

*Dissertation*: “The Strong Power of Weak Commitments: Ratifications and Reservations in the Service of Human Rights”

Committee: James Lebovic (Chair), Henry Farrell, Yonatan Lupu

*Examination Fields*: International Relations (Major) and Comparative Politics (Minor)

M.A. in Political Science, 2012

**Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA

*A.B., cum laude*, Department of Government, 2006

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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George Washington University Graduate Student Fellowship, Fall 2009-Spring 2015.

Ph.D. Candidate-in-Residence Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, GWU, Fall 2012-Spring 2014.

Institute for Middle East Studies, GWU, Summer Language Funding, 2011, used for study at the Arabic Language Institute in Fez (ALIF), Fez, Morocco, July 2011.

Institute for Middle East Studies, GWU, Student Research and Travel Grant, 2010, used for study at University of Jordan Language Center, Amman, Jordan, June & July 2010.

## **WORKING PAPERS**

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“Teaching Cooperation (and Conflict) in the Undergraduate International Relations Classroom.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, PSC 1003: Introduction to International Politics, Professor Alex Downes, Spring 2015; Professor Henry Farrell, Fall 2014; Professor Caitlin Talmadge, Fall 2011 & Spring 2012: led three undergraduate sections.

*Grader/Graduate Teaching Assistant*: Introduction to International Security, Professor Charles Glaser, Spring 2014: assisted undergraduate students with understanding course material, graded assignments.

*Grader/ Graduate Teaching Assistant*, IAFF 2040: The Middle East: An International Affairs Survey, Professor Quinn Meacham, Spring 2013: assisted undergraduate students with understanding course material about the Middle East, graded assignments, and facilitated class discussions and lectured as appropriate.

*Graduate Teaching Assistant*, PSC 1001: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor Kimberly Morgan, Spring 2010; Professor Bruce Dickson, Fall 2009, Fall 2010 & Spring 2011: led three undergraduate sections.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Teaching Cooperation (and Conflict) in the Undergraduate IR Classroom,” paper presentation at APSA, September 2016, Philadelphia, PA. Versions presented at ISA Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, March 2016 and ISA-West, Pasadena, CA, September 2015.

“A Tale of Two Treaties: Ratification and Reservation in the Service of Human Rights,” paper presentation at Emerging Scholars Forum, ISA-West, Pasadena, CA, September 2015.

“Why Reservations?: Explaining Variation within State Parties’ Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,” ISA-Midwest, presented at November 2014; accepted paper for APSA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 2012; poster presented at MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2012.

“Leaning in or Standing Straight: The Impact of Gender on U.S. Foreign Policy Decision-Making,” presented at ISA-Midwest, St. Louis, November 2013.

“To Intervene or Not To Intervene?: Eisenhower Decision-Making Regarding Military Intervention in Lebanon and Jordan,” paper presented at ISA-Northeast, Baltimore, MD, November 2012.

“The Uses and Misuses of Metaphorical Reasoning in International Security,” paper presented at MPSA Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

### **RESEARCH AND RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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*Research Assistant* for Professor Stephen Biddle, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, GWU, Fall 2012.

*Graduate Intern*, Project on Middle East Political Science, GWU, Fall 2012.

*Research Assistant* for Professor Caitlin Talmadge, Summer and Fall 2012.

*Research Assistant* to Professor Elizabeth Saunders, Summer 2012.

*Research Assistant* for Professor James Lebovic, Summer 2012.

*Research Assistant*, The Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institution, 2007-2009.

*Project Assistant*, The Center for Democracy and Human Rights in Saudi Arabia, 2006.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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*Co-Chair*, Graduate Student Caucus, Department of Political Science, GWU, Spring 2011 through Spring 2013.

*Assistant to the Director of Undergraduate Studies*, Department of Political Science, GWU, Fall 2013.

*Senator (At-Large)*, GW Student Association Senate, Fall 2014-Spring 2015; Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

Discussant for Book Launch, "How We Fight: Crusades, Quagmires, and the American Way of War," by Dominic Tierney, at GW's Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, November 2010.

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION**

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*Member*, American Political Science Association

*Member*, International Studies Association

*Member*, American Association of University Women

## **OTHER**

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*Languages*: Arabic (proficient at intermediate level); Hebrew (proficient at high level); French (conversant).

### *Specialized Training*:

Coder for the Writing Transfer Project, Elon Seminar on Critical Transitions, June 2013 and August 2012.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University, June 2012.

Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), George Washington University, May 2012.