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EDUCATION

The George Washington University, Washington, DC
Ph.D. Student, Department of Political Science
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
Language Citation in Modern Standard Arabic

RESEARCH

Dissertation: “Leaning In or Standing Straight: The Impact of Gender on U.S. Foreign Policy Decision-Making”

Research interests: international relations, foreign policy decision-making, international security, gender and politics, political discourse, and the Middle East.

PRESENTATIONS

2012: “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.

2012: “Reservations and Ratifications: Explaining Variation within State Parties’ Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,” accepted paper for the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, August 2012.

2012: “Why Reservations?: Explaining Variation within State Parties’ Reservations to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,” poster presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2012 and presentation at the Policy Studies Organization’s Middle East Dialogue 2012, Washington, DC, February 2012.

2011: “The Uses and Misuses of Metaphorical Reasoning in International Security,” paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2011.

2011: Discussant to Book Launch, “How We Fight: Crusades, Quagmires, and the American Way of War, by Dominic Tierney, presentation at the Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, GWU, November 2010.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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

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

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

RESEARCH AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Institute for Security & Conflict Studies, GWU, Fall 2012.

Supported Professor Stephen Biddle and Professor Charlie Glaser. Conducted research on the cultural anthropology of Vietnam for book explaining the military choices of non-state actors. Conducted research on the Chinese view of U.S. involvement in the South China Seas.

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

Compiled bibliography of resources about the Arab Uprisings. Helped Professor Marc Lynch with preparation of the Middle East Channel Editor's Reader. Monitored academic journals for relevant articles on Middle East politics.

Research Assistant to Professor Caitlin Talmadge, Summer and Fall 2012.

Conducted coding to help develop Professor Talmadge's original dataset about civil-military relations and military effectiveness in interstate wars. Retrieved research materials. Documented institutional memory of materials for PSC 1003: Introduction to International Politics.

Research Assistant to Professor Elizabeth Saunders, Summer 2012.

Conducted research and writing to trace the changing definition of democracy used by scholars of international politics, and some scholars of comparative politics, over-time.

Research Assistant to Professor Jim Lebovic, Summer 2012.

Conducted research on the manner in which political narratives change and hold steady over time. Examined the Cuban Missile Crisis for changes in narrative.

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

Supported Daniel Byman, Suzanne Maloney, Kenneth Pollack, and Martin Indyk. Conducted research and writing for book on Israeli counterterrorism campaigns and relevant lessons for U.S. counterterrorism campaigns. Compiled detailed briefing documents in preparation for book interviews. Researched the Iraq hydrocarbon law. Reviewed literature on the political economy of the Middle East and rogue states. Helped plan annual high-level dialogue between U.S. and Israeli political leaders.

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

Researched actionable steps to promote women's empowerment in Saudi Arabia. Developed anti-censorship initiative.

Research Intern, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Summer 2004.
Catalogued and analyzed resistance efforts in Iraq to identify trends about the resistance's progress. Studied American funding of foreign military programs. Traced the development of the Iraqi Security Forces.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grader/ Graduate Teaching Assistant, IAFF 2040: The Middle East: An International Affairs Survey, Professor Quinn Meham, 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 1003: Introduction to International Politics, Professor Caitlin Talmadge, Fall 2011 & Spring 2012: led three undergraduate sections.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, PSC 1001: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Professor Kimberly Morgan, Spring 2010: led three undergraduate sections.

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

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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

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

Participant in Student Interviews, Columbian College of Arts and Science Dean Search Committee, GWU, Spring 2013.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Member, American Political Science Association

Member, International Studies Association

OTHER

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 (included training in codes related to writing transfer, excerpting, and Dedoose data analysis software; norming; and then 'live' coding of undergraduate writing.

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

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