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CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science & Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, 2020-Present

Croft Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies, University of Mississippi, 2013-2020

Postdoctoral Fellow, Empirical Studies of Conflict Program and Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, 2012-2013

EDUCATION

New York University, Department of Politics, Ph.D., September 2012 and M.A., 2007

Title: “Sowing Rebellion: Explaining Individual Participation in the Palestinian National Movement”

Committee: Kanchan Chandra (Chair), Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Michael Gilligan, Macartan Humphreys, Amaney Jamal, Alexandra Scacco

Yale University, Political Science and International Studies, B.A. (cum laude with distinction), 2003

INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, Political Conflict and Violence, Ethnic Politics, Middle East Politics, Authoritarian Regimes, Public Opinion/Political Behavior

BOOK

2019. *The Revolution Within: State Institutions and Unarmed Resistance in Palestine*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Reviews: *Choice* (2020), *Democratization* (2020), *Journal of Palestine Studies* (2020), *Mediterranean Politics* (2020), *Mobilization* (2021), *Perspectives on Politics* (2022)

“Author Meets Critics” Roundtable at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (commentators: Dara Kay Cohen, Scott Gates, Jessica Stanton, and Mark Tessler), 2020

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Forthcoming. “International recognition and support for violence among nonpartisans” (with Nadav Shelef). *The Journal of Peace Research*.

2019. "From the Schools to the Streets: Education and Anti-Regime Resistance in the West Bank." *Comparative Political Studies* 52(8): 1131-1168.

2017. "Recognition Matters! UN State Status and Attitudes Towards Territorial Compromise" (with Nadav Shelef). *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(3): 537-563.

2016. "The Effects of Authoritarian Iconography: An Experimental Test" (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather). *Comparative Political Studies* 49(13): 1704-1738.

- Media coverage: *Marginal Revolution*, *The Monkey Cage*, *PsyPost*

BOOK REVIEWS 2022 (forthcoming). *New Media and Revolution: Resistance and Dissent in Pre-Uprising Syria*, by Billie Jeanne Brownlee (Montreal & Kingston: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2020) in *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming.

2012. *Violence, Nonviolence and the Palestinian National Movement*, by Wendy Pearlman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *Comparative Political Studies* 46(8).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS 2019. "They may reveal the shortcomings of the government": studying political behavior in an increasingly closed region." *APSA MENA Newsletter* 2(2).

2018. "Lessons from Results-Blind Review" (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather). *The Political Economist* 14(1): 10-13.

2017. "International recognition and public opinion towards conflict and violence." OpenGlobalRights on OpenDemocracy.net, May 16.

WORKING PAPERS "The Ethnicization of Syria's Conflict: A Social Media Analysis" (with Alexandra Siegel and Deen Freelon)

"The Politics of Allyship: Multiethnic Coalitions and Mass Attitudes Towards Protest" (with Devorah Manekin and Tamar Mitts) [under review]

"Understandings of Democracy and Political Participation in Africa and the Middle East" (with Erin Hern)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS Distinguished Scholar Award (Continuation Grant), The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2021 (with Alexandra Siegel)

Appleby-Mosher Grant, Syracuse University, 2021

Middle East Studies Program Faculty Research Grant, Syracuse University, 2021

Middle East Studies Program Undergraduate RA Fellowship, Syracuse University, 2021

Middle East Studies Program Course Development Grant, Syracuse University, 2021

Distinguished Scholar Award, The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, 2020 (with Alexandra Siegel)

Junior Faculty Grant for Research and Creative Achievement, University of Mississippi, 2019

SEC Faculty Travel Grant, University of Mississippi, 2019

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Investment Grant, University of Mississippi, 2015

Research Grant, CPS Special Issue on Transparency/UT-Austin, 2015 (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather).

Summer Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Mississippi, 2014, 2015.

Richard S. Goldsmith Fellows Research Grant, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, 2013 (with Nadav Shelef)

Research Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, 2011 (with Nadav Shelef)

Torch Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2009-2010

Henry M. McCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2005-2011

INVITED
PRESENTATIONS

Government Department Workshop, Cornell University (March 2022)

PARCC Conversations in Conflict Series, Syracuse University (October 2021)

Comparative Politics Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University (canceled due to COVID-19)

International Relations Speaker Series, University of Maryland (February 2020)

Project on Middle East Political Science Book Launch, The George Washington University (February 2020)

Political Science Department, New York University-Abu Dhabi (February 2019)

Political Science Department, University of Memphis (October 2016)

Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) Research Seminar, Stanford University (May 2013)

Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Social Science Seminar, Stanford University (May 2013)

Comparative Politics/International Relations Workshop, Stanford University (May 2013)

Comparative Politics Workshop and LISAR, University of Wisconsin-Madison (March 2013)

Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University (November 2012)

CONFERENCES
AND WORKSHOPS

International Studies Association Annual Meeting (2016, 2022)

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2010, 2013-2021)

AWESOME Workshop, Department of Politics, New York University (2021)

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Annual Conference, The George Washington University (2013, 2014, 2019-2021)

Understanding Marginalized Communities through Social Science Research, Princeton University (2020)

Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Research Conference, University of California, San Diego (2013, 2014, 2020)

Online Peace Science Colloquium (2020)

Southern Workshop in Empirical Political Science (SoWEPS), Emory University (2019)

Workshop on Survey Research in the Middle East and North Africa, University of Alabama (2019)

International Policy Summer Institute, American University (2019)

AALIMS-NYUAD Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World (2019)

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (2013, 2014, 2016)

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop, Princeton University (2016)

AALIMS-Princeton University Conference on Islam and Human Capital, Princeton University (2015)

Conference on “Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings”, University of Denver (2015)

AALIMS-Princeton University Conference on Political Economy of Muslim Societies, Princeton University (2014)

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi (2014)

Workshop on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, University of Connecticut (2013)

Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2007, 2009, 2012, 2013)

Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop, Princeton University (2012)

Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, University of California-Los Angeles (2012)

Ethnic Politics Workshop II, The George Washington University (2011)

Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy, The Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University (2008)

Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, Yale University (2006)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

At Syracuse University

Courses Taught:

Politics of the Middle East (undergraduate lecture)

War and Conflict in the Middle East (undergraduate seminar)

Political Conflict and Violence (PhD seminar)

Comparative Social Movements (PhD seminar, undergraduate seminar)

Ph.D. Committees:

Amr El-Afifi (Chair, in progress); Erika Arias; Angely Martinez (defended 2021); Katharine Burrage Russell; Heidi Stallman

At University of Mississippi

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture)
Research Methods for International Studies (undergraduate seminar)
Political Conflict and Violence (Ph.D. seminar)
Social Movements and Nonviolent Resistance (undergraduate seminar)
Introduction to Middle East Studies (undergraduate seminar)
Middle East Politics (undergraduate lecture)

Ph.D. and M.A. Committees:

Jeremy Cox (Ph.D), 2019; Kate Noonan (Ph.D), in progress; Rustin Suray (M.A.), 2019

Mentor for Croft Institute for International Studies Senior Theses, 2013-2020

PROFESSIONAL
SERVICE

At Syracuse University:

Placement Director and Future Professoriate Program (FPP) Liaison, AY 2021-22

Search Committee Member, The Politics of Inequality, Fall 2021

Member of Mentoring Committee (for Simon Weschle), Fall 2020-Present

Maxwell Faculty Council Free Speech Subcommittee, Fall 2021-Present

Faculty Advisor, The Edward Said Society (new undergraduate organization), Fall 2021-Present

Member of Graduate Affairs Committee, AY 2020-21

At University of Mississippi:

Institutional Reader for Senior Honors Theses, Croft Institute for International Studies, 2017-18 (9 theses) and 2016-17 (12 theses)

Comparative Politics Field Committee, Department of Political Science, 2014-15, 2017-18, 2019-20

Scholarship and Awards Committee, Department of Political Science, 2017-18, 2019-20

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018-19

Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, 2015-17

Colloquium Organizer, Department of Political Science, 2015-17

University Search Committee for Executive Director of the Croft Institute for International Studies, 2016

Middle East Thesis Prize Committee, Croft Institute for International Studies, 2013-19

Meeting Transcriber, Department of Political Science, 2014-15 and Fall 2013

To the Discipline:

Member of Editorial Board, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, September 2020-2022

Member of Award Committee for Best Dissertation on Middle East and North Africa Politics, APSA Middle East and North Africa Politics Section, Spring 2019

Faculty Fellow, The Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS), April 2014-Present

Co-Organizer, Working Group on Survey Methods for Developing Countries, MPSA and APSA Annual Meetings 2013

Co-founder of <http://www.poldevsvy.org>, a collaborative forum dedicated to sharing and advancing knowledge regarding survey research in developing countries.

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Economics and Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Governance*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Middle East Law and Governance*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Nations & Nationalism*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *World Politics*

FIELD RESEARCH Palestinian Territories: Winter 2014, Fall and Spring 2011, Fall 2009, Fall
EXPERIENCE 2008

United Arab Emirates (UAE): Fall 2015

Jordan: January-May 2010 and October 2008

India: August 2007

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2014

Arabic Language Institute, The American University in Cairo, 2004

LANGUAGES

Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Hebrew (fluent)

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