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Academic Positions

Associate Professor of Government. Claremont McKenna College, California. (April 2021 – Present).

Assistant Professor of Government. Claremont McKenna College, California. (September 2018 – April 2021).

Assistant Professor of Political Science. Carleton College, Minnesota. (September 2014 – September 2018).

Research Interest

Authoritarianism and Democratization; Civil-Military Relations; Security Sector Reform; Fundamentalism and Radicalization; Identity Politics; Political History; Middle East Politics.

Education

Indiana University. PhD in Political Science. (December 2014).

Dissertation: “Generals and Autocrats: Coup-Proofing and Military Response to the 2011 Arab Uprisings”.

Committee: William Thompson (Chair), Alfred Stepan, Karen Rasler, and Kevin Martin.

Université Saint-Esprit, Lebanon. Doctorate of International Law. (April 2006).

Dissertation: “Intervention humanitaire et souveraineté nationale: vers une évolution normative du droit international public” (Translation: “Humanitarian intervention and national sovereignty: towards a normative evolution of international law”)

Université Saint Joseph, Lebanon. Master in Political Science (2002).

Université La Sagesse, Lebanon. Master in Public Law (2000).

Université Libanaise, Lebanon. Bachelor of Laws (1999).

Additional Training

September 2011, “Principles of Workflow with STATA” (J. Scott Long), Workshop in Methods, Indiana University.

June 2010, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research. Syracuse University.

Publications

Books

Endgames: Military Response to Protest in Arab Autocracies, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021). Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics; Democratization; Political Science Quarterly; Middle East Journal; Middle Eastern Studies; Lectures*.

The Oxford Handbook of Civil-Military Relations, (New York: Oxford University Press, Forthcoming in April 2022; Co-edited with William R.Thompson).

Peer Reviewed Articles

“Coups in Tunisia: Why the Military Turned Its Back on Democracy”, *Journal of Democracy*, Volume 33, Number 1, January 2022.

“Rethinking Pathways of Transnational Jihad: Evidence from Lebanese ISIS Recruits”, *Security Studies*, published online, December 2021.

“Troubled from the Start: Revisiting Military Politics in Pre-Baathi Syria”, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, volume 52, issue 3, August 2020.

“Coups and Nascent Democracies: The Military and Egypt’s Failed Consolidation”, *Democratization*, volume 24, issue 1, January 2017.

“Second-Class: The Grievances of Sunni Officers in the Syrian Armed Forces”, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, volume 38, issue 5, August 2015.

“Generals and Autocrats: How Coup-Proofing Predetermined Military Elite’s Behavior in the Arab Spring”, *Political Science Quarterly*, volume 130, n’2, June 2015.

“A Military Besieged: The Armed Forces, the Police and the Party in Ben Ali’s Tunisia, 1987 – 2011”, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, volume 47, issue 1, February 2015.

“Wedded to Mubarak: The Second Career and Financial Rewards of Egypt’s Military Elite from 1981 till 2011”, *The Middle East Journal*, volume 67, n’1, winter 2013.

Book Chapters

“Military Politics and Democratic Transition: Combining Rationality, Culture, and Structure”, in William R.Thompson and Hicham Bou Nassif (Eds), *The Oxford Handbook of Civil-Military Relations*, (Oxford University Press–Forthcoming in April 2022).

“Genesis of Coup-Proofing in Egypt: Civil-Military Relations under King Farooq, and Beyond”,

in Robert Springborg (Edr), *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Egypt*, (Routledge: Abingdon, March 2021).

“The Extent of Military Involvement in Non-Violent, Civilian Revolts and Their Aftermath” in Jack Goldstone (Edr), *New Waves of Revolution in the 21st Century, Understanding the Causes and Effects of Disruptive Political Changes*, (New York: Springer, Forthcoming in December 2021) – With William R.Thompson, and Karen Rasler.

“Patterns of Civil-Military Relations and Their Legacies for Democratization: Egypt vs. Tunisia”, in Alfred Stepan (Edr), *Democratic Transition in the Muslim World, A Global Perspective*, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2018).

“Discourses on Muslims and Welfare across the Atlantic” in Sonya Michel, Klaus Pedersen and Pauli Kettunen (eds), *An American Dilemma? Race, Ethnicity and the Welfare State in US and Europe*, (Northampton, Mass.: Edward Elgar, 2015) – With Eren Tatari, Scott Williamson, Antje Schwennicke, and Abdulkader Sinno.

“Lebanon Between the Clash and Coexistence” in Stig Hansen, Atle Mesoy and Tuncay Cardas (eds), *The Borders of Islam: Exploring Huntington’s Faultlines from Al-Andalous to the virtual Ummah*, edited by, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2009).

Policy-Oriented Papers

“Awda Aala-Sahwat al-Jawad: Al-Nokhba al-Askariya wa Hisabat al-Sulta fi Masr” (Translation: Back on Horseback: The Military Elite and the Struggle For Power in Egypt). *Al Jazeera* policy paper published on November 4, 2013: <http://studies.aljazeera.net/ar/reports/2013/11/2013114105155595205.html>

“Why Didn’t the Egyptian Army Shoot”, *The Middle East Report and Information Project (MERIP)*, N’265, Winter 2012.

Book Reviews

Laure Guirguis, *Copts And The Security State: Violence. Coercion. And Sectarianism in Contemporary Egypt*, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2017), *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 17, Issue 2, 2019.

Holger Albrecht, Aurel Croissant, and Fred Lawson (eds), *Armies and Insurgencies in the Arab Spring*, (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016), *Democratization*, Volume 24, Issue 5, 2017, pp 884 -886.

Zoltan Barany, *How Armies Respond to Revolutions and Why*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2016; and Jasen J.Castillo, *Endurance and War: The National Sources of Military Cohesion*, (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2014), *Perspectives on Politics*, Volume 14, Issue 4, 2016, pp 51 – 52.

Bassel F.Salloukh et al. *The Politics of Sectarianism In Postwar Lebanon*. (London: Pluto Press, 2015), *Middle East Journal*. Volume 70, Number 3, Summer 2016.

Reese Erlich. *Inside Syria, The Backstory of Their Civil War and What the World Can Expect*. (New York: Prometheus Books, 2014). *Political Science Quarterly*. Volume 130 – issue 4, winter 2015-2016, pp 771-773.

Naunihal Singh. *Seizing Power. The Strategic Logic of Military coups*. (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014). *Perspectives on Politics*. September 2015, Vol 13, N’3, pp 905-906.

Service

Reviewer: *American Journal of Political Science*; *International Security*, *Journal of Politics*; *International Studies Quarterly*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Democratization*; *Polity*; *International Journal of Middle East Studies*; *Political Science Quarterly*; *Government & Opposition*; *Political Research Quarterly*; *Middle East Journal*; *The British Journal of Middle East Studies*; *Middle Eastern Studies*; *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*; *Asian Journal of Comparative Politics*.

Fieldwork

From May 2019 until August 2019: 4 months in Tripoli, Lebanon, (Interviewing Families of Deceased ISIS&al-Qaeda Recruits).

From May 2011 until August 2016: 35 months in Egypt, Tunisia; and Syrian refugee diasporas in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon, (Interviewing Military Officers).

Grants and Fellowships

Harvard University – Travel Grant to present my work on the Tunisian armed forces at Harvard (\$1500 – April 2015).

Columbia University – Travel Grant to present my work on the Tunisian armed forces at Columbia (\$1000 – March 2015).

Carleton College Research Development Grant (2014) – (\$20,000)

Future Fellow Teaching Fellowship (FFTF) Indiana University – Purdue University, Indianapolis (Fall 2013). (\$10,000).

Center for the Study of the Middle East (CSME), Indiana University. Senior Research Fellow Grant. Fall 2011 and Spring 2012. (\$12,000).

May 2012 Graduate Student Conference – Indiana University. Best paper for “Armed forces and civilian uprisings during the Arab Spring: Why the military remained loyal in Syria, defected in Egypt and Tunisia, and splintered in Libya” (\$250)

The International Studies Association – Travel Grant to present a paper in the 2013 Budapest meeting (\$250 – declined).

Teaching Experience

GOV 70: International Relations and Violence in World Politics – (Claremont McKenna College)

GOV 142: Authoritarian Regimes and Democratization in the Middle East, and Beyond – (Claremont McKenna College).

GOV 146: Politics of the Contemporary Arab World I (1918/1973) – (Claremont McKenna College)

GOV 149: Politics of the Contemporary Arab World II (1973/2011) – (Claremont McKenna College)

POSC 282: Terrorism, Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars (Carleton College)

Languages

Arabic	English	French
Native	Fluent	Fluent

Data Analysis

Statistical Methods: OLS, MLE.

Programs: Stata, Excel.

Professional Experience

Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis (IUPUI). Department of Political Science. Visiting lecturer (2013-2014).

The American Political Science Association (APSA). Editorial Assistant, *Perspectives on Politics* (2010 – 2013).

Indiana University, Bloomington. Department of Political Science, Associate Instructor (2008 – 2010).

Agence France Presse (AFP). Field Reporter (2006 – 2008).

Lebanese Broadcasting Corporation (LBC). Field Reporter (2002 – 2006).

Selected Conference Papers

“Rethinking Syria’s Civil-Military Relations, 1946-1963”. The Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Washington, DC. October 2020.

“Arab Authoritarianism from a Comparative Perspective”. Invited talk at Oxford University. June 5, 2018.

“Armed Forces and Nonviolent Uprisings in the Arab Spring”. Invited Talk at Texas University at Austin. February 6, 2017.

“Military Politics in the Arab Spring and Beyond”. Invited Talk at Harvard University. April 29, 2015.

“Why Islamists were overthrown in Egypt but not in Tunisia?”. Columbia University conference: Tunisia in comparative perspective with reflection on Indonesia, India and Egypt, March 27-30, 2015.

“Generals and Autocrats: How Coup-Proofing Predetermined Military Elite's Behavior in the Arab Spring”. The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Washington DC. August 28, 2014.

“Civil-Military Relations and the Arab Spring: An Institutional Explanation for the Variation in the Armed Forces' Behavior”. Presented at the Center for the Study of the Middle East – Indiana University. April 25, 2013.

“The extent of military involvement in non-violent, civilian revolts and their aftermath” Presented at Michigan State University. March 28, 2012. Co-written with Karen Rasler and William Thompson.

“Newspaper Readership and attitudes toward welfare and immigration in the Tabloids, Murdoch and the formation of stereotypes”. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in Seattle. September 1, 2011. Co-written with Abdulkader Sinno, Antje Schwennicke and Scott Williamson.

“Regionalism and Authoritarianism in the Arab World: The Syrian Alawi region as a case study”. Presented at the workshop on Regional Policies and Authoritarian Regimes in the Arab World. Princeton University, November 16, 2010.

“Ethnicity in the Barracks: The Military and Civil War in Algeria, Iraq and Lebanon” Presented at the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Methods Research, Syracuse University, June 6, 2010.

“Demographic Shifts, Power Transition and Repression: The Dynamics of Violence in Ethnic Hierarchical Societies” Presented at the New Horizons in International Security Conference sponsored by the University of Illinois-Urbana, Champaign, April 10, 2010.

Workshops

July 15 – 18, 2019, Workshop on Studying Arab Armed Forces. Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon.

November 20 – 27, 2014, Workshop on Undergraduate Teaching Methods, Carleton College, Minnesota.

December 15 - 16 2013, Workshop on Studying Arab Armed Forces. Carnegie Middle East Center, Beirut, Lebanon.

June 15 - July 15 2006, Agence France Presse (AFP) workshop in News Agency journalism. Nicosia, Cyprus.

September 10 - 20 2005, Reuters TV news workshop in Investigative Journalism, Beirut, Lebanon.