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### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor of Government, The College of William and Mary, December 2008-Present  
Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for International and Regional Studies at Georgetown University  
School of Foreign Service in Qatar, August 2010-July 2011  
Lecturer in Government, The College of William and Mary, August 2007-December 2008

### **EDUCATION**

Yale University

PhD in Political Science, December 2008

MPhil in Political Science, 2004, Exam Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics,  
Political Economy (distinction)

MA in Political Science, 2002

Oxford University

MPhil in International Relations, Magdalen College, 1999

Harvard University

AB in Government, *Summa Cum Laude*, 1997

### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

International Relations of the Middle East, Comparative Politics of the Middle East, Foreign  
Policy Decision-Making, Foreign Aid, Prestige, Arab-Israeli Conflict

### **BOOK**

*Arab Foreign Policy in Crisis: Autocratic Regime Survival in the Gulf Wars and Beyond.* Under  
Review

### **REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

“Prestige as a Determinant of Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change in Qatar’s International  
Posture.” Under Review

“The Rise (and Fall?) of Arab Aid: Generosity and Allocation in the Oil Era.” Co-authored with  
Christopher Marcoux. *World Development* 39:11 (November 2011): 1969-1980

## **BOOK CHAPTER**

“Palestine and Israel at the United Nations: Partition, Recognition, and Membership.” In *Charter of the United Nations*. Eds. Ian Shapiro and Joseph Lampert (Yale University Press, 2014): 157-173

## **NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

“Arab Aid Allocation in the Oil Era.” Co-authored with Christopher Marcoux. *AidData Research Brief* No. 2 (November 2011): 1-7 [aiddata.org/sites/default/files/arab-aid-allocation-in-the-oil-era.pdf](http://aiddata.org/sites/default/files/arab-aid-allocation-in-the-oil-era.pdf)

“The Female Face of Qatar’s Election.” Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar (July 2011): 1-3 [cirs.georgetown.edu/229758.html](http://cirs.georgetown.edu/229758.html)

“Arab Donors: More Prosperous, Less Generous?” Co-authored with Christopher Marcoux. *Norrag News* 44 (September 2010): 28-29 [www.norrag.org/en/publications/norrag-news/online-version/a-brave-new-world-of-emerging-non-dac-donors-and-their-differences-from-traditional-donors/detail/arab-donors-more-prosperous-less-generous.html](http://www.norrag.org/en/publications/norrag-news/online-version/a-brave-new-world-of-emerging-non-dac-donors-and-their-differences-from-traditional-donors/detail/arab-donors-more-prosperous-less-generous.html)

“Arab Foreign Aid Not Keeping Up with Arab Prosperity.” Co-authored with Christopher Marcoux. Middle East Channel on *foreignpolicy.com* (23 April 2010) [foreignpolicy.com/2010/04/23/arab-generosity-not-keeping-up-with-arab-prosperity/](http://foreignpolicy.com/2010/04/23/arab-generosity-not-keeping-up-with-arab-prosperity/)

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

Michael R. Fischbach, *Jewish Property Claims against Arab Countries*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42:4 (November 2010): 711-713

Maye Kassem, *Egyptian Politics: The Dynamics of Authoritarian Rule*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 38:2 (May 2006): 321-323

## **ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

“Prioritizing Prestige: A Comparison of Small Wealthy States and Their Foreign Policies”

“Emirati Influence: Foreign Aid in the Service of Regional Status?” Co-authored with Maryam Kanna

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Surviving the Spring: Foreign Policy and Regime Security in the Arab Uprisings.” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, 2015

“Purchasing Prestige: The Rise, Rationale, and Risks of Qatar’s Foreign Policy.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, 2013

“Bold Moves for a Small State: An Analysis of Qatar’s Foreign Policy.” International Studies Association, Montreal, 2011

- “Assessing Arab Aid: Trends, Explanations, and Unreported Transfers.” Co-authored with Christopher Marcoux. Aid Transparency and Development Finance: Lessons and Insights from AidData Conference, Oxford University, 2010
- “What Happened to Arab Foreign Aid? Examining the Changing Dynamics of Aid from Wealthy Arab Countries to Poor Ones.” American Political Science Association, Toronto, 2009
- “When Autocrats Make Foreign Policy: Is It All About Preserving Power?” New Directions for International Relations Conference, Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Conference, Herzliya, Israel, 2009
- “Arab Foreign Policy in Crisis: Egypt, Jordan, and Syria in the Gulf Wars.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, 2008
- “Regime Strategies and Foreign Policy of Non-Democratic States: The Case of Arab States in the Gulf Wars.” American Political Science Association, Boston, 2008
- “Deals in Damascus: Syrian Foreign Policy in the US-Led Wars Against Iraq.” International Security Studies Colloquium in International History and Security, Yale University, 2008
- “Consistency in Cairo: Egyptian Foreign Policy in the US-Led Wars against Iraq.” Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, 2007
- “Deals in Damascus: Syrian Foreign Policy in the US-Led Wars Against Iraq.” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2007

#### **INVITED LECTURES AND PANELS**

- “A Very Short Primer on the Middle East.” Presentation to Higher Achievement Richmond Middle School Students. July 2016
- “Zaatari Refugee Camp and the Syrian Refugee Crisis.” Presentation to Delegates at College of William and Mary Model United Nations Conference, April 2016
- “Arab Foreign Policy after the Arab Uprisings.” Faculty Forum Presentation at Old Dominion University Model United Nations Conference, February 2015
- “The Middle East from the Inside Out.” US Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Senior Executive Forum, June 2013
- “Syria: Sifting through the Rubble.” Panel Organized by the Middle East Students Association of the College of William and Mary, April 2013
- “The Arab Spring and Implications for Regional Security.” Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies Executive Seminar, April 2012
- “The Arab Spring and Middle East Realignment.” Great Decisions Program. Sponsored by The World Affairs Council of Greater Hampton Roads, February 2012
- “Jordan in the Gulf Wars: Foreign Policy and Regime Survival.” Monthly Dialogue Presentation. Center for International and Regional Studies. Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, December 2010
- “Republic from the Embers of Empire: The 1923 Reforms to the Turkish Constitution.” Turkish Cultural Organization. College of William and Mary, October 2009

“Iraqi History & Politics: What a US Soldier Should Know.” 7<sup>th</sup> Sustainment Brigade, Ft. Eustis, VA, September 2009

“Egypt-US Relations and the Limitations of the Sadat Doctrine.” Great Decisions Program. Sponsored by the Williamsburg Chapter of the League of Women Voters, March 2009

“Why I study IR.” College of William and Mary International Relations Club, October 2008

“The Arab-Israeli Conflict: If Not Peace, Then What?” Reves Center Coffee Hour, Fall 2007

#### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Post-Doctoral Fellowship at Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, 2010-11

W&M Faculty Summer Research Grant, 2008 (declined) and 2009

Smith Richardson Foundation Fellowship, 2006

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Arabic language study at American University in Cairo, 2005

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2001-2004

Yale World Fellow, 2003

Sterling Fellowship, Yale University, 2000

Marshall Scholarship, 1997-1999

Phi Beta Kappa, 1997

Truman Scholarship, 1996

#### **TEACHING**

Middle East Political Systems (GOVT 339), Fall 2007; Fall 2008; Fall 2009, Spring 2012; Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2015; Spring 2016

Arab Foreign Policy (GOVT 439, previously GOVT 491), Spring 2008; Spring 2009; Fall 2009; Fall 2011, Spring 2013; Fall 2013; Spring 2015; Spring 2016

Introduction to Comparative Politics (GOVT 203), Spring 2008; Spring 2009; Spring 2010; Spring 2014

The World in America (AMST 350), Spring 2009

Domestic Politics of the Arab-Israeli Conflict (PLSC 111), Spring 2003 (Yale, as teaching assistant)

The Cold War (HIST 261), Fall 2003 (Yale, as teaching assistant)

Introduction to International Relations (PLSC 387), Spring 2004 (Yale, as teaching assistant)

Introduction to Middle East Politics (GOVT 272), Fall 2002 (Wesleyan)

#### **TEACHING RECOGNITION**

Alpha Chi Omega “Outstanding Professor,” 2008  
Pi Beta Phi “Favorite Professor,” 2012  
Class of 2014 Choice for “Pie a Professor,” 2014  
Class of 2015 Selection as “Most Influential,” 2016

## **SERVICE**

Interdisciplinary Program Faculty Membership, 2007-present  
Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES Core Faculty)  
International Relations

Major Adviser for Government, International Relations, and Global Studies, 2007-present

Freshman Adviser, 2007-08; 2008-09; 2009-10; 2013-14; 2016

Senior Honors Thesis Advising  
Committee Chair, 2013-14; 2009-10  
Committee Member, 2009-10; 2008-09 (2)

Yale World Fellows Advisory Board, 2012-14

Sultan Qaboos Chair in Middle East Studies Search Committee, AMES, 2011-12

Government Department Scholarship Committee, 2011-12

Transfer Adviser, 2011-12

Independent Study Adviser, Spring 2008; Spring 2009 (2); Spring 2010

Charles Center Scholarship Adviser/Mock Interviewer  
Truman Scholarship, 2009-10  
Rhodes, Marshall, and Truman Scholarships, 2007-08

Jacobs Scholarship Summer Project Advisor, 2009

Monroe Scholarship Project Advisor, 2008-09

University Teaching Project, 2008-09

Colloquium Discussant

University of Virginia Miller Center for Public Affairs Spring Fellowship Conference for Anne Peters, “Special Relationships, Dollars, and Development: U.S. Foreign Aid and State-Building Egypt, Jordan, South Korea, and Taiwan,” May 2009

Media Interviews

W&M Communications (on Clinton and Trump’s Middle East priorities), July 2016  
WVEC-TV Channel 13 Norfolk (on Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, implications for US Policy), 2014

W&M website and YouTube channel (on Arab Uprisings), July 2012  
*Sanlian Life Week* (Chinese weekly magazine, on Egypt’s revolution), 2011  
France24 (on Egypt’s revolution), 2011

*Gulan Magazine* (article-length interview with Iraqi Kurdish magazine on Iraqi parliamentary elections), Issue 163, 15 October 2009

Journal Reviewer for *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

#### **ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

Consultant, Yale University Graduate Teaching Center, 2004-2007

Managing Editor, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 2001-2004

Visiting Lecturer in Government, Wesleyan University, Fall 2002

Deputy Outreach Coordinator, Joe Hoeffel for U.S. Congress (PA 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District), 1998

Researcher, Department of Defense, Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict, 1997

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE AND METHODS TRAINING**

Arabic Language Institute, American University in Cairo, 2005.

Institute for Qualitative Research Methods, 2004

Arabic Summer Program, Columbia University, 2003

Arabic Language School, Middlebury College, 2001

Hebrew Language Study at Rothberg School for Overseas Students, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999-2000

#### **LANGUAGES**

Modern Standard Arabic (reading, speaking, writing)

Hebrew (reading, speaking, writing)

Spanish (reading, speaking, writing)

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association

Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies

International Studies Association

Middle East Studies Association

Women in Conflict Studies