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Academic Appointments	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, 2022 – Faculty Affiliate: Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Princeton University Postdoctoral Research Associate, Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance, 2021-22	
Education	Northwestern University Ph.D., Political Science, 2021 Fields: Comparative Politics; Methodology Georgetown University M.A., Arab Studies, 2012 University of Damascus, Syria Certificate (Arabic), Higher Language Institute, 2009 American University B.A., Political Science, 2008	
Book	2016. <i>As Ohio Goes: Life in the Post-Recession Nation</i> . Kent: Kent State University Press. * Independent Publisher Book Award for Current Events, Bronze Medal, 2017 *	
Book Manuscript	<i>Civilizing Contention: International Aid in Syria's War</i> , under review.	
Refereed Articles	2024. "Going Local without Localization: Power and Humanitarian Response in the Syrian War" with Emily K.M. Scott. <i>World Development</i> 174. 2020. "Hard-to-Survey Populations and Respondent-Driven Sampling: Expanding the Political Science Toolbox." <i>Perspectives on Politics</i> 18(2): 509-526. *Alexander L. George Article Award, Honorable Mention, 2020, from the Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section (QMMR) of the American Political Science Association (APSA)* 2017. "Aiding Activism? Humanitarianism's Impact on Mobilized Syrian Refugees in Jordan." <i>Middle East Law and Governance</i> 9(3): 267-281.	

	<p>2015. "Sweet Tea and Cigarettes: A Taste of Refugee Life in Jordan." <i>Forced Migration Review</i> 49: 93-94.</p> <p>2011. "Western Sahara and Palestine: A Comparative Study of Colonialisms, Occupations, and Nationalisms." <i>New Middle Eastern Studies</i> 1: 1-20.</p>
Book Chapters	<p>2024. "Sampling Hard-to-Reach Populations," in <i>Doing Good Qualitative Research</i> edited by Jennifer Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>2022. "Migration and Displacement," with Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad, and Wendy Pearlman. In <i>The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research</i> edited by Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Media: POMEPS podcast, November 2022</p>
Working Papers	<p>"Refugees' Nonviolent Agency in Civil War: Evidence from Syrian Facebook Communities" with Alexandra Siegel. <i>Revise and resubmit</i>.</p> <p>* Best Paper Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section (ENMISA), International Studies Association, 2024 *</p>
Works in Progress	<p>Disaster in Displacement: Refugee Responses to the 2023 Turkey-Syria Earthquakes</p> <p>Going Home in War: Ukraine Refugees and Returnees, with Neonila Glukhovid, Matej Jungwirth, and Sarah Moore</p>
Book Reviews	<p>2016. "Counting Islam: Religion, Class, and Elections in Egypt by Tarek Masoud." <i>Arab Studies Journal</i> 24 (1): 335-339.</p> <p>2014. "Refugees of the Revolution: Experiences of Palestinian Exile by Diana Allan." <i>Journal of Refugee Studies</i> 27(2): 305-307.</p>
Grants & Fellowships	<p><i>External Grants and Fellowships</i></p> <p>Council of American Overseas Research Centers, ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Amman, Jordan, 2016</p> <p>ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Bucerius Fieldwork Grant, 2016-2017</p> <p>Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, 2015</p>

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Campus Research Board, UIUC, Humanities Release Time Award for AY 2024 – 2025

Campus Research Board, UIUC, Research Support Award, 2024

Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Graduate Student Fellow, 2018 – 2020

Northwestern University, Mellon Foundation MENA Cluster Fellow, 2013 – 2018

Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Dispute Resolution Research Center grant, 2016-2017

Department of Political Science Northwestern University, funding for methodological training and summer research, 2014, 2016, 2017

Buffett Institute, Northwestern University, Dissertation Research and Middle East Research travel awards, 2014, 2017

Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Howard Scholarship full tuition funding, 2011-2012

Teaching

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

* denotes placement on List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent

** denotes placement on List, plus instructor ratings were outstanding

Rise Up: Organizing Resistance, fall 2023**; fall 2022*

Forced Migration and Refugees, fall 2022**

Northwestern University, Georgetown University, and American University teaching experience available upon request

Service

Service to the profession

Referee, journals: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics* (x3), *International Interactions*, *International Studies Review*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Third World Quarterly* (x2), *International Security* (x3), *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Refugee Studies* (x2), *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*

Referee, books: Columbia University Press (2022)

Referee, fellowships and grants: National Science Foundation (2023); WZB Berlin, Hard-to-Reach Populations in Political Science Research grant (2022)

APSA Middle East and North Africa Politics Section, newsletter editorial board, 2022 – 2025

APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, George Article Award, committee member 2020 – 2021

Service to the university

Faculty Advisory Committee, Global Studies Program, UIUC 2023 – 2024

Foreign Language and Area Studies Application Review Committee, Center for South Asian and Middle East Studies, UIUC 2023

Service to the department

Awards Committee, 2023-2024

Graduate Affairs Committee, 2022 – 2023

Prospectus Committees: Søren Warland; Younghyun Lee; Liliana Brock; Aleena Khan

Undergraduate Honors Theses: Nicole Ward '23; Christie Chrones '24; Rayna Patel '24

Service to the community

Feeding Our Kids, volunteer, Champaign, IL, 2022 – 2024

English tutor, Refugee and Immigrant Community Services, Heartland Alliance, Chicago, 2018

English instructor, United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Damascus, Syria, 2009

**Awards &
Recognition**

Writing Awards

Best Paper Award, Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section (ENMISA), International Studies Association, for “Nonviolent Action in Civil War Borderlands” with Alexandra Siegel, 2024

Alexander L. George Article Award, Honorable Mention, APSA Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, for “Hard-to-Survey Populations and Respondent-Driven Sampling,” 2020

Independent Publisher Book Awards (“IPPY”), Bronze Medal, Current Events I, for *As Ohio Goes*, 2017

Creative Nonfiction Essay Prize, English Department, Northwestern University, for “On Shale and Chestnuts,” 2014

Willard G. Oxtoby Essay Prize, The Graduate School, Georgetown University, for paper on the Israel-Palestine Conflict, 2010

Recognitions

Minar Prize for Community Enrichment by a Graduate Student, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, 2018

Amos Perlmutter Award for Excellence in Comparative Politics, School of Public Affairs, American University, 2008

Workshops, Conferences & Presentations *Invited Presentations, External*

Midwest Institute for International Education, workshop on Global Justice, Human Rights, and Dignity, presentation on forced displacement, May 2023

Michigan State University, Mixed Methods Workshop, Methods Workshop and Minority Politics Lab, invited expert, April 2023

University of Connecticut, Middle East Studies Lecture Series and Department of Political Science, presentation on “Activism in War,” March 2023

Norwegian Institute for International Affairs, Research Design and Methods Seminar, presentation on Respondent-Driven Sampling, April 2022

WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Hard-to-Reach Populations in Political Science Research, presentation on Respondent-Driven Sampling, March 2022

Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, Global Responses to Displacement: The Future of R2P and the Global Compact on Refugees, book launch discussant remarks, 2021

Zeit Stiftung virtual alumni meeting to discuss *As Ohio Goes* and Trump’s Legacy, 2021

Democratic Women’s Caucus, U.S. House of Representatives, virtual forum to discuss *As Ohio Goes*, 2020

IE University School of Global & Public Affairs, U.S. Election panel, 2020

Lakeland Community College, Center for International Education, OH, 2020

United States Senator Sherrod Brown, Staff Retreat, Cleveland, OH, 2019

“The Syrian Crisis: Demilitarizing the Conflict and the Conversation,” Women Against War, Chicago, IL, 2014

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Diplomatic Academy, ‘Introductory Course on the Middle East,’ Singapore, 2011

Invited Workshops, External

George Washington University, Humanitarian Action Initiative, workshop on “The Power and Politics of Localization,” February 2024

Princeton University, Institute for Transregional Study, workshop on “Civil Conflict and its Aftermath in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa, April 2022

Columbia University, Research Ethics in the Middle East and North Africa, Winter Seminar 2021, and working group on Methods of Inquiry 2021 – 2022

Princeton University, Bobst Center—American University of Beirut Collaborative Initiative workshop on “The Politics of Everyday Contestation in the Arab World,” Beirut, Lebanon, 2020, *postponed due to COVID-19*

George Washington University, POMEPS book workshop on “State of the Field in Middle East Political Science,” 2019, 2020

University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House, workshop on “Vicious Cycles: Toward a Research Agenda on Refugee Return and Repeat Migration,” 2019

Lebanese American University, GIGA IMES/LAU Research Platform Conference on the politics of reception, Lebanon, 2017

University of Southern California, POMEPS workshop on “Refugee and Migration Movements in the Middle East.” 2017

LSE Middle East Centre symposium on “The Long-term Challenges of Forced Migration,” London, UK, 2016

Invited Panels and Roundtables, External

Johns Hopkins University, SAIS Media and Politics Initiative, panel presentation on the “Politics of Social Media and Disaster Response,” March 2023

UC San Diego, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, panel on “Refugees and the War in Ukraine,” April 2022

Victory Gardens Theater, “Rebuilding Home in Exile,” Chicago, IL, 2019

School of the Art Institute, “Bilad al-Sham United: A conversation with SJP on Syria, refugees, and US policy in the Middle East,” Chicago, IL, 2018

“Coming Home to Syria: Feasibility and Preconditions,” Käte Hamburger Dialogue at the Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg, Germany, 2017

Invited Presentations, Internal

“Activism in War,” Center for South Asian and Middle East Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, *scheduled September 2023*

Ethics and the Institutional Review Board, Workshop on Conducting Fieldwork, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, May 2023

“Teaching Reflection through Virtual Reality,” Annual Faculty Retreat, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, March 2023

“Issues in Migration and Displacement,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Emerging Scholars Program, Northwestern University, 2021

“President Trump and Foreign Policy in the Middle East,” NU Middle East Review, Northwestern University, 2017

“The MENA refugee crisis.” Multiple presentations prepared for Northwestern undergraduate student groups including: Alternative Student Breaks, Amnesty International, and International Student Association, 2016

“MENA: 2015 in Review (and what to look for in 2016),” MENA Studies Program, Northwestern University, 2016

“The Rentier State and Authoritarianism in the Middle East,” Institute of Southeast Asian Studies ‘Energy Forum’, National University of Singapore, 2011

Workshops, Internal

Population Health and Armed Conflict, University of Illinois, 2023

Book workshop, my manuscript, Princeton University 2022

IR Faculty Colloquium, Princeton University, 2021

Comparative Politics Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017, 2019

Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University, 2017

Middle East and North African Studies graduate student colloquium,
Northwestern University, 2014

Conferences

American Political Science Association annual meeting, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023,
scheduled 2024

International Studies Association annual convention, 2015, 2019, 2021, 2023

Southern Political Science Association, Conference within a Conference: “The
Politics of Migration,” 2020, 2023, 2024

Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, 2017, 2018

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) annual conference, 2020

ASA Sociology of Development Conference, University of Notre Dame, 2019

Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Science Conference, 2019

**Skills &
Training**

Skills

Languages: Modern Standard Arabic, proficiency
Levantine Colloquial Arabic, proficiency

Software: R, Stata, Qualtrics, RDS-Analyst, LaTeX

Methodological Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2018

Northwestern University and Duke University, “Research Design for Causal
Inference Workshop,” Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law, 2017

World Health Organization Collaborating Center, “Training workshop in design
and implementation of respondent driven sampling (RDS) and RDS Data
Analysis,” University of Zagreb, Croatia, 2016

Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques, “Probability and Non-
Probability Sampling Methods,” University of Michigan, 2016

Teaching Training

Practicum in Foundations of Online Teaching, Digital Learning, Northwestern
University, 2020

Teaching Certificate, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University,
2016

Other Writing

“The U.N. says Syrians can keep getting international aid from Turkey — for now. Here’s what’s at stake.” *The Washington Post—Monkey Cage*. 23 July 2021.

“Rex Tillerson’s Magical Thinking on Syria.” *Los Angeles Times*, p. A13. 28 January 2018.

“Finding Home in War: The history—and limitations—of the international refugee regime.” *Lapham’s Quarterly*. 2017.

“Trajectories of Activism among Syrian Refugees.” In *Refugees and Migration Movements in the Middle East*. POMEPS Studies 25. 2017.

“Refugees’ Contentious Politics and the Case of Syrian Activists in Jordan.” In *The Long-term Challenges of Forced Migration: Perspectives from Lebanon, Jordan, and Iraq*. LSE Middle East Centre Collected Papers 6. 2016.

“Obama versus Romney on the Middle East.” *Al Jazeera English*. Co-authored with Michael C. Hudson. 17 September 2012.

“What is Ohio’s Middle Class?” *The Huffington Post*. 15 August 2012. (Additional articles on American politics written for *The Huffington Post* can be found [here](#).)

“Syria at Risk? A Country Divided.” *Middle East Insights*, Middle East Institute, Singapore, No. 19, 30 March 2011.

“Why it Matters to Asia: Much at Stake in Arab Crisis.” *The Straits Times*, Singapore, 26 February 2011. Co-authored with Michael C. Hudson and Mary E. Stonaker.

Media

Newspaper

The Intercept, February 2023

The New York Times, February 2022

Podcast

POMEPS Middle East Political Science Podcast, November 2022, February 2023

The Postindustrial Podcast, May 2020

Television

WGTE “Deadline Now,” Toledo, Ohio, June 2016

Channel News Asia, Singapore, January 2011

Radio

NPR All Things Considered, February 2022

91.5 KJZZ, Phoenix, Arizona, January 2018

91.7 WVXU, Cincinnati, Ohio, June 2017

Danish Public Broadcasting, Denmark, May 2017

Jefferson Public Radio, Oregon, June 2016
Live from the Heartland Show, Chicago, Illinois, May 2016

Non-	Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Academic	Publications Executive, 2011
Employment	Executive Assistant/Assistant Manager, 2010-2011

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