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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**University of Southern California** July 2020 - present  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Middle East Studies

**Yale University** March 2019 - June 2020  
Post-Doctoral Associate and Lecturer, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, MacMillan Center, Department of Political Science

September 2018 - March 2019  
Pre-Doctoral Associate and Lecturer, Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy, MacMillan Center, Department of Political Science

**Harvard Kennedy School of Government** 2017-2018  
Pre-Doctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Comparative political economy, inequality and redistribution, rural politics, authoritarianism, historical legacies, Middle East politics, quantitative methods, field and qualitative methods.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford**  
DPhil in Politics 2013 - 2019  
MPhil in Modern Middle East Studies (Dissertation awarded Distinction) 2011 - 2013

**Boston University** 2005-2009  
BA in History and Islamic Studies, Minor in Muslim Civilizations  
Awarded *summa cum laude* with Distinction, Phi Beta Kappa

**Additional Training**  
ICPSR Summer Program (Machine Learning, MLE, Causal Inference) 2019  
Applied Geographic Information Systems, Virginia Commonwealth University 2010  
Critical Language Scholarship (Advanced Arabic), Amman Jordan 2009  
Arabic Language Institute (Advanced Arabic), American University in Cairo 2008  
Middlebury Summer Language School (Arabic) 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Manuscript (in progress)

- *Regressive Redistribution: The Politics of Inequality in Post-Colonial Autocracies.*

### Peer Reviewed Articles

- Cheng, C., J. Barceló, A.S. Hartnett, R. Kubinec, and L. Messerschmidt (2020). COVID-19 Government Response Event Dataset (CoronaNet v.1.0). *Nature: Human Behaviour*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-0909-7>.
- Hartnett, A.S. (2018). "The Effect of Refugee Integration on Migrant Labor in Jordan." *Review of Middle East Studies*, 52(2), 263-282.

## Book Chapters

- Hartnett, A.S. (2021). “The Arab Spring.” *Oxford Bibliographies in Political Science*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199756223-0337> (Peer-Reviewed)
- Cammett, M., A.S. Hartnett, and G. Koehler-Derrick (2021). “Colonial Legacies and Welfare Provision in the Middle East and North Africa.” *Oxford University Press Handbook on Politics of Muslim Societies*, edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones. <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190931056.013.11> (Peer-Reviewed).

## Encyclopedia Entries

- Entries for Energy Policy in Egypt, Jordan, Libya, and Qatar. *Encyclopedia of Energy*. Golson Media: Croton-on-Hudson, New York, 2011.

## Book Reviews

- Review of *Globalization and Social Movements: Islamism, Feminism and Social Justice*, 2nd ed. by Valentine Moghadam. *St. Antony’s International Review* 10, No. 1 (May 2014): 135-37.

## Working Papers

- “After the Commons: Legacies of Colonial Land Privatization on Economic Opportunity in Jordan.”
- “The Glorious Revolution that Wasn’t: Rural Elite Conflict and Demand for Democratization,” with Mohamed Saleh (LSE).
  - Awarded Best Paper on Social Entrepreneurship and Inclusion (APSA Inequality Section 2021) and Best Paper Honorable Mention (APSA MENA Section 2022).
- “Pre-Colonial Elite Representation Under In-Direct Rule: Evidence from Khedival Egypt,” with Mohamed Saleh (LSE).
- “Surviving Decolonization: Elite Expropriation and Autocratic Leader Tenure in Post-Colonial Contexts.”
- “The Colonial Origins of State Repression in MENA,” with Elizabeth Nugent (Princeton) and Nicholas Lotito (Princeton).
- “In the Shadows? Informal Enterprise and the State in Jordan,” with Kristin Fabbe (Harvard) and Steve Monroe (Yale-NUS).
- “Does Aid Buy Trust? Evidence from Poland,” with Alexander Gard-Murray.

## Works in Progress

- “Selectorate Dynamics in Autocracies: colonial and post-colonial minister appointments in the Middle East and North Africa.”
- “Students Into Iraqis: The Politics of Education in Ba’athist Iraq,” Christiana Parreira (Geneva).
- “Private Education and the Public Sector: Evidence from Jordan,” with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick (NYUAD) and Melani Cammett (Harvard).
- “Official Islam: Why Do Governments Invest in Religious Education?” with Ahmed Ezzeldin Mohamed (Toulouse).

## Policy Papers, Opinion Pieces, and Essays

- “Drastic Measures: Coercive Enforcement and Economic Effects of Pandemic Suppression in Jordan,” with Ezzedeen al-Natour and Laith al-Ajlouni. *POMEPS Special Issue: The COVID-19 Pandemic in the Middle East and North Africa*, April 2020.
- “Making the Economy Political in Jordan’s Tax Revolts,” with Laith al-Ajlouni. *Middle East Report Online*, February 24, 2019.
- “Can Jordan’s New Prime Minister Reform the Government?” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage Blog*, June 8, 2018.

- “Historical Legacies of State Building in MENA Social Policy,” POMEPS Studies 31: Social Policy in the Middle East, October 2018.
- “Guidance on Infrastructure in Post-Conflict Fragile States,” prepared with Greg Wilson for the DFID Stabilisation Unit, 2016.
- “Protest, Unrest, and State-Society Relations.” International Peace Institute, 2014.

## SELECTED QUANTITATIVE DATASETS

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1. CoronaNet Government Response Database
2. MENA Land Reform Database ( $N= 1200$  country-year observations)
3. Jordanian Parliamentarian Biographical Dataset, with Laith al-Ajlouni.
4. Middle East and North Africa Colonial and Post-Colonial Minister Biographical Database (Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia complete, remaining countries in progress).

## FIELDWORK AND MENA REGION EXPERIENCE

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Jordan	2009 (3 months), 2012 (1 month), 2014 (1 month) 2016 (12 months), 2017 (3 months), 2018 (2 months)
Egypt	2008 (6.5 months)
Morocco	2014-2015 (2.5 months)
UK and USA archival research	2015-2017 (6 months)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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APSA MENA Section Best Paper Honorable Mention	2022
APSA Inequality Section Best Paper on Entrepreneurship and Inclusion - Faculty	2021
USC Center for International Studies Undergraduate Research Assistant Grant	AY2020
USC Center for International Studies Graduate Research Assistant Grant	AY2020, AY2021
ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, Amman, Jordan (17,600 USD)	2018
Best Post-Graduate Teacher Award, Oxford University Student Union	2017
Centre for British Research in the Levant Fellowship, Amman, Jordan (7000 GBP)	2016
Writing-Up Grant, Department of Politics and International Relations, Oxford (1500 GBP)	2015
Mellon-Chester Scholarship for Field Research, Department of Politics, Oxford (800 GBP)	2014
Junior Deanship, Keble College, Oxford (24,000 GBP)	2013-2015
A.E. Haigh Merit Studentship, Corpus Christi College and DPIR, Oxford (24,000 GBP)	2013-2015 Stone
Family Foundation Professional Development Grant (2,500 GBP)	2013
Carr-Stahl Fieldwork Grant, St. Antony's College, Oxford (500 GBP)	2012
Jordan Fulbright ETA Fellowship, Jordan (declined to attend University of Oxford)	2011
US Department of State Critical Language Scholarship Advanced Arabic, Jordan (8,000 USD)	2009
Richard E. Katz Prize in Religion, Boston University (1000 USD)	2009
University Merit Scholarship, Boston University (half-tuition scholarship)	2005-2009

## SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Southern California** 2020-2021  
*Department of Political Science and International Relations*

- POSC 499 Colonialism and Decolonization in the Middle East and North Africa (U Seminar, Fall 2022)
- IR 499 State Building and Institutions in the Middle East and North Africa (U Seminar, Spring 2021)
- POIR 641 Comparative Politics II (G Seminar, Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2024)
- POSC 120 Comparative Politics (U, Fall 2020, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

**Yale University** 2018-2020  
*Lecturer, Department of Political Science*

- Political Economy of the Middle East (U Seminar, Spring 2020)
- The Political Economy of Authoritarianism (U/G Seminar, Spring 2019)
- MA Thesis Co-Supervisor (2019-2020, 1 student)
- Undergraduate Senior Thesis Supervision (2019, 2 students; 2020, 2 students)

**University of Oxford** 2013 - 2018  
*Departmental Instructor (Tutorial-based)*

- Best Postgraduate Teacher Award from the Oxford University Student Union (2017)
- Dissertation supervisor for undergraduate politics thesis (2017-2018)
- Middle East Politics (2013-2017)
- Quantitative Methods for Politics and Sociology (2014-2015)

## INVITED TALKS

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\* indicates a postponement or cancellation due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**AY 2023-2024:** ◊ Claremont Graduate University (Fall 2023) ◊ UC San Diego (Winter 2024) ◊ UC Riverside (Winter 2024)

**AY 2021-2022:** USC CIS Comparative Politics Workshop (Fall 2021) ◊ Claremont Graduate University (Spring 2022)

**AY 2020-2021:** USC CIS Comparative Politics Workshop (Fall 2020)

**AY 2019-2020:** Yale University, Comparative Politics Workshop (Spring 2020) ◊ Wesleyan University Department of Political Science ◊ Harvard MENA Poverty Workshop\*

**AY 2018-2019:** Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar (Spring 2019).

**AY 2017-2018:** American Center for Oriental Research (Amman, Jordan), Fellow Lecture Series ◊ Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Fellow Lecture Series ◊ Columbia University Middle East Global Center (Amman), Jordan ◊ Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Panel on the Kurdish Independence Referendum.

**AY 2016-2017:** London School of Economics, Land, Institutions, and Conflict Workshop ◊ Columbia University Middle East Global Center (Amman, Jordan) ◊ Nottingham Trent University, Department of Politics.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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Southern California Political Economy Workshop 2022

XIX World Economic History Congress, Paris, France 2022

Workshop in the Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (PEMENA), Harvard University

2022

American Economic Association, Annual Meeting	2022
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016 - 2024
CEPR Economic History Symposium	2021
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016, 2017, 2019, 2020*, 2022
Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting	2014, 2016 - 2021*(rescheduled to 2022)
Association for Analytic Learning about Muslim Societies, Annual Meeting	2018, 2020*, 2021, 2023
POMEPS Junior Scholar Working Paper Workshop	2021
POMEPS Junior Scholar Book Workshop	2019
Parliaments Under Fire Conference	2019
New England Middle East Politics Working Group	2018
POMEPS Annual Conference	2018
POMEPS Workshop on Social Policy in MENA	2018
Nuffield College New Politics of Authoritarianism Conference	2017
International Society for New Institutional Economics (now SOIE), Annual Meeting	2014

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

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<b>Programming</b>	R, Stata, Python, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X
<b>Software &amp; Tools</b>	Geographic Information Software (ArcGIS and QGIS)
<b>Languages</b>	English Native
	Arabic: Modern Standard, Jordanian Professional Fluency
	Egyptian Intermediate
	French Advanced
	Polish Heritage Speaker

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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### Service to the Discipline

- Board Member-At-Large, APSA MENA Steering Committee (2022-2024)
- APSA MENA Program co-chair (2024 Annual Meeting)
- Best Dissertation Prize Committee, APSA Inequality Section

### University of Southern California

- USC Center for International Studies Comparative Politics Workshop (co-convenor AY 2022-23, convenor 2023-24)
- Departmental Undergraduate Studies Committee
- PhD Candidate Committee Member (Tolulope Babalola)
- PhD Student Qualifying Examinations Committees (N=2) (AY 2021-2022)
- Search Committee Member, Black and Indigenous Politics (Fall 2021)

### Reviewer

- *American Political Science Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Journal of Political Institutions and Political Economy*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Economics of Transition and Institutional Change*, *Industrial and Labor Relations Review*