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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**Yale University** March 2019 - Present  
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 politics and political economy, authoritarianism, political sociology, state formation, redistribution, economic development, Middle East politics, quantitative methods, qualitative and field methods.

## EDUCATION

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**University of Oxford**  
DPhil in Politics (received March 2019) 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, Game Theory) 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 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book Manuscript (in progress)

- *Independent Autocrats: Redistributive Legacies of Colonial Rule in the Middle East and North Africa.*

### Peer Reviewed Articles

- Hartnett, A.S. (2018). "The Effect of Refugee Integration on Migrant Labor in Jordan." *Review of Middle East Studies*, 52(2), 263-282.

## Under Review

- “Elite Expropriation and Autocratic Leader Tenure in Post-Colonial Contexts.”
- “In the Shadows? Informal Enterprise and the State in Jordan,” with Kristin Fabbe and Steve Monroe.
- “Does Aid Buy Trust? Evidence from Poland,” with Alexander Gard-Murray.

## Book Chapters

- “Colonialism and Long-Run Economic Development in MENA.” with Gabriel Koehler-Derrick and Melani Cammett (to be included in the *Oxford University Press Handbook on Politics of Muslim Societies*, edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones. *In progress*.)

## 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

- “Colonial Legacies and Coercive State Building: Evidence from Iraq.”
- “The Colonial Origins of State Repression in MENA,” with Elizabeth Nugent and Nicholas Lotito.

## Works in Progress

- “Selectorate Dynamics in Autocracies: Colonial and Post-Colonial Minister Appointments in the Middle East and North Africa.”
- “Taxation and Representation Under Autocracy: Evidence from Jordan,” with Laith Al-Ajlouni.
- “Becoming Jordanian: Development and Citizenship in Rural Jordan,” with Carol Palmer.

## Policy Papers, Opinion Pieces, and Essays

- “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.

## 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)

## QUANTITATIVE DATASETS

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1. MENA Land Reform Database ( $N = 1200$  country-year observations)
2. Middle East and North Africa Colonial and Post-Colonial Minister Biographical Database (Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt complete, remaining countries in progress)
3. Hashemite Parliamentary Elites Biographical Dataset (coverage of all MPs in Hashemite Iraq (1925-1958) and Jordan (1931-2019))
4. Legislating in Non-Democracies: a comprehensive dataset of laws passed in MENA states (1945-2017) with Mounir Mahmalat (*in progress*).
5. Middle East and North Africa Historical Data Archive (MENA HDA) project with Melani Cammett and Gabriel Koehler-Derrick (*in progress*).

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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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. Antonys 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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<b>Yale University</b> <i>Lecturer, Department of Political Science</i>	2018-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Political Economy of the Middle East (U/G Seminar, Spring 2020)</li><li>· The Political Economy of Authoritarianism (U/G Seminar, Spring 2019)</li><li>· MA Thesis Co-Supervisor (2019-2020, 1 student)</li><li>· Undergraduate Senior Thesis Supervision (2019, 2 students)</li></ul>	
<b>University of Oxford</b> <i>Departmental Instructor (Tutorial-based)</i>	2013 - 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Best Postgraduate Teacher Award from the Oxford University Student Union (2017)</li><li>· Dissertation supervisor for undergraduate politics thesis (2017-2018)</li><li>· Middle East Politics (2013-2017)</li><li>· Politics in Europe (2015, 2017)</li><li>· Quantitative Methods for Politics and Sociology (2014-2015)</li></ul>	
<b>British Institute in Amman, Jordan</b> <i>Convenor</i>	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Political Economy of Rural Development in MENA</li></ul>	

## INVITED TALKS

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### AY 2018-2019

- University of Wisconsin - Madison, Department of Political Science ◊ Yale University, Leitner Political Economy Seminar.

### 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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POMEPS Junior Scholar Book Workshop	2019
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016 - 2019
Midwest Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2016, 2017, 2019
Association for Analytic Learning about Muslim Societies, Annual Meeting	2018
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
Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting	2014, 2016 - 2019
International Society for New Institutional Economics (now SOIE), Annual Meeting	2014

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### Consulting

- The World Bank (Jordan) 2018
- UK Department for International Development (DFID) and Adam Smith International 2016
- International Peace Institute 2014

### Data and Language Expertise

- GIS Analyst, WaterSHED Asia, Phnom Penh, Cambodia 2013
- Arabic Translation, International Dispute Resolution Specialist, Crowell & Moring LLP, Washington, DC and London, UK 2010-2013

## 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: MSA, Levantine, Egyptian Professional Fluency
	French Advanced
	Polish Heritage Speaker

## REFERENCES

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