

# Amanda Rizkallah

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Harvard University

Pre-doctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, 2015-2016

### EDUCATION

University of California Los Angeles

Ph.D. in Political Science, expected 2016

Committee: Barbara Geddes (chair), Michael Ross, James DeNardo, and Adam Moore

Dissertation: *Coffins and Castles: The Political Legacies of Civil War*

M.A. in Political Science, 2010.

B.A. in Political Science and Spanish (minor), 2008.

Summa Cum Laude, College Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Comparative Politics (civil war, political violence, politics of displacement, post-conflict elections & development, democratization, ethnic politics)
- International Relations (security, international intervention)
- Middle East Politics

### WORKING PAPERS

“The Electoral Legacies of War”

“Civil War Displacement and Post-War Politics in Beirut”

“The Consequences of Militarizing Sectarian Conflict: The Case of Post-War Lebanon”  
(*Revise & Resubmit*)

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Legacy Effects of Wartime Territorial Control on Post-War Violence”

“The Effect of Displacement on Political Identities and Attitudes: Evidence from Lebanon”  
(*In design stage*)

“Popular Support for a Sectarian Quota System: a Survey Experiment” (with Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl)  
(*In design stage*)

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

### EXTERNAL

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2015-2016

Herbert F. York Global Security Dissertation Fellowship, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), 2015-2016

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2015

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, 2013

Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, 2009

### INTERNAL (UCLA)

Department nominee for Distinguished Teaching Award, 2015

Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Fellowship, 2014-2015

Department of Political Science Summer Travel/Research Grant, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015

Foundation Alumni Scholarship, 2013-2014

Charles F. Scott Fellowship, 2012-2013

Affiliates Scholarship, 2012-2013

Graduate Research Mentorship, 2011-2012

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, 2010

UC President's Scholarship, 2007

## PRESENTATIONS

Middle East Studies Association, expected 2016

Yale Program on Order, Conflict and Violence Workshop, 2016

Harvard Department of Government Middle East Politics Workshop, 2016

American Political Science Association, 2013, 2015

Project on Middle East Political Science, 2015

The Ashburn Institute, 2015

Midwest Political Science Association, 2011, 2012

UCLA Comparative Politics Association, 2012

## INVITED TALKS

Herb York Global Security Fellows Symposium, expected 2016

Harvard Middle East Initiative Public Seminar Series, 2016

Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, 2016

## TEACHING

### INSTRUCTOR

Civil War: Dynamics, Resolution, and Recovery, 2015

*Selected as part of Collegium of University Teaching Fellows program*

Government and Politics of the Middle East, 2014

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Diplomacy and War, Robert Trager, 2014

Political Economy of Development, Michael Ross, 2012

Great Power Intervention in the Middle East, Steven Spiegel, 2011

Islam and Politics, Leonard Binder, 2010

Government and Politics of Post-Soviet Russia, Daniel Treisman, 2010

International Relations of the Middle East, Leonard Binder, 2009, 2010

### GUEST LECTURER

Terrorism and Insurgency, 2015

Freshman Seminar: US Values vs. US Interests in Middle East Diplomacy 2013, 2014

Introduction to Comparative Politics, 2014

International Relations of the Middle East, 2011

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Michael Ross, 2013-2015

- Arthur Stein, 2012

- Barbara Geddes, 2010-2012

*Assisted in constructing Autocratic Regime Dataset (<http://sites.psu.edu/dictators/>)*

- Steven Spiegel, 2005-2008

## OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Arabic/English Copy Editor and Cultural Advisor, David House Agency, 2013-2014

*An international crisis resource organization, seeking justice and relief for those wrongfully imprisoned abroad*

Assistant to Coordinator, Southern California Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Program, 2006-2013

Arabic Tutor, 2010-2013

Rapporteur, Regional Security and Cooperation Conferences for the Middle East Track II Diplomacy, Center for Middle East Development at UCLA, 2008 and 2011

Intern, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institutions, 2007

## SERVICE

### DEPARTMENT

Presenter, Prospective Graduate Student Research Preview Day, UCLA, 2014, 2015

Presenter, Political Science Methods Reading Group, 2015

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, 2014

President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2011-2012

Political Science Department Representative, Social Science Council, 2010-2011

### PROFESSION

Discussant, UCLA Comparative Politics Association Graduate Conference, 2013, 2014, 2015

Discussant, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2013

Reviewer, *International Security*

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Collegium of University Teaching Fellows Pedagogy Seminar, UCLA, 2014

Social Sciences Dissertation Launchpad, UCLA, 2014

*Making research relevant to solving policy problems*

Research Design for Causal Inference Workshop, Northwestern University, 2010

CAMES Intensive Summer Arabic Program, Advanced Level, American University of Beirut, 2009

## SPECIALIZED SKILLS

*Languages:* Lebanese Dialect of Arabic (native speaker/fluently), Modern Standard Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced)

*Field Work:* Lebanon (July 2011, Fall 2013, June-July 2014), Algeria (August 2011)

*Software:* L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, GIS

## REFERENCES

**Barbara Geddes**

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