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Curriculum Vitae

University of California Los Angeles
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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, Leonard Binder, James DeNardo, and Adam Moore

Dissertation: *Coffins and Castles: How Civil War Networks Shape Post-War Politics*

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)
- International Relations (security, international intervention)
- Middle East Politics

JOB MARKET PAPER

“Militia Territorial Control and Post-War Elections in Lebanon”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Civil War and the Remaking of a Political Elite: A Theory”

“Wartime Territorial Control and the Persistence of Post-War Violence”

“Wartime Displacement and Urban Neighborhood Politics in Beirut”

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

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

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

TEACHING

INSTRUCTOR

Civil War: Dynamics, Reconciliation, 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, *Politics and Policy*, 2012

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/fluent), Modern Standard Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced)
Field Work: Lebanon (July 2011, Fall 2013, June-July 2014), Algeria (August 2011)
Software: Latex, R, GIS

REFERENCES

Barbara Geddes

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