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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Ph.D. Political Science (expected 2025)

GPA: 4.0/4.0

M.Sc. Statistics (expected 2024)

GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

M.A. International Relations, 2019

Thesis: “*Localizando a los hombres desmembrados*: Unpacking Mexican DTOs’ use of extra lethal violence”

Tufts University

Medford, MA

B.A. International Relations and Arabic Language and Literature, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2014

International Experience: Amman, JO (2012, 2013); Jinotega, NI (2013); Erbil, IQ (2014)

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Social Impact

Arlington, VA

Research Consultant

- Identify villages in two regions of Mali for inclusion in study; create maps and collect data on conflict and ethnicity

University of California, Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA

Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Art Stein, Political Science)

June 2020 - Present

- Develop novel direct measure of bilateral state relations from events-based data

Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Graeme Blair, Political Science)

April 2020 - Present

- Review best practices to measure conflict-related PTSD, anxiety, depression in surveys in post-conflict contexts
- Research and evaluate methodological approaches to the study of the social sciences

University of Illinois, Chicago

Chicago, IL

Graduate Student Researcher (Dr. Rebecca Littman, Dept. of Psychology)

June - September 2021

- Conduct systematic review of the literature documenting the effects of participation in violence research

United Nations University

New York, NY

Research Consultant, Centre for Policy Research - Managing Exits from Armed Conflicts

July - October 2020

- Collaborate to develop six surveys of former fighters/community members in Borno State, Nigeria, across two age groups (adults, children) and three languages
- Write and program context-specific surveys, collaborate with Nigerian team, develop protocols and training modules for enumerators and Nigerian research team

RESEARCH POSITIONS CONT'D

Euromonitor International	Chicago, IL
Research Consultant	2019 - Present
Global Market Research Intern	2019
University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Research Assistant, Criminal Governance in Latin America Project (Dr. Ben Lessing)	2018 - 2019
Junior Research Assistant, Armed Orders in South Asia Project (Dr. Paul Staniland)	2017 - 2018
Harvard University	Cambridge, MA
Researcher, The Middle East Negotiation Project at Harvard Kennedy School	2016
Tufts University	Medford, MA
Research Assistant, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Dr. Sulmaan Khan)	2015
Researcher (IRB approved), The Institute for Global Leadership	(Erbil, IQ) 2013-2014
Research Team Member (IRB approved), The Institute for Global Leadership	(Amman, JO) 2013-2014

TEACHING POSITIONS

University of California, Los Angeles	Los Angeles, CA
Teaching Assistant, PS179: Randomized Experiments for Social Change	Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant, PS129: War and Diplomacy	Fall 2021

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Special Collections Research Center, The University of Chicago	Chicago, IL
Graduate Reference Assistant, specializing in work with archival documents	2017-2019
The Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, The Fletcher School	Medford, MA
Finance and Administrative Assistant	2014-2017
The Tufts Daily Newspaper	Medford, MA
Executive Opinion Section Editor	2013-2014
Opinion Section Editor	2011-2013
Tufts Academic Resource Center	Medford, MA
Modern Standard Arabic Tutor	2013-2014

ACHIEVEMENTS

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021 Graduate Student Summer Research Award (2021), University of California, Los Angeles (\$6,000)
- 2018 Mansueto Global Cities Award for a graduate student undertaking novel research on the intersection of urbanization and global affairs, University of Chicago (\$4,000)
- 2014 Tisch College Undergraduate Research Grant, Tufts University (\$1,000)
- 2013 Institute for Global Leadership International Research Grant, Tufts University (\$2,000)
- 2013 New Initiative for Middle East Peace Research Travel Funding, Tufts University (\$1,000)

SELECT HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Graduate Student Research Fellowship (2020-2021), University of California, Los Angeles
- 2019 Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2018 One of 21 students affiliated with the Institute of Politics selected to meet President Obama
- 2018 CGI U 2018 Commitment Maker, Health Education Category, Clinton Global Initiative
- 2018 Fellows Ambassador for Amb. Roberta Jacobson, Institute of Politics, The University of Chicago
- 2018 Full tuition scholarship for master's thesis specialization, University of Chicago Committee on International Relations (one of four recipients)
- 2018 NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship (declined)
- 2018 Finalist, University of Chicago Case Consulting Competition, sponsored by McKinsey
- 2017 Merit-based full tuition scholarship, University of Chicago, Social Science Division
- 2014 Undergraduate op-ed competition winner, *Al Nakhlab Journal on Islamic Civilization*, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- 2013 Bacow/Gordon Endowed Scholarship, Tufts University
- 2013 Empower Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation, The Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University
- 2012 Association of Tufts Alumnae Scholarship, Tufts University

POLICY ANALYSES

- 2017 "Iraq: Finding Peace Again in Dar as-Salam," in: Eileen Babbitt, Arvid Bell, Alain Lempereur, Brian Mandell, and Dana Wolf (2017). *Negotiating Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa: A System Analysis after the Arab Spring, the Iran Nuclear Deal, and the Rise of ISIS*, Harvard Kennedy School Negotiation Project, Cambridge, MA, pp. 232 - 241.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Removing Social Barriers to Women’s Candidacy in Cambodia,” MPSA Presentation with C. Cruz and J. Kim (upcoming)
- 2021 “Removing Social Barriers to Women’s Candidacy in Cambodia,” APSA Presentation with C. Cruz and J. Kim
- 2021 “The Role of Information in State Strategies of Violence: Contemporary China,” WPSA Presentation
- 2019 Presentation of Master’s Thesis to Committee on International Relations, University of Chicago
- 2015 “From the Ivory Tower to the Ivory Trade: Saving Jumbo,” TEDx Tufts presentation (with Sulmaan Khan and Ellen McDonald), April 17.
- 2014 “The Impact of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan and Iraq: A Preliminary Study,” Tufts Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 30.
- 2014 “What’s Next for Iraq?” Presentation in the Iraq Panel for Inquiry, EPIIC Symposium, February 28.

TRANSLATIONS

- 2021 *With Chris Prejean.* “The Story of Arab Islamic Civilization,” Museum Exhibit, Al-Faisal Museum of Arab and Islamic Art, Saudi Arabia.
- 2021 *With Herman Adney, Molly Courtney, Aidan Kaplan, Cara Piraino, Taba Poonawala and Chris PreJean.* “Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2020: Digitization of Culture [تقرير الحالة الثقافية في المملكة العربية السعودية 2020: رقمنة الثقافة واستهلاكه],” Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia.
- 2020 *With Chris PreJean.* Rasheed Al-Khayoon, “An Iranian Jurisprudential Campaign To Silence Grand Ayatollah al-Haydari [إسكات المرجع كمال الحيدري.. حملة فقهية إيرانية.]” King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Saudi Arabia. Access: <https://www.kfcris.com/en/view/post/314>
- 2020 *With Herman Adney, Molly Courtney, Aidan Kaplan, and Chris PreJean.* “Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 2019 [تقرير الحالة الثقافية في المملكة العربية السعودية 2019م],” Ministry of Culture, Saudi Arabia.

SELECT COURSEWORK

Programming

- Research Design, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022 (R)
- Statistics Programming, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021 (R)
- Text as Data, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021 (R)
- Computing for the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2018 (R)
- Programming for Public Policy, University of Chicago, 2017 (Python)
- Introduction to Computer Science, Tufts University, 2016 (C++)

Mathematics

- Matrix Algebra and Optimization, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022
- Statistical Modeling and Learning, University of California - Los Angeles, 2022
- Applied Probability, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021
- Maximum Likelihood, University of California - Los Angeles, 2021
- Research Design, Sampling and Analysis, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Experimental Design, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Bayesian Statistics and Markov Chain Monte Carlo, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Causal Inference for the Social Sciences, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Regression Analysis for the Social Sciences, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Probability and Inference, University of California - Los Angeles, 2019
- Linear Models, University of Chicago, 2018
- Mathematical Foundations of Political Methodology, University of Chicago, 2017

Linguistic

- Arabic-English Translation, University of California - Los Angeles, 2020
- Contemporary Arabic Literature, Tufts University, 2016

SKILLS

Linguistic

- Spanish
- Arabic
- Latin

Technical

- R: data cleaning, formatting, visualization and analysis; statistical analysis
- Excel: data cleaning, formatting, visualization and analysis
- SurveyCTO: writing, programming, editing and administering surveys
- Qualtrics: writing, programming, editing and administering surveys
- Limited experience with HTML/CSS, Python, C, C++

Research

- Survey programming and analysis
- Data collection, tidying, visualization and analysis
- Qualitative data coding
- Archival research
- Project management
- Professional interviews
- Transcription
- Literature reviews
- Translation

