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EDUCATION

George Washington University (2014-present)

- Doctoral Studies, Political Science
- Coursework: Longitudinal and Multilevel Modeling, International Relations of the Middle East, Causal Inference

University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (2011-2014)

- Master of Arts, Political Science
- MA Thesis: “Terrorists or Troublemakers? Regime Survival and Inflating the al-Qaeda Threat”
- Doctoral studies, Political Science
- Coursework: Ordinary Least Squares Regression, General Linear Models, Modeling Latent Variables, Game Theory

Middlebury College Class of 2008 (Graduated with Highest Departmental Honors)

- Bachelor of Arts, Middle East Studies
- Coursework: Middle East Politics, Middle East History, Advanced Arabic
- Honors Thesis: “Power through Participation? The Muslim Brotherhood’s Involvement in Egyptian Participatory Politics”

American University in Cairo (Study Abroad 2006-2007)

- Coursework: Arabic Language, Political Islam, Egyptian Law, Egyptian Politics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

George Washington University Department of Political Science: Teaching Assistant (2014-present)

- Assisted in instructing Introductions to International Relations, and grading for US Foreign Policy course

UNC Chapel Hill Department of Political Science: Teaching and Research Assistant (2011-2014)

- Collected and analyzed Arabic language data related to the Arab Spring, managed undergraduate Research Assistant’s collection of English-language data for Professor Andrew Reynolds
- Collected and coded data on foreign interventions in civil conflicts for Professor Patricia Sullivan
- Served as TA for two introductory-level comparative politics courses, Graduate Research Consultant for advanced International Relations course

National Defense University, College of International Security Affairs: Adjunct Faculty (Sept. 2012-May 2013)

- Built and instructed courses on Political Islam and the socio-political dimensions of Middle Eastern and North African security institutions for active duty military personnel.

The RAND Corporation: Research Assistant (Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2011), Adjunct Researcher/Project Associate (Aug. 2011-present)

Selected projects include:

- ***Defeating al-Qa`ida and Other Adversarial Networks Part I and II:*** Coordinated and assisted in programming advanced qualitative and quantitative tools in ongoing effort to model adversarial networks. Led task combining and synthesizing quantitative findings. Authored final report chapters and short term memoranda.
- ***Analytic Support to Army Special Forces:*** Deployed to Afghanistan to embed with fielded soldiers, collecting data and conducting interviews. Wrote information papers on issues of vital importance to village stability programs and local policing efforts. Carried out research examining historical cases of local policing efforts and drawing implications for US operations in Afghanistan. Authored chapter in publication comparing these operations to Israeli efforts in Southern Lebanon.
- ***Social Science Research and Analysis for Combating Terrorism:*** Deployed to Tampa, FL to embed with military

planners and analysts. Collected, analyzed, and synthesized data from multiple sources on CT efforts. Conducted interviews with US Government officials responsible for implementing US counterterrorism policy. Authored chapter analyzing second, third order effects of counterterrorism operations on terrorist safe havens. Co-authored chapter examining how terrorist groups manage their relationships with tribes and states.

- ***The Huthi Rebellion:*** Collected Arabic language materials to analyze the socio-political context and drivers of the Huthi rebellion in Northwest Yemen. Authored chapters examining the tactics, techniques, and procedures of the Huthi rebels, as well as the ideological communications of Huthi leaders for publication.

Middlebury College Department of Political Science: Research Assistant (2007)

- Gathered Arabic language information from various official websites of Islamist political parties and organizations

Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies: Promoted to Managing Editor (2006-2007)

- Translated and analyzed election monitoring reports and articles from Arabic into English
- Conducted research for the center's Annual Report and Arab Political Parties project
- Managed the center's monthly newsletter, *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced-High, ACTFL Certified), Egyptian colloquial (Intermediate), Hindi-Urdu (Intermediate)
- **Software:** R, LaTeX, Python (elementary), STATA (elementary)
- **Quantitative Methods:** Linear and non-linear regression, Principle Component, Factor, and Latent Class Analyses

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Considering al-Qa'ida's Innovation Doctrine: From Strategic Texts to 'Innovation in Practice,'" *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 25:2, 2013 (co-authored with Brian Jackson)

"Locals Rule: Local Defense in Afghanistan and Beyond," Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, MG-1232-CFSOCCA, 2012 (co-authored with Austin Long, Todd Helmus, Stephanie Pezard)

"Assessing Freedom of Movement for Counterinsurgency Campaigns," Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, TR-1014, 2012 (co-authored with Ben Connable, Jason Campbell, and Gail Fisher)

"Managing the Global and the Local: the Dual Agendas of al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula," *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, 34:2, 2011

"Regime and Periphery in Northern Yemen: The Huthi Phenomenon," Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, MG 9620-IPC, 2010 (co-authored with Barak Salmoni and Madeleine Wells)

PRESENTATIONS & WORKING PAPERS

"Terrorism and International Conflict," working paper (co-authored with Navin Bapat)

"Parliamentary Opposition Under Egyptian Authoritarianism: The Legislative Impact of the Muslim

Brotherhood,” presented at 2013 meeting of the American Political Science Association (co-authored with Quinn Mecham), under review.

“Rebel Organization and Diaspora Support to Insurgencies,” working paper, presented at 2013 meeting of the American Political Science Association (co-authored with Zenghi Pan and Stephen Gent)

“Holier than Thou: The Muslim Brotherhood and its Islamist Contenders,” *Egypt in Transition Geostrategic Intelligence Seminar*, January 2013

“For Every Action, a Reaction: Combining Subject Matter Expertise with Data-Driven Analysis on Counterterrorism,” *79th Military Operations Research Society Symposium*, June 2011

EDITORIAL PUBLICATIONS & TRANSLATIONS

(trans.) Hisham Bastuwisi, Judicial Independence and Democratization, *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, 13:150, 2007 (co-authored with Neil Durnan)

“Taking Stock,” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, 13:150, 2007

“The Devil is in the Details,” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, 13:146, 2007

(trans.) Saad Eddin Ibrahim, “The Political Bankruptcy and Moral Depravity of the Mubarak Regime,” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, 13:151, 2007

“A Setback for Democracy,” *Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab World*, 13:147, 2007 (co-authored with Neil Durnan)

HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS

- **Rumsfeld Fellowship (Rumsfeld Foundation, Academic Year 2015-2016)**
- **New Era in Foreign Policy Conference Scholar (Bridging the Gap Initiative, Spring 2015)**
- **Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (US Department of Education, Arabic: Summer 2012; Urdu: Summer 2013, Academic Year 2013-2014)**
- **Magna Cum Laude (Middlebury College, 2008)**
- **Highest honors (Middlebury College Department of Middle East Studies, 2008)**
- **National Security Education Program Boren Scholarship (US Department of Defense, 2006-2007)**
- **Dana Scholarship (Middlebury College, 2005-2008)**