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EDUCATION

- Sept. 2012 – Present **University of Wisconsin – Madison** Madison, WI
Doctoral Candidate, Department of Political Science
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
M.A. in Political Science granted in May 2013
- 2007 – 2011 **University of Pennsylvania** Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science (with Distinction) and Modern Middle
Eastern Studies, *cum laude*

RESEARCH SUMMARY

My research seeks to understand how experiencing violence influences noncombatants' views of the responsible actors in Iraq and Syria. I ask: why do civilians sometimes support groups that harm them or their communities? I have conducted fieldwork in Lebanon and Jordan, where I interviewed Syrian and Iraqi refugees in Arabic. I am currently completing field interviews in Berlin, Germany. My general research interests include the dynamics of civil war, other forms of political violence, and research methods.

PAST FIELDWORK

- Aug. 2016 - Aug 2017 **Jordan**
I interviewed over seventy Syrians and Iraqis in Amman and border regions near Syria, gathering data about participants' political opinions. and the behavior of armed groups
- Summer 2014 **Beirut, Lebanon**
As an intern for the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project in Beirut, I interviewed Iraqi and Syrian refugees about their conflict experiences and needs in Lebanon. I conducted all interviews in Arabic.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Summer 2016 **Humanitarian Research Services**
Research Intern
Track and write reports on conflict events and living conditions in Aleppo Governorate using open sources; translate Arabic field reports from HRS contacts in Syria
- Summer 2013 **UW-Madison Department of Political Science**
Project Assistant for Professor Nadav Shelef
Located and read primary sources in Arabic to analyze political thought;

used archival data to track the initiation, escalation, and settlement of border disputes in the Middle East and Southeast Asia

Spring 2011

Lustick Consulting

Analyst

Researched political instability and violence in South America; Utilized open-source data in English and Spanish

2008 – 2011

University of Pennsylvania Department of Political Science

Research Associate

Analyzed and identified patterns in Israeli emigration; Investigated South African political dialogue to analyze reactions to the international anti-apartheid movement

PUBLICATION

“What Could a Trump Presidency Mean for Syria?” *Political Violence at a Glance*. 7 December, 2016.

WORKING PAPERS

“Ethnicizing the Delegation of Violence to Militias in Civil War”

“Sectarianism: A Methodological Critique and a Path Forward”

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“The Delegation of Violence to Militias in Syria.” Political Studies Association Annual International Conference. University of Strathclyde. Glasgow, 2017.

“When Fissures Fail: Understanding Change in Sectarianism in Iraq and Syria.” Imperial College London. London, 2016.

“When Islamists Become Nationalists.” Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago. Chicago, 2015.

FELLOWSHIPS and HONORS

2016 Study Foundation of the Berlin House of Representatives Research Grant

2015 Fulbright US Student Award in Amman, Jordan

2015 The American Research Institute of Iraq Research Fellowship

2015 Boren Award (*declined*)

2014 Distinction, Comparative Politics Field Examination

2014 Summer Initiative Grant, UW-Madison Department of Political Science

2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (*declined*)

2012 Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, UW-Madison

2012 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship – Honorable Mention

SKILLS

Languages: Modern Standard Arabic (advanced), Levantine Colloquial Arabic (advanced), Spanish (intermediate), Farsi (beginner). German (intermediate)

TEACHING, SERVICE, & NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Jun 2011 – Present **Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP)**
 Volunteer Translator
 Translate documents and e-mails to and from Arabic

Nov 2011 - May 2012 **Project HOME**
 Employment Specialist
 Helped chronically homeless persons develop educational goals; Monitored the progress of clients who were working or in school

Summer 2011 **Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers (IRT)**
 Intern
 Participated in an intensive pedagogical training camp where I learned and taught critical theory