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EDUCATION

Georgetown University Washington, D.C.
Ph.D. Government (Subfield: International Relations) Summer 2020 (expected)

Dissertation: *Governing the Militia: Insurgent Command and Control in the Levant*
Committee: Daniel Byman (chair), Elizabeth Stanley, and Laia Balcells

Georgetown University Washington, D.C.
M.A. Government (Concentration: International Relations) January 2018

The Ohio State University Columbus, OH
B.A. Political Science and Arabic, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Civil War, Civil-Military Relations, Rebel Organizations, Middle Eastern Politics, Political Ideology

PUBLICATIONS

“The Taliban’s political leaders signed a peace deal — but its military commanders could put that at risk,” *Washington Post’s* The Monkey Cage, March 2020.

“The U.S. finally released military aid to Lebanon. Here’s what it will—and won’t—achieve,” *Washington Post’s* The Monkey Cage, December 2019.

“Context Over Content: Peace Efforts in Aceh’s Insurgency, 1999-2005,” Political Instability Task Force, Civil War Settlements Project, 2018.

Terrorism since 9/11: The American Cases (Columbus, OH: The Mershon Center, Ohio State University, 2014) (with John Mueller).

“Persian, Turkish Departments Cause Stir at LU,” *The Daily Star Newspaper*, July 2012.

“Activist Groups Seek Own Solutions to Country’s Tiresome Traffic Snarls,” *The Daily Star Newspaper*, September 2012.

“Muslim Brotherhood: A Different Breed of Islamists,” Truman National Security Project, July 2011.

Working Papers

“The Enemy of My Enemy: Security Force Integration as Coup-Proofing.”

- Presented at the APSA 2018 Annual Meeting
- Presented at the Georgetown Political Science Graduate Working Group, 2017

“Failure, Reform, and System Stasis: Civil-Military Relations and Israel’s Military Intelligence Directorate.”

- Presented at the ISA 2018 Annual Convention
- Nominated, ISA-Intelligence Studies Best Graduate Student Paper

“Service in a Time of Conflict: Military Manpower Systems and Refugee Flows in Civil Wars.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2020 World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation (\$7500)
2020 Travel, Research, and Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science (\$3000)
2020 Cosmos Scholar Grant, Cosmos Club Foundation (\$2700)
2019-20 Affiliate, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut
2019 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University (\$3750)
2019 Hayek Fund for Scholars Grant, Institute for Humane Studies (\$500)
2019 Lebanon Dissertation Summer Institute, Arab Studies Institute
2019 Summer Research Award, Georgetown Department of Government (\$5000)
2018-19 Graduate Fellow, Mortara Center for International Studies
2018 Conference Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA) (\$100)
2018 Conference Travel Grant, International Studies Association (ISA) (\$300)
2015-20 Graduate Fellowship, Georgetown University

2013 National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations Summer Fellowship (\$1000)
2011 FLAS Fellowship (Arabic), U.S. Department of Education (\$7500)
2010-14 Provost Scholarship, Ohio State (\$10,000)
2010 Ohio Debate State Champion and Top Speaker

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Prof. Alexander Wendt, The Ohio State University, Spring-Summer 2014
Research Assistant to Prof. Lise Howard, Georgetown University, Fall 2015-Summer 2016; 2018
Research Assistant to Prof. Oriana Mastro, Georgetown University, Summer 2017
Research Assistant to Prof. Nita Rudra, Georgetown University, Spring 2018
Research Assistant to Prof. Daniel Nexon, Georgetown University, Summer 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

International Organization

Head Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, Spring 2018 (Professor James Vreeland)

American Foreign Policy

Head Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, Fall 2017 (Professor Robert Lieber)

International Relations

Head Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, Spring 2017 (Professor Andrew Bennett)

Teaching Assistant, Georgetown University, Fall 2016 (Professor Andrew Bennett)

PRESENTATIONS

2019 Georgetown University Graduate Working Group, Washington, DC
2018 CATO Junior Scholars Symposium, Washington, DC
2018 APSA Annual Conference, Boston, MA
2018 ISA Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA
2017 Georgetown University Graduate Working Group, Washington, DC

SKILLS

Research and Analysis: Commercial and Academic Databases, Working in a Foreign Language (Arabic), Interviews, Econometrics, Case Study Methods

Software Proficiency: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office Suite

Languages: Modern Standard and Levantine Arabic (Professional Working Proficiency)
Spanish (Limited Working Proficiency)

Experience Abroad: Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Turkey

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Georgetown University

Graduate Research Assistant

Washington, D.C.

August 2015 — August 2018

- Created a new cross-national, comprehensive data set of left-right political orientations of governing political parties by coding for support for wealth redistribution, union endorsements, and pro-business policies
- Drafted case studies of wartime diplomacy during U.S. interventions in the Gulf War, Kosovo, and Iraq (2003) as part of a book-length research contribution to *The Costs of Conversation: Obstacles to Peace Talks in Wartime* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2019)
- Wrote summaries of the academic and policy literatures on counterinsurgency, the power of arrest, the use of violent and non-violent strategies by non-state groups, and the power of persuasion as part of a research contribution to *Power in Peacekeeping* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019)

World Faiths Development Dialogue

Research Assistant

Washington, D.C.

May 2016 — August 2016

- Analyzed survey data about religious and ethnic values in Senegal, Nigeria, Kenya, and Bangladesh for several different publications on the role of faith in development

- Provided extensive research assistance for a report on the peacebuilding work of faith-inspired organizations in Kenya

International Technology and Trade Associates, Inc.

Middle East Analyst

Washington, D.C.
June 2013 — August 2013

- Briefed clients on important political, economic, and social developments in the Middle East region
- Completed economic, political, and regulatory risk assessments for clients in the upstream and midstream oil and gas sectors

The Daily Star Newspaper

Editorial Intern

Beirut, Lebanon
June 2012 — August 2012

- Provided background research for upcoming stories in Arabic and English
- Updated the paper's archives on political parties, parliament members, and religious leadership in Lebanon

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE

Member: American Political Science Association and International Studies Association

Reviewer: *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Departmental: Georgetown Graduate Political Science Association Cabinet Member