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Academic Appointments Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey

School of Public and International Affairs and Department of Politics

Associate Research Scholar and Lecturer

2022-present

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut

Department of Political Science and Jackson Institute for Global Affairs

Lecturer 2018–2022

Affiliate: MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Council on Middle East Studies, International Security Studies

Education

Columbia University, New York, New York

Ph.D., Political Science 2018

M.Phil., Political Science 2014

M.A., Political Science 2013

Haverford College, Haverford, Pennsylvania

B.A., Magna cum Laude, Political Science (with high honors) 2010

Peer-Reviewed Publications

"In the Army We Trust: Public Confidence in Global South Militaries." With Renanah Miles Joyce. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2024).

"Terrorism in Armed Conflict: New Data Attributing Terrorism to Rebel Organizations." With V. Page Fortna and Michael A. Rubin. *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 39, no. 2 (2022): 214–236.

"Pandemic Performance: Women Leaders in the Covid-19 Crisis." With Andrea S. Aldrich. *Politics & Gender* 16, no. 4 (2020): 960–967.

"Trade-Offs and Public Support for Security Reform during Democratic Transitions." *Middle East Law and Governance* 11, no. 2 (2019): 180–202.

"Don't Bite the Hand that Feeds: Rebel Funding Sources and the Use of Terrorism in Civil Wars." With V. Page Fortna and Michael A. Rubin. *International Studies Quarterly* 62, no. 4 (2018): 782–794.

Book Chapter

"Military Politics in Muslim Societies," in the Oxford Handbook on Politics of Muslim Societies, edited by Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones (2020).

Book Reviews

"Tunisia: A Fledgling Democracy: Tunisia in the Aftermath of the Arab Uprisings, Edited by Mohamed Zayani," *The Middle East Journal* 77, no. 2 (2023): 237–39.

"The Contemporary Middle East in an Age of Upheaval ed. by James L. Gelvin," *The Middle East Journal* 76, no. 2 (2022), 289-290.

Working Papers

"Military Restraint in Protest Response: Theory and Evidence from Tunisia"

"Political Socialization in New Democracies: Legacies of Repression and Pre-Democratic Partisanship," with Alexandra Domike Blackman, Elizabeth R. Nugent, and Daniel Tayana.

"Internal Occupation: The Colonial Origins of Coercion in Egypt," with Allison Hartnett and Elizabeth R. Nugent

Other Writing

"Tunisia's president launched a political crisis. Is it a coup?," The Monkey Cage, Washington Post, 2021.

"Islamism in Civil War," APSA MENA Politics Newsletter 3, no. 1, 2020.

"Public Trust in Arab Armies," Sada: Middle East Analysis, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2018.

Teaching

Princeton University

 POL 430/SPI 424: Military, State and Society 	F23, S25
• SPI 591: Economic Diversification in Saudi Arabia (Policy Workshop)	F24
SPI 594K: Civil-Military Relations	S24

Yale University

 PLSC S111: Introduction to International Relations (Online) 	Sum. 20-21
 PLSC 111/GLBL 268: Introduction to International Relations 	S20
 PLSC/MMES 121: International Relations of the Middle East 	F18-21
PLSC 221: American Extremism	S19-22
GLBL 603: Political Economy of Terrorism	F18-21
GLBL 288/PLSC 465: Civil-Military Relations	S19-22

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

* CONCEDIUAL FOUNDATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL FORMES (INSTRUCTOR) F10-17	•	Conceptual Foundations	of International Politics (Instructor)	F16-17
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Awards & Fellowships

Faculty Teaching Academy, Poorvu Center, Yale University	2020
Cordier Fellowship, School of International and Public Affairs	2016-2018
World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship, Smith Richardson Foundation	2016
AIMS Fellowship, American Institute for Maghreb Studies	2016
Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, NSF	2013
Faculty Fellowship, Columbia University	2011-2016

Conference Presentations

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society
American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting
International Studies Association, Annual Convention

2019, 2021
2015–2018, 2020
2014, 2017, 2019, 2025

Middle East Studies Association	2018-2020
Peace Science Society (International)	2014
Southern Political Science Association	2020

Professional Activities

Referee: American Political Science Review, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Politics, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Political Research Quarterly, Mediterranean Politics, International Interactions, Conflict Management & Peace Science

Fellow, Pierson College
Undergraduate Adviser, Jackson Institute
Admissions Review, Jackson Institute
2020–2022
2020

Admissions Review, Jackson Institute 2020
Faculty Mentor, US Army War College Senior Fellow, Jackson Institute 2019–2022
Invited Lecture, China-Yale Youth Leaders Dialogue 2018
Coordinator, Columbia University International Politics Seminar 2013–2015
Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations & Strategy 2012

Other Experience RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh

Summer Associate (Mentor: Dr. Susan Everingham, Director)

2016

Authored research memo on U.S. assistance for military personnel management.

Research Tools Languages: French (fluent), Arabic (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

Software: R, Stata, Python