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**06/2019 - present**      **Editor, *Mediterranean Politics***  
**01/2017 - 12/2017**      **Research Fellow, Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Middle East Initiative**  
**03/2016 - 06/2019**      **Book Reviews Editor & Research Notes Editor, *Mediterranean Politics***  
**08/2015 - present**      **Global Security Fellow, Howard H. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy**  
**08/2014 - present**      **Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Tennessee**  
**08/2013 - 08/2014**      **Post-doctoral Fellow, Georgetown University, Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Center for International & Regional Studies**

**University of Texas at Austin, 2013 - *Ph.D., Government, Department of Government***  
*Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle East Studies*

**University of Texas at Austin, 2009 - *M.A., Government, Department of Government***

**University of Damascus, Syria, 2007 - *Certificate, Advanced-High Proficiency in Arabic***

**Willamette University, 2006 - *cum laude***

### **AWARDS**

2018 Early-Career Excellence in Research and Creative Achievement Award. University of Tennessee, College of Arts and Sciences.

2019 SERMEISS Book Award (Southeast Regional Middle East & Islamic Studies Society) for *Why Alliances Fail: Islamist and Leftist Coalitions in North Africa*.

2019 SERMEISS Article Award (*honorable mention*) (Southeast Regional Middle East & Islamic Studies Society) for "The Autocrat's Advisors: Opening the Black-Box of Ruling Coalitions in Tunisia's Authoritarian Regime."

### **PEER REVIEWED BOOK**

*Why Alliances Fail: Islamist and Leftist Coalitions in North Africa* (Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2018), 304 pp.

- Reviewed by *Perspectives on Politics, Politics and Religion, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Journal of North African Studies, Mediterranean Politics*, and *Revista de Estudios Internacionales Mediterráneos*.

### **PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS**

"Community-level Postmaterialism and Anti-Migrant Attitudes: An Original Survey on Opposition to Sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East." (with Kristin Fabbe and Kyung Joon Han). *International Studies Quarterly*. *Accepted & forthcoming*.

“Divergent Opposition to Sub-Saharan African and Arab Migrants in Morocco’s Casablanca Region: Prejudice from the Pocketbook?” (with Kyung Joon Han). *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, (2019).

“Judges, Bribes, and Verdicts: How Court Experience Reshapes Attitudes about Judicial Corruption among Morocco’s Most Marginalized.” *Mediterranean Politics*, (2019).

“Who Endorses Amnesty? An Original Survey from Morocco’s Casablanca Region Assessing Citizen Support for Regularizing Clandestine Migrants.” (with Kyung Joon Han). *Review of Middle East Studies (RoMES)*, Vol. 52, No. 2 (2018).

“The Autocrat’s Advisors: Opening the Black-Box of Ruling Coalitions in Tunisia’s Authoritarian Regime.” (with Mehdi Ayari). *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 70, No. 4 (2018).

“Do You Have ‘Connections’ at the Courthouse? An Original Survey on Informal Influence and Judicial Rulings in Morocco.” *Political Research Quarterly*, Vol. 69, No. 4 (2016).

“Continuity through Co-optation: Rural Politics and Regime Resilience in Morocco and Mauritania.” *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 20, No. 3 (2015).

“Labor Demands, Regime Concessions: Moroccan Unions and the Arab Uprisings.” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 1 (2015).

“The Threat to ‘Un-Moderate’: Moroccan Islamists and the Arab Spring.” *Middle East Law and Governance*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (2013).

“Safety-Valve Elections in the Arab Spring: The Weakening (and Resurgence) of Morocco’s Islamist Opposition Party.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 25, No. 1 (2013).

“Urban Bias, Rural Embeddedness: Using the Rural-Urban Divide to Explain Political Party Organizational and Ideological Development in the MENA” in Francesco Cavatorta, Lise Storm, and Valeria Resta (eds.), *Handbook of Political Parties in the Middle East and North Africa*. (with Allison Critcher). Routledge, 2020. *Accepted & forthcoming*.

“Integrating African Migrants? Gauging Citizen Opposition to Migrant Resettlement in Morocco’s Casablanca region.” in Zahra Babar (ed.), *Mobility and Forced Displacement in the Middle East* (with Kyung Joon Han). Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Mauritania’s Uprisings and Aftermath,” in Stephen King and Abdeslam Maghraoui (eds.), *The Lure of Authoritarianism: The Maghreb after the Arab Spring*. (with Mehdi Ayari). Indiana University Press, 2019.

“Labor Protest in Morocco,” in Osama Abi-Mershed (ed.), *Social Currents in North Africa: Culture and Governance after the Arab Spring*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

“Regime Resilience and the Arab Uprisings,” in Richard Gillespie and Frederic Volpi (eds.), *Handbook of Mediterranean Politics*. (with Amnah Ibraheem). Routledge, 2017.

## **REVIEW ARTICLES AND OTHER ESSAYS**

“Surveying Nuclear Attitudes in the Middle East: Perceptions, Misperceptions, and Future Research.” *APSA MENA Politics Section Newsletter*, Vol. 2, No. 2 (2019).

“Ruptures, Reconfigurations, and Revolutions: Political Change in North Africa after the Arab Uprisings.” *Mediterranean Politics*, Vol. 22, No. 4 (2017).

“International Politics and the Arab Uprisings: Survey of Recent Works.” *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (2016).

### *Book Reviews:*

Ostovar Afshon, *Vanguard of the Imam: Religion, Politics, and Iran’s Revolutionary Guards*, *International Studies Review* (2020).

Ann Wainscott, *Bureaucratizing Islam: Morocco and the War on Terror, Politics and Religion* (2019).

Laleh Khalili and Jillian Schwedler, *Policing and Prisons in the Middle East: Formations of Coercion, Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (2015).

Lise Storm, *Party Politics and the Prospects for Democratization in North Africa*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, No. 1 (2015).

Lise Storm, *Party Politics and the Prospects for Democratization in North Africa*, *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 68, No. 1 (2014).

Leila Piran, *Institutional Change in Turkey: The Impact of European Union Reforms on Human Rights and Policing*, *Turkish Studies*, Vol. 15, No. 1 (2014).

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Wither Anti-Westernism? Gauging Public Support for Introducing Nuclear Umbrellas into the Middle East.” (with Arjun Banerjee). *Under review at Security Studies*.

“Thy Neighbor’s Gendarme? How Citizens of Buffer States in the Middle East View European Border Security Externalization” (with Kristin Fabbe and Eleni Kyrkopoulou). *Under review at European Journal of International Relations*.

“From Illegal to Legal Islamists: The Gradual Ruralization of Mauritania’s Islamist Opposition Party.” *Under review at L’Année du Maghreb*.

*Edinburgh Studies on North Africa*. New book series *under review* at Edinburgh University Press.

“Beards, Mustaches, and Power: The Traits of Male Leadership in the Middle East.” (with Freddy Gergis). *Data collection underway*.

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” (with Curtis Bell). *Working paper*.

**GRANTS (2013 - present)**

**Grand Total Applied: \$992,741.5 (Successful: \$184,032; Under review: \$144,472).**

“International Safeguards, Export Control, and Nonproliferation Course for Fall 2022.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. *Under review.*

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee for 2021-22.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy (with Brandon Prins). *Under review.*

“Geopolitical Change and Consideration on Nuclear Expansion: Tracking Russian and Chinese influence in North and sub-Saharan Africa through Nuclear Reactor Sales.” Y-12/U.S. Department of Energy (with Brandon Prins and Krista Wiegand). *Under review.*

“Atomic Alliances: U.S. Nuclear Bases and Democratization in Morocco and Portugal.” Gerald R. Ford Foundation Research Grant. *Successful.*

“Beards, Mustaches, and Power: The Traits of Male Leadership in the Middle East.” 2020 grant from Ellen Lust’s Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD), Gothenburg University. *Successful.*

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee for 2020-21.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. (with Brandon Prins). *Successful.*

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee for 2019-20.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. (with Brandon Prins). *Successful.*

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee for 2018-19.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. (with Brandon Prins). *Successful.*

“Racism and Refugees: Exploring Xenophobia towards sub-Saharan African Migrants in Morocco.” Harvard University, Middle East Initiative, Faculty Research Grant (with Kyung Joon Han and Kristin Fabbe). *Successful.*

“University Engagement for Nuclear Nonproliferation Courses at the University of Tennessee for 2017-18.” Oak Ridge National Laboratory/U.S. Department of Energy. (with Brandon Prins). *Successful.*

“(Mis)managing Authoritarian Coalitions in Tunisia: Minister Survival from Colonial Independence to Democratic Revolution.” University of Tennessee, Scholarly Research and Incentive Fund (2014). *Successful.*

“Exploring Citizen Attitudes toward the Weaponization of Peaceful Nuclear Technology in the Middle East and North Africa.” University of Tennessee, Institute for Nuclear Security (2015). *Successful.*

“Refugees and Racism: An Original Survey on Attitudes of Prejudice toward Arab and Black African Refugees in Morocco.” Georgetown University-Qatar, Center for International and Regional Studies. (with Kyung Joon Han) (2016). *Unsuccessful.*

“Who Supports Authoritarianism? Individual Insecurity and Democratic Rollback in the Middle East.” National Science Foundation. (with Jason Brownlee, University of Texas and Steven Brooke, University of Louisville) (2015). *Unsuccessful*.

“Modeling the Behavior and Geography of Violent Non-State Groups using Arabic, Turkish, and Hindi Sources.” Minerva Research Initiative. (with Brandon Prins, Krista Wiegand, and Hyun Kim) (2015 & 2016). *Unsuccessful*.

“Healthcare for All Gulf Citizens? Geospatial Mapping of Hospital Accessibility in Qatar and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) States.” Qatar National Research Fund (2013). *Unsuccessful*.

### **GRANTS (2006 - 2012)**

“Mauritania fieldwork for 2012.” Project for Middle East Political Science (2012). *Successful*.

“Mauritania fieldwork for 2012.” American Institute for Maghrib Studies (2012). *Successful*.

“Elections Monitor for the 2011 Tunisian Constituent Assembly Elections.” Jimmy Carter Presidential Center (2011). *Successful*.

“Morocco & Tunisia fieldwork for 2010-2011.” U.S. Institute of International Education, David Boren Fellowship (2010). *Successful*.

“Doctoral-level Arabic literature, culture, and politics courses.” University of Texas, Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) (2006). *Successful*.

“Intensive Arabic in Damascus, Syria for 2006-2007.” U.S. Institute of International Education, David Boren Scholar. *Successful*.

### **SKILLS**

Modern Standard Arabic, *Professional Fluency* - reading, writing, speaking  
American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, advanced-high certificate  
French, *Advanced* - reading, speaking

#### *Fieldwork and Language Training in the Middle East and North Africa:*

Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania (Summer 2009; November 2010 - March 2012 for main book fieldwork; shorter trips in 2013 - 2018)

Qatar (August 2013 - July 2014 for post-doctoral fellowship)

Syria (August 2006 - October 2007) (intensive Arabic study)

United Arab Emirates (May 2006 - August 2006; January 2017)

Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Turkey (travel)

#### *Methods Training:*

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute - New York University - Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research - Syracuse University, New York

University of Texas Summer Statistics Institute

#### *Other Professional Training:*

**PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES (partial)**

“Wither Anti-Westernism? Gauging Public Support for Introducing Nuclear Umbrellas into the Middle East.” (with Arjun Banerjee). 2020 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

“Community-level Postmaterialism and Anti-Migrant Attitudes: An Original Survey on Opposition to Sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East.” 2019 Middle East Studies Association Conference.

“Community-level Postmaterialism and Anti-Migrant Attitudes: An Original Survey on Opposition to Sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East.” 2019 American Political Science Association Conference.

“Why Alliances Fail: Islamist and Leftist Coalitions in North Africa.” 2019 Project on Middle East Political Science book talk, George Washington University.

“Why Alliances Fail: Islamist and Leftist Coalitions in North Africa.” 2019 Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa/Middle East and North Africa program, Northwestern University. (*Invited*)

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” 2019 Southern Political Science Association Conference.

“Prejudice from the Pocketbook? Exploring Xenophobia towards Arab and sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).” 2018 Middle East Studies Association.

“Prejudice from the Pocketbook? Exploring Xenophobia towards Arab and sub-Saharan African Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).” 2018 American Political Science Association.

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” 2018 International Studies Association conference.

“Threat Perceptions and Public Support for Nuclear Proliferation in the Middle East: Results from an Original Survey Experiment in Morocco.” 2017 American Political Science Association conference.

“Opening the Black-Box of Authoritarian Coalitions: Minister Retention and the Internal Politics of Tunisia’s Autocratic Ruling Elite.” 2016 University of Alabama workshop. (*Invited*).

“Verdicts, Bribes, Judges: An Original Survey on Citizen Perceptions of Bribe-Paying and Judicial Rulings.” 2016 Middle East Studies Association conference. (*Panel organizer*).

“manhajiyaat jadiida fi bahth al-ra’y al-‘aam” [New Methodologies in Public Opinion Research]. 2016 King Hassan II University workshop in Morocco. (*Invited, Arabic lecture*).

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making.” 2016 Southern Political Science Association conference.

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Citizen Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making in Morocco.” 2015 Alumni Conference, Winter Experiments Institute in the Social Sciences, New York University.

“Do You Have “Connections” at the Courthouse? An Original Survey of Citizen Perceptions of *Wasta* and Judicial Decision-Making in Morocco.” 2015 Middle East Studies Association conference. (*Panel organizer*).

“Continuity through Co-optation in North Africa.” 2015 Project on Middle East Political Science.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### *At University of Tennessee:*

Proxy Member, Graduate Council

Member, Tennessee Initiative for Middle East Studies committee, 2014-2020

Member, Community Advisory Committee for Political Science, 2016

Member, Undergraduate Committee, 2017-2019

Member, Graduate Committee, 2017-2020

Member, Dissertation and Thesis Committees (Allison Critcher, Samantha Okowita)

#### *In Political Science and Middle East Studies:*

Elected to Executive Board, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society

Chair, 2020 book award committee, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society

Chair, 2020 best dissertation committee, APSA Middle East and North Africa section

Assessor, 2020 Leigh Douglas Memorial Prize, British Society for Middle East Studies

Member, 2019 program panel committee for APSA Middle East and North Africa section

Member, American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Member, Middle East Studies Association

Member, American Political Science Association

#### *Peer-Reviewer for Academic Journals:*

*International Studies Quarterly*

*International Security*

*Journal of Conflict Resolution*

*World Politics*

*Comparative Politics*

*Comparative Political Studies*

*Political Research Quarterly*

*Political Science Quarterly*

*Politics and Religion*

*Electoral Studies*

*Governance*

*Foreign Policy Analysis*

*British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*

*Journal of North African Studies*

*Middle East Journal*

*African Studies Review*

*Mediterranean Politics*

*International Journal of Middle East Studies*

*Centaurus* (European Society for the History of Science)

*Terrorism and Political Violence*  
*Middle East Law and Governance*

*Peer-Reviewer for Academic Book Series:*

Cambridge University Press - Middle East Book Series  
Indiana University Press – Middle East Series  
Duke University Press – Middle East Series  
Georgetown University Press  
Purdue University Press – Nuclear Security Series  
Palgrave Press – Security Studies Series  
Lynne-Rienner Publishers - Middle East Book Series

*Courses taught at University of Tennessee:*

POLS 410 - Contemporary Middle East Politics, undergraduate  
POLS 410/595 - Nuclear Politics of the Middle East, undergraduate and graduate  
POLS 574 - Area Seminar in Comparative Government and Politics: Middle East, graduate  
POLS 610 - Special Topics in Comparative Politics: Authoritarianism, graduate

*Personal:*

Boy Scouts of America - Eagle Scout Award, 2001

## **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.