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### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2022-2024 Inaugural Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow  
The University of Arizona, The School of Government and Public Policy

### **EDUCATION**

2022 Ph.D., Political Science, University of California, Davis  
Committee: Matthew S. Shugart (Chair); Lauren Young, Josephine Andrews  
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Middle East and North Africa

2014 M.A., Political Science, Loyola University Chicago  
Subfields: International Relations and Comparative Politics (World Politics)

2009 B.A., Political Science, *cum laude honors*, University of Illinois at Chicago

### **TEACHING**

#### **ASSOCIATE INSTRUCTOR**

2022 The Scientific Study of Civil Wars  
Undergraduate Course | The School of Government and Public Policy |  
University of Arizona

2019 Ethnic Conflict  
Undergraduate Course | Political Science | UC Davis

2017 Introduction to Comparative Politics  
Undergraduate Course | Political Science | UC Davis

#### **TEACHING ASSISTANT**

2019-2020 Introduction to Comparative Politics, Introduction to International Relations | Political  
Science | UC Davis

2016-2017 Introduction to International Relations, Politics of Interdependence | Political Science |  
UC Davis

2015-2016 Ethnicity and Conflict, Introduction to International Relations, Politics and Sports |  
Political Science | UC Davis

2015 Introduction to International Relations, Politics and Inequality | Political Science | UC  
Davis

2014 Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam, Gender & U.S. Foreign Policy | Political  
Science | Loyola University Chicago (Tunisia)

2013 Arab Spring, Democratic Change, Islam, Gender & U.S. Foreign Policy | Political  
Science | Loyola University Chicago (Tunisia)

#### **MENTORING**

2019-2020 Undergraduate Research Mentor | Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis

2016-2020 Graduate Student Mentor | Political Science | UC Davis

2016 Undergraduate Research Mentor | Undergraduate Research Center | UC Davis

## RESEARCH

### INTERESTS

Institutional design and ethnic conflict, non-violent movements, ethnic and indigenous groups, minority rights, territorial autonomy, nationalism and self-determination, ethno-religious minorities in the MENA, qualitative and mixed-methods research.

### UNDER REVIEW

“Verbal Conflict Against the Islamic State Increased Attacks against Civilians.” (with Iliyan Iliev and Brandon J. Kinne). Revise and Resubmit at *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) Nexus*.

“Regional Autonomy and Ethnic Protests: Consequences of autonomy on regional ethnic minority protests.”

### WORKING PAPERS

“Territorial Autonomy and Ethnic Protests in Northern Iraq: How Regional Autonomy Arrangements Increase Protest by Local Minority Groups.”

“Ethnic Representation and Ethnic Protests in Eastern European Countries, 1990-2006.”

### BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

“Does Regional Autonomy Increase Local Ethnic Protests? The Consequences of Autonomy on Local Ethnic Minorities and Local Ethnic Group Conflict. Examining ethnic-group movement ”

### DATASET

*Transnational Security Cooperation Agreements* (with Timea Balogh, Patrick Bernhard, Dylan Forrester, Brandon J. Kinne, Enrico LaVina, Alexandra Lazar, Andrew Roskos-Ewoldsen, Daniel Scates, and Anya Stewart).

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2020-2021 U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP) Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship | USIP, \$20,000  
Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Writing Fellowship | UC Davis, \$50,000

2019-2020 Undergraduate Research Mentor Fellowship | UC Davis  
Grad Slam Finalist, Third Place and People’s Choice Award | UC Davis  
Suad Joseph’s Graduate Student Research Award on Middle East and/or South Asia Studies | UC Davis



