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EDUCATION

University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI <i>Ph.D.</i> in Sociology <i>Dissertation:</i> Guardians of Religion: Islam, Nation, and Democratization in Post-Revolution Tunisia	2018
University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI <i>M.A.</i> in Sociology	2010
Haverford College – Haverford, PA <i>B.A.</i> in Religion with Minors in Arab & Islamic Studies and Peace & Conflict Studies	2005
Al Akhawayn University – Ifrane, Morocco <i>Visiting Student</i> – Coursework in Arabic, Moroccan History, and Islamic Culture & History	2003

AFFILIATIONS

Tilburg University – Tilburg, Netherlands <i>Lecturer, Department of Sociology</i>	2021-
British High Commission (Building Resilience in Civil Society Program) – Nairobi, Kenya <i>Research Director, Countering Violent Extremism</i>	2017- 2019
University of Sydney & Harvard University – Sydney, Australia <i>Visiting Ph.D. Fellow, Electoral Integrity Project</i>	2015
Honors Program, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, Michigan <i>Undergraduate Honors Preceptor (College of Literature, Arts, & Sciences)</i>	2012- 2014

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology	Nationalism	Africa & the Middle East
Cultural Sociology	Religion & Politics	Elections & Democratization
State Formation	Social Cohesion	Extremism

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections,” <i>Rethinking Nation and Nationalism</i> . George Washington University.	2015
“Gender Equality.” <i>The Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women</i> . Ed. Natana J. DeLong-Bas. Oxford University Press. (with Fatma Goçek).	2013
“Writing the past: An examination of history and national narratives in the Republic of Yemen’s textbooks.” <i>International Journal of Education Law and Policy</i> . Pp. 21-34.	2010

POLICY RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- “Violent Extremism in Eastern Uganda.” *Building Resilience in Civil Society*. 2019
- “Preventing Violent Extremism: Understanding At-Risk Communities in Kenya.” *Building Resilience in Civil Society*. 2018
- “Can Turkey Survive Another Election?” *Electoral Integrity Project Blog*. 2015
- “Yemen’s Sunni-Shiite Divide” & “Yemen – Awash in Arms,” *Transnational Trends: Middle Eastern and Asian Views*, Ed. Amit Pandya & Ellen Laipson, The Henry L. Stimson Center. 2008
- “Palestinian Economic Dependence on Israel,” *PolicyWatch #1088*, The Washington Institute. 2006
- “Toward a Quartet Position on Hamas: European Rules on Banning Political Parties,” *PeaceWatch #515*, The Washington Institute (with David Makovsky). 2005

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “When character forges the crisis: Personality traits of world leaders and differential policy responses to the COVID-19 pandemic” (with M. Medeiros, A. Nai, & A. Erman) (*Under Review*)
- “Pop Populism: Ethno-traditionalism and the dynamics of populist sentiments beyond national borders” (with A. Nai) (*Under Review*)
- “The normalization of religious discourse in Tunisian elections.” (*In Progress*)
- “Civic secession: Framing in Yemen’s Southern Mobility Movement.” (*In Progress*)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Drivers of Violent Extremism in East Africa.” *Hedayah Conference on Counter-Narratives in East Africa*. 2018
Kigali, Rwanda
- “Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections.” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*. 2015
Denver, CO.
- “Islam and Islamists in the 2014 Tunisian Elections.” *Project on Middle East Politics Islamism Conference*. 2015
George Washington University, Washington, DC.
- “Between Nation and State: An Examination of Citizenship Tests in the United Kingdom.” *41st World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology*. Uppsala, Sweden. 2013
- “Civic Secession: Framing in Yemen’s Southern Mobility Movement.” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, Canada. 2012
- “A Theory of Unification Nationalism.” *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. Vancouver, Canada. 2012
- “Civic Secession: Framing in Yemen’s Southern Mobility Movement.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Denver, CO. 2012
- “Civic Secession: The Role of Identity in Yemen’s Southern Mobility Movement.” *The Minority Experience in the Middle East: New Anthropological Perspectives*. George Washington University. Washington, DC. 2012
- “Citizenship Tests: Questioning Citizens, Regulating the Nation.” *8th Annual Conference in Citizenship* 2011

<i>Studies</i> , Wayne State University (Center for the Study of Citizenship). Detroit, MI.	
“Questioning Citizens, Examining the Nation: A Comparative Study of the Role of History in Citizenship Tests.” <i>Social Science History Association Annual Meeting</i> . Chicago, IL.	2010
“Unifying History: An Examination of Official National Narratives in the Republic of Yemen.” <i>Social Science History Association Annual Meeting</i> . Chicago, IL.	2010
“God and Country: Yemen's Quest for a Collective National Narrative.” <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting</i> . Baltimore, MD.	2010
“Unifying History: National Narratives in Post-Unification Yemen.” <i>Writing Histories; Constructing Nations</i> , St. Antony's College, University of Oxford. Oxford, United Kingdom.	2010
“Unifying History: An Examination of Official National Narratives in the Republic of Yemen.” <i>11th Berlin Roundtable on Transnationality - Memory Politics</i> . Irmgard Coninx Foundation, the Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB), and Humboldt University. Berlin, Germany.	2009
“God and Country: Yemen’s Quest for a Collective National Narrative.” <i>Change & Stability: State, Religion and Politics in the Modern Middle East and North Africa</i> , Jagiellonian University. Krakow, Poland.	2009

HONORS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

National & International

Research Fellowship, <i>Electoral Integrity Project</i> , Harvard University & University of Sydney	2015
Graduate Summer Fellowship, <i>Religious Freedom Project</i> , Georgetown University	2015
Research Grant, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	2014
Critical Language Scholarship (Morocco - Arabic), U.S. Department of State	2014
TRE Grant, <i>Project on Middle East Political Science</i> , George Washington University	2014
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, <i>Social Science Research Council</i>	2011
Foreign Language & Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship (Arabic), U.S. Dept. of Education	2010
Graduate Student Travel Award, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>	2010
David L. Boren Scholarship, <i>National Security Education Program</i> (for study in Morocco)	2003

University of Michigan

Rackham Dissertation Completion Fellowship, <i>Rackham Graduate School</i>	2017
Dissertation Research Grant, <i>Department of Sociology</i>	2015
Islamic Studies Program Research Grant, <i>International Institute</i>	2015
Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, <i>Rackham Graduate School</i>	2014
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, <i>Department of Sociology</i>	2013
Jean Monnet Graduate Fellowship, <i>European Union Center & the European Commission</i>	2011
Best Paper Award - Graduate Workshop on European Studies, <i>Center for European Studies</i>	2011
Graduate Seminar on Global Transformations Grant, <i>Center for International & Comparative Studies</i>	2009
Comparative-Historical Practicum Research Grant, <i>Department of Sociology</i>	2009

Block Grant, <i>Department of Sociology</i>	2009
Graduate Fellowship, <i>LSA Regents & Department of Sociology</i>	2008
Conference Travel Grants, <i>Rackham Graduate School</i>	2009 - 2013

Haverford College

<i>magna cum laude</i> , one of 29 graduating students selected by the faculty for college honors	2005
Honors in Religion for coursework and senior thesis	2005
Phi Beta Kappa	2005
Research Grants, <i>Offices of the Deans and Presidents, Bryn Mawr College & Haverford College</i>	2004

TEACHING & ADVISING

Department of Sociology, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2009 - 2016
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Instructor of Record

- Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2015)
- Sociology 305: Sociological Theory (Spring 2012)
- Sociology 344: Marriage & Family (Summer 2016)

Graduate Student Instructor

- Sociology 102: Contemporary Social Issues – Nations: Identity, Movements and Conflict (Fall 2013)
- Sociology 102: Contemporary Social Issues – Social Stratification (Winter 2010)
- Sociology 305: Sociological Theory – *Upper-level writing course* (Fall 2009, Winter 2012)
- Sociology 310: Research Methods – *Upper-level writing course* (Fall 2016)
- Sociology 312: Evaluating Evidence – *Upper-level writing course on research methods* (Fall 2011)
- Sociology 344: Marriage & Family (Fall 2012)

Honors Program, College of Literature, Arts, & Sciences University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2012 - 2014
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Honors Preceptor

Center for Research on Learning and Teaching, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2013
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Graduate Teacher Certificate

Department of Sociology, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2013
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Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Department of Sociology, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2013 - 2014
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Graduate Coordinator (Culture, History and Politics Workshop)

Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2011, 2012
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Panel Participant, Global Grads: The Middle East

Department of Sociology, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2010 - 2011
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Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Meetings

Educational Policy Committee, Haverford College – Haverford, PA	2002 - 2005
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Student Representative

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

Singel Consulting <i>Owner, Independent Consultant for research design, data analysis, and research methodology training</i>	2016 - Present
Organization for Security & Co-operation in Europe and National Democratic Institute <i>International Election Observer</i>	2016 - Present
The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) <i>Middle East & North Africa Program/Project Assistant – USA, Tunisia, Yemen</i>	2014, 2006-8
The Washington Institute for Near East Policy – Washington, DC <i>Research Assistant - Project on the Middle East Peace Process</i>	2005 - 2006

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association	American Political Science Association
American Association for Public Opinion Research	

WORKSHOPS, COURSES, & PROGRAMS (COMPETITIVE ADMISSION)

Tunis Exchange, Institut Tunis-Dauphine & Mideast Wire – Tunis, Tunisia	2013
The Politics of Ethnicity, Nationality, & Citizenship, Central European University – Budapest, Hungary	2011
Graduate Workshop on European Studies, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2011
Graduate Seminar on Global Transformations, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, MI	2009 - 2010

LANGUAGES

French	Advanced
Arabic	Advanced (Modern Standard Arabic) Familiarity with Levantine, Moroccan, Tunisian, & Yemeni dialects Study in Jordan, Morocco, Tunisia, and Yemen
Dutch	Elementary (A2)