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EDUCATION

Yale University

Ph.D. Candidate

M.Phil. and M.A. in Political Science

Degree expected May 2024

December 2019

American University of Beirut

Special Student Not Studying for Degree

Summer 2010

University of California, Davis

B.A. in International Relations

B.A. in English

June 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Great power politics and role of middle and regional powers
- International relations of the Middle East
- Network dynamics and network analysis applications in international relations

RESEARCH PROJECTS

“Great Powers, Regional Powers, and the Balance of Power in Conflict” (Book Project)

“The Power and Peril of Regional Hegemony” (Working Paper)

“Conceptualizing Norm Diffusion: Networks and Social Pressure” (Working Paper)

FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellowship

University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

2023-2024

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Naval War College

Instructor (will transition to post-doctoral fellow in May 2024)

2024-Present

Lawfare Institute

Deputy Foreign Policy Editor

2016-Present

National Security Network

Policy Analyst

2014-2016

Foreign Policy Magazine

Assistant Editor

2012-2014

Center for a New American Security

Joseph S. Nye, Jr. National Security Research Intern

2011-2012

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- American Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Philadelphia, PA *Sept. 2024*
Participant and Chair, Panel: "Economic, Military, and Institutional Intervention in Great Power Competition"
Discussant, Panel: "Collaboration Networks in International Politics"
- Relational Global Governance Research Workshop** *Oct. 2023*
Brown University, Providence, RI
Invited Participant
- American Political Science Association Annual Conference**, Los Angeles, CA *Aug. 2023*
Participant, Panel: "Middle Powers and International Order"
- Political Networks Conference**, Los Angeles, CA *Aug. 2023*
Participant, Lightning Talk: "Conceptualizing Norm Diffusion"
- International Studies Association Annual Conference**, Montreal, QC *March 2023*
Participant, Panel: "Aspects of International Order"
Participant, Panel: "Norms and Networks"
- International Relations Theory Colloquium** *2022-2023*
Participant
- International Studies Association Annual Conference**, Nashville, TN *March 2022*
Participant, Panel: "Diplomacy and the Role of Norms"
- ISA International Security Studies Section Conference**, Indiana University *Nov. 2021*
Participant, Panel: "Geopolitics and Great Power Tensions"
- Yale International Relations Leadership Institute** *Aug. 2021*
Invited Speaker
- Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy** *July 2021*
Participant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Certificate of College Teaching Preparation** Poorvu Center for Teaching and Learning
Completed June 2023
- Attended workshops and peer community fora on pedagogy, participated in teaching observations, and prepared course materials for review
- PLSC 116: Comparative Politics: States, Regimes, and Conflict** Prof. Ana De La O
Teaching Fellow *Fall 2023*
- PLSC 111: Intro to International Relations** Prof. David Minchin Allison
Teaching Fellow *Spring 2023*
- Delivered guest lecture on norms, international law, and conflict, March 28, 2023

PLSC 143: Networks in International Relations

Co-instructor

Co-taught with Prof. Tyler Pratt

Fall 2022

- Developed and taught class in collaboration with Prof. Pratt through Yale's Associates in Teaching program

PLSC 396/MMES 364: Contemporary Politics of the Middle East

Teaching Fellow

Teaching Fellow

Prof. Elizabeth Nugent

Spring 2021

Summer 2021

PLSC 121/MMES 121: International Relations of the Middle East

Teaching Fellow

Grader

Prof. Nicholas Lotito

Fall 2020

Fall 2019

- Delivered guest lecture on the Arab Spring, Oct. 3, 2019 & Sept. 19, 2020

PLSC 126/GLBL 287: Balance of Power

Teaching Fellow

Prof. Nuno Monteiro

Summer 2020

PLSC 182/GLBL 236: Politics of International Law and Cooperation

Teaching Fellow

Prof. Tyler Pratt

Spring 2020

- Delivered guest lecture on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament, April 20, 2020

REVIEWER

International Studies Quarterly

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Policy Reports

“Mainstreaming Hate: The Far-Right Fringe Origins of Islamophobic and Anti-Refugee Politics,” with Samuel Davidoff-Gore, National Security Network, December 2015

“Living with the Consequence: The Effects of Voting Down the Iran Nuclear Agreement,” National Security Network, July 2015

“The Limits of Iran's Regional Ambitions,” National Security Network, July 2015

“Confronting the Islamic State: An Assessment of U.S. Strategic Options,” with Bill French, National Security Network, February 2015

“Navigating an AUMF for the Islamic State: Toward a High-Standard Authorization,” with Bill French, National Security Network, September 2014

“Strategic Adaptation: Toward a New U.S. Strategy in the Middle East,” with Bruce W. Jentleson, Andrew M. Exum, and Melissa G. Dalton, Center for a New American Security, June 2012

Selected Articles and Commentary

“Who Are You Calling a Great Power?” *Lawfare*, January 15, 2023

“The New Network Literature: Book Review of *The Uses and Abuses of Weaponized Interdependence*, eds. Daniel Drezner, Henry Farrell, and Abraham Newman,” *Lawfare*, August 17, 2021

“The Strategic Logic of Russia’s Bounty Policy,” *Lawfare*, July 10, 2020

“The State of Sovereignty,” *Lawfare*, April 30, 2017

“The paranoid style in Islamophobic politics,” *The Hill*, December 14, 2015

“Dick Cheney Was for the Iran Deal Before He Was Against It,” *Foreign Policy*, September 8, 2015

“A misguided effort against Islamic State,” *Los Angeles Times*, March 2, 2015

“The Failed Islamic States Index,” with Ellen Noble, *Foreign Policy*, August 7, 2014

“The Arab Spring's Second Bloom,” *The National Interest*, June 19, 2012

“Syria and Other Wars Without End,” *The Atlantic*, November 23, 2011

Other

- Middle East Ticker – a weekly news aggregation article for *Lawfare*, 2016-2018
- Mideast Brief Newsletter – a daily newsletter for *Foreign Policy*, 2015-2016
- Frequent posts for *Foreign Policy*’s “Passport” blog, 2012-2014

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Integrated Refugee and Immigration Services, New Haven, CT 2021-2022
Language Tutor, Moving Ahead Program

Higher Achievement, Washington, DC 2014-2017
Mentor/Tutor