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Research Interests

Religion and Politics, Religious Institutions, Muslim-Majority Countries, Political Violence
Text-as-Data, Causal Inference, Spatial and Computational Analysis

Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Ph.D. in Political Science 2023 – Present
Fields: Comparative Politics (*with Honors*), Political Methodology (*with Honors*)

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
M.A. in Political Science (Expected 2025)

University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
B.A. in International Relations (*with Honors*) 2019 – 2023

Working Papers

“Anonymous Attackers: An Alternative Logic to Credit-taking in Terrorism.”

“War, Memory and Social Cohesion: The Intergenerational Legacy of Political Violence.” (with Caroline Lindey)

“Opportunistic Repression? Understanding the Relationship between Terrorism and Religious Regulation.” (with Pauline Jones)

Works in Progress

“The Political Economy of the American Mosque.” (with Hasher Nisar)

“Local Church Authority and the Holy Land Crusades.”

“The Supply and Demand of Religious Messaging: Evidence from Social Media.”

Selected Public Scholarship and Policy Writing

“Extremism, Violence and Ideology: The Complexity and Evolution of Ideologically Motivated Violent Extremism in Canada.” *Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society*, 2022 (with Shannon Nash, Nermeen Zia Islam and Anaïs El Amraoui)

“Threatening Engagement: Terrorist Groups and Regional Hegemons.” *E-International Relations*, 2022

“Soldiers of God: The Muslim Brotherhood and Egyptian Democracy.” *The Yale Review of International Studies*, Global Issue Print Edition (12), 2021.

Research Experience

University of Michigan 2025 – 2026
Research Assistant for Pauline Jones

University of Michigan 2023 – 2024
Research Assistant for Megan Stewart

University of Toronto 2021 – 2023
Research Assistant for Seva Gunitsky

Conferences

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| American Political Science Association | 2024, 2025* |
| International Studies Association | 2024 |
| Midwest Political Science Association | 2023, 2025 |
| International Studies Association - ISSS Conference | 2025* |
| Peace Science Society | 2024 |

Awards and Fellowships

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| Collaborative Research Grant, American Political Science Association <i>with Hood Ahmed, Salam Alsaadi, Mohammed Dhia Hammami, Noor Hamwy and Asma Rabeh</i> | 2025 |
| Individual Research Grant, American Political Science Association | 2025 |
| Matthew K. Smith Study Abroad Award, University of Michigan | 2025 |
| Rackham Graduate Student Research Award, University of Michigan | 2024 |
| Global Islamic Studies Center Student Fellowship, University of Michigan | 2024, 2025 |
| Graduate Student Department Fellowship, University of Michigan | 2023 – 2024 |
| Dean's List Scholar, University of Toronto | 2019 – 2023 |

Workshops and Other Training

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| Toulouse Summer School for Quantitative Social Science | 2025 |
| APSA-MENA Graduate Student Workshop | 2024 |
| ASREC Graduate Student Workshop | 2024 |

Teaching Experience

University of Michigan

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| Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Comparative Politics <i>with Brian Min</i> | Winter 2025 |
| Teaching Assistant, Introduction to American Politics <i>with Kenneth Lowande</i> | Fall 2024 |

Service

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| Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, CPRD Workshop | 2024 – 2026 |
| Summer Research Opportunity Program Mentor, University of Michigan | 2024, 2025 |
| Graduate Student Organizer, Eldersveld Emerging Scholars Conference | 2023, 2025 |

Professional Experience

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| Research Analyst, Delphic Research | 2022 |
| Legislative and Policy Assistant, House of Commons | 2021 |
| Community Office Assistant, House of Commons | 2020 |

Skills

Programming: R, \LaTeX , Python, ArcGIS
Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Native Proficiency)
Field Research: Tunisia (2024), Kuwait (2025)