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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., University of Kansas, Political Science, Expected June 2018  
Dissertation: *Constitutional Reforms and the February 20 Movement in Morocco.*

M.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa, Political Science, December 2012  
Thesis: *The Contentious Roots of the Egyptian Revolution.*

B.A. University of Minnesota, Political Science & Spanish, August 2007

Graduate Certificate, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, University of Kansas, May 2016

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Contentious Politics and Social Movements, Middle Eastern and North African politics, Human Trafficking, North African Feminist Movements, International Relations Theory

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Articles (Refereed)**

2014. The Contentious Roots of the Egyptian Revolution. *Globalizations*, Issue 11.2: 273-287.

“Contemporary Temporary Marriage in the MENA Region: A Blog Analysis of First Hand Experiences.” with Brian Turnbull - *(Under Review)*

“Looters or Political Protestors? Attributions for Civil Unrest in American Cities.” with Donald P. Haider-Markel, and Mark R. Joslyn, Ranya Ahmed - *(Under Review)*

### **Book Reviews**

2013. Politics = Truth: Badiou's The Rebirth of History. *Theory and Event*, Issue 16.2.

2012. Ambivalent War Machines of the West African Landscape: Hoffman's The War Machines: Young Men and Violence in Sierra Leone and Liberia. *Theory and Event*, Issue 15.4.

### **Works in Progress**

“The Clash of Civilizations Revisited: Unpacking Identity.” with Nazli Avdan

“Regime Concessions and Repression During the Arab Spring.”

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

- 2017 Selected to participate in fully-funded seminar titled, “Illicit Networks: Preventing and Combatting Trafficking,” on behalf of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State
- 2017 E. Jackson Baur Award for Research and Study of Social Conflict and Conflict Resolution, University of Kansas Sociology Department, Amount: \$1000
- 2016 Fulbright Student Research Fellowship, Morocco, Academic Year 2016 – 2017, Amount: \$20,000
- 2016 Walter Thompson Research Award, University of Kansas, Summer 2016, Amount: \$3500
- 2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Kansas African Studies Center (Arabic), Summer & Academic Year 2015 – 2016, Academic Year Amount: \$15,000, Summer Amount: \$7500
- 2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Kansas African Studies Center (Arabic), Summer & Academic Year 2014 – 2015, Academic Year Amount: \$15,000, Summer Amount: \$7500
- 2013 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Kansas African Studies Center (Arabic), Academic Year 2013 – 2014, Academic Year Amount: \$15,000
- 2012 University of Hawaii Graduate Achievement Scholarship, Spring-Fall 2012, Amount: \$10,000
- 2007 University of Minnesota Study Abroad Scholarship, Spring 2007, Amount: \$750

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2016 Research Assistant, Professor Donald Haider-Markel, University of Kansas, Summer 2016. Explored historical and recent causal attributions for urban unrest within the U.S.  
Paper presented at the 2017 MPSA: “*How do We Put Out the Fire?: Causal Attributions for Civil Unrest and Violence.*”
- 2016 Research Assistant, Associate Professor Hannah Britton, University of Kansas, Spring 2016. Conducted interviews for the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative (ASHTI) at the University of Kansas, a research project investigating the prevention and risk factors of labor and sex trafficking.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor - University of Kansas (Responsible for Design, Delivery, and Grading):

- *Topics in Comparative Politics: The Arab Spring*, Fall 2017
- *Contemporary Issues in International Politics: Non-State Actors in Global Politics*, Spring 2018

Instructor - Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth - Princeton University  
(Responsible for Design, Delivery, and Grading):

- *Politics of the Middle East*, Summer 2017

Instructor - University of Kansas (Responsible for Design, Delivery, and Grading):

- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Summer 2016 & 2017, Online
- *Introduction to International Relations*, Summer 2015, Online

Graduate Teaching Assistant - University of Kansas

- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Fall 2015, Spring 2016
- *Introduction to Comparative Politics*, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

English Language Instructor and Cultural Ambassador - CP Antonio Hernandez Elementary School, Madrid, Spain, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

English Language Instructor and Cultural Ambassador - Ecola Mestre Pla Elementary School, Barcelona, Spain, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2017 Fulbright Alumni Participant in U.S. Department of State Alumni Thematic International Exchange Seminar entitled “Illicit Networks: Preventing and Combatting Trafficking,” Invited Discussant: “Human Trafficking in the Developing World,” Washington, DC: September 13-16.
- 2017 “Ideological Cleavages and Alliances within the February 20 Movement,” presented at the Twenty-Fourth Annual Moroccan Studies Symposium, Rabat, Morocco: May 18-19.
- 2016 Invited Panelist “The 2016 U.S. Presidential Elections from a Moroccan Perspective,” organized by Al Akhawayn University Alumni Association, October 2016, Rabat Morocco.
- 2016 “The Influence of Western Feminism on Contemporary Moroccan Feminist Organizations,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), Chicago, IL: April 7-11.
- 2015 “Temporary Marriage: A New Guise for Human Trafficking,” presented at the Southwestern Political Science Association Conference (SSSA), Denver, CO: April 08-11.
- 2013 “The Contentious Roots of the Egyptian Revolution,” presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (MPSA), Chicago, IL: April 11-14.

### **STUDY ABROAD LANGUAGE TRAINING**

- 2015 Summer session of Modern Standard Arabic in Rabat, Morocco. Moroccan Center of Arabic Studies, funded through the FLAS Fellowship
- 2014 Summer session of Modern Standard Arabic in Fez, Morocco. Arabic Language Institute in Fez, funded through the FLAS Fellowship
- 2007 Spring semester of Spanish in Merida, Venezuela. VENUSA Language Institute
- 2005 Spring semester of Spanish in Cuernavaca, Mexico. Cemanahuac Language Institute

### **RESEARCH SOFTWARE**

Atlas.ti, Stata, R

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer: *The Social Science Journal*; *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*; *Democratization*; *Theory and Event*

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Qualitative Research Graduate Student Working Group, 2015-2016, 2017-2018, a working group concerning qualitative methods through the KU Institute for Policy and Social Research.

Center for Teaching Excellence workshops, University of Kansas, including the 2017 KU Teaching Summit, 'Learning from (With) Our Students'

Pi Sigma Alpha University of Kansas Chapter, 2015

## **LANGUAGES**

English (Native); Levantine Arabic (Fluent); Modern Standard Arabic (Proficient); Spanish (Fluent)

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS**

Zakarya Mitche, Ahmed. 2017. "Morocco's February 20 movement: 'Demands Still Alive.'" Aljazeera, 22 Feb.

Brown, Adam. 2016. "Rabat Hosts Forum on U.S. Election and its Possible Effect on Morocco." Morocco World News, 22 Oct.

## **CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Institute for Maghreb Studies

Middle East Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association

Southern Political Science Association

## **REFERENCES**

Hannah Britton (Co-Adviser)  
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