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Academic and Professional Positions

Tufts University — Associate Professor of Political Science (2017–present); Chair of the Department of Political Science (2022–present); Assistant Professor of Political Science (2011–2017)

Princeton University — Postdoctoral Fellow, Princeton School of Public & International Affairs (2013–2014)

Harvard University — Research Fellow, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs (2011)

The World Bank — Consultant, The World Bank Institute/Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Network, Washington, D.C. (2010–2011)

Research and Teaching Areas

Comparative Political Economy, Public Policy, International Development, Oil and Energy, Environmental Studies, the Middle East

Education

PhD, University of Washington (2011); MA, University of Washington (2006); MA, DePaul University (2004); BA, University of Dayton (1999)

Publications

Books:

Hydrocarbon Citizens: How Oil Transformed People and Politics in the Middle East. Oxford University Press, 2022. 247 pp.

Oil Booms and Business Busts: Why Resource Wealth Hurts Entrepreneurs in the Developing World. Oxford University Press, 2016. 224 pp.

Articles and Book Chapters:

“Public Perceptions of Environmental Degradation in the Arab World: Evidence from Surveys about Water, Air, and Sanitation.” *Environmental Sociology*, forthcoming.

“Faith in Science: Religion and Climate Change Attitudes in the Middle East.”
Global Environmental Politics, forthcoming.

“Natural Resources and the Politics of Distribution.” With Mohannad Al-Suwaidan. In *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Environmental Politics*, edited by Jeannie Sowers, Stacy D. VanDeveer, and Erika Weinthal. Oxford University Press, January 2022.

“The Specialization Curse: How Economic Specialization Affects Public Goods Provision.”
With Benjamin Barber IV. *Business and Politics* 21 (2019): 415–444.

“Indigenous Welfare, Tribal Homelands, and the Impact of Civil Society Organizations: A Subnational Analysis of Federal India.” With Sunila Kale. In *Inside Countries: Subnational Research in Comparative Politics*, edited by Agustina Giraudy, Eduardo Moncada, and Richard Snyder. Cambridge University Press, 2019.

“No Arab Bourgeoisie, No Democracy? The Entrepreneurial Middle Class and Democratic Attitudes since the Arab Spring.” With Steve L. Monroe. *Comparative Politics* 50 (2018): 523-550.

“Oil, Dissent, and Distribution.” *World Development* 99 (2017): 186-202.

“Gender, Entrepreneurship, and the Formal–Informal Dilemma: Evidence from Indonesia.”
With Laura Babbitt and Drusilla Brown. *World Development* 72 (2015): 163-174.

“Oil Wealth, Colonial Legacies, and the Challenges of Economic Liberalization.” *Political Research Quarterly* 67 (2014): 769-782.

“Natural Resources, Development Strategies, and Lower Caste Empowerment in India’s Mineral Belt: Bihar and Odisha during the 1990s.” With Sunila Kale. *Studies in Comparative International Development* 49 (2014): 343-369.

“The Saudi Monarchy and Economic Familism in an Era of Business Environment Reforms.”
Business and Politics 15 (2013): 295-321.

“Leadership and Institutional Change in the Public Provision of Transportation Infrastructure: An Analysis of India’s Bihar.” With Edouard Al-Dahdah, Sandeep Poundrik, and Soujanya Chodavarapu. *Journal of Development Studies* 49 (2013): 19-35.

“Iraq and the Domestic Political Effects of Economic Sanctions.” *Middle East Journal* 64 (2010): 253-68.

“Telecommunications Reform, Internet Use and Mobile Phone Adoption in the Developing World.” With Philip Howard. *World Development* 37 (2009): 1159-69.

“An ‘Informal’ Revolution: State-Business Conflict and Institutional Change in Iran.”
Middle Eastern Studies 44 (2008): 585-602.

“State Repression in the Iranian Bazaar, 1975-1977: The Anti-Profiteering Campaign and an Impending Revolution.” *Iranian Studies* 39 (2006): 401-14.

Published Working Paper:

“The ‘Resource Curse’ in MENA? Political Transitions, Resource Wealth, Economic Shocks, and Conflict Risk.” With Michael Ross and Kai Kaiser. *World Bank Policy Research Working Paper 5742*. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2011.

Policy Reports and Contributions

“Myanmar Business Innovation Facility: Final Report.” With Laura Babbitt, Drusilla Brown, Elyse Voegeli, Dirayati Djaya, Ana Antolin, Kaileigh Stopa, Alexis Tatore, Kenny Weitzman, and Jade Woo. Prepared for UK Department for International Development, 2018.

“Patterns in Networks and Innovation among Garment Factories in Myanmar.” Prepared for UK Department for International Development, 2015.

“Women in Leadership – Indonesia Baseline Study.” With Liana Abbott, Manasvini Baba, Laura Babbitt, Drusilla Brown, Kelsea Carlson, Richard Eichenberg, Diane Gibson, Caroline Kaufman, Jacquelyn Kercheval, Kristen McConnell, Cokie Nanka, Shauna Pierson, Blair Read, David Reiff, Elizabeth Robinson, Anna Vanderspek, and Vanessa Vecchiarello. Prepared for the International Labour Organization, 2013.

“Patterns of Economic Innovation in the Arab World and Recommendations for Policymakers.” Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Policy Brief Series. Harvard University, 2011.

“Policy Credibility, Administrative Capacity, and Corruption Risks in the Taxation of Natural Resource Sectors.” Background paper prepared for *Rents to Riches? The Political Economy of Natural Resource-led Development*. Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2010.

Visiting Academic Appointments

University of Edinburgh, Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities–School of Social and Political Science (Summer 2016)

Oxford University, Visiting Fellow, Oxford Center for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies, Department of Economics (Fall 2014)

Grants, Fellowships, Honors (since 2011)

Tufts University, Senior Faculty Research Semester Fellowship, Fall 2019

Co-Principal Investigator, UK Department for International Development, Myanmar Business Innovation Facility Impact Evaluation, 2015-2018

Co-Principal Investigator, International Labour Organization and Australian Agency for International Development, Access to Employment and Decent Work Project, 2012-2013

University of Edinburgh, Visiting Research Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities–School of Social and Political Science, 2016

Oxford University, Visiting Fellowship, Department of Economics, Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies, 2014

Princeton University, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Regional Political Economy Program, Niehaus Center for Globalization & Governance, Princeton School of Public & International Affairs, 2013-2014

Tufts University, Neubauer Faculty Fellow, 2012-13

Harvard University, Research Fellowship, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs, Dubai Initiative, 2011

University of Washington, Department of Political Science nominee for Graduate School Distinguished Dissertation Award, 2011

University of Washington, Department of Political Science nominee for Graduate Medal from the College of Arts and Sciences, 2011

Additional Academic Training

Institute on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Summer 2009

Institute on Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models, Washington University, St. Louis, Summer 2008

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Summer 2006

Selected Invited Talks

Boston University, Global Development Policy Center (December 2022); The Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (March 2019); Lehigh University, Department of International Relations (February 2019); Bates College, Department of Political Science (December 2018); University of Edinburgh, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (June 2016); Bowdoin College, Department of Government and Legal Studies (April 2016); US Department of the Interior, The United States Geological Survey (March 2016); Instituto de Empresa Business School, Madrid, Spain (December 2015); Oxford University, OxCarre, Department of Economics (November 2014); University of Edinburgh, School of Social and Political Science (May 2014); Princeton University, Princeton School of Public & International Affairs (November 2013); Xavier Institute of Social Service, Jharkhand, India (July 2012); Harvard University, Belfer Center for Science & International Affairs (December 2011); Dubai School of Government, United Arab Emirates (September 2010)

Conference Participation

American Political Science Association annual meeting (2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015, 2018)

Southern Political Science Association annual meeting (2018)

Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting (2005, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)

International Studies Association annual convention (2006, 2009, 2016, 2019)

Middle East Studies Association annual meeting (2008, 2009, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2022)

Public Choice Society annual meeting (2015)

Northeastern Political Science Association annual meeting (2012)

New York University, Alexander Hamilton Center (2009)

Harvard University, Society for Comparative Research (2008)

Professional Service

Reviewer of journal manuscripts submitted to *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Business and Politics*, *Civil Wars*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*, *Development in Practice*, *Gender, Work & Organization*, *Geoforum*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Studies Perspectives*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Information Technology for Development*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *World Development*

Reviewer of book manuscripts submitted to Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, University of Toronto Press, Palgrave Macmillan, I.B. Tauris (Bloomsbury Publishers), and the World Bank.

References

Available by request