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Education

University of Iowa

Ph.D. Political Science. 2011.

Fields: Comparative Politics, Formal Theory and Methodology

Dissertation: “Legitimacy and the Politics of Opposition in the Middle East and North Africa.”

Committee: Douglas Dion (Chair), Frederick Boehmke, Ellen Lust (Yale University), Jae-Jae Spoon and Raymond Riezman (Department of Economics)

M.A. Political Science. 2006.

New York University, September 2000 to September 2003

B.A. Economics (with Honors) and Political Science, *cum laude*. 2003.

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas (2012-present).

Research Fellow in Political Science, New York University Abu Dhabi (2011-2012).

Research and Teaching Interests

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Middle East and North African politics, Electoral Systems, Political Parties, Election Fraud, Comparative Institutions, Democratization.

Game Theory, Political Research Methods, OLS Regression, Limited Dependent Variables.

Grants and Awards

2010 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, Political Science, Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES-1023988). September 1, 2010 to August 31, 2011. \$11,957.

Fellowship to attend Polmeth XXVII, the Society for Political Methodology. Summer 2010.

Ballard and Seashore Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa. Academic year. \$22,000.

2009 T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Iowa. \$3,500.

2008 Fellowship to attend Polmeth XXV, the Society for Political Methodology. Summer 2008.

ACOR-CAORC Fellowship, Council of American Overseas Research Centers, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State. February 1, 2009 to June 30, 2009. \$15,000.

2007 Best Methodology Paper, the University of Iowa, Department of Political Science. December 2007.

Critical Language Scholarship (Arabic), US Department of State. Summer 2007.

Working Papers

“Legitimacy, Opposition and the Role of Electoral Boycotts in Authoritarian Regimes.” (with Douglas Dion).

“The Diffusion of Election Boycotts: How Party Strategies Spread Cross-Nationally.”

“Strategic Tribes? SNTV and Candidate Nomination in Jordan.”

“Legitimacy and Stability Revisited.” (with Douglas Dion).

Book Manuscript: “Centers of Power and Opposition Politics in the Middle East and North Africa.”

Conference Presentations

2012 “The Diffusion of Election Boycotts: How Party Strategies Spread Cross-Nationally.” Paper prepared for the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*.

2011 “Strategic Elites? Strategic Tribes? Electoral Rules and Strategic Behavior in Jordan.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Political Science Association*.

2010 “The Diffusion of Party Strategies.” Poster presented at the annual Summer Methods Meeting of the *Society for Political Methodology*.

“Electoral Systems in Emerging Democracies.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*.

“Electoral Systems and Strategic Behavior in the Middle East.” Paper presented at the annual *Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern Studies*.

2008 “Electoral Fraud in America’s Gilded Age.” Poster presented at the annual summer meeting of the *Society for Political Methodology*.

2007 “Modeling Government Military Resource Allocation: Mercenaries or the Army?” (with James Rydberg). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*.

2006 “Public Response to Casualties of War: National Soldiers versus Private Military Companies.” (with James Rydberg). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Midwest Political Science Association*.

Professional Affiliations

American Institute for Maghrib Studies

American Political Science Association

Middle East Studies Association

Midwest Political Science Association