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EDUCATION

PhD in Political Science, University of Houston, 2016.

Dissertation: “The Dynamics of Legislatures in Rentier Monarchies: Kuwait’s Majlis al Ummah”

Committee: Ryan Kennedy (chair), Eduardo Aleman, Justin H. Kirkland, Francisco Cantu, Michael Herb (outside reader)

M.A. in Political Science, University of Houston, 2012.

Thesis: “Typologies of Non-Democratic Regimes”

Bachelor of Science in Finance and Economics, College of Industrial Management, Department of Finance and Economics, King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals (KFUPM), 2008.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Democratization and Regime Transition

Politics in the Arab World

Monarchies in the Arab World

The Gulf Cooperation Council

The Resource Curse/Oil and Politics

Authoritarian Regimes

Institutions: Legislatures and Elections

Robustness of Authoritarian Regimes

Nationalism and State Building

Identity Politics and State Fragmentation

Theories of Arab Nationalism

PUBLICATIONS

Under Review, “Determinants of Voting Patterns in a Monarchical Rentier Legislature: The Case of Kuwait’s 13th National Assembly”

“The Kuwaiti Political System and its Endemic Crisis: An Introduction,” *Political Reflection Magazine*, Vol. IV, No IV., November 2013.

SELECTED WORKING PAPERS

“Stateness, Electoral Authoritarianism, and the Likelihood of Electoral Democracy”

“Typologies of Non-Democratic Regimes: A Critical Essay”

“Arab Nationalism from Romanticism to the Civic Nation”

“Consequences of Miscalculated Electoral Manipulation: The Case of Kuwait’s National Assembly”

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Middle East Studies Association’s Conference 2015, Denver. Paper presented on *“Legislatures in Authoritarian Rentier States: The Case of Kuwait’s 13th Assembly”* in panel on “Gulf Studies: Development of State and Society.”

APSA’s Middle East and North Africa Workshop December 2015, Kuwait, Paper presented on *“Determinants of Voting Patterns in a Monarchical Rentier Legislature: The Case of Kuwait’s 13th National Assembly”*

Middle East Studies Association’s Conference 2014, Washington D.C. Paper presented on *“Consequences of Miscalculated Electoral Manipulation: The Case of Kuwait’s National Assembly”* in panel on “Power and Parliaments in the Middle East.”

Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute 2014, Houston. Paper presented on *“Institutional Manipulation in Authoritarian Regimes: The Kuwaiti National Assembly”*

Midwest Political Science Association’s Conference 2014, Chicago. Panel Chair, *“Legitimizing and Securing Autocracy.”*

Midwest Political Science Association’s Conference 2013, Chicago. Poster Presentation, *“Legislature in Monarchies: Factional Alignments and Voting Patterns in the Kuwaiti Majlis Ul-Ummah (National Assembly)”*

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Participant Stipend, APSA’s Middle East and North Africa workshop, Qatar University, Summer 2015.

Student Research Grant, Center for the Middle East (CME) At Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy, Summer 2015.

Training Stipend, Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute – Hobby Center for Public Policy, University of Houston, Summer 2014.

Doctoral Student Tuition Fellowship, University of Houston, Summer 2011, 2012-2013.

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Experience:

Instructional Assistant: GENE 3302, C.T. Bauer School of Business, University of Houston, Fall 2014- Spring 2015.

- Grading quizzes, assignments and tests.
- Assisting students in writing resumes and dealing with job interviews.
- Overseeing and helping organize Bauer School events such as Resume ER, Career Fair and Volunteer Fair.

Teaching Assistant: Dr. Cyrus Contractor & Dr. Brian Cole, University of Houston, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.

- Assisted in development of assignments and graded all weekly discussion papers.
- Provided one-on-one tutoring to students in the classes.
- Courses: Introduction to American Government, Introduction to Texas Government.

Teaching Assistant: Dr. Robert Lineberry, University of Houston, Summer 2011.

- Assisted in development of curricula.
- Helped build and design online components of the class on Blackboard.
- Developed reading lists and syllabi for:
 - Undergraduate Course: Politics of Social Policy
 - Graduate Course: Survey of American Institutions

Instructor: Al-Amaanah Refugee Services, Houston, TX, Summer 2011.

- Designed curriculum for English and Government
- Taught high school students with varying levels of English ability
- Served as counselor for high school age group

Teaching Assistant: Dhahran School, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, 2004 – 2008.

- Assisted school administrators and teachers with logistics

Research Experience:

Research Associate: Baker Institute at Rice University, Houston, TX. Summer 2013-2014.

- Research on elections, electoral rules and the representation of women in Arab legislatures.
- Collaborated with the Director of the Women and Human Rights in the Middle East Program, Dr. Marwa Shalaby, in analyzing electoral laws, translating them from Arabic, and transforming them into working datasets.
- Provided oversight for translating work within the Baker Institute.
- Lent statistical expertise to other ongoing projects within the Institute.

Research Assistant: Dr. Tanya Bagashka, University of Houston, Fall 2013-Spring 2014.

- Compiled literature on corruption and its connection with ethnic fractionalization and electoral laws.

- Analyzed existing datasets to ascertain usefulness for Dr. Bagashka's ongoing projects.
- Coded articles to transform them into content analysis datasets

Research Assistant: Dr. Susan Scarrow, University of Houston, Fall 2012 – Spring 2013.

- Assisted in coding “Political Party Database” for Dr. Scarrow's research.
- Coordinated with other contributors to this database in order to gather relevant data.

Research Assistant: Middle East Institute, Washington, DC. Summer 2010.

- Collaborated with Dr. Zubair Iqbal
- Conducted research on the roots of terrorism in the Middle East
 - Algeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen

Other Employment:

Writer: Al-Araby Al-Jadeed Newspaper, Qatar 2015- Present.

- Write bi-monthly analytical articles on the “Politics of the Arabian Peninsula”

Co-Editor: Political Reflections Magazine (Middle East Section), International. Summer 2013 – 2014.

- Facilitate article contributions to the Middle East section.
- Provide periodic articles on relevant Middle East topics.
- Edit article submissions.

Freelance Translator: Various organizations, U.S. 2008 – Present.

- Translated Arabic manuscripts for:
 - CHF International, Dhahran School, and local organizations

Co-op Trainee: Bank Al-Jazira, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, 2007.

- Analyzed financial statements
- Managed risk and liability assets
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LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native Language.

SKILLS

- Statistical Analysis: Excel, STATA, R.
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS).
- Multi-method Research: Qualitative and Quantitative.

REFERENCES

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