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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore MD and Washington DC

Aronson Associate Professor of Political Science and International Studies

July 2024-Present

Aronson Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies

July 2016-June 2024

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Minneapolis, MN

Assistant Professor

July 2013-June 2016

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, Institute for Middle East Studies, Washington DC

Post-Doctoral Fellow

July 2012-June 2013

YALE UNIVERSITY, MacMillan Center Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence

Pre-Doctoral Fellow

July 2011-June 2012

EDUCATION

PhD, Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago IL

July 2013

MA, Political Science, The University of Chicago, Chicago IL

May 2008

BA, International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

May 2004

Diplôme Internationale, Sciences-Po, Paris, France

May 2003

BOOK

2023. *Beyond the Lines: Social Networks and Palestinian Militant Organizations in Wartime Lebanon*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

- Winner, Routledge Lee Ann Fujii Award for Innovation in the Interpretive Study of Political Violence
- Honorable Mention, Best Book on Middle East and North Africa Politics

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Accepted for publication. "Indiana Jones and the Institutional Review Board: Disciplinary Incentives, Researcher Archetypes, and the Pathologies of Knowledge Production." Special issue of *Daedalus* on research ethics and practice.

2024. "Integrating Syrian Refugees into Lebanon's Healthcare System 2011–2022: A Mixed-Method Study." *Conflict and Health* 18, 1:43 (May 31, 2024). <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13031-024-00600-w>. Third author, with Gladys Honein-AbouHaidar, Lama Bou-Karroum, Rima Majed, Sabine Salameh, Najla Daher, Nour Hemadi, Fouad M. Fouad, and Fadi El-Jardali.

2023. "Unreported Realities: The Political Economy of Media-Sourced Data." *American Political Science Review* 118(3): 1527-1532. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0003055423001181>.
2023. "'It's just how things are done': Social Ecologies of Sexual Violence in Humanitarian Aid." *International Studies Quarterly*, 67(3)(September 2023). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/isq/squad065>. With Valerie deKoeijer and Sofia J. Smith.
2022. "Reflexive Advising: Engaged Mentorship for Safe and Ethical Research Practice." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 20(2): 38-41. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.7140177. With Dina Zayed.
2022. "(Dis)Courtesy Bias: 'Methodological Cognates,' Data Validity, and Ethics in Violence-Adjacent Research." *Comparative Political Studies* 25(3): 420-450. DOI: 10.1177/00104140211024309
- Winner of the 2022 Best Article on Middle East and North African Politics
2021. "Practical Ideology in Militant Organizations." *World Politics* 73(1): 52-81. DOI: 10.1017/S0043887120000180
2021. "The Qualitative Transparency Deliberations: Insights and Implications." *Perspectives on Politics* 19(1): 171-208. DOI: 10.1017/S1537592720001164. With Jacobs, Alan M., Tim Buthe, et al..
2019. "Rogues, Degenerates, and Heroes: Disobedience as Politics in Military Organizations." *European Journal of International Relations* 25(3): 645-671. DOI: 10.1177/1354066118823891. With Eric Hundman.
- Winner of the 2020 Outstanding Article Award in International Security
 - Winner of the 2020 Outstanding Article Award in International History and Politics
2019. "'Finding' Sectarianism and Strife in Lebanon." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 52(3): 494-497. DOI: 10.1017/S1049096519000143. With Faten Ghosn.
2019. "Humanitarian Crisis Research as Intervention." *Middle East Report* 290 (Spring 2019): 29-37. Online: <https://merip.org/2019/07/humanitarian-crisis-research-as-intervention/>
2018. "How the Houthis Became 'Shi'a'." *Middle East Report Online* (9 pages). Published January 27. Online: <http://www.merip.org/mero/mero012718>. With Anna Gordon.
2018. "Militant and Rebel Organization(s)." *Comparative Politics* 50(2): 271-293. DOI: 10.5129/001041518822263610. With Sherry Zaks.
2016. "Money Talks: Discourse, Networks, and Structure in Militant Organizations." *Perspectives on Politics* 14 (4): 976-994. DOI: 10.1017/S1537592716002875
2015. "Negotiating Health and Life: Syrian Refugees and the Politics of Access in Lebanon." *Social Science & Medicine* 146 (December): 324-31. DOI: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2015.10.008. With Orkideh Behrouzan.
2015. "Transparency in Intensive Research on Violence: Ethical Dilemmas and Unforeseen Consequences." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research* 13(1): 22-27. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.89308. With Elisabeth Jean Wood.

2013. "Organizing Rebellion: Rethinking High-Risk Mobilization and Social Networks in War."

American Political Science Review 107 (3): 418-432. DOI: 10.1017/S0003055413000208

- Winner of the 2014 Political Ties Award
- Winner of the 2014 Best Qualitative and Multi-Method Submission to APSR Award

BOOK CHAPTERS

2021. "Composing Comparison: Relational Cases and Cases of Relations in Qualitative Research." In Simmons, Erica and Smith, Nicholas Rush. *Rethinking Comparison in the Social Sciences*. Cambridge, UK and New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. 152-171.

2020. "After the field: Risk assessment revisited, dissemination, publication, and emotional challenges." With Isabell Schierenbeck, Florian Kohstall, and Mara Revkin. *Safer Research in the Social Sciences: A Systematic Handbook for Human and Digital Security*. Grimm, Jannis et. al., eds.. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAE Publications. 69-88.

2018. "Seeing Beyond the Spectacle: Research on and Adjacent to Violence." Cavatorta, Francesco and Janine Clark, eds.. *Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 73-82.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Exploring factors that shaped the integration of refugees in national health system in Lebanon using Kingdon's Multiple Streams Framework." With Fadi El-Jardali, Gladys Honein-AbouHaidar, Lama Bou-Karroum, Sabine Salameh, and Rima Majed. Under review.

"Securing the Spectacle: Public Safety and the Qatar World Cup." In progress.

"Social Adaptation and Organizational Emergence in War: A Relational Approach." In progress.

ESSAYS, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

2024. "The US Must Support Gaza Before Winter." *Foreign Policy*. November 21, 2024.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/11/21/gaza-israel-winter-rain-flooding-humanitarian-aid-us-biden>. With Feroze Sidhwa.

2024. "Targeted Killings Won't Destroy Hezbollah." *Foreign Affairs*. November 11, 2024.

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/israel/targeted-killings-wont-destroy-hezbollah>. With Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl

2024. "Israel is Weaponizing Forced Displacement—Again." *Foreign Policy*. October 11, 2024.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2024/10/11/lebanon-israel-war-invasion-civilians-displacement-netanyahu>. With Lama Mourad.

2023. "A Closer Look at the Gaza Casualty Data." *Good Authority* (blog), December 14, 2023. <https://goodauthority.org/news/gaza-casualty-data/>. With Marc Lynch.
2023. "The Ghosts of Lebanon." *Foreign Affairs*, November 14, 2023. <https://www.foreignaffairs.com/israel/ghosts-lebanon>.
2022. "Writing Humanity into Violence." *Violence: An International Journal*. Invited symposium discussing Lee Ann Fujii's *Show Time: The Logic and Power of Violent Display*. With Devorah Manekin. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/26330024221087089>.
2022. "Ethical Concerns on a Research Project." *Josef Korbel School of International Studies Ethics of Engagement*. January 4, 2022. <https://www.sieethicalengagement.com/reflection/ethical-concerns-on-a-research-project/>.
2020. "Preparing Political Science for Disaster." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter* 30(2): 100-108. Online: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/kpalz8e959iaj5t/CP%20Newsletter%20Fall%202020.pdf?dl=0>. With Valerie deKoeijer.
2020. "Lessons from Conflict Studies for Research during the Coronavirus Pandemic." *Items*. The Social Science Research Council. July 2, 2020. Online: <https://items.ssrc.org/covid-19-and-the-social-sciences/social-research-and-insecurity/lessons-from-conflict-studies-on-research-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>. With Kanisha D. Bond and Milli Lake.
2020. "When do they shoot? The social origins of officers' disobedience." *Political Violence @ a Glance*. June 29, 2020. Online: <https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/06/29/when-do-they-shoot-the-social-origins-of-officers-disobedience/>. With Eric Hundman.
2020. "Acting 'as if' during Pandemic: Information and Authoritarian Practice in the White House." *Items*. The Social Science Research Council. June 25, 2020. Online: <https://items.ssrc.org/covid-19-and-the-social-sciences/democracy-and-pandemics/acting-as-if-during-pandemic-information-and-authoritarian-practice-in-white-house/>
2019. "Lebanese protestors don't trust their government to reform. Here's why." *The Monkey Cage*. October 23. Online: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/10/23/lebanese-protesters-dont-trust-their-government-reform-heres-why/>. With Faten Ghosn.
2019. "The West Needs to Take the Politics of Women in ISIS Seriously." *Foreign Policy*. March 4, 2019. Online: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/03/04/the-west-needs-to-take-the-politics-of-women-in-isis-seriously/>. With Kanisha D. Bond, Kate Cronin-Furman, Meredith Loken, Milli Lake, and Anna Zelenz.
2019. "Review of Dawn Chatty, *Syria: The Making and Unmaking of a Refugee State*. (Oxford University Press, 2018)." *H-Diplo*. Online: <https://www.h-net.org/reviews/showpdf.php?id=53041>

2018. "The Dignity of Complexity: Being Human in Political Science." *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research*, 16(1): 39-41. DOI: 10.5281/zenodo.2562177. (Symposium editor: "An Ode to her Revolt: Remembering Lee Ann Fujii")
2017. "How to Watch 'Star Wars' like an Insurgent." *The Monkey Cage*. December 15. Online: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/12/15/how-to-watch-star-wars-like-an-insurgent/>.
2017. "The Ethics of Fieldwork Preparedness." *Political Violence @ a Glance*, June 5, 2017. With Milli Lake. Online: <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2017/06/05/the-ethics-of-fieldwork-preparedness/>.
2017. "Through the Looking Glass: Information Security and Middle East Research." *POMEPS Studies 24: New Challenges to Public and Policy Engagement*. Washington, DC, March 13. Online: <https://pomeps.org/through-the-looking-glass-information-security-and-middle-east-research>
2015. "Towards an Ethics of Sight: Violence Scholarship and the Arab Uprisings." *London School of Economics Middle East Center Blog*. August 26. Online: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/mec/2015/08/26/towards-an-ethics-of-sight-violence-scholarship-and-the-arab-uprisings/>
2015. "Review of MARIA HOLT, *Women in Conflict in the Middle East: Palestinian Refugees and the Response to Violence* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2014). Pp. 288. £62.00 cloth, £17.99 paper." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47(2): 407-409.
2014. "Wartime sexual violence is not just a 'weapon of war.'" *The Monkey Cage*. September 24. Online: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/09/24/wartime-sexual-violence-is-not-just-a-weapon-of-war/>. With Kerry F. Crawford and Amelia Hoover Green. Republished in *POMEPS Briefing 25: Syria and the Islamic State*. Washington, DC: Project on Middle East Political Science.
2014. "Educational Aftershocks for Syrian Refugees in Lebanon." *Middle East Research and Information Project*. September 7. Online: <http://www.merip.org/educational-aftershocks-syrian-refugees-lebanon>.
2014. "(In)discriminate language on Gaza." *The Monkey Cage*. August 7. Online: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/monkey-cage/wp/2014/08/07/indiscriminate-language-on-gaza/>. With Evgeny Finkel.
2014. "Practical Ethics: How U.S. Law and the 'War on Terror' Affect Research in the Middle East." *POMEPS Studies 8: Ethics and Research in the Middle East*. Washington, DC: Project on Middle East Political Science. Online: <https://pomeps.org/practical-ethics-how-u-s-law-and-the-war-on-terror-affect-research-in-the-middle-east>
2014. "Refugee 101: Palestinians in Lebanon Teach Refugees from Syria the Ropes." *Middle East Report Online*. Published April 3. Online: <http://merip.org/mero/mero040314>
2005. "Ripple Effect." *Nonproliferation News*. Washington DC: The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. September 8, 2005.

ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2010. "The National Center for Information and Research, The Lebanese National Movement. Arabic: Palestine, 1980-1981." ("Al-Markaz al-Watanī lil Ma'alumāt wa Dirāsāt, al-Harakat al-Watanīyya al-Lubnānīyya. 'Arabī Falastīn, 1980-1981.") Media Dataset held at the UMAM Center for Documentation and Research, Beirut, Lebanon.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Routledge Lee Ann Fujii Award for Innovation in the Interpretive Study of Political Violence, APSA Interpretive Methodologies and Methods Related Group	2023
Honorable Mention, Best Book Award in Middle East and North Africa Politics APSA Middle East and North Africa Politics Organized Section	2023
Global Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Advanced Study, Northwestern University-Qatar	Fall 2022
Best Article Award in Middle East and North Africa Politics APSA Middle East and North Africa Politics Organized Section	2022
TOME Open Access Subvention Award (\$15,000), Johns Hopkins University Libraries and Office of the Provost	2021
Outstanding Article Award in International Security, APSA International Security Organized Section	2020
Outstanding Article in International History and Politics APSA International History and Politics Organized Section	2020
Carnegie Corporation of New York (Co-PI, \$50,000) for the Advancing Research on Conflict Consortium	2020-2022
Catalyst Award, Johns Hopkins University (PI, \$74,790.40)	2019-2022
Extraordinary Reviewer Award, <i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	2019
James Bryce Fund for Political Science, Centennial Center, American Political Science Association, "Evidence of Atrocity: An Ethics-Based Methodological Toolkit for Political Violence Data." (Co-PI, \$2,000)	2019
DFID/ESRC/MRC/Wellcome Health Systems Research Initiative, "Integrating Refugees into National Health Systems: Enhancing Equity and Strengthening Sustainable Health Services for All" (Co-Investigator, £856,520)	2019-2022
Centennial Center Grant, American Political Science Association, "Academic Research on Conflict and Contention" (Co-PI, \$10,000)	2018-2019
Alliance for a Healthier World Grant, Johns Hopkins University (Co-Investigator, \$20,000)	2017
Exploration of Practical Ethics Research Grant, Berman Institute of Bioethics, Johns Hopkins University (PI, \$35,955)	2017-2020
Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota	Fall 2015
Political Ties Award, APSA Political Networks Organized Section	2014
Best Qualitative and Multi-Method Submission to the <i>American Political Science Review</i> , APSA Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Organized Section	2014
Project on Middle East Political Science Travel-Research-Engagement Grant	2014

Honorable Mention, Best Fieldwork Award, APSA Comparative Democratization Organized Section	2013
Palestinian American Research Center (PARC), Research Fellowship	2011-2012
University of Chicago, Grodzins Prize Lectureship	Winter 2011
Social Science Research Council	
International Dissertation Research Fellowship	2009- 2010
Social Science Research Council	
Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship	Summer 2008
University of Chicago, Century Fellowship	2006-2011
National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship	2006- 2009

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION (LAST TWO YEARS)

1. Comparative Politics Workshop, City College of New York Graduate Center. New York, NY: September 18, 2024.
2. Institute for Civically Engaged Research (ICER), American Political Science Association & Tufts University. Medford, MA: June 19, 2024.
3. International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap. Washington, DC: June 6, 2024.
4. Navigating the Challenges & Considerations of Fieldwork, APSA's Committee on the Status of Graduate Students. Washington, DC: May 3, 2024. (Virtual)
5. Security Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, MA: May 1, 2024.
6. Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL: April 2, 2024.
7. Facilitating Fieldwork Workshop, Geneva Graduate Institute. Tunis, Tunisia. February 9-11, 2024.
8. POMEPS Podcast. "The Ghosts of Lebanon, It's Just How Things Are Done, & Unreported Realities." S. 13, Ep. 11. *Project on Middle East Political Science*. Podcast Participant. December 1, 2023. <https://pomeps.org/s-13-ep-11>.
9. Institute for Advanced Study Colloquium, Northwestern University in Qatar. Doha, Qatar: October 15, 2023.
10. Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Doha, Qatar: October 10, 2023.
11. Interpretation, Method, and Critique Speaker Series, Australian National University. Canberra, Australia: July 28, 2023. (Online)
12. International Relations and Political Science Department Colloquium, Geneva Graduate Institute. Geneva, Switzerland: May 9, 2023. (Hybrid)

13. European University Institute. Florence, Italy: May 4, 2023.
14. Centre for the Contemporary Study of Civil War, York University. York, UK: April 19, 2023. (Virtual)
15. Interpretive Methods Workshop, Western Political Science Association. San Francisco, CA: April 5, 2023. (Hybrid)
16. Orient-Institut Beirut (Max Weber Foundation). Beirut, Lebanon. March 16, 2023.
17. Bologna Institute for Policy Research, Johns Hopkins University. Bologna, Italy. February 10, 2023.
18. POMEPS Podcast. "Beyond the Lines: Social Networks and Palestinian Militant Organizations in Wartime Lebanon." S. 12, Ep. 13. *Project on Middle East Political Science*. Podcast participant. January 20, 2023. Online: <https://pomeps.org/beyond-the-lines-and-emotional-sensibility-s-12-ep-13>.
19. Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University. Washington, DC: January 17, 2023.
20. War Economies Workshop, Sciences-Po Paris. Paris, France: April 21-22, 2022.
21. SOAS University of London. London, UK: March 9, 2022. (Virtual)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2011, 2013-2017, 2019-2022, 2024
 Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference: 2013-2021
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2015 -2019, 2022
 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting: 2013, 2016, 2018-2021
 Political Networks Conference (POLNET): 2015
 Social Science History Association Annual Conference: 2012-2013
 Midwest Political Science Association: 2009, 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (LAST TWO YEARS)

Placement Director, Department of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University	2025-present
Faculty Senate, Johns Hopkins University Nitze School of Advanced International Studies	2023-2024
Executive Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Organized Section, American Political Science Association	2021-2023
Chair, Middle East and North Africa Politics Organized Section Best Article Award	

Selection Committee	2023
Advisory Board, Project on Middle East Political Science	2021-Present
Member and Professional Development Working Group Co-Chair, Research Ethics in the Middle East and North Africa (REMENA)	2020-Present
Co-Founder and Convener, Advancing Research on Conflict (ARC) Consortium	2018-Present
Reviewer: American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, BMC Supplements, Civil Wars, Columbia University Press, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Cornell University Press, Ethnography, European Journal of International Relations, Geopolitics, International Political Sociology, International Security, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Global Security Studies, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Law and Social Inquiry, Mediterranean Politics, Middle East Law and Governance, Oxford University Press, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, PS: Political Science and Politics, Refugee Survey Quarterly, Security Studies, Social Science & Medicine, Urban Studies, World Politics	

FIELDWORK

Tunisia: April 2024, June 2022

Qatar: January 2024, October-December 2022, August 2022

United Arab Emirates: January 2024

International Search and Rescue Advisory Group (INSARAG): Africa, Europe, & Middle East Regional
Group Meeting (October 2022, October 2023), Türkiye & Syria Earthquakes After Action
(October 2023), exercises in Türkiye (October 2022) and Tunisia (June 2022, November 2024)

Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI) and Ninewa Governorate, Iraq: May 2019, July-August 2018, August
2016

Lebanon: June 2018, March 2018, May-June 2014, January 2014, May-June 2012, April-May 2011,
October 2009-October 2010, June 2008-September 2008, August 2007

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Research proficiency in Levantine/Palestinian colloquial

Research proficiency in formal Arabic (*fusha*)

Middlebury Summer Arabic Program

Summer 2009

American University of Beirut Center for Arabic and

Middle Eastern Studies Summer Arabic Program

Summer 2007

French: Research proficiency

Italian: Low intermediate proficiency

Kurmanji: Beginner

METHODS TRAINING, TECHNICAL ENGAGEMENTS, AND PRATICAL EXPERIENCE

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, Vienna VA

- Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician May 2021-present
- Board of Directors 2024-present
- Uniform Committee Co-Chair 2024-present

Exercise Control (Evaluation, Injects), Africa, Europe, & Middle East Regional Exercise

(Tunis, Tunisia), International Search and Rescue Advisory Group November 2024

Women's Weekend, National Fire Academy (W0443)

June 2024

Exercise Control (Evaluation), Africa, Europe, & Middle East Regional Exercise

(Ankara, Türkiye), International Search and Rescue Advisory Group October 2022

Wide Area Search, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service

May 2022

National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

August 2020

Wilderness Emergency Medical Technician

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

August 2020

Hostile Environment and Emergency First Aid Training (HEFAT)

December 2016

Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research

Summer 2011