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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore MD and Washington DC

Aronson Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies July 2016-Present

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

2022. *Beyond the Lines: Social Networks and Palestinian Militant Organizations in Wartime Lebanon*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Forthcoming*. "‘It’s just how things are done:’ Social Ecologies of Sexual Violence in Humanitarian Aid." *International Studies Quarterly*. 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*. Published January 27. Online: <http://www.merip.org/mero/mero012718>.
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.

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: SAGE Publications.

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.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Unreported Realities: The Political Economy of Media-Sourced Data." *Under review*.

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

## ESSAYS, REPORTS, AND REVIEWS

2022. "Writing Humanity into Violence." *Violence: An International Journal*. Invited symposium contribution. With Devorah Manekin.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/MPAFWHNBWIBIG3BTK9AV/full>

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. Online: <https://zenodo.org/record/2562177#.XIKzEy2ZPPA>. (Symposium editor)
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.

## DATA AND 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.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

Global Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Advanced Study, Northwestern University-Qatar	Fall 2022
Best Article Award in Middle East and North African Politics APSA Middle East and North African 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)	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 (PAST 2 YEARS)**

War Economies Workshop, Sciences-Po Paris. Paris, France: April 21-22, 2022.

SOAS University of London. London, UK: March 9, 2022. (Virtual)

Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Doha, Qatar: November 16, 2021.

Arab Council for the Social Sciences and the Institute for Advanced Study in the Global South, Northwestern University in Qatar. Doha, Qatar: November 14, 2021.

POMEPS Podcast. “(Dis)Courtesy Bias: “Methodological Cognates,” Data Validity, and Ethics in Violence-Adjacent Research.” S. 11, Ep. 6. Podcast participant. September 24, 2021. Online: <https://pomeps.org/jihad-in-the-city-discourtesy-bias-and-moroccos-election-s-11-ep-6>

Johns Hopkins SAIS Faculty Research Forum. “The Wars We Don’t See: Noncombatants and Everyday Conflict in the Middle East.” Online: September 20, 2021.

American Political Science Association. “Virtual Methods for MENA Politics Research.” Online: May 27, 2021. With Laryssa Chomiak.

Stories from the Field: Teaching Field Research. Podcast participant. March 23, 2021. Online: <https://storiesfromthefield.buzzsprout.com/1617775/8182196-teaching-field-research-with-jesse-driscollmilli-lake-and-sarah-parkinson>

Sovereignty, Order, and Conflict Workshop, Syracuse University Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs. Syracuse, NY: February 22, 2021. (Virtual) With Valerie de Koeijer.

POMEPS Podcast. “Practical Ideology in Militant Organizations.” S. 10, Ep. 5.. Podcast participant. February 21, 2021. Online: <https://pomeps.org/global-jihad-precarious-collective-action-and-practical-ideology-in-militant-organizations-s-10-ep-5>.

International Politics Seminar, Columbia University. New York, NY: February 18, 2021. (Virtual)

Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia, PA: February 12, 2021. (Virtual)

Flashpoint: Lebanon. Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor, MI: October 6, 2020. Online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BeWE83djY6E>

Comparative Politics Workshop, Yale University. New Haven, CT: May 26, 2020. (Virtual)

Representation and Reproduction of the Middle East and North Africa in Political Science. American University of Cairo. Cairo, Egypt: October 12-13, 2019.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting: 2011, 2013-2017, 2019-2022

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

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (PAST 5 YEARS)

Reviewer (past 2 years): American Journal of Political Science, American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, Comparative Politics, Ethnography, European Journal of International Relations, Geopolitics, International Security, International Studies Perspectives, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Mediterranean Politics, Middle East Law and Governance, Political Research Quarterly, Political Science Quarterly, PS: Political Science and Politics, World Politics

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

2020-Present

Co-Founder and Convener, Advancing Research on Conflict (ARC) Consortium

2018-Present

International History and Politics Organized Section Outstanding Article Award

Selection Committee

2021

Program Co-Chair, Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference

2019 & 2021

Editorial Board, Comparative Politics Newsletter

2018-2021

Steering Committee, Project on Middle East Political Science

2016-2021

Steering Committee, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations

Qualitative and Multi-Method Organized Section, APSA

2016-2020

**FIELDWORK**

Qatar: October-December 2022, August 2022

Tunisia: June 2022

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

The Netherlands (The Hague): January 2004

Cuba: June-July 2001

Guatemala: January 2001

**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: Elementary proficiency

Kurmanji: Beginner

**METHODS AND PRATICAL EXPERIENCE**

Member, Exercise Control, Africa, Europe, & Middle East Regional Exercise

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

October 2022

Volunteer Emergency Medical Technician (BLS)

May 2021-Present

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