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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2014-present)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2007-2014)
Visiting Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College (2006-2007)

Secondary Administrative Appointments

Director of Academic Equity and Inclusion Initiatives, Office of Equity and Inclusion, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2018-present)

Director of Diversity Advancement, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016-2018)

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, 2006

PhD in Political Science

Primary Fields of Specialization: Comparative Politics, Political Theory, American Politics

Specialization: Democratization, Democratic Theory, Electoral Studies, Methodology

Dissertation: Constituting the Electorate: Voting System Reform and Working Class

Incorporation in France, the United Kingdom, and the United States, 1867-1914

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1997

Certificate Degree in Israeli Politics and Society

Independent Research Project: "The Radical Right and Religious Extremism in Israel"

Dartmouth College, 1996

BA in Government and Middle East Studies

High honors for senior thesis in Government, "State Strength and Societal Challenges"

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Democracy and the Politics of Electoral System Choice: Engineering Electoral Dominance
(Cambridge University Press, 2013)

*Received the Best Book Award from the European Politics and Society Section of the APISA, 2014.

Peer Reviewed Articles and Chapter

“Multi-Method Research and Democratization Studies: Intellectual Bridges Among Islands of Specialization” *Democratization*, Vol 26:1 (2019) 97-139.

“American Political Development in the Mirror of Europe” in *Comparative Area Studies: Methodological Rationales and Cross-Regional Applications*, Ariel Ahram, Patrick Köllner, and Rudra Sil eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017).

“The Politics of History and the History of Economic Development”, *Journal of Politics*, Vol 77 No. 1 (Jan 2015).

“The Study of Democratization and the Arab Spring” with Giovanni Capoccia, *Middle East Law and Governance Journal*, Vol 6.1 (2014) 1-31.

"The Existential Threat: Varieties of Socialism and the Origins of Electoral Systems in Early Democracies", *Studies in Comparative International Development* (June 2013) 48.2: 141-171.

“When Multi-Method Research Subverts Methodological Pluralism: Or Why We Still Need Single Method Research” with Rudra Sil, *Perspectives on Politics* (December 2012) 10.4: 935-953.

“Revolutionary Blindspots: The Politics of Electoral System Choice in the Egyptian Transition”, *Middle East Law and Governance Journal*. Sept 2011, No. 3 Vol.2.

“Reading History Forward: The Origins of Electoral Systems in Advanced Democracies”, *Comparative Political Studies* Special Issue on The Historical Turn in Democratization Studies. (August/September 2010) 43: 1059-1088.

Other Publications

“Rethinking Backsliding: Insights from the Historical Turn in Democratization Studies” *Comparative Democratization Newsletter*, Fall 2014.

“Restoring the Voting Rights Act Will Not Do Enough to Ensure Fair Elections” Policy Brief for the Scholars Strategy Network, January 2014

“When Election Rules Undermine Democracy”, Policy brief for the Scholars Strategy Network, April 2013.

“Is Multi-Method Research Really Better?” with Rudra Sil, *Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section Newsletter*, Fall 2009.

Works in Progress

“Toward a Processual Understanding of Democratization” (Article Manuscript, Under Review)

“Parliamentarization and Democratization: Interwar Europe in Comparative Perspective” (Invited Article Manuscript, In Progress)

“The Origins of the Weimar Coalition: Party Politics in the German Imperial Reichstag” (Article Manuscript, in progress)

Out of Order: Institutional Development and Democratization in France and Germany (Book Manuscript, in Progress)

“It Didn’t Happen Here? Working Class Mobilization and Electoral Demobilization in the United States” (Article Manuscript, In Progress).

MEDIA AND OUTREACH

Public Talk: “Debating the Electoral College” Debate with Akhil Amar, of Yale Law School, Apr19, 2017

Public Talk: “Freedom of Religion and the Consequences of Politicizing Islam” (Part of Defending Democracy, Engaging Ideas Series), Mar 30, 2017

No Jargon Podcast: “Dangers to Democracy in the United States”, January 2017

“In Defense of the Electoral College”, *The American Prospect*, Dec 23, 2016.

Panel on the Electoral College: Presentation for the League of Women Voters, Springfield MA, February 7 2016.

"Chief Justice Roberts was Right: How to Fix the Voting Rights Act," *Talking Points Memo*, February 21, 2014.

Member, Scholars Strategy Network: As a member of the SSN, I prepare annual policy briefs based on my academic research to be distributed to policy-makers and journalists (2013-present).

Director, Egypt Elections Project: I have developed and maintained a website (egyptelections.org) that uses original geographic and demographic data to provide visual representations of the Egyptian electoral landscape (2011-2016).

Interviews with WGBY: Topics include Democratization, the Egyptian Transition, and Elections (Interviews spanned 2011-13).

Collaborated with Al Jazeera English to develop an interactive electoral map of Egypt in preparation for the first parliamentary elections, October 2011.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Program Co-Chair

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2019

Executive Committee Member

Comparative Politics Section of American Political Science Associations, 2018-present.

Selection Committee

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2018

Co-Convener

Graduate Student Workshop on Comparative Historical Methods, Council for European Studies, 2016-18

Division Program Chair

Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015

Committee Member

Best Book Award, APSA Organized Section on European Politics And Society, 2015

Executive Committee

New England Political Science Association, 2014-2016

Selection Committee

Melon-CES Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Council for European Studies, 2014.

Committee Chair

Mary Follett Prize Committee, APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2013.

Committee Member

Best Article Award, APSA Organized Section on European Politics and Society, 2013.

Division Program Chair

Comparative Politics Section, New England Political Science Association, 2012-2013.

Division Program Chair

Council for European Studies Organized Section on the Historical Study of States and Regimes, 2012-13.

Executive Committee

APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2011-13.

Organizer

Symposium on “The Origins and Evolution of Electoral Systems”, Council for European Studies, 2011.

Committee Member

Greenstone Book Award, APSA Organized Section on Politics and History, 2011.

Committee Member

Giovanni Sartori Book Award, APSA Organized Section of Qualitative and Mixed-Method Research, 2008.

Reviewer

American Political Science Review (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2015); Perspectives on Politics (2015, 2018); World Politics (2016); American Journal of Political Science(2010, 2012, 2013); Comparative Political Studies 2011, 2012, 2013); Political Research Quarterly (2011, 2012, 2014); Legislative Studies (2018); University of Toronto Press (2012); Cornell University Press (2017).

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE*Elected Member*

SBS College Personnel Committee, 2014-2016

Elected Member

Department Personnel Committee, 2014-15

Member, Ad-Hoc Committee

Initiative Hiring Committee, 2013-2014

Co-Organizer

Speaker Series "Elections in Uncertain Times", 2011-12.

Co-Convener

Ambiguities of Democracy Workshop, 2008-10.

Member, Standing Committee

Graduate Admissions Committee, Political Science Department, 2009-10, 2012-13, 2015-16

Member, Standing Committee

Graduate Studies Committee, Political Science Department, 2008-09.

Member, Ad-hoc Committee

Hiring Initiative Search Committee, Political Science Department, 2007-08.

Member, Exam Committees

Comparative Politics Field Exam (Gizem Zencirci, Deniz Cakir, Kevin Pallister, Nicklaus Laverty, Alper Yagci, Tyler Schuenemann, Ben Leiter, Harita Patel, Ardeshir Pezeshk, Mohsen Jalali); Interdisciplinary Field Exam (Lauren Handley).

Member, Dissertation and Thesis Committees

Dissertation Committee: Tyler Schuenemann (Chair); Nicklaus Laverty; Prospectus Committee: Mohsen Jalaili (Chair); (Dissertation Committee Member); Honors Thesis Committee: Casey Reinhart, Nathaniel Kahler, Elizabeth Keenan, Barrie Cameron, Stephanie Chan (Chair)

HONORS AND AWARDS

Spotlight Scholar Award, *UMass-Amherst*, 2016

SBS Research Grant, (\$7000) *UMass-Amherst*, 2015

Best Book Award, *European Politics and Society Section of the APSA*, 2014

Healy Research Grant (\$15,000), *UMass-Amherst*, 2011

Lilly Fellowship, *UMass-Amherst*, 2009-2010

Residential First-Year Award, *UMass-Amherst*, 2009

College of Social and Behavioral Science Travel Grant, *UMass-Amherst*, 2008

APSA Travel Grant, *American Political Science Association*, 2005

Christopher H. Brown Center Research Grant, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2005

Chimicles Fellowship, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2004-2005 (Declined)

SAS Dissertation Fellowship, *University of Pennsylvania*, 2003-2004

Raoul Wallenberg Scholarship for Leadership in Democracies, *Hebrew University*, 1996

Rockefeller Prize in Comparative Politics, *Dartmouth College*, 1996

TEACHING

Undergraduate

Political Science 111: Comparative Politics
Political Science 395D: Democracy and Democratization
Political Science 395E: Political Economy of Development
Political Science 491H: Comparative Democratization
Political Science 495: West European Politics

Graduate

Political Science 710: Field Seminar in Comparative Politics
Political Science 795D: Comparative Democratization
Political Science 797B: Qualitative Methods
Political Science 791: Political Inquiry

Recent Symposia and Invited Talks

“Promise and Pitfalls of Multi-Method Research” Purdue University Symposium on Advanced Methodology, October 2018

“Comparative Parties and the Birth of Democracy” Center for European Studies, Harvard University. April 2017.

“Multi-Method Research and Democracy Studies” University of Heidelberg, March 2017.

“Out of Order: Parliamentarization and Suffrage Expansion in European Political Development” University of Bremen, June 2016.

“Why no Workers’ Party in the United States?”, University of Pennsylvania, November 2015.

“Between the Veil and the Vote” Discussant at the POMEPS Junior Scholar Book Development Workshop. Yale University October 2014.

“Representation and British Political Development”, Discussant. Conference on The Westminster System in Crisis, Harvard University, May 2013.

“The Politics of History and the History of Democracy.” Presented at the Ethics of Contention Conference at the State University of New York, Albany, June 2012.

Conference participation: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Annual International Conference of Europeanists, Council for European Studies; Midwest Political Science Association; Northeast Political Science Association.

LANGUAGES:

English: Native Proficiency; Arabic: Native Proficiency; French: Working Proficiency; German: Working Proficiency