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## Academic Employment

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Assistant Professor of Political Science *Fall 2022-Present*  
Tulane University, New Orleans, LA

Instructor, Department of Political Science *Fall 2021*  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA

## Education

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Harvard University, Cambridge, MA *2022*  
Ph.D. in Political Science  
Department of Government  
Committee: Melani Cammett, Torben Iversen, Yuhua Wang, F. Gregory Gause III

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA *2021*  
M.A. in Political Science  
Department of Government

Brown University, Providence, RI *2012*  
B.A. International Relations

## Publications

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“Whose War is it Anyway? Explaining the Black-White Gap in Support for the Use of Force Abroad,” *Security Studies*. Accepted for publication. (with Naime Green-Riley)

“When Can Dictators Go It Alone? Personalization and Oversight in Authoritarian Regimes,” *Politics & Society*. Online preprint (2022). (with Chris Carothers and Matthew Reichart)

“Defining the ‘Tribal Advantage’ in Kuwaiti Politics,” *Middle East Law & Governance* 14, no. 2(August 2022): 205-234. (with Courtney Freer)

- Related commentary: "[The ‘tribal advantage’ in Kuwaiti politics and the future of the opposition](#)," Order from Chaos (blog), Brookings Institution, April 19, 2021

“Framing a murder: Twitter influencers and the Jamal Khashoggi incident,” *Mediterranean Politics* 26, no. 2(2021): 247-259. (with Alexei Abrahams)

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“Electronic Armies or Cyber Knights? The sources of pro-authoritarian discourse on Middle East Twitter,” *International Journal of Communication* 15 (2021): 1173-1199. (with Alexei Abrahams)

- Related commentary: “[Saudi Twitter blew up with support for the crown prince. How much of it is genuine?](#),” *The Washington Post*, March 9, 2021

"Making Moves: Reading Saudi Social Change through Commercial Tabletop Games," *Journal of Arabian Humanities* 14, (2020).

“Seek Fact from Texts: Reading Saudi Media on China amid the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies* 14, no. 4 (2020): 538-553.

“Saudi Arabia Plans for its Economic Future: Vision 2030, the National Transformation Plan, and Fiscal Reform in Saudi Arabia,” *British Journal of Middle East Studies* 47, no. 3 (2020), 381-401. (with Daniel Moshashai and James Savage)

“A Storm of Tweets: Social Media Manipulation During the Gulf Crisis,” *Review of Middle East Studies* 53, no. 2 (2019), 241-258. (with Alexei Abrahams)

“China and the Middle East after the Arab Spring: From Status-Quo Observing to Proactive Engagement,” *Asian Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies* 13, no. 1 (2019): 1-17. (with Ibrahim Fraihat)

“When the oil runs out: Changing rentier politics in the greater Mediterranean region,” *Mediterranean Politics* 24, no. 5 (2019): 665-673.

## Chapters, Reviews and Newsletters

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“‘If Only the Governor Knew’: Subnational Contestation in Saudi Arabia,” APSA-MENA Newsletter 5, no. 1 (2022): 21-26.

“Gulf Security Architecture and the Potential Role of Europe” in *The European Union and the Gulf Cooperation Council: The Path Forward*: eds. Adel Abdel Ghafar and Silvia Colombo (Palgrave Macmillan, Singapore, 2021): pp. 207-237. (with Adel Abdel Ghafar)

“Foreign Scholarship Programs in Algeria and Saudi Arabia,” in *The Political Economy of Education in the Arab World*, eds. Hicham Alaoui and Robert Springborg, (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2021): 147-182. (with Adel Hamaizia)

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## In Preparation

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*The Reformer's Dilemma: Authoritarian Policymaking in Saudi Arabia*, book manuscript.

“Mr. Otaiba Goes to Washington: Direct and Indirect Effects of Foreign Lobbying in the United States.”

“Voice(s) of the Nation: Competing Pro-State Narratives in Saudi Arabia.” (with Bruno Schmidt-Feuerheerd).

“The (Shaky) Moral Foundations of the U.S.-Saudi Relationship.”

“Framing and Fundamentals in Authoritarian Performance Legitimacy.” (with Jonas Draege).

## Public Scholarship & Commentary

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### *English-Language*

“[America and Saudi Arabia Are Stuck With Each Other](#),” *Foreign Affairs*, April 1. (2022). (with Yasmine Farouk).

“[What's Missing in the Recalibration of the U.S.-Saudi Relationship? People](#).” Commentary, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, March 4. (2021). (with Yasmine Farouk)

“[Social Media Manipulation in the MENA: Inauthenticity, Inequality, and Insecurity](#),” *POMEPS Studies* 43. (2021). (with Alexei Abrahams)

“[Introduction: Ties That No Longer Bind? Present Dynamics and Future Prospects for the U.S.-Saudi Relationship](#),” Policy Roundtable, *Texas National Security Review*, February 13. (2020).

“[Hidden Hands or Inspiring Example? Gulf Perspectives on the ‘American Spring’](#),” Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington [blog post], June 11. (2020).

“[China and COVID-19 in Saudi Arabia](#),” *War on the Rocks*, April 23. (2020).

“[North by southwest: Outlying Saudi regions face economic change, retain culture](#),” *Al Arabiya*, February 17. (2020).

“[Saudi Arabia and the U.S. Congress: Cooperation and Opposition Since 9/11](#),” *Dirasat* 44, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. (2019).

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"[Differences of Opinion? Saudi Op-eds and Confrontation with Iran](#)," Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington [blog post], May 23. (2019).

"[Is Oil Wealth Good for Private Sector Development?](#)," *Working Papers* 1299, Economic Research Forum. (2019). (with Melani Cammett and Ishac Diwan)

"[Resisting Rentierism: Labor Market Reforms in Saudi Arabia](#)," *POMEPS Studies* 33. (2019).

"[Onwards and Upwards with Women in the Gulf](#)," *MERIP*, January 11. (2018). (with Charlotte Lysa)

"[Is the Saudi Purge Really About Corruption?](#)" *Foreign Affairs* Online, 15 November. (2017). (with Christopher Carothers)

### *Arabic-Language*

"[The Saudi savings rate in a post-oil future](#)," *Thmanyah*, June 10 (2021). (with Eman Al Hussein)

"[The Gulf War: Military technology and the American victory Complex](#)," *Thmanyah*, Feb. 9. (2020).

"[After disastrous elections, with the Electoral College remain as it is in America?](#)," *Thmanyah*, Nov. 20. (2020).

"[US Foreign Policy: What if Biden Wins?](#)," *Thmanyah*, June 23. (2020).

"[Violence of Chaos or Violence of the State?](#)," *Thmanyah*, June 10. (2020).

### **Translations**

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Khaled Hourani. "Surda, Surda! Ramallah, Ramallah!" in [The Book of Ramallah](#), ed. Maya Abu Al-Hayat (Comma Press, 2021)

Maqbul Al-Alawi. "Phantom of the Sands," in [ArabLit Quarterly: Dreams](#) (Winter 2020)

- [Shortlisted](#) for the 2020 ArabLit Story Prize

Maqbul Al-Alawi. "A Group to Honor the Deceased," in [ArabLit Quarterly: The Road](#) (Spring 2020)

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Anwar Hamed. "The Key," in [Palestine +100](#), ed. Basma Ghalayini (Comma Press, 2019)

Nahla Karam. "The Other Balcony," in [The Book of Cairo](#), ed. Raphael Cormack (Comma Press, 2019)

Diaa Jubaili. "The Worker," in [Iraq +100](#), ed. Hassan Blasim (Comma Press, 2018)

Dareen Tatour

"Detaining a Poem," "Beware," "Story of a Child" - [Brooklyn Rail](#) (March 2018)

"A Female Cry" - [Jadaliyya](#) (January 2018)

"Rebellion of Silence" - [ArabLit](#) (October 2017)

"I... Who am I?" - [ArabLit](#) (August 2017)

- Included in [A Blade of Grass: New Palestinian Poetry](#), ed. Naomi Foyle (Smokestack Books, 2017)

Omar Hazek. "[An Open Letter After a Year in Prison](#)," ArabLit (December 2014)

Atef Abu Saif. "Atef Abu Saif: We're OK in Gaza," [Guernica](#) (August 2014)

Najla Ataallah. "In Gaza We Are Not Okay," [AGNI Online](#) (July 2014)

Najla Ataallah. "Tomorrow the war ends: diary of a writer in Gaza City," [The New Statesman](#) (July 2014)

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Instructor. “International Relations of the Middle East,” Fall 2021, University of Massachusetts (Amherst).

Course Assistant. “Middle Eastern Politics and Policy,” Spring 2019, Dr. Tarek Masoud, Harvard University.

- Guest lectured for lecture #13, “The Effects of Oil Wealth: Theoretical Perspectives”

Guest Lecturer on Monarchical Stability in Saudi Arabia. “Comparative Politics of the Middle East,” Spring 2019, Bryn Mawr College, Dr. Sofia Fenner

Teaching Fellow: “Chinese Foreign Policy,” Spring 2018, Department of Government, Dr. Iain Johnston, Harvard University.

Teaching Fellow. “Comparative Politics,” Fall 2017, Department of Government, Dr. Steve Levitsky, Harvard University.

### **Awards & Affiliations**

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National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, 2016-2021 (~\$100,000)

(With Jonas Draege) Evidence for Policy Design pilot grant, 2019-2020 (~\$100,000)

Associate Fellow and Visiting Researcher, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, 2018-2020.

Center for Middle East Studies, Arabian Peninsula Grant 2018-2019 (\$6,000)

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Pre-Dissertation Grant, 2018-2019 (\$6,000)

EPoD Travel Grant, 2017 (\$5,000)

Weatherhead Initiative on Gender Inequality Grant, 2016 (\$3,000)

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad Fellow, 2012-2013

### **Professional Service**

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- Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Political Science, Tulane University, 2022-
- Manuscript Reviewer for: *International Security*, *Journal of International Development*, *British Journal of Middle East Studies*

### **Select Conference Presentations**

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“Intervening Variables: Racial Differences in Support for the Use of Force Abroad,” with Naima Green-Riley, *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington D.C., October 1, 2021.

“Social Media Manipulation in the MENA: Inauthenticity, Inequality, and Insecurity,” with Alexei Abrahams, *Digital Activism and Authoritarian Adaptation in the Middle East (POMEPS/Stanford University virtual conference)*, May 27, 2021

“A Changing Saudi Labor Market: Gender, Geography, and Inequality,” with Jonas Draege, *Labor Transformation and Regime Transition: Lessons from the Middle East and North Africa (POMEPS/Cornell ILR virtual workshop)*, April 30, 2021

“Dictating Terms: Difficult Reforms and Coalition-building in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain,” *American Political Science Association Annual Conference*, Washington D.C., 31 August 2019.

“Dictating Terms: Coalition Change in Authoritarian Regimes,” invited talk, University of Massachusetts Amherst, March 1, 2019.

“Locked out of the Coalition: Threats to Rulers and Partner Switching in the Arab Gulf States,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, Washington D.C., 21 November 2017.

“Decoding the Kefala: The Political Logic of Migrant Labor Policy in the Arab Gulf States,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, Boston, November 19, 2016.