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# EDUCATION

**University of Cambridge**  Cambridge, United Kingdom

**Ph.D., Politics** Expected May 2018

* Research Interests: Food Politics, Authoritarianism, Political Economy of Development, Welfare Regimes, State Theory.
* Dissertation: “Bread Politics: State Power, Food Subsidies and Neoliberalization in Hashemite Jordan.”

**University of Cambridge** Cambridge, United Kingdom

M.Phil, Middle Eastern Studies August 2013

**University of Cambridge** Cambridge, United Kingdom

M.Phil with Distinction, Politics August 2012

**Williams College**  Williamstown, MA

B.A., Political Science and History June 2010

Magna Cum Laude, with Distinction

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Site of Resistance or Apparatus of Acquiescence? Tactics at the Bakery,” Accepted, in production*, Middle East Critique*.

“Leavened Apprehensions: Bread Subsidies and Moral Economies in Jordan,” Accepted, in production, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

“Leavening Neoliberalization’s Uneven Pathways: Bread, Governance and Political Rationalities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,” *Mediterranean Politics* 22:4 (October 2017): 464-483.

“Struggling to Perform the State: The Politics of Bread in the Syrian Civil War,” *International Political Sociology* 11:2 (June 2017): 130-147. (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

“Jordan’s Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: The Production of Feeble Political Parties and the Perceived Perils of Democracy,” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 44:3 (July 2017): 356-372.

“The Unintended Consequences of Emergency Food Aid: Neutrality, Sovereignty and Politics in the Syrian Civil War, 2012-2015,” *International Affairs* 92:1 (January 2016): 153-173. (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

# WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Performing in Place: Everyday Stateness at the Bakery.” Under review, *Comparative Political Studies*.

“Stifling Stateness: The Assad Regime’s Aerial Bombing Campaign against Rebel Governance,” Under review, *Security Dialogue*, (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

“Nothing but Bread: Welfare Services as State Performances.”

# NON PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Starvation, Submission and Survival: The Syrian War through the Prism of Food,” *Middle East Report* 273 (Winter 2014). (Co-written with Brent Eng)

“Bread is Life: The Intersection of Welfare and Emergency Aid,” *Middle East Report* 272 (Fall 2014).

“Understanding the Roots of the Iranian Revolution: Assessing the Power, Influence and Social Position of Shi’ite Ulama in Iran, 1890-1979.” *Journal of Politics and Society* 20:1 (2010): 17-40.

# BOOK REVIEWS

Zahra Babar and Suzi Mirgani (eds), *Food Security in the Middle East*. *Political Studies Review* 15:3 (August 2017): 504-505.

Joseph Sassoon, *Anatomy of Authoritarianism in the Arab Republics*. *Political Studies Review* 15:2 (May 2017): 336.

Samer N. Abboud, *Syria*. *The Journal of Politics* 78:2 (October 2016): E44-E46.

“Rebellion, Sectarian Slaughter or Civil War? Reading the Syrian Mêlée.” *New Middle Eastern Studies* 3 (July 2013).

# SERIALS and POLICY PUBLICATIONS

“Los consejos no tienen quien les escriba [No One Writes to the Councils],” *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, August 2016.

“El desafío ruso en Siria: la maniobra que transformó la guerra [The Russian Challenge in Syria: The Maneuver that Changed the War],” *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, March 2016.

“Una receta para el desastre: La guerra siria de los alimentos [A Recipe for Disaster: The War for Food in Syria],” *Foreign Affairs Latinoamérica*, November 2015 (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

“La comida como arma [Food as a Weapon],” *El Nuevo Día* (Daily Newspaper, San Juan, Puerto Rico) 3 October 2015.

“The Perils of Jordan’s Informal Sector,” *The Majalla Magazine*, 27 July 2014.

“Rolling in the Dough: Jordan’s Booming Bakery Business,” *Jordan Business*, July 2014.

“Haluwwiyāt fi al-Ūrdun: tadany al-jauda wa irtifā‘ al-ās‘ār wa al-Injar b-l-ṭāḥīn al-mad‘aum, (Sweets in Jordan: Low Quality, High Prices and the Traffic in Subsidized Flour),” *Al-Ghad Daily Newspaper,* 20 July 2014.

“Islaḥāt d‘aouwmāt al-khubz fi misr wa al-Ūrdun muqāribāt fi al-ḥālatayn (Bread Subsidy Reform in Egypt and Jordan: A Comparison of Approaches),” *Al-Ghad Daily Newspaper*, 7 July 2014.

“Al-takalfa al-mukhfiyya al-nātija ‘an tadafuq al-lājīyyn al-sūrīyīn: mukhāṭir al-qṭā‘āt ghayr al-rasmiyya (The Hidden Cost of the Syrian Refugee Influx: Risks for the Informal Sector),” *Al-Ghad Daily Newspaper,* 29 June 2014.

“Al-Muwwassāt al-māliyyeh al-‘ālamiyyeh wa d‘am al-khubz al-Ūrdunī…taghyīr fi al-qinā‘a ām trāj‘ lḥẓī, (International Financial Institutions and the Jordanian Bread Subsidy: Change of Heart or Momentary Retreat?), *Al-Ghad Daily Newspaper*, 22 June 2014.

“Jordan’s Fragile Stability,” *Los Angeles Times*, 13 February 2014.

# ONLINE MEDIA

“Puerto Rico at the Precipice,” *Jacobin*, 5 November 2017 (Co-Written with Fernando Tormos), https://www.jacobinmag.com/2017/10/puerto-rico-hurricane-maria-trump-jones-act-colonialism

“How Feeding Syrians Feeds the War,” *Foreign Policy*, 11 February 2016 (Co-Written with Brent Eng). http://foreignpolicy.com/2016/02/11/syria-chemonics-assad-bread/

“Why international food aid can actually make conditions worse for starving Syrians,” Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, 26 January 2016 (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/01/26/why-international-food-aid-can-actually-make-conditions-worse-for-starving-syrians/

“Leaving Syrians No Options,” *Sada Blog*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 27 October 2015 (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/?fa=61763

“Forgetting Food in Syria,” *Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)*, 5 October 2015 (Co-Written with Brent Eng). https://www.rusi.org/analysis/commentary/ref:C56128B3D7FB8B/#.VhTOi7Sqqkr

“Yarmouk and the Failures of Neutral Humanitarianism,” *Al-Jazeera America*, 5 May 2015 (Co-Written with Brent Eng).

http://america.aljazeera.com/opinions/2015/5/yarmouk-and-the-failures-of-neutral-humanitarianism.html

“Assad’s Bread Problem,” *Sada Blog*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 3 February 2015. (Co-Written with Brent Eng). http://carnegieendowment.org/sada/index.cfm?fa=show&article=58941&solr\_hilite=

“Islamic States Works to Win Hearts, Minds, with Bread,’ *Al-Monitor*, 29 July 2014 (Co-Written with Brent Eng). http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/fr/contents/articles/originals/2014/07/islamic-state-bread-subsidies-syria-iraq-terrorism.html

“Wheat Subsidies in Jordan May be Too Little Too Late,” *Al-Monitor*, July 22, 2014. http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/fr/contents/articles/originals/2014/07/jordan-agriculture-wheat-production-harvest-farmers.html

“Jordan’s Brotherhood Bets on Economic Plan to Improve its Image,” *Al-Monitor*, July 13, 2014. http://www.al-monitor.com/pulse/fr/contents/articles/originals/2014/07/jordan-iaf-muslim-brotherhood-economic-plan-zamzam.html

“Half Baked: Reform and Resentment in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Parts 1-3” *Muftah*, February 18-20, 2014. Accessible at: <http://muftah.org/half-baked-reform-resentment-kingdom-jordan-part/#.U7f3UI4oPFJ>

“Give us This Day our Daily Bread? The Politics of Flour in Hashemite Jordan,” *Jadaliyya*, January 28, 2014. Accessible at: http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/16220/give-us-this-day-our-daily-bread-the-politics-of-f

# CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

“Site of Resistance or Apparatus of Acquiescence? Tactics at the Bakery,” MESA Annual Conference, Washington D.C., 18-21 November 2017.

“Resistance Re-considered: Tactics at the Bakery,” BRISMES Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, 5-7 July 2017.

“Performing in Place: Everyday Stateness at the Bakery,” POMEPS 8th Annual Conference, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, 18-19 May 2017.

“Performing State Power,” Interdisciplinary approaches to the study of the Middle East, University of Sussex, 27-28 April 2017.

“Everyday Stateness at the Bakery,” PSA Annual Conference, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, 10-12 April 2017.

“Performing in Place: Pondering the State through the Bakery,” PSA Publishing Workshop, University of Manchester, 25 November 2016.

Chair and Convener, Panel 1f, “(Non) State Spaces: Geographies of Power and Resistance in the Middle East,” BRISMES Annual Conference, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, 13-15 July 2016.

“Performing in Place: Everyday Stateness at the Bakery,” BRISMES Annual Conference, University of Wales, Trinity Saint David, 13-15 July 2016.

“Leavened Apprehensions: The Moral Economies of Bread in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,” MESNET Early Career Middle Eastern Studies Researcher Workshop, University of Exeter, 1 November 2015.

“Jordan’s Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: The Production of Feeble Political Parties and the Perceived Perils of Democracy," BRISMES Annual Conference, London School of Economics, 24-26 June 2015.

“Pondering Place: Politics at the Bakery,” Researching the Middle East: Fieldwork, Archives, Issues, and Ethics, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, 8-9 June 2015.

“Jordan’s Self-Fulfilling Prophecy: The Production of Feeble Political Parties and the Perceived Perils of Democracy,” POLIS PhD Student Colloquium, University of Cambridge, 4 March 2014.

“Neoliberalization’s Uneven Pathways: Governance Techniques and Political Rationalities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan,” Islamic and Middle East Studies Reading Group, University of Cambridge, 24 February 2014.

“Genealogy, Memoration and the Past of the Present: Black September in the Nationalist Imaginary,” 2014 Enrichment Seminar for Fulbright Students in the Middle East/North Africa, Rabat, Morocco, 3-5 March 2014.

“Whose Dignity? Remembering, Narrating and Politicizing the Battle of Karameh,” Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Graduate Student Conference, Cambridge, 20 May 2013.

“Minority Tool or Authoritarian Instrument? Legacies of the Arab Socialist Ba‘th Party,” BRISMES Graduate Student Conference, Oxford, 8-9 May 2013.

# INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Middle East Study Group, Birbeck College, University of London, “Syrian Refugees in Jordan: The Politics of Aid,” London, United Kingdom, November 12, 2016.

(Re)assessing the Islamic State group and its futures, Afro-Middle East Centre, “Striving for Statehood: The Islamic State Amidst Contested Sovereignties,” Pretoria, South Africa, 24 August 2016.

Rethinking Violent Extremism in the MENA Region, Al Sharq Forum & The Afro-Middle East Centre, “Syria: State-Building Amidst Contested Sovereignties,” Istanbul, Turkey, 9 April 2015.

American Center of Oriental Research, ACOR CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellows Talk, “The Politics of Bread in Jordan,” Amman, Jordan, 28 December 2015.

# SELECTED HONORS, GRANTS and AWARDS

Gates Cambridge Scholarship for Doctoral Study

(University of Cambridge), 2014-2018

American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Short-Term Fieldwork

Grant, 2017-2018

ACOR Fellow MESA Award 2017-2018

Wadad Kadi Travel Fellowship, MESA 2017

CAORC Multi-Country Research Fellow (Morocco and Tunisia), 2015-2016

ACOR-CAORC Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Amman, Jordan, 2015-2016

Abdullah Al-Mubarak Al-Sabah/BRISMES Scholarship

for Postgraduate Studies, 2015

U.S. Fulbright Student Research Award to Jordan, 2013-2014

Critical Language Enhancement Award (Arabic), 2013

R.A. Nicholson Fund Award, given for distinction

in the study of Arabic and Persian, University of Cambridge, 2012-2013

Dr. Herchel Smith Fellowship for Graduate Study at the

University of Cambridge, 2011-2013

Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship for Independent Travel, 2010-2011

Ruchman Fellow, Oakley Center, Williams College, Spring 2010

C. David Harris, J., Class of 1963, Prize in Political Science,

Williams College 2009-2010

Ursula Prescott Essay Prize in Political Science, Williams College, 2009-2010

Charles W. Hufford Prize for excellence in teaching assistance,

Williams College, Department of Political Science, 2009 Hispanic Scholarship Fund/Morgan Stanley Foundation

Scholarship, 2007-2009

Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute Scholarship Award, 2008

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cambridge, Tutor for Politics 4 Module A- The Middle East: Egypt and Iran Compared, Lent Term (January-April 2017).

University of Cambridge, Tutor for Politics 12- The Politics of the Middle East, Michaelmas and Lent Term (October 2016-April 2017).

University of Cambridge, Tutor for Politics 4 Module A- The Middle East: Egypt and Saudi Arabia Compared, Lent Term (January-April 2015).

Williams College, Teaching Assistant- Introduction to Political Theory, (January-May 2009).

# SKILLS

Proficient in statistical analysis and software (R and Stata)

Basic use of Geographic Information systems and related software (ArcGIS)

Spanish (Native), Persian (Native), Modern Standard Arabic (Advanced), Levantine Colloquial Arabic (Advanced), French (Reading)

# SERVICE and AFFILIATIONS

Associate Book Review Editor, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, December 2016-May 2017.

Book Review Editor, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, November 2014-November 2016.

Affiliate, Cambridge Global Food Security Research Initiative.

Member, Political Studies Association (PSA), British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS), Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Syrian Studies Association (SSA).

Referee, *International Affairs, International Political Sociology, Journal of North African Studies, Middle East Critique.*