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- Appointments**
- Qatar University**, Doha, Qatar
    - Research Associate Professor, SESRI, 2020–current
    - Research Assistant Professor, SESRI, 2011–2020
    - Research Program Manager, Policy Department, SESRI, 2014–2017
  - Georgetown University in Qatar**, Doha, Qatar
    - Visiting Associate Professor, School of Foreign Service, 2020–current
  - Northwestern University in Qatar**, Doha, Qatar
    - Adjunct Lecturer, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, 2012–2013
- Education**
- University of Michigan**, Ann Arbor, MI
    - Ph.D., Political Science, conferred December 2011
    - Dissertation: *Ethnic Conflict and Political Mobilization in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf* (Chair: Mark Tessler)
    - Major Field: Comparative Politics
    - Second Major Field: World Politics
    - Cognate: Middle East Studies
  - Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies**, Sana'a, Yemen
    - Certificate, Advanced Arabic, 2008
  - Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI
    - Bachelor of Arts *Summa Cum Laude*, James Madison College, 2005
    - Majors: Political Theory, International Relations (4.0 GPA)
- Book**
- Group Conflict and Political Mobilization in Bahrain and the Arab Gulf: Rethinking the Rentier State*, Indiana University Press, Series in Middle East Studies, 2015. (Reviewed in *Arab Studies Journal* 24(1): 340–344, 2016.)
- Articles**
- “Bargaining Power: A Framework for Understanding Varieties of Migration Experience” (with M. Ewers and B. Shockley), *International Migration Review*, accepted 2021.

- “‘Why Do You Ask?’ The Nature and Impacts of Attitudes towards Public Opinion Surveys in the Arab World” (with M. Tessler, R. Lucas, and J. Forney), *British Journal of Political Science* 51(1): 115–136, 2021.
- “Refinancing the Rentier State: Welfare, Inequality, and Citizen Preferences toward Fiscal Reform in the Gulf Oil Monarchies” (with B. Shockley and M. Ewers), *Comparative Politics* 53(2): 283–317, 2021.
- “Social Identity and Coethnic Voting in the Middle East: Experimental Evidence from Qatar” (with B. Shockley), *Electoral Studies* 67, 2020 (online).
- “Information, Peer Comparison, and Social Interdependence: Theorizing the Impacts of Covid-19 on Gulf Domestic Politics,” *Global Discourse* 10(4), 2020.
- “Society and State in Post-Blockade Qatar: Lessons for the Arab Gulf Region,” *Journal of Arabian Studies* 10(1), 2020.
- “Sectarianism from the Top Down or Bottom Up? Explaining the Middle East’s Unlikely De-sectarianization after the Arab Spring,” *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 18(1): 109–113, 2020.
- “Citizenship and Surveys: Group Conflict and Nationality-of-Interviewer Effects in Arab Public Opinion Data” (with K.T. Le and J. Wittrock), *Political Behavior*, 2019 (online).
- “Crisis, State Legitimacy, and Political Participation in a Non-Democracy: How Qatar Withstood the 2017 Blockade” (with B. Al-Khelaifi), *Middle East Journal* 73(3): 397–416, 2019.
- “What Money Can’t Buy: Wealth, Inequality, and Economic Satisfaction in the Rentier State” (with J. S. Mitchell), *Political Research Quarterly* 72(1): 75–89, 2019.
- “Who Supports Honor-based Violence in the Middle East? Findings from a National Survey of Kuwait” (with M. Alkazemi and A. Alsharekh), *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 2018 (online).
- “Exaggerating Good Governance: Regime Type and Score Inflation among Executive Survey Informants” (with B. Shockley, M. Ewers, and Y. Nardis), *Governance* 31(4): 643–664, 2017.
- “A Hard Test of Individual Heterogeneity in Response Scale Usage: Evidence from Qatar” (with J. S. Mitchell), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 30(1): 103–124, 2016.
- “Renegotiating the Ruling Bargain: Selling Fiscal Reform in the GCC” (with L. A. Lambert), *Middle East Journal* 70(2): 321–329, 2016.
- “Creating and Sustaining Islamic Financial Centers: Bahrain in the Wake of Financial and Political Crises” (with M. Ewers, *et al.*), *Urban Geography* 39(1): 3–25, 2016.
- “Civic Life and Democratic Citizenship in Qatar: Findings from the First Qatar World Values Survey” (with M. Tessler, D. Al-Emadi, and A. Diop), *Middle East Law and Governance* 5(3): 258–279, 2013.
- “Royal Factionalism, the Khawālid, and the Securitization of ‘the Shī’a Problem’ in Bahrain,” *Journal of Arabian Studies* 3(1): 53–79, 2013.
- “The Political Costs of Qatar’s Western Orientation,” *Middle East Policy* 19(4): 68–76, 2012.

Chapters	<p>“Public Opinion” (with L. Benstead and M. Robbins), in <i>The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research since the Arab Uprisings</i>, Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom, eds., Oxford University Press, in press.</p> <p>“Segregation and Sectarianism: Geography, Economic Distribution, and Sectarian Resilience in Bahrain,” in <i>Countering Sectarianism in the Middle East</i>, Jeffrey Martini, <i>et al.</i>, eds, RAND Corporation, 2019.</p> <p>“Survey Challenges and Strategies in the Middle East and Arab Gulf Regions” (with K. T. Le and D. Howell), in <i>Advances in Comparative Survey Methods: Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)</i>, Timothy P. Johnson, <i>et al.</i>, eds., Wiley &amp; Co., 2018.</p> <p>“The Political Economy of Sectarianism in the Gulf Region,” in <i>Beyond Sunni and Shia: The Roots of Sectarianism in a Changing Middle East</i>, Frederic Wehrey, ed., Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2017.</p> <p>“Understanding Sectarianism in the Persian Gulf,” in <i>Sectarian Politics in the Persian Gulf</i>, Lawrence G. Potter, ed., Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2014.</p> <p>“Bahrain’s Sunni Awakening,” in <i>The Arab Revolts: Dispatches on Militant Democracy in the Middle East</i>, David McMurray and Amanda Ufheil-Somers, eds., Indiana University Press, 2013.</p> <p>“Bahrain,” in <i>Countries at the Crossroads 2012</i>, Freedom House, 2012.</p>
Reviews	<p>Review of Sean Foley, <i>The Arab Gulf States: Beyond Oil and Islam</i>, <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> 44(4): 845–847, 2012.</p>
Under Review	[6 Removed]
In Progress	<p>“Arranging Marriage in the Arab Gulf: Comparing Spouse Preferences across Nationality Groupings.”</p>
Policy and Other Works	<p>“Will Saudi Arabia cut funding to MbS’s costly misadventures?” <i>Responsible Statecraft</i>, May 15, 2020.</p> <p>“The Meaning of Public Opinion Research in the Arab World,” <i>MENA Politics Newsletter</i> 2(2): 9–13, 2019.</p> <p>“Concern over Finances, Not Iran, Will End Qatar Crisis,” <i>Al-Monitor</i>, December 3, 2019.</p> <p>“A Revolutionary Generation? Assessing Standards of Political Efficacy among MENA Youth using Anchoring Vignettes,” in <i>Youth Politics in the Middle East and North Africa</i>, POMEPS Studies 36, George Washington University, November 2019.</p> <p>“Qatar’s first elections since 2017 reveal unexpected impact of GCC crisis” (with M. Al Ansari), <i>Al-Monitor</i>, April 25, 2019.</p> <p>“Understanding Gulf Citizen Preferences towards Rentier Subsidies” (with M. Ewers and B. Shockley), in <i>The Politics of Rentier States of the Gulf</i>, POMEPS Studies 33, George Washington University, January 2019.</p> <p>“Conducting Research on the World’s Changing Mediascape: Principles and Practices” (with J. Pavlik, E. Dennis, and R. Mersey), <i>Media and Communication</i> 7(1): 189–192, 2019.</p>

*Mobile Disruptions in the Middle East: Lessons from Qatar and the Arabian Gulf Region in Mobile Media Content Innovation* (with J. Pavlik, E. Dennis, and R. Mersey), Routledge, 2018.

"The dangers of unscientific surveys in the Arab world," *Washington Post*, October 27, 2017.

"How Gulf Citizens View Iran: A Survey of What People Really Think," *Foreign Affairs*, October 2, 2017.

"The Political Economy of Sectarianism in the Gulf," Luce Foundation Paper, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, August 2016.

"Sheikh Isa Qassim: What lies behind Bahrain's latest opposition crackdown?," *BBC News*, June 21, 2016.

"How Bahrain's crushed uprising spawned the Middle East's sectarianism," *Washington Post*, February 13, 2016.

"Sectarian Backfire? Assessing Gulf Political Strategy Five Years after the Arab Uprisings," Middle East Institute, November 17, 2015.

"No (Gulf) Country for Syrian Refugees" (with M. Ewers), *Foreign Affairs*, October 5, 2015.

"Electoral rules (and threats) cure Bahrain's sectarian parliament," *Washington Post*, December 1, 2014.

"Bahrain Drain," *Foreign Affairs*, September 5, 2014.

"The Base," *POLITICO Magazine*, March/April 2014.

"Bahrain's Crown Prince Makes His Move," *Foreign Policy*, January 20, 2014.

"Collective Frustration, But No Collective Action, in Qatar," Middle East Research and Information Project, December 7, 2013.

"Arab Winter: Resisting Revolution," *Contexts* 12(2): 16–18, 2013.

"Bahrain: A Special Case," in Fatima Ayub, ed., *What Does the Gulf Think about the Arab Awakening?*, European Council on Foreign Relations, 2013.

"Who Needs the Bahrain Grand Prix?," *Foreign Policy*, April 16, 2013.

"Gulf apart: Bahrain faces political and sectarian divide," *Jane's Intelligence Review* 24(1): 32–37, 2012.

"The Dangerous U.S. Double Standard on Islamic Extremism," *Foreign Policy*, September 17, 2012.

"Are Bahrain's Sunnis Still Awake?," Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, June 25, 2012.

"Bahrain's Sunni Awakening," Middle East Research and Information Project January 17, 2012.

"Qatar's Ambivalent Democratization," *Foreign Policy*, November 1, 2011.

"Civil Society and Democratization in the Arab Gulf," *Foreign Policy*, July 25, 2011.

"The Other Side of Radicalization in Bahrain," *Foreign Policy*, July 15, 2011.

"How Radical Are Bahrain's Shia?," *Foreign Affairs*, May 15, 2011.

<b>Conferences and Workshops</b>	2021	AALIMS-MIT, Conference on the Political Economy of Muslim Societies
	2020	Lancaster University, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) Annual Conference
	2019	George Washington University, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) 10th Anniversary Conference

2019	Aarhus University, Workshop for Sectarianism in the Wake of the Arab Revolts (SWAR) Project
2018	George Washington University, POMEPS Workshop on Oil and the Changing Rentier State
2018	Boston College, Department of Political Science, invited talk on sectarianism in the Gulf
2018	Aarhus University, Department of Political Science, invited talks on sectarianism and survey research in the Gulf
2017	RAND Corp., Workshop on Sectarian Resilience during the Arab Spring
2017	London School of Economics, Centre for Women, Peace, and Security, Workshop on Legal Inequities for Women in the Middle East
2017	National University of Singapore, Middle East Institute, Workshop on the Emergence of Sunni Identity in the 21st Century
2016	London School of Economics, Workshop on Migration Dynamics in the Gulf Cooperation Council
2016	Carnegie Middle East Center–Beirut, Workshop on Sectarianism
2016	Princeton University, Princeton-American University of Beirut Conference on the Arab Uprisings
2014	Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Center for International and Regional Studies, Monthly Speaker Series (invited)
2014	International Political Science Association, Annual Meeting
2014	Qatar University, Qatar University–London School of Economics Conference on Labor and Migration in the GCC
2013	German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Conference on Ethnic Power-Sharing in the Middle East
2012	American University of Beirut, Conference on Arab Uprisings
2012	Brookings Doha Center, Symposium on First Anniversary of Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (invited panelist)
various years	American Association for Public Opinion Research, Annual Meeting
various years	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting
various years	Cambridge University, Gulf Research Meeting
various years	European Survey Research Association, Annual Meeting
various years	International Studies Association, Annual Convention
various years	Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting
various years	Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), Future Trends in the GCC Workshop
various years	World Association for Public Opinion Research, Annual Meeting

<b>Fellowships and Honors</b>	2020	Qatar University Research Excellence Award
	2018	Visiting Scholar, Governance and Local Development Program, Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg
	2011	Rackham Graduate School One-Term Dissertation Writing Fellowship
	2009, 2010	Political Science Departmental Thesis Grant
	2009	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant for Candidates
	2009	IIE Fulbright Scholarship (Bahrain), grant extension
	2007–2008	IIE Fulbright Scholarship (Yemen, Bahrain)
	2008	NSEP Boren Graduate Fellowship (Yemen, Bahrain)

2007–2008	IIE Fulbright Critical Language Enhancement Award (Yemen)
2007	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic (Yemen)
2007	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant for Pre-Candidates
2007	University of Michigan International Institute Individual Fellowship
2006	U.S. Dept. of State Critical Language Scholarship, Arabic (Yemen)
2005–2006	University of Michigan Regents Fellowship
2005	Michigan State University Board of Trustees Cumulative 4.0 GPA Scholarship
2005	James Madison College Jack Chapin Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Political Theorist
2004	James Madison College Burton L. and Rosalie P. Gerber Fellowship
2004	Michigan State University Honors College Genevieve Gillette Fellowship
2003	Michigan State University Honors College Cole Excellence Award
2003	James Madison College Dolley Madison Field Experience Scholarship

<b>Grants</b>	2021–2024	<b>\$523,733</b>	“Gender, Education, and Employment Transitions in Qatar: Implementing the First Survey of Qatari Youth.” Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), National Research Priorities Program (NPRP) 13S-0111-200034. Co-PI.
	2020–2024	<b>\$482,986</b>	“Assessing Qatari Emerging Media Engagement: A Study of How AR, VR and other Emerging Media are being utilized in Qatar.” QNRF, NPRP 12S-0227-190165. Co-PI.
	2020	<b>\$24,658</b>	“The COVID-19 Epidemic in Qatar: Trends in Public Risk Perceptions, Behavioral Responses, and Determinants of Compliance with Preventive Measures.” Qatar University, Emergency Response Grant. QUERG-SESRI-2020-1. LPI.
	2017–2021	<b>\$781,882</b>	“Developing the Arab Barometer in the Arab Gulf States.” QNRF, NPRP 9-261-5-029. Co-PI.
	2016–2019	<b>\$527,345</b>	“Fostering a Culture of Research in Qatar: A Study of Public Involvement in and Attitudes toward Survey Research.” QNRF, NPRP 9-015-5-002. LPI.
	2016–2018	<b>\$726,407</b>	“Content Innovation Strategies for Mobile Media in Qatar.” QNRF, NPRP 7-488-5-064. Co-PI.
	2014–2016	<b>\$522,116</b>	“Regional Integration in the Gulf: A Survey of Citizen Attitudes toward the Gulf Cooperation Council.” QNRF, NPRP 6-636-5-064. Co-LPI.
	2014–2016	<b>\$448,469</b>	“Mass Political Attitudes in the Arab States of the Gulf: Administering the Arab Democracy Barometer in Qatar and the UAE.” QNRF, NPRP 6-642-5-065. Co-PI.
	2014–2015	<b>\$149,599</b>	“Improving Survey Reliability in Qatar: Assessing the Impact of Interviewer Nationality on Qatari Respondents.” QNRF, NPRP 6-086-5-014. Co-PI.
	2013–2015	<b>\$150,000</b>	“Qatari Women: Engagement With Society.” QNRF, Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP) 15-035-5-013. Co-PI.

2012–2013	\$105,000	“Qatar and the World Values Survey: Ensuring Conceptual Validity and Cross-Cultural Comparability.” QNRF, UREP 12-016-5-007. Co-PI.
2013	\$20,000	To support data collection for UREP 12-016-5-007. Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar. Co-PI.
2007–2009	\$41,885	To support dissertation fieldwork in Yemen and Bahrain. Institute for International Education, Fulbright Fellowship.
2007–2008	\$41,885	To support Arabic language training and dissertation fieldwork in Bahrain. David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, National Security Education Program.

Teaching	<b>Political Economy of Identity Politics</b> , undergraduate, Georgetown University in Qatar (Fall 2021)
	<b>Quantitative Methods for International Politics</b> , undergraduate, Georgetown University in Qatar (Fall 2020)
	<b>Introduction to Research Methods</b> , undergraduate, Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) Undergraduate Research Advancement Workshop, Georgetown University in Qatar (February 2019)
	<b>The Resource Curse in the Middle East and North Africa</b> , Ph.D. candidates, 2015 Middle East and North Africa Workshop, American Political Science Association (May, December 2015)
	<b>Survey Data Analysis</b> , undergraduate, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University in Qatar (Spring 2013)
	<b>Survey Research Methods</b> , undergraduate, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University in Qatar (Fall 2012)
	<b>The Arab-Israeli Conflict</b> , undergraduate, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (Spring 2007)
	<b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> , undergraduate, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (Fall 2006)
Field Experience	Field Research, Qatar (8 years)
	Field Research, Bahrain (15 months)
	Field Research, Yemen (3 months)
	Language Training, Bahrain (15 months)
	Language Training, Yemen (12 months)
Affiliations	American Association for Public Opinion Research
	American Political Science Association
	Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies
	European Survey Research Association
	International Political Science Association
	Middle East Studies Association
	World Association for Public Opinion Research

<b>Referee</b>	<i>British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies</i>	
	Cambridge University Press	
	<i>Comparative Political Studies</i>	
	<i>Comparative Politics</i>	
	<i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i>	
	<i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>	
	<i>Field Methods</i>	
	<i>Middle East Journal</i>	
	<i>Middle East Law and Governance</i>	
	<i>Nature Human Behaviour</i>	
	Oxford University Press	
	<i>Politics</i>	
	<i>Political Research Quarterly</i>	
	<i>Third World Quarterly</i>	
	<i>World Development</i>	
<b>Other Service</b>	2020–2022	Member, Editorial Board, <i>APSA MENA Politics Newsletter</i>
	2019–2021	Fellow, Sectarianism, Proxies & De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) Project
	2017–2020	Coordinator for the Arab Gulf states, Arab Barometer Survey
	2016, 2020	Member, Qatar University Annual Research Forum Award Committee
	2017–2019	Member, World Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting Selection Committee
	2015–2017	Member, Robert Worcester Prize Committee (Best Paper, <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i> )
	2017	Member, Qatar Foundation Data Management Policy Observatory
	2016	Member, Qatar Foundation Annual Research Conference Award Committee
<b>Language</b>	<b>Arabic</b> , excellent	