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- Appointments** **Qatar University**, Doha, Qatar
Research Program Manager, SESRI, 2014–current
Assistant Research Professor, SESRI, 2011–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 (cumulative 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.
- Publications** “Creating and Sustaining Islamic Financial Centers: Bahrain in the Wake of Financial and Political Crises” (with Michael Ewers, *et al.*), *Urban Geography*, 2017 (advanced online access).
“A Hard Test of Individual Heterogeneity in Response Scale Usage: Evidence from Qatar” (with Jocelyn S. Mitchell), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 2017 (advanced online access).
“Renegotiating the Ruling Bargain: Selling Fiscal Reform in the GCC” (with Laurent A. Lambert), *Middle East Journal* 70(2): 321–329, 2016.

- “Understanding Sectarianism in the Persian Gulf,” in *Sectarian Politics in the Persian Gulf*, Lawrence G. Potter, ed., Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2014.
- “Civic Life and Democratic Citizenship in Qatar: Findings from the First Qatar World Values Survey” (with Mark Tessler, Darwish Al-Emadi, and Abdoulaye Diop), *Middle East Law and Governance* 5(3): 258–279, 2013.
- “Bahrain’s Sunni Awakening,” in *The Arab Revolts: Dispatches on Militant Democracy in the Middle East*, David McMurray and Amanda Ufheil-Somers, eds., Indiana University Press, 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.

Forthcoming

- “The Political Economy of Sectarianism in the Gulf Region,” in *Beyond Sunni and Shia: Sectarianism in a Changing Middle East*, Frederic Wehrey, ed., Hurst/Oxford University Press, expected 2017.
- “Survey Challenges and Strategies in the Arab Gulf Region” (with Kien T. Le and David Howell), in *Advances in Comparative Survey Methods: Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)*, Timothy P. Johnson, et al., eds., Wiley & Co., expected 2017.

Policy and Other Works

- “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 Michael 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.
- “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.
- Book review of Sean Foley’s *The Arab Gulf States: Beyond Oil and Islam*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44(4): 845–847, 2012.
- “Gulf apart: Bahrain faces political and sectarian divide,” *Jane’s Intelligence Review* 24(1): 32–37, 2012.
- “Bahrain,” in *Countries at the Crossroads 2012*, Freedom House, 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.

Conferences and Workshops	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, Workshop on Sectarianism
	2016	Princeton University, Princeton-American University of Beirut Conference on Arab Uprisings
	2015	European Survey Research Association, Annual Meeting
	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 (GIGA), 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	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	

Awards	2010–2011	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

Grants	2017–2020	\$781,882	“Developing the Arab Barometer in the Arab Gulf States.” Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF), National Research Priorities Program (NPRP). NPRP 9-261-5-029. Co-LPI.
	2016–2018	\$527,345	“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	\$726,407	“Content Innovation Strategies for Mobile Media in Qatar.” QNRF, NPRP 7-488-5-064. Co-PI.
	2014–2016	\$522,116	“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	\$448,469	“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-LPI.
	2014–2015	\$149,599	“Improving Survey Reliability in Qatar: Assessing the Impact of Interviewer Nationality on Qatari Respondents.” QNRF, NPRP 6-086-5-014. Co-LPI.
	2013–2014	\$150,000	“Qatari Women: Engagement With Society.” QNRF, Undergraduate Research Experience Program (UREP). 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 **The Resource Curse in the Middle East and North Africa**, Ph.D. candidates,

	2015 Middle East and North Africa Workshop, American Political Science Association (May, December 2015)
	Survey Data Analysis , undergraduate, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University in Qatar (Spring 2013)
	Survey Research Methods , undergraduate, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University in Qatar (Fall 2012)
	The Arab-Israeli Conflict , undergraduate, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (Spring 2007)
	Introduction to Comparative Politics , undergraduate, Department of Political Science, University of Michigan (Fall 2006)
Field Experience	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
Referee	Cambridge University Press <i>Comparative Politics</i> <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> Edinburgh University Press <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> <i>Journal of Arabian Studies</i> <i>Media, War & Conflict</i> <i>Middle East Critique</i> <i>Middle East Journal</i> <i>Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change</i>
Other Service	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 2016 Member, Qatar University Annual Research Forum Award Committee
Language	Arabic , excellent