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- Appointments** **Qatar University**, Doha, Qatar
Research Assistant Professor, SESRI, 2011–current
Manager, Policy Department, SESRI, 2014–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 M. Ewers, *et al.*), *Urban Geography*, 2017 (advanced online access).
“A Hard Test of Individual Heterogeneity in Response Scale Usage: Evidence from Qatar” (with J. S. Mitchell), *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 2017 (advanced online access).
“Renegotiating the Ruling Bargain: Selling Fiscal Reform in the GCC” (with L. 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 M. Tessler, D. Al-Emadi, and A. 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: The Roots of 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 K. T. Le and D. Howell), in *Advances in Comparative Survey Methods: Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (3MC)*, Timothy P. Johnson, et al., eds., Wiley & Co., expected 2017.

In Progress

- “Housing Policy, Economic Distribution, and Sectarian Resilience in Bahrain.” (RAND Policy Paper)
- “The Micro-Foundations of Patriarchy: Spouse Selection Preferences in the Arab Gulf.” (APSA 2017 paper)
- “Public Support for Honor Killing in Kuwait: Findings from a National Survey.”
- “Survey Attitudes in the Middle East: Hindrance or Help?” (MESA 2017 paper)

Policy and Other Works

- “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.

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	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, Workshop on Sectarianism
	2016	Princeton University, Princeton-American University of Beirut Conference on 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 (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	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
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

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies

Cambridge University Press

Comparative Politics

Conflict Management and Peace Science

Edinburgh University Press

Ethnic and Racial Studies

Journal of Arabian Studies

Media, War & Conflict

Middle East Critique

Middle East Journal

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change

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