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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
 - 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**
- “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*, forthcoming 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).
- “‘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*, 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

- “Segregation and Sectarianism: Geography, Economic Distribution, and Sectarian Resilience in Bahrain,” in *Countering Sectarianism in the Middle East*, Jeffrey Martini, *et al.*, eds, RAND Corporation, 2019.
- “Survey Challenges and Strategies in the Middle East and Arab Gulf Regions” (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., 2018.
- “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, 2017.

“Understanding Sectarianism in the Persian Gulf,” in *Sectarian Politics in the Persian Gulf*, Lawrence G. Potter, ed., Hurst/Oxford University Press, 2014.
“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.
“Bahrain,” in *Countries at the Crossroads 2012*, Freedom House, 2012.

Reviews Review of Sean Foley, *The Arab Gulf States: Beyond Oil and Islam*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44(4): 845–847, 2012.

Under Review [4 Removed]

In Progress “Arranging Marriage in the Arab Gulf: Comparing Spouse Preferences across Nationality Groupings.”
“Sharing Citizenship: Economics, Identity, and Naturalization Preferences in the Rentier State.”
“Society and State in Post-Blockade Qatar.”

Policy and Other Works “The Meaning of Public Opinion Research in the Arab World,” *MENA Politics Newsletter* 2(2): 9–13, 2019.
“Concern over Finances, Not Iran, Will End Qatar Crisis,” *Al-Monitor*, December 3, 2019.
“A Revolutionary Generation? Assessing Standards of Political Efficacy among MENA Youth using Anchoring Vignettes,” in *Youth Politics in the Middle East and North Africa*, POMEPS Studies 36, George Washington University, November 2019.
“Qatar’s first elections since 2017 reveal unexpected impact of GCC crisis” (with M. Al Ansari), *Al-Monitor*, April 25, 2019.
“Understanding Gulf Citizen Preferences towards Rentier Subsidies” (with M. Ewers and B. Shockley), in *The Politics of Rentier States of the Gulf*, POMEPS Studies 33, George Washington University, January 2019.
“Conducting Research on the World’s Changing Mediascape: Principles and Practices” (with J. Pavlik, E. Dennis, and R. Mersey), *Media and Communication* 7(1): 189–192, 2019.
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.

Conferences and Workshops

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, 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 (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

Fellowships and Honors

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

Grants	2017–2021	\$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.
	2020–2024	\$482,986	“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.
	2016–2019	\$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

- Quantitative Methods for International Politics**, undergraduate, Georgetown University in Qatar (Fall 2020)
- Introduction to Research Methods**, undergraduate, Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) Undergraduate Research Advancement Workshop, Georgetown University in Qatar (February 2019)
- 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, 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

Referee

British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies
 Cambridge University Press
Comparative Political Studies
Comparative Politics
Conflict Management and Peace Science
 Edinburgh University Press
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Middle East Journal
Middle East Law and Governance
 Oxford University Press
Politics
Political Research Quarterly
Third World Quarterly

Other Service

2017–2020 Coordinator for the Arab Gulf states, Arab Barometer Survey
 2017–2019 Member, World Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting Selection Committee
 2015–2017 Member, Robert Worcester Prize Committee (Best Paper, *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*)
 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