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Academic Appointments

Georgetown Law School

Postdoctoral Fellow in National Security Law 2020-2021

Education

Yale Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Ph.D. in Political Science Expected 2019
M.Phil. 2018
M.A. 2017

Yale Law School, J.D.

Clifford L. Porter Prize for Best Paper on Taxation (2016) 2016

Swarthmore College, B.A. in Political Science and Arabic with High Honors 2009

Dissertation

Title: “Three Essays on the Microdynamics of Rebel Governance: Theory and Evidence from the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria”

Committee: Elisabeth Wood (chair), Robert Blair, Oona Hathaway, Ellen Lust, Elizabeth Nugent

Research and Teaching Interests

Law: International and National Security Law, Criminal Law, Transitional Justice, Comparative Law, Empirical Research Methods, Islamic Law

Political Science: Comparative Politics, Political Violence, Rebel Governance, State Formation

Selected Academic Publications

“What Explains Taxation by Resource-Rich Rebels? New Data from the Islamic State in Syria” (forthcoming at *Journal of Politics*)

“When Terrorists Govern: Protecting Civilians in Conflicts with State-Building Armed Groups,” *Harvard National Security Journal*, Vol. 9 (2018), pp. 100-144.

“Islamic Law and Constitutions” with Nathan Brown, in *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Law* (Oxford University Press: 2015).

“Triadic Legal Pluralism in North Sinai: A Case Study of State, Shari’a, and ‘Urf Courts in Conflict and Cooperation,” *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law*, Vol. 13, No. 1 (2014), pp. 21-59.

“Egypt’s Constitution in Question,” *Middle East Law and Governance Journal*, Vol. 5, No. 3 (2013), pp. 331-343.

“Middle Eastern Law” with Chibli Mallat. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Vol. 9 (2013), pp. 405-433.

“The Unraveling of the Saleh Regime in Yemen,” with Chris Boucek, *CTC Sentinel*, Vol. 4, No. 3 (March 2011), pp. 1-4.

In Review or Revision

“To Stay or to Leave? Displacement Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul” (R&R at *Journal of Conflict Resolution*)

“To Punish or to Pardon? Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators After Conflict in Iraq” (with Kristen Kao, under review)

“The Islamic State’s Pattern of Sexual Violence: Ideology and Institutions, Policies and Practices” (with Elisabeth Wood, under review)

“The Social Contract in Rebel Governance: Evidence from Syria and Iraq” (with Ariel Ahram, under review)

Works in Progress

“Can Community Policing Increase Trust and Cooperation Between Civilians and State Security Forces After Conflict? Evidence from Field Experiments in Iraq”

“How Does Exposure to Violence Affect Preferences for Transitional Justice?” (with Kristen Kao)

“Legal Pluralism and State Legitimacy After Conflict: A Survey Experiment in Mosul” (with Kristen Kao)

“Do Violations of International Humanitarian Law Undermine Support for Counter-Insurgents? Evidence from a Quasi-Natural Experiment in Mosul” (with Jonathan Petkun)

Selected Policy and Media Publications

“How the Iraqi crackdown on the Islamic State may actually increase support for the Islamic State” with Kristen Kao. *Washington Post* (January 7, 2019).

“Iraq’s Harsh Approach to Punishing Islamic State ‘Collaborators’ Stands to Have Counterproductive Consequences,” *Lawfare* (June 11, 2018).

“After the Islamic State: Balancing Accountability and Reconciliation in Iraq,” United Nations University Centre for Policy Research (May 31, 2018).

“How Militants in Iraq Recruit and Use Children,” *Washington Post* (February 14, 2018).

“I Am Nothing Without a Weapon?: Understanding Child Recruitment and Use by Armed Groups in Syria and Iraq,” United Nations University (February 2018).

“Does ISIS Need Territory to Survive?” *The New York Times* (October 20, 2016).

“Does the Islamic State have a ‘Social Contract’? Evidence from Iraq and Syria,” *The Program on Governance and Local Development*. Working Paper 9 (2016).

“The Construction and Failure of Islamic Laws of Evidence in ISIS’s State-Building Project.” *SHARLASource*, *Harvard Law School* (September 21, 2016).

“ISIS’ Perfect Enemy.” *Foreign Affairs* (November 14, 2016).

“Law and Lawfare in the Islamic State.” *Lawfare* (August 5, 2016).

“The Legal Foundations of the Islamic State,” Brookings Institution, The Brookings Project on U.S. Relations with the Islamic World, Analysis Paper No. 21 (July 18, 2016).

“Quitting ISIS” with Ahmad Mhidi. *Foreign Affairs* (April 29, 2016).

“ISIS’ Social Contract,” *Foreign Affairs* (January 10, 2016).

“Caliphate of Law” with Andrew March. *Foreign Affairs* (April 15, 2015).

“Why Sisi’s Win is Good for Al Qaeda,” *Foreign Affairs* (May 29, 2014).

“Egypt’s New Constitution and the Police State,” *Foreign Affairs* (February 11, 2014).

“Sharia Courts of the Sinai,” *Foreign Policy* (September 20, 2013).

“Egypt’s Power Vacuum is Radicalizing the Sinai Peninsula,” *The Washington Post* (August 29, 2013).

“The Egyptian State Unravels,” *Foreign Affairs* (June 27, 2013).

“Egypt’s Fallen Police State Gives Way to Vigilante Justice” with Yussuf Auf. *The Atlantic* (April 3, 2013).

“Immigration Issues: City on a Hill,” *The American Prospect*, Vol. 18 (2007): 31-33.

Grants and Fellowships

External

Fellowship, Zurich Summer School for Women in Political Methodology	2018
Junior Fellow, Association for the Analytic Learning of Islamic Societies (AALIMS)	2018
Project on Middle East Political Science Research Grant (\$3,000)	2017
Program on Governance and Local Development Research Grant (\$3,000)	2017
Jennings Randolph Peace Doctoral Fellowship, U.S. Institute of Peace (\$20,000)	2017-18
Graduate Student Fellow in National Security, Tobin Project (\$2,000)	2015-16
Program on Governance and Local Development Research Grant (\$3,000)	2015
FLAS Fellowship (Arabic), U.S Department of Education (\$33,000)	2013-14
Program on Governance and Local Development Research Grant (\$3,000)	2013
Fulbright Fellowship (Research) in Oman, U.S. Department of State	2009-10
Critical Language Scholarship for intensive Arabic study in Jordan, U.S. Department of State	2009

Internal

Institution for Social and Policy Studies Field Experiments Initiative Grant (\$2,500)	2018
MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$18,000)	2017-18
Fox Fellow, Yale University to Boğaziçi University in Istanbul, Turkey	2017-18
Islamic Law and Civilization Research Fellow, Yale Law School	2016-17
Research Grant, Kamel Center for the Study of Islamic Law & Civilization (\$5,000)	2016-17
MacMillan Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$5,000)	2015-16
James M. Cox Fellowship	2015-17

Falk Fellowship	2014-15
Streicker Fund (\$3,000) and Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund (\$5,000), Yale Law School	2015
Associate World Fellow, Yale University	2014-15

Invited Presentations

International Law Weekend, Fordham University School of Law, October 2018.

Panel: “The Inquiry on Protecting Children in Conflict.”

University of California, Santa Barbara, February 2018.

Presentation: “Migration Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul: Preliminary Findings.”

Christopher Newport University, Reiff Center, November 2017.

Presentation: “To Stay or to Leave? Understanding the Decisions of Potential Migrants in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul.”

United Nations University, August 2017.

Presentation: “Legal Obstacles to Reintegration of Children Recruited by the Islamic State in Iraq and Kurdistan.”

Project on Middle East Political Science and Program on Governance and Local Development Workshop on Islamists and Local Politics, June 2017.

Paper Presentation: “The Non-Economic Functions of Rebel Taxation: New Data from the Islamic State in Syria.”

Center for Research and Evidence on Security Threats, Oxford University, April 2017.

Presentation: “IS State-Building and State Failure.”

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Syria/Iraq Office at the American University in Beirut, March 2017.

Presentation: “The Future of IS’s Provinces and Branches.”

World Bank, MENA Chief Economist Seminar, March 2017.

Paper Presentation (with Ariel Ahram): “The ISIS Social Contract.”

United Nations University, January 2017.

Presentation: “An Introduction to ISIS Recruitment.”

Permanent Mission of Canada to the United Nations, December 2016.

Presentation: “Child Soldiers in the Islamic State.”

Peace Research Institute Oslo, December 2016.

Paper Presentation: “IS State-Building in Iraq and Syria.”

Yale Law School, November 2016.

Panel Moderator: “The Forgotten War: al-Shabaab in Somalia.”

New York University, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, July 2016.

Presentation: “The Legal Foundations of the Islamic State.”

Afro-Middle East Center in Johannesburg, South Africa, August 2016.

Presentation: “The ISIS Taxation System.”

American University in Cairo, May 2016.

Presentation: “Decoding ISIS.”

Harvard Political Violence Workshop, April 2016.

Paper Presentation: “The Non-Economic Functions of Insurgent Taxation: Evidence from the Islamic State in Syria,”

Anthropology Colloquium, Yale University, April 2016.

Paper Presentation: “The Non-Economic Functions of Insurgent Taxation: Evidence from the Islamic State in Syria.”

Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2015.

Plenary Panel: “Crime and Punishment in the Islamic State.”

The Atlantic Council, Middle East Center, October 2013.

Panel: “The Struggle for Sinai.”

Conference Presentations

American Political Science Association Annual Conference

August-September 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

August-September 2017, Paper Presentation: “ISIL’s Pattern of Sexual Violence: Repertoire, Targeting, and Technique,” (with Elisabeth Wood) and Paper Presentation: “The Non-Economic Functions of Rebel Taxation: New Data from the Islamic State in Syria.”

Annual Conference on Empirical Legal Studies

November 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

Annual World Justice Project Scholars Conference

October 2018, Paper Presentation: “What Explains Taxation by Resource-Rich Rebels? Evidence from the Islamic State in Syria.”

Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association

November 2018, Paper Presentation: “To Stay or to Leave? Displacement Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul.”

European Consortium for Political Research Annual Meeting

August 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

Program on Governance and Local Development (GLD) Annual Conference

May 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

May 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Annual Conference

May 2018, Paper Presentation: “To Stay or to Leave? Displacement Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul.”

Empirical Studies of Conflict (ESOC) Annual Meeting

May 2018, Paper Presentation: “Reintegrating Rebel Collaborators: Experimental Evidence from Mosul, Iraq” (with Kristen Kao).

Association for Analytical Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

April 2018, Paper Presentation: “To Stay or to Leave? Displacement Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul.”

Middle East Legal Studies Seminar (MELSS)

January 2019, Paper Presentation: “Victims or Collaborators? Transitional Justice After the Islamic State in Iraq.”

January 2018, Paper Presentation: “To Stay or to Leave? Displacement Decisions in Islamic State-Controlled Mosul.”

January 2016, Paper Presentation: “The Judicial Construction of Citizenship in the Islamic State: Evidence from Iraq and Syria.”

January 2015, Paper Presentation: “Divided Over Democracy: Tunisia’s Salafis Debate the Legitimacy of Participation in a Pluralist State.”

January 2014, Paper Presentation: “Legal Pluralism and Development in North Sinai, 1975-2013.”

Mid-Year Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL)

October 2017, Paper Presentation: “When Terrorists Govern: Why State-Building Armed Groups Require a New Targeting Framework.”

Field Research

Iraq (surveys, interviews, field experiments)	2015-Current
Turkey (interviews)	2014-2018
Egypt and the Sinai Peninsula (interviews)	2012-2013
Oman (interviews and Arabic language training)	2009-2010

Teaching Experience

Guest lecture for International Humanitarian Law Taught by Professor Eyal Benevisti Yale Law School	May 2015
Guest lecture for Advanced Property Taught by Professor Claire Priest Yale Law School	November 2018

Research and Language Skills

Modern Standard Arabic (professional fluency)
French (advanced reading)
Proficient in statistical analysis and software (R, LaTeX)

Relevant Professional Experience

United Nations University, Centre for Policy Research Lead Researcher on Iraq Project on Transitional Justice, Reconciliation, and Stabilization in Post-Jihadist Settings	New York, NY 2017-Current
United Nations University Lead Researcher on Iraq and Syria, Project on Children in Extreme Violence	New York, NY 2016-2017

Shearman & Sterling LLP
Summer Associate in International Arbitration

Paris, France
Summer 2014

Human Rights Watch
Summer Legal Intern

Cairo, Egypt
Summer 2013

The Atlantic Council
Assistant Director, Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East

Washington, D.C.
2011-2012

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Junior Fellow, Middle East Program

Washington, D.C.
2010-2011

Service

University

Yale Law School's Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, Co-Supervisor, Syria "Conflict Mapping" Project (2016-Current)

Coordinator, MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop (2015-2016)

Professional

Reviewer: *American Political Science Review*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Community

Arabic translator and advisor for refugee students at Wilbur Cross High School (2014-2016)

Professional Associations

New York State Bar, Third Department

2017-Current

Middle East Studies Association

2017-Current

American Political Science Association

2016-Current