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EDUCATION:

The George Washington University, Washington, DC, USA

PhD, Political Science (August 2018)

Master of Arts, Political Science (January 2015)

Dissertation Title: Why Parties in Morocco – Political Party Formation and Development Under Monarchy

Academic Adviser: Nathan J. Brown

The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, USA

Masters of Arts in Social Sciences (August 2009)

Concentration: Political Science, Comparative Politics

Thesis Title: Social Factors for Political Party Weakness in Jordan

Thesis Adviser: Lisa Wedeen

Tufts University, Medford, MA, USA

Bachelor of Arts (May 2004)

Majors: International Relations Magna Cum Laude, Economics Cum Laude

SELECT PUBLICATIONS:

- (2021) “Whither Erdogan? Regional Leadership and the struggle for Arab Hearts and Minds,” *Arab Pulse*, April 21, 2021.
- (2021) “Digital Media Usage During Times of Distress,” *Arab Pulse*, February 10, 2021.
- (2020) “Jordan’s Stubborn Insistence on ‘Business as Usual,’” *Sada Middle East Analysis*, November 13, 2020.
- (2020) “Public Misgivings of Private Affairs: Trust in Private Institutions of the Arab World,” *Arab Pulse*, September 10, 2020.
- (2020) “The Arab World’s Trust in Government and the Perils of Generalization,” *Arab Pulse*, June 23, 2020.
- (2020) “Arab Political Parties and the Dual Challenge of Trust,” *Arab Pulse*, May 12, 2020.
- (2016) with Lamis El Muhtaseb and Nathan J. Brown, “Arguing about Family Law in Jordan: Disconnected Spheres?” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 48(4), pp. 721-741.
- (2014) Review of Adham Saouli “The Arab State: Dilemmas of Late Formation,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46(3), pp. 624-626.

PRESENTATIONS:

- “Institutionalized Political Agency in the Arab World: The Case of Morocco,” Trajectories of Change MENA Conference, ZEIT- Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Berlin, Germany (November 2019)

- “The Arab Barometer 5th Wave,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA (November 2019)
- “Institutionalized Political Agency in the Arab World: The Case of Morocco,” Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS) seminar series, Doha, Qatar (October 2018)
- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA (August/September 2017)
- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Political Science Research and Publication Conference, Tunis, Tunisia (July 2017)
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Political Party Development Under Monarchy,” Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual conference, Chicago, IL, USA (April 2017)
- “For God, Country, and King: Political Contestation and Party Formation in Morocco,” The George Washington University Comparative Politics Workshop, Washington, DC, USA (February 2017)
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Notes from the field,” Trajectories of Change Student Conference, ZEIT- Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Hamburg, Germany (June 2016)
- “Variants of Arab Nationalism: The Case of Morocco’s Istiqlal Party,” International Studies Association (ISA) annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, USA (February 2015)
- “Why Parties in Morocco? The Development and Strength of Political Parties Under Monarchy,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting, Washington, DC, USA (November 2014)
- “Why Parties in Morocco? Political Party Development Under Monarchy” Misfit Politics: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference on Power and Politics, Ann Arbor, MI, USA (April 2014)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- Excellence in Research Fellowship, The George Washington University (September 2016 – May 2018)
- Trajectories of Change, ZEIT- Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Foundation, Bucerius Fieldwork Grant (May 2015)
- Institute for Middle East Studies, The George Washington University, Dissertation Research Grant (March 2015)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Alumni Grant (September 2014)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Workshop Fellow, Cairo, Egypt (February 2014) / Tunis, Tunisia (June 2014)
- Selective Excellence Fellowship, The George Washington University (August 2012 – May 2016)

- Fulbright Foreign Student Program Grantee (2008-2009)
- Pi Sigma Alpha (2003)
- National Society for Collegiate Scholars (2002)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- George Washington University, Department of Political Science, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2014)

SERVICE:

- Arab Political Science Network (APSN) – Executive Committee Member (April 2019 – present)
- Varieties of Democracy (VDEM) project – Country Expert: Jordan / Morocco (January 2020 – January 2022)
- American Political Science Association (APSA) Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Newsletter Editor (July 2016 – May 2018)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ, USA
Senior Research Specialist – Arab Barometer (December 2018 – October 2021)
- **Venture Magazine**, Amman, Jordan
Senior Associate (February 2010 – August 2012)
Managing Editor (May – August 2008)
Staff Writer (August 2007 – May 2008)
- **Mergermarket**, London, UK
Correspondent (January 2011 – August 2012)
- **Arab Institute for Research and Publishing**, Amman, Jordan
Sales Manager (August 2005 – August 2007)
- **Harvard University Press**, Cambridge, MA, USA
Sales Assistant (September 2004 – June 2005)

LANGUAGES:

- Arabic (Native)
- English (Near-native proficiency)
- French (Intermediate)

SOFTWARE:

- R / R Studio
- Stata
- SPSS
- MS Office

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