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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

August 2023 **University of Idaho** (Moscow, ID)  
Idaho Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellow in International Cooperation at the Martin Institute

## EDUCATION

August 2023 **Boston College** (Chestnut Hill, MA)  
PhD in Political Science – International Relations (major), Comparative Politics (minor)

May 2018 **Washington University in St. Louis** (St. Louis, MO)  
MA in Islamic & Near Eastern Studies

Dec. 2015 **The Ohio State University** (Columbus, OH)  
BA *summa cum laude with Research Distinction* in Arabic  
Minors in Security and Intelligence, Globalization Studies  
Thesis title: The Conundrum of Cohesion: France's North African Question

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Relations, security studies, alliance politics, Middle East politics, Comparative Politics

## DISSERTATION

Title            Securing Status: Why the Gulf Governments Support U.S. Policies in the Middle East  
Committee    Professor Peter Krause, Professor Timothy Crawford, Professor Lindsey O'Rourke, and  
                  Professor Lawrence Rubin

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2024            The Power of Partnerships: Explaining Oman's Independent Foreign Policy. *The Middle East Journal* (Forthcoming).
- 2023            Frame Your Friends Close and Your Enemies Closer: How *al-Masra* Newspaper Imagines Individuals, with Nihad Aboud, Mark Berlin, and Sam Biasi. *Behavior Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression* (Forthcoming).
- 2022            Jihadist Journalism: Analyzing the Geographic Coverage of *al-Masra* Newspaper, with Mark Berlin and Sam Biasi. *Terrorism and Political Violence* (June 15).

### EDITOR-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2021            Transforming Yemen? Divergent Saudi and Emirati Intervention Policies. *Middle East Policy* volume 28, no. 3-4 (Fall-Winter): 159-171.

- 2019 Poetic Propaganda: Al Qaeda's Acapella Anthems in Yemen and Beyond. *Al Noor: The Boston College Undergraduate Middle Eastern Studies Journal* volume 12, no. 1 (Spring): 22-31.

### COMMENTARIES AND ANALYSES

- 2022 Yemen's Houthi movement stepped up its attacks. That complicates U.S. policy in the region. *Washington Post*, The Monkey Cage (February 1).
- 2021 President Biden's Yemen Policy: From Pronouncements to Peace? *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (April 9).
- 2020 Why Kuwait Rejects Normalization with Israel. *Fair Observer* (August 18).
- 2020 Why Secession Isn't Likely for South Yemen. *Political Violence at a Glance* (August 3).
- 2020 Yemen's Proxy Wars Explained, with Professor Peter Krause. *Political Violence at a Glance* (March 26).
- 2019 How Do You See the Future of the Gulf Cooperation Council Integration Format? *Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade 4:1 Series* (September).
- 2019 Fighting for Legitimacy: The Dueling Sovereignties in Southern Yemen. *Fair Observer* (August 20).
- 2018 South of Suez: Political Islam in Sudan and Yemen since 1968. *The Common Reader* (July 6).

### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2022 Review of *Overcoming smallness: Challenges and opportunities for small states in global affairs* by Rory Miller and Fahad Al-Marri. *Small States & Territories* 5 (2): 329-330.
- 2022 Review of *The foreign policy of smaller Gulf states: Size, power, and regime stability in the Middle East* by Máté Szalai. *Small States & Territories* 5 (1): 233-234.
- 2021 Review of *The Small Gulf States: Foreign and Security Policies Before and After the Arab Spring* edited by Khalid S. Almezaini and Jean-Marc Rickli. *Small States & Territories* 4 (1): 189-190.
- 2020 Review of *Fraternal Enemies: Israel and the Gulf Monarchies* by Clive Jones & Yoel Guzansky. *LSE Middle East Centre Blog* (August 26).
- 2018 The Geography of Political Dysfunction. Review of *Yemen Endures: Civil War, Saudi Adventurism and the Future of Arabia* by Ginny Hill. *The Common Reader* (September 6).
- 2017 The Misery of Terrorism: Intelligence blunders, savage despair, and the endless war. Review of *The Terror Years: From Al-Qaeda to the Islamic State* by Lawrence Wright. *The Common Reader* (November 10).

### MANUSCRIPT UNDER REVIEW

Accepting America's Appreciative Alliance? Major Non-NATO Ally Status in and Beyond the Gulf

### WORKING PAPERS

Capabilities and Confidence: Gulf Arab Autonomy amid America's Altered Authority

## Dealing with America's Decline: Distinct Defence Diversification in the GCC

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE****LEAD INSTRUCTOR OR LECTURER – POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- Spring 2024 Instructor, *Political Science 205: Introduction to Comparative Politics*, University of Idaho (Moscow, ID)
- Spring 2024 Instructor, *International Studies 404: The US and the Middle East / North Africa*, University of Idaho (Moscow, ID)
- Summer 2023 Instructor, *Political Science 1081: Introduction to International Politics*, The James A. Woods, S.J., College of Advancing Studies, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Summer 2023 Instructor, *Political Science 1042: Introduction to Modern Politics*, The James A. Woods, S.J., College of Advancing Studies, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Fall 2022 Lecturer, *International Relations 382: Understanding the Modern Middle East*, Boston University, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies (Boston, MA)

**TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS – POLITICAL SCIENCE AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

- Spring 2023 Head Teaching Assistant, *International Studies 2501: Introduction to International Relations* with Professor Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Spring 2022 Head Teaching Assistant, *International Studies 2501: Introduction to International Relations* with Professor Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 2549: U.S. Foreign Policy 1945 to Present* with Professor Lindsey O'Rourke, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Guest Lecture: America's MENA [Middle East and North Africa] Alignments, Israel-Palestine, and Trump's Foreign Policy (November 30, 2021)
- Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant, *International Studies 2501: Introduction to International Relations* with Professor Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant, *Political Science 2420: Modern Iran* with Professor Ali Banuazizi, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant, *International Studies 2501: Introduction to International Relations* with Professor Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)
- Spring 2019 Teaching Assistant, *International Studies 2500: Introduction to International Studies* with Professor Jennifer Erickson, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

**LEAD INSTRUCTOR OR INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE – MODERN STANDARD ARABIC**

- Summer 2018 Co-instructor, *Arabic 201: Intermediate Modern Standard Arabic* Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (Meknes, Morocco)
- Spring 2018 Instructor, *Arabic 108: Elementary Arabic II*

Washington University (St. Louis, MO)

2016-2017 Arabic Instructional Aide, *Arabic 107 and 108: Elementary Arabic I and II* with Instructor Housni Bennis, Washington University (St. Louis, MO)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Fall 2018-  
Fall 2022 Research Assistant for Professor Peter Krause, The Project on National Movements and Political Violence, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

Fall 2018 Research Assistant for Professor David Deese, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

2017 Intern, Critical Threats Project's Al Qaeda team, American Enterprise Institute (Washington, DC)

2015 Student Assistant for *Keys to Understanding the Middle East*, Middle East Studies Center, The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)

## HONORS AND AWARDS

2022 The Omar A. Aggad Travel and Research Fellowship, Boston College

2020 Political Science Department Award for Graduate Teaching Excellence, Boston College

2019 The Omar A. Aggad Travel and Research Fellowship, Boston College

2015 Research Scholar Award, Undergraduate Research Office, The Ohio State University

2014 US Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship – Arabic (Meknes, Morocco)

2013 International Security Study Abroad Scholarship, Mershon Center, The Ohio State University

## INVITED TALKS

2022 Panel on Study and Research in the Middle East  
Office of Global Education, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

2019 Understanding Yemen: Policy & Power in a Proxy War  
Sigma Iota Rho Town Hall Meeting, Washington University (St. Louis, MO)

2019 Career Paths after Study Abroad  
National Security Language Initiative for Youth (Webinar)

2018 Yemen's Civil War and Humanitarian Crisis  
Model United Nations Panel, Boston College (Chestnut Hill, MA)

2018 Yemen: The Absurd War  
International Relations Round Table, Washington University (St. Louis, MO)

2018 Islamic Political Thought and Action between Muhammad, the Mongols, and Millennial Missteps  
Adult Learning Forum, St. Timothy's Episcopal Church (Creve Coeur, MO)

**CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- 2023 **Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting** (Montreal, Canada)  
Securing Status through Support? Qatari and Emirati Prestige Payoffs from the US
- 2023 **Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge** (Cambridge, UK)  
Dealing with America's Decline: Distinct Defense Diversification in the GCC
- 2023 **Harvard University MENA Workshop** (Cambridge, MA)  
Securing Status: Why Qatar and the UAE Support U.S. Policies in the Middle East
- 2022 **POMEPS-SEPAD Theories of Regional Order in the Middle East Workshop** (London, UK)  
Supportive Hedging: How the Smaller Gulf States Navigate a US-Led Regional Order
- 2021 **POMEPS-SEPAD Theories of Regional Order in the Middle East Workshop** (*via Zoom*)  
More Than Marginal: How the Small Gulf States Shape Sub-Regional Order
- 2020 **Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting** (*via Zoom*)  
Transforming Yemen: Divergent Saudi and Emirati Intervention Strategies
- 2020 **International Studies Association International Conference** (Ifrane, Morocco)  
Disarming Dhofar: How Sultan Qaboos Learned Oman's Independent Foreign Policy  
Arab Gulf Relations with Israel: Between Adversaries and Allies of Convenience  
(*Cancelled due to COVID-19 travel restrictions*)
- 2019 **The Sixth Gulf Studies Forum** (Doha, Qatar)  
Hedging Their Bets: Assessing Oman's and Kuwait's Statecraft Toward Saudi Arabia
- 2019 **Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting** (New Orleans, LA)  
Small Sheikhdom Strength: Cavalier, Cautious, and Compliant GCC Alignments
- 2019 **International Studies Association Midwest Annual Conference** (St. Louis, MO)  
Transforming Yemen: How and Why Do Saudi and Emirati Intervention Strategies Diverge?  
Hedging Their Bets: Assessing Oman's and Kuwait's Statecraft Toward Saudi Arabia
- 2019 **Middle East Studies Graduate Symposium**, George Washington University (Washington, DC)  
Geoeconomics in the Arabian Peninsula: Gulf Aid and Investment in Yemen
- 2019 **Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge** (Cambridge, UK)  
Small Sheikhdom Strength: Cavalier, Cautious, and Compliant GCC Alignments
- 2019 **New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting** (Portland, ME)  
Small Sheikhdom Strength: Cavalier, Cautious, and Compliant GCC Alignments
- 2019 **Pardee School Graduate Student Conference, Boston University** (Boston, MA)  
Small Sheikhdom Strength: Cavalier, Cautious, and Compliant GCC Alignments
- 2017 **Graduate Student Research Symposium, Washington University** (St. Louis, MO)  
Indonesian Islam: Syncretic Foundations and Reformist Innovations

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- Summer 2022 The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR) (Syracuse, NY)
- Summer 2014 Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (Meknes, Morocco)  
Intensive Modern Standard Arabic study
- Summer 2013 AMIDEAST Education Abroad (Amman, Jordan)  
Intensive Modern Standard Arabic study

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2017-18 Graduate Student Senator, Washington University (St. Louis, MO)
- Fall 2015 Peer Research Contact, Undergraduate Research Office, Ohio State University (Columbus, OH)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- 2019-- International Studies Association (ISA)
- 2018-- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2017-- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

### **RELATED SKILLS**

#### *Languages*

**Modern Standard Arabic:** Professional working proficiency; Advanced High (ACTFL)

**Jordanian Arabic:** Limited Working Proficiency through study abroad

**Moroccan Arabic:** Elementary Proficiency through study abroad

**French:** Elementary Proficiency through high school education

*Statistical Packages:* Elementary proficiency in Stata, R

*Data Visualization:* Tableau, Linkurious

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