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EMPLOYMENT      **Immigration Policy Lab, ETH Zurich**      2021 - present  
Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION      **Stanford University**      2021  
M.A., Ph.D. in Political Science  
Fields: Comparative Politics and International Relations  
Committee: Lisa Blaydes (co-chair), Jeremy Weinstein (co-chair), James Fearon, Kenneth Schultz

**Dartmouth College**      2014  
B.A., Government  
Magna Cum Laude and High Honors in Government

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS      Can Celebrities Reduce Prejudice? Estimating the Effect of Mohamed Salah on Islamophobic Attitudes and Behaviors (with Will Marble, Salma Mousa, and Alexandra Siegel) Forthcoming at the *American Political Science Review*

Learning from Null Effects: A Bottom-Up Approach (with Scott Williamson, Andrea Dillon, Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, Michael Hotard, David Laitin, Duncan Lawrence, and Jeremy Weinstein) Conditionally Accepted at *Political Analysis*

Authoritarian Media and Diversionary Threats: Lessons from Thirty Years of Syrian State Discourse (with Lisa Blaydes). *Political Science Research and Methods*. 2020.

Attitudes Toward Migrants in a Highly-Impacted Economy: Evidence from the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Jordan (with Andrea Dillon, Scott Williamson, Jens Hainmueller, Dominik Hangartner, and Jeremy Weinstein) *Comparative Political Studies*. 2020.

Do Donor Motives Matter? Investigating Perceptions of Foreign Aid in the Conflict in Donbas (with Rachel Myrick and Isaac Webb) *International Studies Quarterly*. 2020

“Maintaining Sovereignty and Preserving the Regime: How Saudi Arabia Views Strategic Stability” in Lawrence Rubin and Adam N. Stulberg, eds., *The End of Strategic Stability*. Georgetown University Press. 2018.

WORKING PAPERS      The Dynamics of Refugee Return: Syrian Refugees and Their Migration Intentions (with Marine Casalis, Daniel Masterson, Dominik Hangartner, and Jeremy Weinstein) *Under Review*

Manufacturing Threats: Diversionary Discourse and Autocratic Survival

Manipulation Matters: The Effect of Authoritarian Media on Public Attitudes

Media and Public Diplomacy in the Arab Gulf: The Cases of *Alarabiya* and *Aljazeera*

“Show Me Your Papers”: The Effects of Restrictive State Immigration Policies on Immigrant Mental Health (with Vicky Fouka, Jens Hainmueller, Dan Hopkins, Michael Hotard, Duncan Lawrence, and Rita Hamad)

Mobile Phone-based Panel Surveys for Mobile Populations (with Daniel Masterson, Marine Casalis, Dominik Hangartner, Stefan Wehrli, and Jeremy Weinstein)

OTHER  
WRITING

“Syria and some host governments want refugees to go home. What do refugees think?” *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. December 2020.

“Quantitative Text Analysis of Arabic News Media” *MENA Politics Newsletter*. Volume 2, Issue 2. Fall 2019.

“Jordan shut out out 60,000 Syrian refugees — and then saw a backlash. This is why.” (with Scott Williamson) *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*. July 2018.

“Data Analysis: How did Jordanians Respond to the Formation of Al-Razzaz’s Government?” *Tiber.com*. 2018.

“Jordan’s Danger Zone: The Perils of Building a Safe Haven in Syria.” *Foreign Affairs*. 2015.

“Taking on Operation Dawn: The Creeping Advance of the Islamic State in Western Libya.” (with Frederic Wehrey) *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“Splitting the Islamists: The Islamic State’s Creeping Advance in Libya” (with Frederic Wehrey) *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“Rising Out of Chaos: The Islamic State in Libya.” (with Frederic Wehrey) *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2015.

“An Elusive Courtship: The Struggle for Iraq’s Sunni Arab Tribes”. (with Frederic Wehrey) *Diwan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2014.

“Saudi Rattles Its Saber.” (with Jeffery Lewis) *Nuclear Threat Initiative*. 2014.

“Backdrop to an Intervention: Sources of Egyptian-Libyan Border Tension” (with Frederic Wehrey and David Bishop). *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. 2014.

“Jordan’s Transition to Democracy” *Tiber.com*. 2011

HONORS &  
AWARDS

**FSI Large Research Grant** (\$8,760) 2020  
Funding to support dissertation interviews

**Stanford PACS Small Grants** (\$2,250) 2019  
Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at Stanford University

**Diversity Dissertation Research Opportunity** (\$2,250) 2019  
Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education at Stanford University

**Goldsmith Research Grant** (\$3,800) 2019  
The Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation

**IPA’s Peace and Recovery Program (P&R)** (\$149,578) 2019

	Funding to conduct a study on the dynamics of refugee return (Co-PI)	
	<b>Kenneth E. Boulding Award, Runner up</b> Runner-up for the 2018 Kenneth Boulding Award from the ISA Peace Studies Section	2018
	<b>Graduate Student Grant</b> (\$4,000) Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University	2018; 2020
	<b>Small Grant for Survey Experiments</b> (\$1,000) Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University (Co-PI)	2018
	<b>Graduate Student Grant</b> (\$2,890) The Europe Center, Stanford University (Co-PI)	2017
	<b>Collaborative Research Fellowship</b> (\$3,500) Immigration Policy Lab	2017; 2018
	<b>Spectrum Grant</b> (\$20,000) Stanford Center for Clinical and Translational Education and Research (Co-PI)	2016
	<b>George P. Schultz Grant</b> (\$15,300) The Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (Co-PI)	2016
	<b>Comparative Politics Thesis Prize</b> (\$500) Dartmouth College	2014
	<b>John Rosenwald Jr. Fund</b> (\$4,000) Dartmouth College	2013
	<b>Shelby Davis Fellowship</b> (\$4,500) James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies	2012
CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS	Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University	2021
	Department of Pediatrics, School of Medicine, Stanford University	2021
	Stanford Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)	2020
	CaliWEPS III	2020
	Webinar, M&E Thursday Talk, Search for Common Ground	2019
	Arab Political Science Network, Inaugural Meeting	2019
	American Political Science Association, Annual Meeting	2017; 2018; 2020
	International Studies Association, Annual Meeting	2017; 2018; 2021
	Berkeley Law Migration Workshop	2018
	Empirical Studies in Conflict, Annual Meeting	2018
	The Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies	2018
	Stanford Arab Studies Table	2017
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</b> Junior Fellow, Middle East Program	2014-2015
	<b>Middle East Institute</b> Research Assistant	2013
	<b>Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey</b> Davis Fellow, Center for Nonproliferation Studies	2012

TEACHING	TA, International Negotiation and Decision-Making (Stanford Law School)	2017; 2018
	TA, War and Peace in American Foreign Policy (Professor Kenneth Schultz)	Spring 2018
	TA, Middle Eastern Politics (Professor Lisa Blaydes)	Fall 2017
	TA, Islam, Iran, and the West (Professor Abbas Milani)	Spring 2017
	TA, U.S. Relations with Iran (Professor Abbas Milani)	Fall 2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Reviewer for the American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Quarterly Journal of Political Science, Comparative Political Studies, International Organization, Political Science Research and Methods, Journal of Experimental Political Science, Social Science & Medicine, European Journal of Political Research, The International Journal of Press/Politics, Journal of Development Studies, Terrorism and Political Violence.

Coordinator, Abbasi Student Network (2017-2018)

LANGUAGES & SKILLS	Arabic (native), English (fluent)
	R, Python (intermediate), Stata (intermediate), L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Qualtrics

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