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### **EDUCATION**

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#### **Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts**

*Ph.D. in Political Science, September 2006*

- Concentrations: Comparative Politics with a focus on the Middle East
- Coursework includes: International Political Economy, Social Theory, Politics of Islam

#### **The Johns Hopkins University,**

#### **The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Washington, D.C.**

*M.A. in International Relations, May 1993*

- Concentrations: International Economics, Middle East Studies
- Coursework includes: International Trade and Monetary Theory, Political Economy of Middle Eastern States

#### **The American University in Cairo,**

#### **The Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA), Cairo, Egypt**

*Full-Year Arabic Language Fellow, 1991-92*

#### **Baylor University, Waco, Texas**

*B. A. in Biology, Foreign Service, May 1989*

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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#### **The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW)**

**Washington, D.C. (April 2015-present)**

*Senior Resident Scholar*

Produce written analyses and develop programming on key developments in the Gulf region.  
Build partnerships with scholars and research teams in the United States and Arab Gulf states.

#### **American University, School of International Service**

**Washington, D.C. (September 2007-2016)**

*Adjunct Professorial Lecturer (January 2015-2016)*

*Assistant Professor; Co-founder of Middle East Studies@AU (September 2007-May 2014)*

Teach courses to students in both the B.A. and M.A. Programs of the School of International Service including *Contemporary Middle East; Religion, Oil, and Politics in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf; Islamist Political Movements*

#### **Georgetown Public Policy Institute**

**Washington, D.C. (September 2005-June 2007)**

*Affiliated Professor*

Taught courses to students in the Masters Program of Public Policy and Policy Management including: *Islamic politics; Politics of Reform in the Arab Gulf*

#### **The World Bank**

**Washington, D.C. (June 1996-August 1997)**

*Consultant*

Provided political and economic analysis for the 1996 Development Report on the West Bank and Gaza, and translation and administrative services for the May 1997 Mediterranean Development Forum in Marrakech, Morocco.

**The Rendon Group (TRG)**

**Washington, D.C. (February 1994-December 1995)**

*Translator*

Translated Arabic documents, video and newspapers, and analyzed the political events/editorials in the Arab press potentially affecting TRG clients.

**RESIDENT FELLOWSHIPS**

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**George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies**

**Washington, D.C. (January -June 2015)**

*Visiting Scholar*

Conducted research and produced written analysis on youth movements and political participation in the Arab Gulf states.

**Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, The Atlantic Council**

**Washington, D.C. (June 2013-May 2014)**

*Senior Fellow*

Conducted research on vectors of political change in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states. Contributed analysis to *MENASource* blog and published issue reports, and participated in the Hariri Center Gulf Dialogue.

**Georgetown Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS)**

**Washington, D.C. (September 2004-June 2005)**

*Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellow*

Completed research and publications on the political economy of Islamic movements, Islamic finance in the Gulf Cooperation Council states.

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

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“Royal Factions, Ruling Strategies, and Sectarianism in Bahrain,” in Lawrence Potter, ed., *The Politics of Sectarianism in the Persian Gulf* (London: Hurst, 2014): 143-179.

“Islamic Banking and the Politics of International Financial Harmonization,” in Nazim Ali, ed., *Islamic Finance: Current Legal and Regulatory Issues* (Cambridge: Harvard Law School, 2005): 167-187.

“Kuwait Finance House and the Islamization of Public Life in Kuwait,” in Clement H. Moore and Rodney Wilson, eds., *The Politics of Islamic Finance* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2004): 168-190.

**SELECT JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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"Sovereign Dilemmas: Sovereign Wealth Funds in Saudi Arabia," *Geopolitics*, Volume 14, Number 2 (April 2009): 345-359.

“Political Economy of the Arab Gulf,” Forward, *Journal of International Service*, Vol. 18, No. 2 (Spring 2009): 85-87.

"The Gulf Comes Down to Earth," with Fareed Mohamedi, *Middle East Report*, No. 252 (Fall 2009): 6-15.

“The U.S. and Political Reform in the Arabian Peninsula: The Perils of Partial Openings,” Forum on Advice for the new U.S. President, *Middle East Policy* 15, no. 4 (December 2008): 153-156.

“Divided Government in Kuwait: The Politics of Parliament since the Gulf War,” *Digest of Middle East Studies*, (Summer 1999): 1-18.

### **SELECT OP-EDS AND POLICY BRIEFS**

“Saudi Arabia Reassigns Roles within a More Centralized Monarchy,” AGSIW The Bridge, 22 January, 2019.

*Kuwait: Finding Balance in a Maximalist Gulf*, AGSIW Issue Paper, 29 June, 2018.

*New Generation Royals and Succession Dynamics in the Gulf States*, AGSIW Issue Paper, 21 March, 2017.

“Who Is Sunni?: Chechnya Islamic Conference Opens Window on Intra-Faith Rivalry,” AGSIW The Bridge, 16 September, 2016.

*National Identity and National Projects in the Arab Gulf States*, Workshop Report, The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, 10 June, 2016.

“Waiting Out Obama,” AGSIW The Bridge, 27 April 2016.

“The ‘Third Image’ in Islamist Politics,” Project on Middle East Political Science POMEPS, 19 February, 2016.

“Soldiers and the Nation,” 18 September, 2015, AGSIW The Bridge.

“The Future of the Muslim Brotherhood in the Gulf,” Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, 10 February, 2015.

*Breaking Taboos: Youth Activism in the Gulf States*, Issue Brief, The Atlantic Council, 7 March, 2014.

“Bahrain’s unfinished revolution holds lessons for the West,” *Financial Times*, 14 February, 2012.

“Kuwait’s Impatient Youth Movement,” *Foreign Policy*, 29 June 2011.

“Bahrain’s Shia Question,” *Foreign Affairs*, 2 March 2011.

“Reform or the Flood in the Gulf,” *Foreign Policy*, 20 February 2011.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Emile Nakhleh, *Bahrain: Political Development in a Modernizing Society*. *Middle East Journal* Vol. 66, No. 2 (Spring 2012): 370-371.

Mary Ann Tétreault. *Stories of Democracy: Politics and Society in Contemporary Kuwait*. *Harvard Middle East and Islamic Review*, (Winter 2002): 108-110.

### **SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL INVITATIONS**

“The Nationalist Turn: New Shia Politics in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain,” Aarhus University, Denmark, 15-16 March, 2018.

“Transnational Clerical Associations in Qatar and the UAE,” Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, 18-21 November, 2017.

“New Voices, New Visions: The Impact of the Arts in Saudi Arabia,” Middle East Institute, 22 March, 2016.

“The Clash between Religious and Secular Thought in the Middle East,” Georgetown University, 23-24 October, 2013.

“A House Divided: Royal Factionalism in the Quasi-parliamentary Monarchies of Kuwait and Bahrain,” Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, 11-13 October, 2013.

“Dynamic Gulf: Forces of Change in a Strategic Region,” Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 14 June, 2013.

“Sectarianism in the Gulf,” Georgetown Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS), Doha, Qatar, 10 October 2011 and 15 May 2012.

“Eyes on Bahrain,” Gulf Roundtable, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), 8 March 2011.

“Insecurity in the Gulf: Economic and Social Perspectives,” George Washington University, November 2010.

“Political Economies?: Islamic Finance and Islamist Politics in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait,” Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge University, UK, July 2010.

#### **SELECT AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Working Group on Politics, Governance, and State-Society Relations, Atlantic Council Middle East Strategy Task Force, 2016.

POMEPS TRE Grant, Summer 2012

Advisory Board, CET Language and Cultural Immersion Program, Aleppo, Syria

Advisory Board, Islam in Focus Dialogues, Social Science Research Center (SSRC)

Research Grant, Middle-East Mediterranean Program, Sciences Po, Paris, France, 2010-2011

American University Faculty Research Support Award, 2008-2011

Qatar Post Doctoral Fellowship, Georgetown Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, 2004-2005

Graduate Student Associate, Center for International Affairs, Harvard University, 2001- 2003

Social Science Research Council NMERTA Grant, 2000-2001

Fulbright-IIE Fellowship, 1999-2000

Mellon Fellowship for study at Institut Français d’Etudes Arabes de Damas, Syria, Summer 1998

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 1998-99, 2001-2002

Harvard Mansfield Grant to Enlarge Competency, Summer 1997

American Institute for Maghrebi Studies Fellowship, Tunisia, Summer 1993

Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship, Egypt, 1991-92

#### **LANGUAGES AND AFFILIATIONS**

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Languages: Arabic, French (conversational)

Professional Membership: American Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association, International Studies Association, Association of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies