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EDUCATION

2006 – Present (expected June 2012)

Ph.D. in Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Fields of Concentration: International Relations (“Pass with Distinction”),
Political Theory
3.9 Cumulative GPA

2008 M.A. in Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
Master’s Thesis: “The King and I: Secularism and the Construction of
National Sovereignty in Jordan” (Committee: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd and
Lars Tønder)
3.9 Cumulative GPA

2008 Critical Theory Certificate with completion of requisite interdisciplinary
courses in critical theory, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

2005 B.A. in Political Science, Seattle University, Seattle, WA
Minors in Philosophy, English Literature and Japanese Language and
Culture
3.8 Cumulative GPA

2003 Honors Program Certificate with completion of two-year intensive program
in Western Civilization, Seattle University, Seattle, WA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The epistemological and ontological roots of International Relations; critiques of post-enlightenment (liberal) normative, economic, and political categories (particularly postcolonial critiques); critiques of sovereign subjectivity and advocates of micropolitics (Foucault, Deleuze); rethinking secularism and religion in international politics (Asad, Shakman Hurd); radical democratic theory and agonistic pluralism (Connolly, Honig, Mouffe, Ranciere, Arendt, Bennett, Nietzsche) as resources for rethinking the ethical and normative foundations of claims to the construction of an “international community”; historical and interpretive methodologies.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

September 2009 – Present

Head Teaching Assistant. Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

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September 2009 – Present

Teaching Consultant. Searle Center for Teaching Excellence,
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

June 2009 – September 2009

Teaching Assistant Fellow. Searle Center for Teaching Excellence,
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

January 2009 – Present

Student Athlete Tutor, N'Cat Tutor Program

Courses Tutored: PLSC 201 Intro to Political Theory (Lars Tønder), PLSC
312 Quantitative Methods in Political Science (Jason Seawright), PLSC
348 Globalization (Hendrik Spruyt), PLSC 390 Race, Ethnicity and Public
Policy (Traci Burch), PLSC 395 Immigration to the US (Victoria
Defrancesco Soto), and AFAM 327 Politics in African American Popular
Culture (Lisa Calvente).

Academic Services, Athletics Department, Northwestern University,
Evanston, IL.

March 2009 – June 2009

Teaching Assistant. PLSC 372: The Middle East in International Politics
(Wendy Pearlman). Department of Political Science, Northwestern
University, Evanston, IL.

September 2008 – December 2008

Teaching Assistant. PLSC 240: Introduction to International Relations
(Ian Hurd). Department of Political Science, Northwestern University,
Evanston, IL.

March 2008 – June 2008

Teaching Assistant. PLSC 240: Introduction to International Relations
(Michael Loriaux). Department of Political Science, Northwestern
University, Evanston, IL.

January 2008 – March 2008

Teaching Assistant. PLSC 345: National Security (Risa Brooks).
Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

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PROFESSIONAL/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

September 2009 – Present

Research Assistant. Bonnie Honig, Sarah Rebecca Roland Professor of Political Science and Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation. Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL. American Bar Foundation (ABF), Chicago, IL.

September 2009 – Present

Research Assistant. Hendrik Spruyt, Norman Dwight Harris Professor of International Relations and Director of the Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS). Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

September 2007 – Present

Graduate Assistant. Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Faculty Working Group, affiliated with the Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

December 2008 – March 2009

Research Assistant. James Druckman, Payton S. Wild Professor and editor of the journal *Public Opinion Quarterly*. Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

March 2007 – October 2007

Research Assistant. Faculty search committee for hiring Middle Eastern specialists. Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

September 2002 – June 2003

Research Assistant. Professor Andrew Tadie, Department of English, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

September 2007 – September 2009

Teaching Assistantship. Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, \$19,000/year.

2009 Summer Language Grant to support Arabic instruction in the Middle East, The Graduate School, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, \$2,000.00.

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2008 Summer Research Grant to support fieldwork in Syria and Jordan, Roberta Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies (BCICS), Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, \$2,500.

September 2006 – September 2007
University Fellowship. The Graduate School, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, \$19,000.

2003 – 2005
Sue M. Naef Scholar, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, \$8,000.

2001 – 2003
Honors Program Scholar, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, \$2,000.

2001 – 2005
Presidential Scholar, Seattle University, Seattle, WA, \$48,000.

ACADEMIC HONORS, SERVICE, & AWARDS

2008 – Present
Co-Chair, the Commune (graduate student governing organization), Department of Political Science, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.

2009 The Commune was recognized as the Graduate School Advocacy Group of the Year and Departmental/Discipline Organization of the Year for the 2008-2009 Academic Year.

2005 Passed the US Department of State Foreign Service Written Examination (Political Track).

2004 Phi Beta Kappa inductee, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

2001 Sullivan Leadership Award finalist, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

2001 – 2005
Dean and President's List, Seattle University, Seattle, WA.

CONFERENCES

2009 Participant in "Interpretive and Relational Research Methodologies Workshop" chaired by Patrick Thaddeus Jackson. International Studies Association-Northeast Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD (October 2009).

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2008 “The King and I: Religion and the Construction of National Sovereignty in Jordan.” Presented at the 46th International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA (March 2008).

2006 “Theorizing Indifference: Ki Tetze in the Context of Medieval and Contemporary Literature.” Presentation to Combined Jewish Philanthropies, Boston, MA (August 2006).

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Native:	English
Advanced:	Japanese
Intermediate:	Arabic (Modern Standard)
Elementary:	Spanish, French, Arabic (Jordanian colloquial)

TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS

Statistical Packages:	Stata, SPSS, R
Programming Languages:	HTML, PHP, ASP, XML

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)