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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Toulouse, France
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2018 - Present

EDUCATION

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
Ph.D., Politics, 2018
Dissertation: *Essays on the Political Economy of Conflict and Militancy in Divided Societies*
Committee: Jacob Shapiro (Chair), Kristopher Ramsay, Amaney Jamal

M.A., Politics, 2014
Fields: International Relations, Political Economy, Formal and Quantitative Methods

London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK
M.P.A., Public and Economic Policy, 2012 *with Distinction*

New York University, New York, NY
B.A. Mathematics and Economic Policy (with Honors), 2008 *magna cum laude*

RESEARCH

Peer-reviewed publications

1. Winning Hearts and Minds in Civil Wars: Governance, Leadership Change, and Support for Violent Groups in Iraq (2019) (with Christoph Mikulaschek and Beza Tesfaye). *American Journal of Political Science* [Forthcoming]
2. Power Sharing “Discontinuities”: Legitimacy, Rivalry, and Credibility (2018). *Journal of Theoretical Politics* 30(1): 147-177
3. The Frontier Crimes Regulation in Colonial India: Local Critiques and Persistent Effects (2018). *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies* 41(4): 789-805

Book Chapters

1. Terrorism and State Sponsorship in World Politics (2019) (with David Carter). In Erica Chenoweth, Richard English, Andreas Gofas, & Stathis Kalyvas (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Terrorism* (pp.494-515). Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press

Working papers

1. Explaining Militancy Among Minorities (2019)
2. Partisan Alignment and Security Outcomes: Evidence from Turkey (2019) (with Deniz Aksoy)

Works in Progress

1. Explaining Support for ISIS: Evidence from List Experiments in a National Survey in Iraq (with Christoph Mikulaschek and Beza Tesfaye)
2. Discrimination and Militancy (with Vessela Daskalova and C. Christine Fair)
3. Extremism in Tajikistan (with Dustin Gamza and Audrey Sacks)
4. Biological Origins of the Varieties of Nationalism (with Prerna Singh, Slimane Dridi, and Alberto Micheletti)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

As Preceptor (Assistant Instructor):

1. POL 386 - Violent Politics (Undergraduate)
Princeton University, Fall 2014, under Professor Jacob Shapiro
2. POL 575 - Formal Political Analysis I (Graduate)
Princeton University, Spring 2015, under Professor Kristopher Ramsay
3. POL 349 - Political Economy (Undergraduate)
Princeton University, Fall 2015, under Professor Thomas Romer

As Lead Instructor:

1. Ph.D. Politics Math Camp (Graduate)
Princeton University, 2015, with Ted Enamorado
2. Ph.D. Politics Math Camp (Graduate)
Princeton University, 2016, with Ted Enamorado

FELLOWSHIPS
AND HONORS

Visiting Scholar at Oxford University Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, March 2019
Dean's Completion Fellowship, 2017-2018
Princeton University 5-year Fellowship in the Humanities and Social Science, 2012-2017
Princeton Quantitative and Analytical Political Science (QAPS) Fellowship, 2014-2018
Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Travel Grant, 2017
Urdu Critical Language Scholarship, 2016 (see details below)
George Kateb Preceptor Award for Best Preceptor in Princeton Politics Dept., 2016
Princeton Center for International Security Studies Student Fellow, 2015-2016

OTHER
AWARDS

U.S. Department of State - Critical Language Scholarship (2016)
Intensive Urdu language and cultural immersion program in Lucknow, India

CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS

“Explaining Militancy Among Minorities”
– American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017, 2019 (scheduled)
– European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017, 2019 (scheduled)
– Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2017
– International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2017
– Formal Models of International Relations Conference, USC, 2018
– TSE/IAST Pyrenean Interdisciplinary Research Event, 2019

“Winning Hearts and Minds in Civil Wars: Governance, Leadership Change, and Support for Violent Groups in Iraq”
– International Studies Association Annual Conference, 2017
– European Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2016, 2018 (presented by co-author)

“Power Sharing ‘Discontinuities’: Legitimacy, Rivalry, and Credibility”
– Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2015

“Explaining Support for ISIS: Evidence from List Experiments in a National Survey in Iraq”
– American Political Science Association Annual Conference, 2018, 2019 (scheduled)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS “Winning Hearts and Minds in Civil Wars: Governance, Leadership Change, and Support for Violent Groups in Iraq”

- Empirical Studies of Conflict - USIP Annual Meeting, 2016
- Oxford University Centre for Experimental Social Sciences Seminar, 2019

LANGUAGES English (Native), Urdu (Intermediate), Hindi (Intermediate), French (Intermediate)

SKILLS R · STATA · L^AT_EX · Qualtrics

CONSULTING SERVICES

World Bank 2018 - Present
I am a short-term consultant to the World Bank on conducting a survey in Tajikistan.

Mercy Corps April 2016
I was a consultant to the DC-based NGO Mercy Corps on a scoping visit to Morocco to investigate the impact of various youth-related development projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Princeton Prison Teaching Initiative Jan 2015 - May 2018
I led and taught math classes at Garden State Youth Correctional Facility and FCI Fort Dix in New Jersey.

Minds Matter Organization Sept 2015 - May 2018
I mentored and guided a disadvantaged high school student to ensure they were ready and able to go to college (accepted into CUNY - Hunter College).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Collaborator 2009 - 2010
The International Research Institute for Climate and Society, New York, NY

Producer’s Assistant 2009 - 2010
World Without Walls, New York, NY

Research Associate 2008 - 2009
National Economic Research Associates, New York, NY

REFERENCES

<p>Jacob Shapiro Professor of Politics & International Affairs Princeton University jns@princeton.edu +1 609 258 2256</p>	<p>Kristopher Ramsay Professor of Politics Princeton University kramsay@princeton.edu +1 609 258 2960</p>
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