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EDUCATION

- 2015 – Present **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY
Ph.D. Student, Political Science
Dissertation: “Securing Cyberspace: The Adoption of National Cyber Doctrines”
Subfields: International Relations and Public Policy
- 2011 – 2013 **Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University**, Blacksburg, VA
M.A. in Political Science
Thesis: “From ‘Total Liberation’ to ‘Phased Liberation’: Temporality and Identity in the Provisional IRA and Hamas.” Virginia Tech Electronic Theses and Dissertations.
- 2007 – 2011 **The College of William and Mary**, Williamsburg, VA
B.A. in Government

RESEARCH

Works in Progress

“The Rhetoric of White Supremacist Terror: Assessing the Attribution of Threat.” Co-authored with Elise Roberts. Research report for The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University.

“Across the Great Divide: Reconnecting the Policy Literature with Comparative Politics and International Relations.” Co-authored with Beatriz Rey.

GRANTS AND ACADEMIC AWARDS

- November 2016 Global Black Spots Research Program, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Syracuse University, \$1000 for co-authored project with Elise Roberts.
- November 2016 The Andrew Berlin Family National Security Fund, The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, \$1400 for co-authored project with Elise Roberts.
- June 2016 The Andrew Berlin Family National Security Fund, The Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, \$3500 for co-authored project with Elise Roberts.
- May 2013 Best M.A. Thesis Award, Political Science, Virginia Tech
- August 2012 – May 2013 Graduate Fellowship Award, \$500, Virginia Tech

June 2012 Outstanding First Year Student Award, Virginia Tech

August 2007 – State Masonic Lodge of Virginia Scholarship, William and Mary
May 2011

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2015 – Present Bridging the Gap Working Group, Syracuse University

2015 – Present Student Association on Terrorism & Security Analysis (SATSA), Syracuse University

2013 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL
“Combating the Financing of Terrorism: Assessing the International Monetary Fund’s Approach in Lebanon,” panel paper co-authored with William Christiansen.

2012 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, Chicago, IL
“American Democracy and Voter Perception: Do Political Action Committees Influence Perceived Political Power?” poster session with William Christiansen, Lauren Crandall, and Alison Higgins.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2015 – **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Present *Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY*

Introduction to International Relations	Spring 2017 & Spring 2018
Constitutional Law	Fall 2017
The Politics of U.S. Public Policy	Fall 2016
The Judicial Process	Spring 2016
U.S. Foreign Policy	Fall 2015

August 2011 – **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
May 2013 *Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA*

The Global Economy and World Politics	Fall 2011 – Spring 2013
Introduction to World Politics	Fall 2011 – Spring 2013

June – July 2012 **Instructor of Record**
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA

Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics	Summer Session II
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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

August 2015 – **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY
Present *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

September 2013 – **E*TRADE Financial Corporation**, Alpharetta, GA
July 2015 *Fraud Operations Analyst*
Financial Services Representative

August 2011 –
May 2013

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, VA
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Instructor

LICENSES

Series 99 Securities License, FINRA, September 2014
Series 63 Securities License, NASAA, October 2013
Series 7 Securities License, FINRA, October 2013

LANGUAGE COURSEWORK

English – native language
Arabic – 5 semesters of Modern Standard Arabic, 1 semester of Iraqi Dialect
Spanish – 6 semesters