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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D. Political Science, University of California at Los Angeles, 1997.

M.A. Political Science. University of California at Los Angeles, 1992.

B.A. Political Science. University of Washington, 1987.

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	2015 – present
Associate Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	2005 – 2015
Director, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University	Nov. 2009 – June 2013
Acting Director, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University	July 2009 – Nov. 2009
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Georgia State University	1998 – 2005

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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Fulbright Research Fellowship at the American University of Kuwait	2006 – 2007
Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University	2006 – 2007
Research Initiation Grant, Georgia State University	1999 – 2000
IIE Fulbright Award at Kuwait University	1993 – 1994
Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo.	1992 – 1993
Yearlong fellowship for Arabic language study	

## RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

*The Wages of Oil: Parliaments and Economic Development in Kuwait and the UAE.* 2014, Cornell University Press.

*All in the Family: Absolutism, Revolution and Democracy in the Middle Eastern Monarchies.* 1999. Albany: State University of New York Press.

## Articles and Chapters

“Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates,” in *Politics and Society of the Contemporary Middle East*, edited by Michelle Penner Angrist. 2013. 2nd edition (first edition 2010). Boulder: Lynne Reinner.

“A Nation of Bureaucrats: Political Participation and Economic Diversification in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.” 2009. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 41(3): 375–395.

“Kuwait: The Obstacle of Parliamentary Politics.” 2009. In *Political Liberalization in the Persian Gulf*. Ed. Joshua Teitelbaum. New York: Columbia University Press.

“No Representation without Taxation? Rents, Development, and Democracy.” 2005. *Comparative Politics* 37, no. 3 (April): 297–316.

“Princes and Parliaments in the Arab World.” 2004. *Middle East Journal* 58, no. 3 (Summer): 367–384.

“Taxation and Representation.” 2003. *Studies in Comparative International Development*. 38, no. 3 (Fall): 3–31.

“Emirs and Parliaments in the Gulf.” 2002. *Journal of Democracy*, 13, no. 4 (October): 41–47.

“Subordinate Communities and the Utility of Ethnic Ties to a Neighboring Regime: Iran and the Shi’a of the Arab States of the Gulf.” 1999. In *Ethnic Conflict and International Politics of the Middle East*. Ed. Leonard Binder. Gainesville: University Press of Florida. 155–180.

## Other Publications

Kuwait Politics Database. <http://www2.gsu.edu/~polmfh/database/database.htm>. This is an authoritative source for Kuwaiti election data and voting data.

Book review: “Qatar: Politics and the Challenges of Development, by Matthew Gray and Qatar: Small State, Big Politics, by Mehran Kamrava.” *Perspectives on Politics* 13, no. 02 (June 2015): 564–66.

“The Saudi Succession and Challenges Facing the Kingdom,” Expert Analysis, NOREF Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre, August 2014.

“Kuwait’s Endless Elections: The Opposition in Retreat,” Policy Brief, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED), September 2013.

“A Respite in Kuwait?” The Middle East Channel, Foreign Policy Web site. 21 December 2012.

“Monarchism Matters.” The Middle East Channel, Foreign Policy Web site. 26 November 2012.

“Parliaments in the Gulf Monarchies: A Long Way from Democracy,” 2004. *Arab Reform Bulletin*, 2, no. 10: 7–8.

## Reprints

“A Nation of Bureaucrats: Political Participation and Economic Diversification in Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.” In Ulrichsen, Kristian Coates, ed. *The Political Economy of Arab Gulf States*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2013.

“Princes, Parliaments, and the Prospects for Democracy in the Gulf.” 2005. In *Authoritarianism in the Middle East: The Politics of Regime Preservation*. Eds. Marsha Pripstein Posusney and Michele Penner Angrist. Boulder: Lynne Rienner.

“Emirs and Parliaments in the Gulf.” 2003. In *Islam and Democracy in the Middle East*. Eds. Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner and Daniel Brumberg. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press. 84–90.

### Translation of published work

Hebrew translation of *All in the Family: Absolutism, Revolution and Democracy in Middle Eastern Monarchies*, published in 2007.

### GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

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Project Lead. Gazi University Visiting Scholar Program. Total funds received by Georgia State University over five semesters: \$525,367. 2010–2012

PI (for the last two years of a three year grant). US Department of Education, “Building Critical Language Competency and Middle East Studies.” Funds received by Georgia State in years two and three: \$88,679. 2009–2011

### CONFERENCES, INVITED PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS

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#### Invited Talks and Workshop Participation

Workshop, *Varieties of rentierism? Comparing resource rich states in the Middle East and sub-Saharan Africa*. The London School of Economics. October 2015

Gulf Roundtable, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC. April 2015.

1st Annual Kuwait Programme Lecture. The London School of Economics. March 2015.

Workshop, *Comparative Political Development in Post-Soviet Eurasia and the Middle East*. NYU Abu Dhabi. December 2014.

Book launch for *Wages of Oil*. George Washington University. December 2014.

Roundtable Discussion, *The Gulf: Past, Present & Future*. Harvard University, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, May 2014.

The Gulf Working Group, National Endowment for Democracy (talk co-sponsored by the Project on Middle East Democracy). Washington DC. October 2013.

Project on Middle East Political Science 4th Annual Conference. George Washington University. May 2013.

Institute for Middle East Studies annual conference, George Washington University. Washington D.C. April 2013.

Gulf Studies Symposium, American University in Kuwait. March 2013.

Second Annual Herbert L. Bodman Memorial Lecture, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar. Atlanta. March 2013.

Department of Political Science, University of Texas Austin. February 2013.

Workshop on Rethinking the Monarchy-Republic Gap. Marburg University, Germany. September 2012.

Workshop at the Moulay Hicham Foundation. Skhirat, Morocco. September 2012.

Princeton University. Exploratory Conference on the Arab Spring. May 2012.

Comparative Politics Workshop. University of Chicago. April 2011.

Middle East Studies Center, Florida International University. March 2011.

Workshop at the Center for Islamic Studies, Oxford University. January 2010.

Gulf Research Unit, University of Oslo. October 2009.

Institute for Middle East Studies annual conference. George Washington University. April 2009.

Center for Strategic and International Studies, Middle East Studies Program Gulf Roundtable. Washington DC. February 2009.

Chaire Moyen Orient Méditerranée, Sciences Po, Paris. December 2008. (Two talks, one at the Sciences Po campus in Mention, a second in Paris)

Workshop for authors of chapters in the textbook *Politics and Society of the Contemporary Middle East*. Brown University. October 2008.

Workshop, *Monarchies in Transition*. Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL), Stanford University. June 2008.

Council on Middle East Studies. Yale University. October 2007.

Kuwait University. July 2007.

American University of Kuwait. May 2007.

Kuwait University, Department of Political Science. April 2007. (In Arabic)

Workshop, *Democracy in the Arab world*. United States Institutes of Peace – Muslim World Initiative Working Group, Washington DC. October 2005.

Workshop, *Saudi Arabia, Prospects for Stability and Change*. Center for International Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. April 2005.

Workshop, *Political Reform in the GCC States: Current Situation and Future Prospects*. Gulf Research Center & the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Dubai. September 2004.

Conference, *GCC Succession, Security, and Stability in the Gulf: Trends and Prospects*. The National Defense University. April 2004.

Program in Near East Studies, Princeton University. March 2004.

Workshop, *Islam and Political Regimes*. University of California Los Angeles, The von Grunebaum Center for Middle East Studies. May 2003.

Workshop, *Re-Considering Regimes: The Middle East in Comparative Perspective*. Yale University, Center for International and Area Studies. May 2003.

### Conference Presentations

“Ontology and Methodology in the Study of the Resource Curse.” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, 21–24 November 2015.

“The People Want the Fall of the Regime...Or Not.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, 13 October 2013.

“The People Want the Fall of the Regime...Or Not.” American Political Science Association, 31 August 2013.

“Understanding the Politics of Labor Market Policies in the Gulf States.” Middle East Studies Association. 1–4 December 2011.

“Class implications of efforts to reform labor markets in the Gulf monarchies.” Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, July 2010.

“Parliaments, Economic Diversification, and Labor Markets in Kuwait and the UAE.” International Studies Association, February 2008.

“Islamist Movements and the Problem of Democracy in the Arab World.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, November 19–22, 2005.

“Islamist Movements and the Problem of Democracy in the Arab World.” American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 1–4, 2005.

“Revisiting Rentier State Theories.” American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 5, 2004.

“Princes and Parliaments in the Arab world,” presented at a roundtable, “Missing or Coherent Links: Public Opinion, Civil Society, and Institutions in the Arab World,” Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 16, 2004.

“The Parliaments of the Gulf Monarchies in Comparative Perspective.” Middle East Studies Association, Anchorage. November 2003.

“Does Rentierism Prevent Democracy?” American Political Science Association, Boston. 2002.

“Ideas and the democratic deficit in the Arab world: the collapse of the liberal regimes in Egypt and Syria.” Poster presentation, American Political Science Association, San Francisco. 2001.

“Taxation, Collective Action, and the Origins of Representative Institutions.” Poster presentation. American Political Science Association, Atlanta. 1999.

“Princes and parliaments: The emergence of democratic institutions in the Middle Eastern monarchies.” American Political Science Association, Chicago. 1995.

## Conference Panels Organized

“Princes and Parliaments in the Gulf monarchies,” Middle East Studies Association, Anchorage. November 2003.

With Pete Moore, “State of the Field: Comparative Political Economy of the Middle East,” a roundtable at the 2002 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-leader, American Political Science Association, 2015 Middle East and North Africa Workshops (funded by the Carnegie Foundation through APSA)

Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop. Yale University (sponsored by Yale University, the Project on Middle East Political Science, and George Washington University). November 2013.

## Boards and Committees

Member of the Advisory Board for the *Journal of Comparative Politics*. 2011 - present.

Member of the Board of Directors of the Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS). November 2014 - present.

Chair, Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS) Dissertation and Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2014.

Member, Albert Hourani Book Award Committee, Middle East Studies Association. 2014.

Member, Program Committee for the annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, 2013.

Middle East section organizer, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010 annual conference.

## Peer Review Service

Journals: *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *Arab Studies Journal*, *The British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Review of Administrative Sciences*, *Journal of Arabian Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Middle East Journal*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Studies Quarterly*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Theory and Society*, *World Development*, *World Politics*

Presses: Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Johns Hopkins University Press, Lynne Rienner, Palgrave, Routledge, The University Press of Florida, Yale University Press

## **SELECTED PUBLIC SERVICE**

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### **Consulting**

World Bank, Short Term Consultant, October 2013 – June 2014.

## **TEACHING & ADVISING**

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### **Courses Taught**

#### Graduate courses

- Qualitative Research Methods
- Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
- Democratization
- Political Development

#### Undergraduate courses

- Politics of the Middle East and North Africa
- Palestinians and Israelis (senior capstone seminar)
- Comparative Politics
- Global Issues
- Politics of Developing Countries

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