

KELSEY P. NORMAN
Curriculum Vitae

Baker Institute for Public Policy
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-present Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University
Fellow for the Middle East
Director of the Women’s Rights, Human Rights, and Refugees program
- 2018-2019 Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia
Postdoctoral Fellow, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2017-2018 Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver
Postdoctoral Fellow, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and
Diplomacy

EDUCATION

- 2017 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Political Science, University of California, Irvine
Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
Dissertation: *Reluctant Reception: Understanding Host State Migration and
Refugee Policies in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey*
Committee Members: Dr. Louis DeSipio (chair), Dr. Sara Wallace Goodman,
Dr. Kamal Sadiq
- 2013 Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science, University of California, Irvine
- 2010 Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy,
University of Toronto
- 2007 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Political Science (major), Global Transformations (minor)

PRIZES & AWARDS

- 2025 Emerging Scholar Award from the Ethnicity, Migration and Citizenship section of the
International Studies Association
- 2025 Honorable Mention for the Emerging Scholar Award from the Migration and Citizenship
Section of the American Political Science Association
- 2025 Outstanding Paper Award from the Ethnicity, Migration and Citizenship section of the
International Studies Association for: “*The EUTF, Migration Management Aid, and
Repression in Sudan*”
- 2021 Perry World House and Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholar Policy Prize Winning essay for:
“*Asylum Can’t be Outsourced: The Danger of Politically Convenient Solutions to
Migration*”

2018 Best Dissertation Award from the Migration and Citizenship section of the American Political Science Association

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Norman, Kelsey P. and Nicholas Micinski. 2026. *Aiding Autocrats: Migration Management, Governance, and Repression in Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Norman, Kelsey P. 2021. *Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

- Awarded ‘Honorable Mention’ by the American Political Science Association’s Migration and Citizenship 2021 Best Book Committee
- Chosen as one of *Choice’s* Outstanding Academic Titles for 2021
- Selected for *The Washington Post’s* 2022 Annual African Politics Summer Reading Spectacular

Book Chapters

Norman, Kelsey P. 2026. “Preventing Another Uprising Via Direct and Indirect Transnational Repression,” in *Transnational Repression: A Comparative Perspective Across Autocracies and Democracies*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Martín Gil, Ana, Nicholas R. Micinski, and Kelsey P. Norman 2024. “Development Aid as Migration Control: Comparing Migration Management Aid in Central America and Africa,” in *Understanding North American Migration Governance*. Montreal: Queen’s-McGill University Press.

Norman, Kelsey P. 2024. “Egypt: Cultivating Loyalty Abroad, Repressing When Necessary,” in *States and their Nationals Abroad: Support, Co-Opt, Repress*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Academic Articles

Norman, Kelsey P. 2024. “Leveraging Selective State Capacity: Understanding Changing Responses to Migration and Refugees,” *Journal of Global Security Studies* 9(3).

Norman, Kelsey P. and Carrie Reiling. 2024. “The ‘Inherent Vulnerability’ of Women on the Move: A Gendered Analysis of Morocco’s Immigration Reform,” *Journal of Refugee Studies* 37(3): 631-644.

Irgil, Ezgi and Kelsey P. Norman. 2024. “Assessing the Domestic Impacts of Turkey’s Coercive Migration Diplomacy,” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 50: 3855-3871.

Natter, Katharina, Kelsey P. Norman and Nora Stel. 2023. “Strategic Non-Regulation as Migration Governance,” *Migration Politics* 2(4).

Micinski, Nicholas and Kelsey P. Norman. 2023. “The European Union’s Migration Management Aid: Developing Democracies or Supporting Authoritarianism?” *International Migration* 61(4): 57-71.

Norman, Kelsey P. 2022. "Is Research with Migrants and Refugees Inherently Extractive?" *APSA MENA Newsletter* 5: 44-50.

Norman, Kelsey P., Hans Schattle and Willem Maas (eds.). 2022. “Introduction: Cities and the Contentious Politics of Migration,” *Globalizations* 21(2): 197-201.

- Norman, Kelsey P. 2022. "Urbanization, Informal Governance and Refugee Integration in Egypt," *Globalizations* 21(2): 287-302.
- Norman, Kelsey P. (ed.). 2021. "Introduction: Taking Stock of Middle East Migration Since the Arab Uprisings," *Digest of Middle East Studies* 30: 248-250.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2021. "Migrant Mobilisation in North African Host States: Egypt and Morocco in Comparison," *Journal of North African Studies* 26(4): 679-708.
- Micinski, Nicholas and Norman, Kelsey P. 2021. "From Fieldwork to 'Home'-Work: An Analysis of European Union Trust Fund for Africa Projects in North and East Africa," *APSA Migration & Citizenship Newsletter* 8(1): 13-16.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2020. "Migration Diplomacy and Policy Liberalization in Morocco and Turkey," *International Migration Review* 54(4): 1158-1183.
- Mourad, Lama and Kelsey P. Norman. 2019. "Transforming Refugees into Migrants: Institutional Change and the Politics of International Protection," *European Journal of International Relations* 26(3): 687-713.
- Kent, Jonathan, Kelsey P. Norman, and Kate Tennis. 2019. "Changing Capabilities or Motivations? Migration Deterrence in the Global Context," *International Studies Review* 22(4):853-878.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2019. "Inclusion, Exclusion or Indifference? Redefining Migrant and Refugee Host State Engagement Options in Mediterranean 'Transit' Countries," *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 45(1): 42-60.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2018. "Migration and Refugee Policy-Making in Modern Egypt, Morocco and Turkey," *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies* 5(2).
- Norman, Kelsey P. and Daniel Naujoks. 2018. "Teaching Migration and Citizenship Studies: A Comparative Analysis of 100 Interdisciplinary Syllabi," *APSA Migration and Citizenship Newsletter Winter 2018* 6(1): 66-73.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2017. "Mentoring Matters: Diversifying Mentorship in Graduate School," *APSA Migration & Citizenship Newsletter* 5(2): 66-69.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2017. "Ambivalence as Policy: Consequences for Migrants and Refugees in Egypt," *Egypte Monde Arabe* 15(3): 27-46.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2016. "Between Europe and Africa: Morocco as a Country of Immigration," *Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 7(4): 421-439.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2016. "Migrants, Refugees and the Egyptian Security State," *International Journal of Migration and Border Studies* 2(4): 245-364.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Co-Ethnicity and Host Government Engagement: The Political Use of Migrants by the Egyptian State," *Refugee Review* 2(1): 77-95.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2013. "EU Territorial Control, Western Immigration Policies, and the Transformation of North Africa," *The Postcolonialist* 1(1).
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2009. "Strengthening from Within: An Analysis of the Economic and Social Well-being of Toronto's Muslim Community," *The Public Policy & Governance Review* 1(1): 47-61.

Book and Film Reviews

- Norman, Kelsey P. 2024. "Review of *Refuge and Resistance: Palestinians and the International System* by Anne Ifran," *The Middle East Journal* 77(3-4): 489-491.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2024. "Review of *Borderlands: Europe and the Mediterranean Middle East* by Raffaella A. Del Sarto," *Political Science Quarterly* 139(1): 155-157.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2023. "Review of *The Politics of Immigration Beyond Liberal States: Morocco and Tunisia in Comparative Perspective* by Katharina Natter," *Journal of North African Studies* 29(5): 909-911.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2021. "Review of *Europe's Migration Crisis* by Vicki Squire and *The Global Governed?* by Kate Pincock, Alexander Betts, and Evan Easton-Calabria," *Perspectives on Politics* 19(3): 1037-1039.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2020. "Review of *The Jungle: Calais's Camps and Migrants* by Michel Agier et al.," *International Affairs* 96(2): 537-38.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2020. "Review of *Chez Jolie Coiffure* directed by Rosine Mbakam," *Crossings: Journal of Migration & Culture* 10(2): 331-332.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2020. "Review of *Crossroads: Comparative Immigration Regimes in a World of Demographic Change* by Anna K. Boucher and Justin Gest," *The Developing Economies* 58(1): 91-93.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Review of *Co-Ethnic Strangers: Immigrant Exclusion and Insecurity in Africa* by Claire Adida," *Crossings: Journal of Migration & Culture* 5(2-3): 339-341.
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2013. "Review of *The Scramble for Citizens* by David Cook-Martin," *Cairo Review of Global Affairs* Spring 2013.

Manuscripts Under Review

- With Nicholas Micinski, "Does Migration Management Aid Increase Autocratic Governance in Recipient Countries? Lessons from the EUTF"
- With Nicholas Micinski, "Barriers to Facilitating Labor Migration from North Africa: Lessons from the EU Trust Fund"
- With Ana Martín Gil, "Transnational Advocacy in Emerging Countries of Asylum: Mexico and Morocco in Comparison"

Manuscripts In Progress

- With Yoni Abramson, "The Experimental State: Asylum Policy-Making in Israel, Lebanon, and Turkey"
- With Ana Martín Gil, "Do Alternative Pathways Reduce Irregular Migration? Lessons from the Biden Administration's Mixed Legacy"
- With Ana Martín Gil, "Media Framing and Deportability of Afghans in Pakistan"
- With Nicholas Micinski, "Measuring Migration Management Aid" (research note)
- "Migration within the Arab World, Iran and Turkey" (book chapter)

Public Scholarship

- Norman, Kelsey P. and Nicholas Micinski. “ICE Immigration Tactics are Shocking More Americans as US-Mexico Border Operations Move North,” *The Conversation* January 23, 2026 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. and Ana Martín Gil. “Opening Doors, Hardening Borders: Inside Biden’s Strategy on Mixed Migration and the Lessons Learned for Europe,” *Mixed Migration Centre* October 2025 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. and Salah Ben Hammou. “Sudan’s New Model for Aid Distribution,” *Foreign Policy* February 7, 2025 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. and Ana Martín Gil. “Assad’s Fall Opens Window for Syrian Refugees to Head Home – But for Many, It Won’t Be an Easy Decision,” *The Conversation* January 27, 2025 [[available online](#)].
- Micinski, Nicholas and Kelsey P. Norman. “A Year of Escalating Conflict in the Middle East has Ushered in a New Era of Regional Displacement,” *The Conversation* October 4, 2024 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. and Ana Martín Gil. “3 Years After Fall of Kabul, U.S. Congress Has Still Not Acted To Secure Future of More Than 70,000 Afghan Evacuees in U.S.,” *The Conversation* August 15, 2024 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. Ana Martín Gil and Robert Baron. “The Climate Change-Conflict-Displacement Nexus in the MENA Region,” *Baker Institute for Public Policy* May 21, 2024 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. “The Unprecedented Internal Displacement in Gaza,” *Arab Center Washington DC* February 14, 2024 [[available online](#)].
- Micinski, Nicholas and Kelsey P. Norman. “Funding for Refugees has long been Politicized – Punitive Action against UNRWA and Palestinians Fits that Pattern,” *The Conversation* February 1, 2024 [[available online](#)].
- Micinski, Nicholas, Adam Lichtenheld and Kelsey P. Norman. “Israel’s Mass Displacement of Fits Strategy of Using Migration as a Tool of War,” *The Conversation* December 11, 2023 [[available online](#)].
- Micinski, Nicholas and Kelsey P. Norman. “Why Won’t Egypt Accept Palestinian Refugees?” *Inkstick Media* October 20, 2023 [[available online](#)].
- Citino, Nathan, Ana Martín Gil and Kelsey P. Norman. “Generations of Palestinian Refugees Face Protracted Displacement and Dispossession,” *Migration Policy Institute* May 3, 2023 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. “Migration and Displacement in the Arab World Demands a More Equitable Response,” *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace* May 3, 2023 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. “Rich Countries Cannot Outsource Their Migration Dilemmas: The Only Solution Is to Make Legal Immigration Easier,” *Foreign Affairs* January 5, 2022 [[available online](#)].
- Cole, Kevin, Ana Martín Gil, Zaid Hydari and Kelsey P. Norman. “If Biden Wants to Work with Mexico on Migration and Asylum, He Might Start Talking to Mexican NGOs,” *The Washington Post* August 17, 2021 [[available online](#)].

- Norman, Kelsey P. 2021. "Biden's Border Strategies Won't Work," *Foreign Policy* March 18, 2021 [[available online](#)].
- Kent, Jonathan, Katherine Tennis and Kelsey P. Norman. 2020. "Building Walls and Deporting People to 'Safe' Third Countries is Not Deterrence, It's Defense," *Just Security* February 12, 2020 [[available online](#)].
- Mourad, Lama and Kelsey P. Norman. 2019. "The World is Turning Its Back on Refugees," *The Atlantic* December 24, 2019 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2019. "Fissures in Sisi's Egypt, and the New Wave of Protests Across the Middle East," *Political Violence at a Glance* October 22, 2019 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2019. "Would 'Safe Third Country' Agreements Stem Migration to the U.S.? The E.U.-Turkey Deal Offers Some Clues," *The Washington Post* July 22, 2019 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2018. "What's at Stake for Syrian Returnees," *Political Violence at a Glance* November 20, 2018 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2018. "The Debate Over 'Birthright' Citizenship Distracts Voters from Real Issues," *The Orange County Register* November 4, 2018 [[available online](#)].
- Cone, Devon and Kelsey P. Norman. 2018. "Migration in the Mediterranean: A Second Crisis of Europe's Making," *Political Violence at a Glance* July 17, 2018 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2018. "Migration, Cities and Engaged Scholarship," *Political Violence at a Glance* May 1, 2018 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2018. "Concerns Over a Coercive Return of Syrian Refugees from Lebanon," *Political Violence at a Glance* February 20, 2018 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2017. "The Truth about the U.S.-Australia Refugee Deal the Media Didn't Report," *Muftah* February 6, 2017 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2016. "Access to Legal Residency for Refugees in the Middle East: Bureaucracy, Deterrence and Prolonged Impermanence," *Middle East Institute* December 6, 2016 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2016. "Host State Responsibility and Capacity in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey," in 'The Long Term Challenges of Forced Migration' *LSE Middle East Centre Collected Papers* 6, September 2016 [[available online](#)].
- Arar, Rawan, Lisel Hintz and Kelsey Norman. 2016. "The Real Refugee Crisis is in the Middle East, Not Europe," *The Washington Post* May 14, 2016 [[available online](#)].
- Mourad, Lama and Kelsey Norman. 2015. "Calling People Fleeing Their Homes Refugees Instead of Migrants is Not Enough," *Muftah* September 28, 2015 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Refugees in Turkey: Implications of Increasing Politicization," *Jadaliyya* June 6, 2015 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Migration Policy Reform in Morocco: Implications for Migrants, the Country and the Region," *Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore MEI Insight No. 123* April 9, 2015 [[available online](#)].

- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Morocco's New Approach to Migration: Meaningful Reform or Political Posturing?" *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog* April 6, 2015 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2015. "Migrants in Post-Revolution Egypt," *The Washington Post* January 7, 2015 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2014. "Turkey's New Migration Policy: Control through Bureaucratization," *Jadaliyya* September 29, 2014 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2014. "African Migrants in the Middle East and North Africa: Separate Line of Theorizing Needed," *Pambazuka Magazine Issue 684* June 26, 2014 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2014. "Different Policies, the Same Game: Syrian and Palestinian Refugees in Egypt," *Jadaliyya* January 28, 2014 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2013. "Religious Organizations and Refugees in Egypt," *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog* June 9, 2013 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2012. "Turning a Blind Eye: Lessons from Egyptian Refugee Policy," *Critical Investigations into Humanitarianism in Africa (CIHA) Blog* November 26, 2012 [[available online](#)].
- Norman, Kelsey P. 2012. "The View from Cairo: A Response to "Behind the Scenes of the Innocence of Muslims,"" *Public Policy & Governance Review Blog* October 10, 2012 [[available online](#)].

TEACHING & ADVISING

Baker Institute, Rice University

Supervisor Salah Ben Hammou (postdoctoral fellow)

Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of Missouri

Committee Member Aryanna Hyde (doctoral student)

Department of Political Science, Rice University

Instructor of Record The Politics of Global Migration and Refugees (undergraduate, Winter 2023, Winter 2024, Winter 2025, Winter 2026)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor Nicole Stancik, "Retroactive Citizenship Scrutiny Due to Midwife-Assisted Births at the Texas-Mexico Border" (2026)

Langston Ford, "Hierarchies of Belonging: Spatial and Narrative Dimensions of Political Participation Among Immigrants in France" (2025)

Master of Global Affairs Program, Rice University

Instructor of Record Human Rights and Human Security in a Changing Middle East (graduate, Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2026)
Contemporary Issues in the Middle East (graduate reading course, Fall 2020)

Graduate Advisor Katherine Lazor, "Detained by Design: The Outsourcing of Migration Control and the Erosion of Human Rights Accountability" (2026)

Emile Chamoun-Farah, “USA-Mexico Internships: The Effects of Academic Experiential Learning on Students, Higher Education and the Broader Economy” (2023)

Maryam Hassan, “Migrant Money: The Fiscal Impact and Securitization of Immigrant Populations in the United States” (2022)

Lydia Wells, “The Potential for Social Gains in Cairo’s Urban Landscape: Protests Versus Informal Resistance” (2021)

Ana Martin Gil, “A Comparative Study of the E.U. ‘Refugee Crisis’ and the U.S. ‘Migration Crisis’” (2021)

Daniella Moore, “Implementing Shalom/Salem: A One State Solution” (2020)

Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver

Instructor of Record Introduction to International Politics (undergraduate, Spring 2019)
Migration, Immigration and Displacement in the Middle East and North Africa (undergraduate, Spring 2018)

Institute for Minority Rights, EURAC Research Institute in Bolzano, Italy

Instructor of Record Summer School on Human Rights, Minorities, and Diversity Governance (short graduate course, Summer 2024)

Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo

Instructor of Record European Border Externalization and the Transformation of Middle East and North African Host States (short graduate course, Winter 2019, Summer 2023, Summer 2025)

School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine

Teaching Assistant Media Writing (undergraduate, Spring 2016 and 2017)
Mass Media & Politics (undergraduate, Winter 2016)
Race, Ethnicity & Nationalism (undergraduate, Fall 2015)
Social Problems (undergraduate, Spring 2013)
Probability and Statistics II (undergraduate, Winter 2012)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS & GIFTS

- 2026 Management of the Kelly Day Endowment for Women’s’ Rights, Human Rights and Refugees (\$4.7 million)
- 2025 Gift from the Khudairi group to the Women’s Rights, Human Rights, and Refugees program (\$11,500)
- 2024 CLS Alumni Development Grant, US Department of State to support continued Arabic language study (\$500)
- 2022 Puentes Visiting Scholar Fellowship (\$5,000)
Migration Politics Residency Fellowship (travel costs)
- 2021 Perry World House and Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholar Policy Prize (\$10,000)
- 2020 With Nicholas Mickinski, APSA Small Research Grant (\$2,500)
With Nicholas Mickinski, Le Centre d’Études et de Documentation Économiques, Juridiques et Sociales Khartoum 2020 Fieldwork Grant (€2,000) [declined due to COVID-19 pandemic]

- Bridging the Gap International Policy Summer Institute (travel costs)
- 2018 POMEPS Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop at Princeton University (travel costs and honorarium)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellowship, European Commission (€180,000) [declined]
- 2017 Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$80,000)
Postdoctoral Fellowship, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy/ Carnegie Corporation of New York (\$50,000)
International Studies Association Conference Travel Grant (\$180)
Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSC) Week at the European Academy of Bolzano/Bozen, Italy (travel costs)
- 2016 CLS Alumni Development Grant, US Department of State to support continued Arabic language study (\$375)
American Political Studies Association Travel Grant (\$175)
International Studies Association Conference Travel Grant (\$300)
- 2015 CLS Alumni Development Grant, US Department of State to support continued Arabic language study (\$500)
Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) Conference and Research Grant (\$200)
- 2014 Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Travel/Research Grant to support dissertation fieldwork in Egypt (\$1,500)
Institute for Qualitative & Multi-method Research (IQMR) Fellowship (tuition)
CLS Alumni Development Grant, US Department of State to support continued Arabic language study (\$500)
- 2013 Critical Language Scholarship (CLS), US Department of State to support Arabic language study in Meknes, Morocco (~\$10,000)
Social Sciences & Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship to support PhD study and research (\$40,000)
- 2010 Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (\$17,500)
- 2007 Presidential Scholarship, American University in Cairo (one-year fellowship)

University of California, Irvine Sources

- 2017 Associate Dean's Fellowship, School of Social Sciences (\$6,000)
Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding to support postdoctoral research in Lebanon (\$2,500)
- 2016 Associate Dean's Fellowship, School of Social Sciences (\$6,000)
Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding to support dissertation writing (\$2,500)
Center for the Study of Democracy Summer Writing Grant (\$1,500)
UCI Department of Political Science, Graduate Research Grant (\$1,200)
- 2015 Grant from the Dean of Social Sciences in support of a reading group, 'Post-Colonialism: Africa and the Middle East' (\$400)
Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant to support dissertation fieldwork in Turkey (\$1,000)
Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding to support dissertation fieldwork in Turkey (\$2,000)
UCI Department of Political Science, Graduate Research Grant to support dissertation fieldwork in Morocco (\$1,200)

- 2014 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Turkey (\$1,200)
UCI Department of Political Science, Graduate Research Grant to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Turkey (\$1,500)
- 2013 Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Morocco (\$2,500)
UCI Department of Political Science, Graduate Research Grant to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Morocco (\$1,000)
Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Morocco (\$1,000)
Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (CGPACS) Research Grant to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Morocco (\$750)
- 2012 Kugelman Research Fellowship, Center for Citizen Peacebuilding to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Egypt (\$2,500)
UCI Department of Political Science, Graduate Research Grant to support pre-dissertation fieldwork in Egypt (\$1,000)
UCI Department of Political Science Academic Merit Fellowship (\$3,500)
- 2011 UCI Social Science Teaching Fellowship (\$125,000 over 5 years)

INVITED TALKS

- 2026 “Migration Deals, Foreign Aid, and Governance Across the Middle East and Africa”
Seminar presentation for the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office of the UK
- 2024 “*Migration Management Aid, Governance and Repression*”
Book presentation in the Comparative Social Analysis seminar series at UCLA
- 2024 “*Citizenship in Canada: Consideration of Bill C-71*”
Panel presentation at the University of Toronto’s Munk School of Global Affairs
- 2024 “*Kelsey Norman on Hayv Kahraman: The Foreign in Us*”
Seminar presentation in collaboration with the Moody Center for the Arts at Rice University
- 2023 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East*”
Book presentation at the Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) annual convention at Columbia University
- 2022 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East*”
Book presentation at Harvard University’s Middle East Initiative
- 2021 “*Refugee Rights in Regions of Origin*”
Panel presentation at the Meijers Committee and Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs workshop at The Hague (virtual)
- 2021 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East & Discrimination and Delegation: Explaining State Responses to Refugees*”
With Lamis Abdelaaty, seminar presentation at UCSD’s Center for Comparative Immigration Studies and UCLA’s Center for the Comparative Study of Migration (virtual)
- 2021 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East*”
Book presentation at the SOAS Middle East Institute (virtual)
- 2020 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East*”
Book presentation at the Migration Policy Centre at the European University Institute (virtual)
- 2020 “*Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East*”

- Book presentation at the Center for Global Policy in Washington D.C. (virtual)
- 2020 “*Aid, Migration Management, and Authoritarianism: A Research Agenda*”
With Nicholas Micinski, seminar presentation at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society at the City University of New York (virtual)
- 2019 “*Inclusion, Exclusion or Indifference? Host State Responses to Migration*”
Seminar presentation at the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo
- 2019 “*Methodological Challenges in Conducting Research on Migration*”
Panel presentation at the APSA Migration & Citizenship Section pre-conference at George Mason University’s School of Policy and Government
- 2019 “*Mediterranean Mobility: State Practice and International Responsibility in a Region of Complex Mixed Migration*”
Seminar presentation at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto
- 2018 “*Migration Diplomacy in the Mediterranean Region: Before and After the 2015 ‘Crisis’*”
Seminar presentation at the Institute for European Studies at the University of British Columbia
- 2018 “*Changing Capabilities or Motivations? Migration Deterrence in the Global Context*”
With Kate Tennis, Sié Research Seminar series at the University of Denver
- 2018 “*Offshored Border Control: Global Implications for Migrants and Refugees*”
With Kate Tennis, educational seminar presentation to the Immigration Collectivo at the University of Denver
- 2017 “*Migrant and Refugee Political Mobilization in Egypt and Morocco*”
Sié Research Seminar series at the University of Denver
- 2017 “*Mobilizing Non-Nationals in MENA Host States*”
Panel presentation at the ‘Diasporas and Challenges to Statehood in the Middle East and North Africa’ workshop at Warwick University
- 2017 “*The Domestic Impact of UNHCR and IOM Policies in the Middle East*”
Panel presentation at the ‘Managing Migration in World Society’ workshop at Carleton University
- 2016 “*Beyond Dichotomous Understandings of Host State Engagement*”
Seminar presentation at the Max-Planck-Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen, Germany
- 2016 “*Host State Responsibility and Capacity in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey*”
Panel presentation at the ‘Forced Displacement in the Middle East’ workshop at the London School of Economics
- 2016 “*The Global Refugee Crisis in Context*”
Educational seminar at the Anaheim Public Library in Orange County, USA
- 2015 “*Host State Responses to Asylum-Seeking in the Middle East*”
Panel presentation at the ‘Comparative Responses to Asylum-Seeking’ workshop at the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at the University of California, San Diego
- 2015 “*Syrian Refugees in the Middle East: A Look at Egypt and Turkey*”
Panel presentation at the Pacifica Institute in Orange County, USA
- 2014 “*When Ambivalence is an Option: Migration Policy in MENA*”
Seminar presentation at the Netherlands-Flemish Institute in Cairo, Egypt

- 2014 *“The Determinants of Host State Policy Toward Migrants and Refugees”*
Seminar presentation at the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University in Cairo

PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

Workshops Organized

- 2025 *“Addressing Protracted Displacement in the Middle East Region”*
Workshop organized in collaboration with the Migration Research Centre at Koç University in Istanbul, Turkey
- 2024 *“The Climate Change-Conflict-Displacement Nexus in the Middle East and North Africa”*
Workshop organized in collaboration with the United States Institute for Peace in D.C.
- 2023 *“Climate-induced Displacement in the Middle East Region”*
International workshop in collaboration with the Institute for Migration Studies at the Lebanese American University in Beirut, Lebanon
- 2022 *“Gender and Displacement in the Middle East and North Africa”*
International workshop in collaboration with the Center for Migration Studies at the American University of Cairo, Egypt
- 2020 *“Women’s Grassroots Mobilization in the Post-2011 Era”*
International workshops in collaboration with the Moroccan Institute for Policy Analysis in Rabat, Morocco and the American Center for Oriental Research in Amman, Jordan

Papers Presented

“Migration Management Aid, Governance and Repression” (book chapters)

- With Nicholas Micinski, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, USA (September 3-6, 2026)
- With Nicholas Micinski, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (April 3-6, 2024)
- With Nicholas Micinski, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Los Angeles, USA (August 31-Sept 3, 2021)

“When is Return Migration Possible? An Investigation of Egyptian Exiles post-2011”

- “Lived Citizenship, Uprising and Migration: Everyday Politics, Imaginaries and Contestation” workshop at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Germany (Sept 30-Oct 1, 2021)

“The Experimental State: Asylum Policy-Making in Israel, Lebanon and Turkey”

- With Yehonatan Abramson, ECPR General Conference Virtual Event (Aug 30-Sept 3, 2021)
- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Nashville, USA (March 28-April 2, 2022)

“The ‘Inherent Vulnerability’ of Being Female: A Gendered Analysis of Morocco’s Immigration Reform”

- With Carrie Reiling, “Gender and Politics in the MENA” workshop at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden (May 10-12, 2022)

“Leveraging Selective State Capacity: Understanding Changing Responses to Migration and Refugees”

- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Washington D.C., USA (Aug 28-Sept 1, 2019)
- Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in New Orleans, USA (Nov 14-17, 2019)

“International Migration Organizations, State Sovereignty, and Shifting Red Lines” (book chapter)

- “The International Politics of Middle East Migration—Problems, Policy, Practice” workshop at the University of Birmingham, UK (March 7-8, 2019)
- “Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference” at the University of California Los Angeles, USA (Feb 15-16, 2019)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Boston, USA (Aug 30-Sept 2, 2018)

“Migration Diplomacy in the Mediterranean Region: Before and After the 2015 ‘Crisis’”(book chapter)

- Annual Meeting of the European Union Studies Association in Denver, USA (May 9-11, 2019)
- “Migration and Security: A New Agenda of Research” workshop at the Université Laval, Canada (March 25-26, 2019)
- Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in San Antonio, USA (Nov 15-18, 2018)

“Inclusion, Exclusion or Indifference? Redefining Migrant and Refugee Host State Engagement Options in Mediterranean ‘Transit’ Countries”

- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, USA (April 4-8, 2018)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in San Francisco, USA (Aug 31-Sept 3, 2017)
- “The Stakes of the Middle East and North Africa Migration Studies” workshop at the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies at North Carolina State University, USA (April 21-22, 2017)

“Borders, Institutions, and Perceptions of Culture: Examining Sub-Saharan Migration to Egypt and Morocco”(book chapter)

- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in San Francisco, USA (April 4-8, 2018)
- “The Question of Borders” workshop at the University of Balamand, Lebanon (Nov 23-25, 2017)
- Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia, USA (Sept 1-4, 2017)

“Transforming Refugees into Migrants: Institutional Change and the Politics of International Protection”

- With Lama Mourad, Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Baltimore, USA (Feb 22-26, 2017)

“Turkey’s 2013 Migration Policy Reform in the Context of the EU Deal”

- “The Refugee Crisis in South East Europe” workshop at Aston University, UK (June 21, 2016)

“Changing Migrant Deterrence Schemes? A Look at Policy Reform in Morocco and Turkey”

- “Regional Security Complexes in the European Union and its Neighbourhood: a Critical Reflection” workshop at the University of Dundee, UK (June 12-14, 2016)
- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Atlanta, USA (March 26-29, 2016)
- Emerging Scholars Forum at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association West in Pasadena, USA (Sept 25-26, 2016)

“Migrants, Refugees and the Egyptian Security State”

- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in New Orleans, USA (Feb 18-21, 2015)
- World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies in Ankara, Turkey (Sept 18-22, 2014)

“The Domestic Effects of EU Free Migration Policies for MENA States”

- “Institutions in Context” workshop at the University of Tampere, Finland (June 9-15, 2014)

“When Senders Become Receivers: Treatment of Migrants in Morocco and Egypt”

- Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association in Seattle, USA (April 17-19, 2014)
- Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association in Toronto, Canada (March 25-29, 2014)
- Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago, USA (April 11-14, 2013)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & FIELDWORK

2024	Fieldwork in Brussels, Belgium (July)
2023	Fieldwork in Cairo, Egypt (June-July)
2022	Fieldwork in Mexico City, Mexico (June-August)
2019, 2022	Fieldwork in Cairo, Egypt
2017	Fieldwork in Beirut, Lebanon (April and December)
2014-2015	Dissertation fieldwork in Egypt, Morocco and Turkey (September-June)
2015	Pre-dissertation fieldwork in Istanbul & Ankara, Turkey (August)
2014	Pre-dissertation fieldwork in Rabat & Casablanca, Morocco (July-August)
2012-2013	Pre-dissertation fieldwork in Cairo, Egypt (July-February)

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

2022	Puentes Visiting Scholar School of Social Sciences and Government, Tecnológico de Monterrey
2018	Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow Institute for European Studies, University of British Columbia
2014-2015	Research Affiliate Center for Migration Research, Istanbul Bilgi University
2012-2014	Research Fellow Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University in Cairo
2012-2017	Research Affiliate Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies, University of California, Irvine
2011-2017	Research Affiliate Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California, Irvine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

2024 Critical Language Scholar Refresh program
Virtual two-month Arabic language training funded by the US Department of State

2022 Critical Analysis of Media Arabic, Rice University
Semester of advanced-level Arabic language training

2021 Critical Language Scholar Refresh program
Virtual two-month Arabic language training funded by the US Department of State

2021 Glasscock School of Continuing Studies, Rice University
Semester of advanced-level French language training

2019 Bridging the Gap International Policy Summer Institute
One-week policy workshop in Washington, D.C.

2015-2018 *Natakallam* Program (on-line)
Weekly Arabic lessons via Skype

Winter 2015 French Language Department, L'Institut Français de Rabat (*Rabat, Morocco*)
Semester of intermediate-level French language training

Summer 2014 Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (*Syracuse, New York*)
Two-week intensive training program in qualitative research techniques

Summer 2013 Arab American Language Institute in Morocco (*Meknes, Morocco*)
Intensive Arabic program funded by the US Department of State

2012-2013 Department of Modern Arabic, L'Institut Français d'Égypte (*Cairo, Egypt*)
Nine-month intensive Arabic program

Summer 2012 Institute for Minority Rights, European Academy of Bolzano (*Bolzano, Italy*)
Two-week workshop on EU diversity accommodation models and policies

2011-2012 University of California, Irvine
Year-long Modern Standard Arabic language sequence

2007-2008 School of Continuing Education, American University in Cairo
Year-long Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian dialect language sequence

LANGUAGES & SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES

English – Native speaker
Arabic – Speak, read and write at an advanced level (specialization in the Egyptian dialect)
French – Read, speak and write at an intermediate level
Spanish – Basic
Data Analysis Programs – STATA, SPSS, Atlas.ti and NVivo software

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Service to Profession & University

2019-present Editorial Board Member, *Digest of Middle East Studies*
2017-present Reviewer, *American Political Science Review*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Third World Quarterly*, *International Studies Review*, *Geopolitics*, *Journal of Middle East*

Migration Studies, International Migration, Laws, Journal of Global Security Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Industrial and Labor Relations Review

- 2024-present Elected Secretary of the Migration and Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association
- 2024 Best Book Committee Member of the Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism (ENMISA) section of the International Studies Association
- 2024 Judge of graduate student NASPAA Host Nations Simulation at Rice University
- 2022-2023 Faculty advisor, Alternative Spring Break at Rice University
- 2022 Mentor – *Forced Migration Review*/LERRN Special Issue Mentorship Program
- 2022 Division Chair, Migration and Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association
- 2021 Nominating Committee Member, Migration and Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association
- 2019-2021 Elected Communications Chair of the Ethnicity, Migration and Nationalism (ENMISA) section of the International Studies Association
- 2018 Co-organizer, ‘Cities and the Contentious Politics of Migration,’ International Studies Association Working Group
- 2016-2018 Elected Council Member, Migration and Citizenship Section of the American Political Science Association

Service to Community

- 2022-present Expert witness in asylum cases for nationals from Iran, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Mauritania, and Oman
- 2020-present Advisory Board Member, Refugee Solidarity Network
- 2017-2019 Volunteer with the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition (CIRC)
- 2013-2014 Volunteer with *Tawasul*, an organization that organizes activities for refugee and Egyptian children in Cairo, Egypt
- 2012-2013 Math teacher at St. Andrews School for Refugees in Cairo, Egypt

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