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APPOINTMENTS

University of Florida

Chair, Department of Political Science, August 2024-.
Interim Director, Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2023-26.
Acting Chair, Political Science, 2022-23.
Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, 2004-.
University of Florida Term Professor, 2021-24.
University of Florida Research Foundation Professor, 2011-14.
Affiliate Faculty at Florida Institute for National Security, 2023-.
Affiliate Faculty at School of Natural Resources and the Environment, 2006-.

Harvard University

Academy Scholar, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, 2002-2004.

EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
Ph.D., Department of Political Science, 2002.
M.A. in Middle East Studies, 1996.

Claremont McKenna College, Claremont, CA.
Bachelor of Arts in Government and History, *cum laude*, 1992.

PUBLISHED RESEARCH

Books

Rethinking the Resource Curse with David Waldner. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021

Hard Times in the Lands of Plenty: Oil Politics in Iran and Indonesia. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2007.
- Finalist for the 2008 Gregory Luebbert Book Award of the American Political

Science Association's Comparative Politics section.

Articles and Book Chapters (peer-reviewed)*

"Exploring the Resource-Civil War Nexus," in T. David Mason and Sara Mitchell eds. *What do We Know About Civil Wars?* 2nd edition, Rowman & Littlefield, 2023, 215-30.

"Concepts, Measures, and Rabbit Holes: Studying Resource Wealth from the Middle East Out," *APSA-MENA* 4, 2: 29-32.

"Pax Petrolica? Rethinking the Oil-Interstate War Linkage," with Hye Ryeon Jang. *Security Studies* 30, 2 (2021).*

"Survivorship Bias in Comparative Politics: Endogenous Sovereignty and the Resource Curse," with David Waldner. *Perspectives on Politics* 19, 3 (2021): 890-905.

"Borders, Sovereignty, and sample selection bias: Rethinking the politics of the resource curse," with David Waldner, in *The Politics of Rentier States in the Gulf*, Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) 33, January 2019: 72-76.

"Resource Wealth as Rent Leverage: Rethinking the Oil-Stability Nexus," *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, 34, 6 (November 2017): 597-617.*

"Comparing Separatism Across Regions: Rebellious Legacies and Contentious Politics in Africa, Asia, and the Middle East." In Ariel Ahram, Patrick Köllner and Rudra Sil eds. *Comparative Area Studies: Methodological Rationales and Cross-Regional Applications.* Oxford University Press, 2018, 168-84.*

"Exploring the Resource-Civil War Nexus," in T. David Mason and Sara Mitchell eds. *What do We Know About Civil War?* Rowman & Littlefield, 2016.*

Benjamin Smith and David Waldner, "Rentier States and State Transformations," in Stephan Leibfried, Frank Nullmeier, Evelyne Huber, Matthew Lange, Jonah Levy, John Stephens eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Transformations of the State***.** Oxford University Press, 2015.*

Dan Slater, Benjamin Smith and Gautam Nair, "Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State." *Perspectives on Politics* 12, 2 (June 2014), 353-74.*

Winner of the 2009 Sage Best Paper Award of the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association

"Separatist Conflict in the Former Soviet Union and Beyond: How Different Was Communism?" *World Politics*, 65, 2 (April 2013), 350-81.*

"Resource Wealth and Political Regimes: How Solid a Link After 40 Years of Research?" *APSA-CD*, (2013) 11, 2: 2, 17-20.

"Conclusion," in Adam White ed. *The Everyday Life of the State*, University of Washington Press (2013), 205-18.*

Benjamin Smith and Samsu Rizal Panggabean, "Explaining Anti-Chinese Riots in Late 20th Century Indonesia," *World Development* 39, 2 (February 2011), 231-42.*

"Oil and Political Power in Southeast Asia," in Robert Looney ed. *Handbook of Oil Politics*, New York: Routledge, 2011: 206-18.

"The New Petromercantilism: Oil, Development and the State in the 21st Century," (Brookings Institution, 2009)

"The Origins of Regional Autonomy in Indonesia: Experts and the Marketing of Political Interests," *Journal of East Asian Studies* 8, 2 (May-August 2008): 211-34.*

"Rethinking the *Economic Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy*: The Continuing Value of Cases and Comparisons," *APSA-CP* 19, 1 (Winter 2008), 16-20.

"The Wrong Kind of Crisis: Why Oil Booms and Busts Rarely Lead to Authoritarian Breakdown." *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 40, 4 (Winter 2006): 55-76.*

"Oil Wealth and Regime Change," in Michael Dauderstädt and Arne Schildberg eds., *Dead Ends of Transition: Rentier Economies and Protectorates* (Frankfurt and New York: Campus, 2006).

"Life of the Party: The Origins of Regime Breakdown and Persistence Under Single-Party Rule." *World Politics* 57, 3(April 2005): 421-51.*
- Chinese translation published in *Open Times* 195 (2008): 89-109.
- Reprinted in Allen Hicken ed. *Politics of Modern Southeast Asia*, New York: Routledge, 2010 (volume III).

"Oil Wealth and Regime Survival in the Developing World, 1960-1999." *American Journal of Political Science* 48, 2 (April 2004): 232-46.*

"If I Do These Things They Will Throw Me Out: Economic Reform and the Collapse of Indonesia's New Order." *Journal of International Affairs* 57, 1 (Fall 2003): 113-128.

"Collective Action With and Without Islam: Mobilizing the Bazaar in Iran," in Quintan Wiktorowicz, ed. *Islamic Activism: A Social Movement Theory Approach* (Indiana University Press, 2003).*
Indonesian translation published in *Aktivisme Islam: Pendekatan Teori Gerakan*

Sosial trans. Tim Penerjemah Paramadina. Jakarta: Balai Penelitian dan Pengembangan Agama, 2007, 235-59.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Tinpots and Technocrats: Market Reform and the Fate of Personal Rule," with Yunizar Adiputera, presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, September 11-14, Vancouver, BC. 7850 words; six figures, two tables excluding appendix.

"The Making of Rebellion: Religious Authority and Ethnic Mobilization in Kurdistan, 1880–1930," with Carolyn Warner and David Siroky.

"Coal and Patriarchy? Evidence from India's States," with Anna Verma.

"Carbon Patriarchy? Fossil Fuels and Women's Empowerment in Indonesia."

"Liquid Leverage: LNG Capacity and Russian Pipeline Coercion," with Bryon Moraski.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Professor of the Year, Department of Political Science, 2022.

Sage Best Paper Award, 2009, from the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.

Finalist for 2008 **Gregory Luebbert Book Award** of the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association for *Hard Times in the Lands of Plenty: Oil Politics in Iran and Indonesia*.

Teacher of the Year, UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2007-2008.

Advisor to six winners of **Highest Honors** for Senior Thesis, Department of Political Science, University of Florida: Reba Abraham (2003), Sarah Howland (2006), Matthew Schwarz (2009), Ariana Tuchman (2011), Olivia Salazar (2022), and Katherine Pearson (2023). Howland's, Schwarz's, Tuchman's, and Pearson's theses all won the **Best Undergraduate Thesis** award from the Political Science Department in 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2023 respectively.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National

National Science Foundation. Project Sub-PI for Grant **#** 1416900 "Religious Infusion and Asymmetric Conflict," 2014-18. $12,500.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation. PI. Research Grant for "History and Rebellion: The Origins of Self-Determination Conflicts in the Modern World," 2012. $25,000.

Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies. Post-doctoral fellowship, 2002-2004. $80,000.

The United States-Indonesia Society. PI. Sumitro Fellowship for March-April 2004. Project Title: "Politics and Elections After Decentralization: Indonesia's Electoral Environment, 1999-2004." $5,000.

Ford Foundation, 2001. PI. Dissertation Research Grant in Southeast Asia Studies, for research in Indonesia, May-July 2001. $5,000.

Social Science Research Council, 1999-2000.
International Predissertation Fellowship. For language study and field research in Yogyakarta and Jakarta, Indonesia, September 1999- August 2000. $18,000.

American Institute for Iranian Studies, 1998.
Research and Persian Language Fellowship at the International Center for Persian Studies, University of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran. $8,000.

Intramural

University of Florida Term Professor, 2021-24. $15,000.

University of Florida Research Foundation Professorship, 2011-14. $15,000.

Provost's Office, 2010-11. PI.
Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Grant for "History and Rebellion: The Origins of Separatist Conflict in the Post-Colonial World." $25,500.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2010. PI
Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Research Grant for "Rebellion and Identity: History and the Making of Acehnese Separatism." $11,000.

Bob Graham Center for Public Service, 2008.
Course Development Grant.

Center for International Business Education and Research, 2007.
Summer Research Grant.

University of Florida International Center, 2007.
Internationalizing the Curriculum Award.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Florida, 2007. PI.
Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Research Grant for research in Indonesia. $9,000.

Center for International Business and Research (CIBER), University of Florida, 2005. Course Development Grant to build a course on economic development and business-state relations in Asia.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

"Tinpots and Technocrats: Market Reforms and the Politics of Personal Rule," with Yunizar Adiputera. Presented at the 2025 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Vancouver, September 2025, the 2026 annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, at Florida International University March 6, 2026, and at Universitas Gadjah Mada, Indonesia, June 2026.

Unlikely Transitions: New Order Indonesia in Comparative Perspective. Presented at the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies – Asia, July 9-11, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and of the American Political Science Association, September 5-8, Philadelphia.

"Paradox of Plenty or Oil Blessing? Counterfactual Evidence from Africa," with Muharrem Bagriyanik and Adam Bernstein, presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, April 13-16, 2023, at the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association, Deland, FL, April 22, 2023, and at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Los Angeles, August 30-September 4, 2023.

"Legacy of the Lost Cause: America's Southern Nation in Comparative Perspective," presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 28-September 1, 2019, and at the annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, San Antonio, TX, January 12-15, 2022.

"Fencing in the Resource Curse: Area Studies Insights for Econometric Research," presented at the University of Pennsylvania, March 19, 2021, and at the annual meetings of the Western Political Science Association, Portland, OR March 13-16, 2022..

Rethinking the Resource Curse. Presented at MIT, May 21, 2020.

"Great Powers, Oil, and War: Petroleum Networks, Alliances, and Interstate Conflict," with Hye Ryeon Jang, presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 28-September 1, 2019.

"Renting Sovereignty: Endogenous Borders and the Resource Curse," with David Waldner, presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 29-September 2, 2018, Boston, MA, at the University of Florida, October 22, 2018.

Oil, Order, and Inclusion, presented at the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA), June 12, 2017.

"Blessing the Curse? Oil and Democratic Stability," presented at the the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, April 5-8, 2017, and at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, August 31-September 3, 2017.

"Pax Petrolica? Rethinking The Oil-War Nexus," with Hye Ryeon Jang. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 1-4, 2016.

"Resource Wealth as Rent Leverage: Rethinking the Oil-Stability Nexus," presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2-6, 2015, at the University of Florida Research Seminar on Politics, September 25, 2015, at "The Politics of Revenue," Princeton University, October 2-3, 2015 and at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, November 19, 2015.

"Comparative Authoritarianism: Institutions, Structural Determinants and Methodological Considerations," presented at the East Asia Institute, Seoul, Korea, May 8, 2015.

"Learning to Love Oil: Right-Sizing the Resource 'Curse'," presented at the Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, January 22, 2015.

"History and Rebellion: The Origins of Self-Determination Struggles in the Modern World," presented at the Severyns-Ravenholt Seminar in Comparative Politics, University of Washington, March 30, 2018, the Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame, January 28, 2016, the University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, April 2012, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, January 30, 2014, at the University of Michigan Comparative Politics Workshop, January 23, 2015, and at the Department of Political Science, Korea University, May 7, 2015.

"Oil Wealth, Order and Conflict: Right-Sizing the Resource 'Curse'," presented at the Department of Political Science, Michigan State University, November 18, 2014.

"Natural Experiments: A Comparative Historical Approach," presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014 and at the Department of Political Science, University of Florida, April 2015.

"Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? The Redistributive Model and the Postcolonial State" (with Dan Slater and Gautam Nair), presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, August 2014.

"History and Rebellion: Kurdish Nationalism in Comparative Perspective," presented at

Loyola University, Chicago, November 2013.

"Measuring the Resource Curse," presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, New Orleans, August 2012, at the Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, September 19, 2012, and at the University of Minnesota Comparative Politics Workshop, March 29, 2013.

Organizer and Presenter, Roundtable entitled, "History, Conflict and Democracy: Historical Approaches to Contentious Politics," at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, WA, August 31-September 4, 2011.

"Separatist Conflict in the Soviet Bloc and Beyond: How Different Was Communism?," presented at APSA 2010, Washington, DC, at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 2, 2011, and at the Midwest Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2011.

"History and Separatist Conflict: Explaining the Persistence of Ethnonationalist Rebellion in the Post-Colonial World," presented at ISA 2010, New Orleans, LA, APSA 2010, Washington, DC, and at Princeton University (April 13, 2011).

Roundtable Presenter, "EITM meets Comparative Politics," Southern Political Science Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA January 7-10, 2010.

"Land and Rebellion: Kurdish Separatism in Comparative Perspective." Presented at Cornell University, February 5, 2009; University of Florida March 20, 2009. Presented at University of Texas-Austin, September 24, 2009; Duke University, October 19, 2009.

"The New Petromercantilism," presented at the U.S.-Islamic World Forum, Doha, Qatar, February 15, 2009.

"Explaining Anti-Chinese Violence in Late 20th Century Indonesia," with Rizal Panggabean (Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia), presented at the annual meetings of the Americal Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008 and *Rethinking Ethnicity and Ethnic Strife*, Workshop at Central European University, Budapest, September 25-26, 2008.

"Economic Origins of Democratic Breakdown? Contrary Evidence from Southeast Asia and Beyond," with Dan Slater (University of Chicago), presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008, the annual meetings of the Social Science History Association, October 25-26, 2008, at the Cornell University Southeast Asia Studies Center, February 5, 2009, and at the University of Florida Comparative Politics Colloquium, October 2, 2009.

Panel Organizer, Chair, and presenter, "Violence and the Emergence of Ethnic Identity: Cleavage Construction, Conflict and Peace in Africa, Asia, and Europe," for the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 28-31, 2008.

"Sole Voice(s) of Kurdistan? The Historical Roots of Kurdish Nationalism in Iraq and Turkey," delivered at the Global Issues Forum at Fairhaven College, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, March 5, 2008.

"Oil and Dictatorship in the Early 21st Century," Saturna Capital Lecture on Global Justice, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA, March 5, 2008.

"The Politics of Communal Violence: Bringing the State Back in (Again)," Department of Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA November 29, 2007.

Keynote speaker, forum titled, "At the Center of the Middle East Crisis:
Kurds & Conflict in Iraq, Iran, Syria, and Turkey," University of Washington, Seattle, WA, November 28, 2007.

"Miracles and Developmental States in Proper Perspective: Corruption and Economic Growth in Africa, Asia, and Latin America," with Sarah Howland (University of Florida) and Matthew Schwarz (University of Florida), presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30 – September 2, 2007.

Organizer and Presenter, Roundtable titled "Revisiting the Origins of Democracy: Do We Still Need the Qualitative Classics?" at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 30 – September 2, 2007.

"The Social Origins of Kurdish Separatism: Lord, Peasant, and Urban Radical in the Making of Modern Kurdistan," presented at the annual meetings of the Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, March 8-10, 2007, and the Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, April 12-15, 2007.

"How Corrupt Do You Think This Country Is? Growth, Governance, and the Perception of Corruption," presented at the University of Florida Research Seminar in Politics, March 28, 2007, and at the Center for International Business Education and Research, University of Florida, April 6, 2007.

Keynote address at a conference entitled, "Policy from the Grassroots: How Social Forces Shackle and Transform Policymakers," University of Washington, Seattle, February 25, 2007.

"Oil and Democracy," Invited lecture to the Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources," University of Florida, May 24, 2006.

"Oil Wealth and Regime Change," invited lecture to the "Transforming Authoritarian Rentier Economies and Protectorates" at the biennial meeting of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes, Bonn, Germany, September 22-23, 2005.

"Democracy Despite Oil: Explaining Anomalous Polities in Africa and Latin America," with Joseph Kraus, presented at the annual meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association and the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005, Washington, D.C.

Panel Organizer and presenter, panel titled "State Formation and Reformation in Southeast Asia," annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2005.

"Decentralization as a Signaling Game: The Political Origins of Regional Autonomy n in Indonesia," presented at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL, September 2-5, 2004 and the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies, Chicago, IL, March 31-April 3, 2005.

"Why Plenty is a Paradox: Some Curses of Resource Wealth," and "Oil Funds: Creation and Management Options and Comparative Lessons," sessions led at a workshop entitled "Timor-L'este: Transparency and Accountability in Government," March 22 and 23, 2004, Dili, East Timor. Conducted in Indonesian.

"Life of the Party: The Origins of Strong and Weak Single-Party Regimes," presented at:
annual meeting of American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, September 2003;
Comparative Politics Seminar, Yale University, March 5, 2004;
Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Dinner Series, March 18, 2004.

"Perkembangan Partai-Partai Politik dan Perubahan Sistim Elektoral Menuju Pemilihan Umum Indonesia 2004," (Political Party Formation and Electoral System Change in Advance of the 2004 Indonesian General Election), conducted in Indonesian, Center for Security and Peace Studies, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, November 3, 2003.

"'If I Do These Things They Will Throw Me Out:' Economic Reform and the Origins of Authoritarian Breakdown," presented at the School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, October 9, 2003.

Co-organizer (with Jason Brownlee) and presenter, panel titled "Politics in the Gray Zone: Authoritarian Durability in Comparative Perspective," for the 2003 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 28-31, 2003.

"Hard Times in the Land of Plenty: Oil, Opposition, and Late Development," presented at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies Dinner Series, April 24, 2003.

"Oil, Crisis, and Authoritarianism," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, MA, August 20-September 1, 2002.

"Oil and Political Stability in the Developing World, 1960-1999," presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, March 24-27, 2002.

"Rethinking the Politics of the Resource Curse: Oil Wealth and Regime Durability," presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA, September 2001.

"Collective Action With and Without Islam: Mobilizing the Bazaar in Iran," presented at the 2000 annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, November 16-19, 2000, Orlando, FL.

"Rethinking State Autonomy: Evidence from Pre-Revolutionary Iran," presented at the annual meeting of the Western Political Science Association, March 27-29, 1999, Seattle, WA.

"Social Institutions and Collective Action in Late-20th Century Iran: Informal Networks and Patterns of Urban Resistance," presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, December 4-6, 1998, Chicago, IL.

"Bazaaris, Intellectuals, and Revolution in Iran: The Rastakhiz Party and Collective Resistance, 1975-77," presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, November 22-24, 1997, San Francisco, CA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editor, APSA-CP (Newsletter of the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association), 2021-25.

Program Chair, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2024 American Political Science Association annual meeting.

Executive Council, Florida Political Science Association, 2023-25.

Program Chair, 2024 Florida Political Science Association annual meeting.

Vice Chair, Democracy and Autocracy Section of the APSA, 2020-22.

External Program Reviewer, Southern New Hampshire University Department of Political Science (2018)

External Tenure & Promotion Reviews: 2013 (3), 2014, 2015, 2019 (2), 2020, 2021 (2).

Woodrow Wilson Foundation Book Award Committee, American Political Science Association, 2017.

Executive Committee Member, Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association, 2015-17.

External Dissertation Reviewer, Deakin University, 2015.

Program Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Nations, American Political Science Association annual meetings, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Best Book Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA, 2012.

Editorial Board, *Comparative Political Studies*, 2006-2015.

Lead Editor 2012-14, *APSA-CD* (Newsletter of the Comparative Democratization section of the American Political Science Association). Editorial Board member 2010-12.

Executive Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of the American Political Science Association, 2011-13.

Program Chair for Comparative Politics of Developing Nations, Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago IL, 2011.

Best Graduate Paper Award Committee, Midwest Political Science Association, 2010.

Gregory Luebbert Article Award Committee, Comparative Politics Section of the APSA, 2009.

Best Book Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA, 2007.

Manuscript Reviewer (most recent review year):

American Journal of Political Science (2013)
American Political Science Review (2024)
Bloomsbury Academic (2014)
Cambridge University Press (2019)
Comparative Political Studies (2022)
Comparative Politics (2010)
Conflict Management and Peace Science (2023)
Cornell University Press (2018)
Current Anthropology (2008)
Digest of Middle East Studies (2021)
Indonesia (2008)
International Area Studies Review (2020)
International Interactions (2021)
International Journal of Middle East Studies (2007)
International Organization (2010)
International Political Science Review (2007)
International Security (2021)
International Studies Quarterly (2022)
Johns Hopkins University Press (2012)
Journal of Conflict Resolution (2009)
Journal of East Asian Studies (2009)
Journal of International Development (2017)
Journal of Peace Research (2020)
Journal of Politics (2019)
Lynne Rienner Press (2010)
McGraw-Hill (2012)

National Science Foundation (2016)
Oxford University Press (2021)
Perspectives on Politics (2023)
Political Behavior (2005)
Political Research Quarterly (2019)
Political Studies (2024)
Polity (2020)
Review of International Political Economy (2021)
Studies in Comparative International Development (2020)
The Extractive Industries and Society (2021)
University of Michigan Press (2010)
World Politics (2022)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

College and University Service

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean Advisory Search Committee, University of Florida, 2026.
Dean's Liaison, Shorstein Center for Jewish Studies Director Search, 2026.
Interim Director, Center for Global Islamic Studies, 2023-26.
Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences College Assembly, 2024-25.
UF Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee, 2023-26.
Faculty Council, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (2023-25, 2020-22, 2013-15)
UF Faculty Senate, 2023-25.
Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, 2021-22.
University of Florida College Faculty Council Chairs Committee, 2024-25, 2021-22, 2014-15.
Ad Hoc UF Faculty Senate Committee on Presidential Search, 2022.
Research Abroad Dissertation Fellowship Committee, UF International Center, 2021-22.
UF General Education Committee, 2019-22.
Search Committee Chair, Middle East Lecturer Search, International Studies/Bob Graham Center, 2019-20.
Strategic Plan Task Force, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2016.
Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences College Assembly, 2015-16.
Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Steering Committee, 2015-16
Chair, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, 2014-15.
Steering Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2014-15; 2021-22.
University Minority Mentor, 2014-15, 2011-12.
Search Committee, Latin American Development (UF Preeminence Initiative), 2013-14.
Chair, Sabbatical/Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011-2012.
Faculty Advisor, Persian Student Society, 2011-.
Teaching and Advising Award Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Fall 2008
UF International Center Internationalizing the Curriculum Grant Selection committee, Spring 2008.
Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund Award Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Fall 2007.
Faculty Advisor, UF Longboard Skate Club, 2006-.
Academic Learning Compact Committee, Asian Studies Program, 2005-06.

Department of Political Science

Chair, August 2024-.
Acting Chair, 2022-23.
Experiential Learning Coordinator, 2023-24.
Graduate Placement Director, 2006-2008, 2015-17, 2021-22.
Chair's Advisory Committee (CAC), 2006-07, (Chair) 2020-21.
Co-author and Search Committee member, Thematic Hiring Initiative, 2018-19.
Comparative Politics Field Chair, 2015-17.
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Selection Committee, 2015.
Best Graduate Teacher Committee (chair) 2014, member, 2015.
Best Undergraduate Thesis Committee, 2013.
Best Graduate Paper Committee, 2012.
Editor of *The Partisan* (annual Department Alumni newsletter), 2011-2015.
Associate Chair, 2008-2010.
Dissertation Fellowship Selection Committee, 2010.
Chair, Search Committee, Political Economy-Africa, 2009-10.
Search Committee, Public Policy, 2010.
Search Committee, International Relations, 2008-09.
Search Committee, Ehrlich Chair in International Studies, 2007-08.
Comparative Politics Field Committee, 2004-.
Methods Field Committee, 2005-.
Coordinator, Research Seminar, 2005-06.
Search Committee, African Politics, 2005-06.
Best Graduate Paper Committee, 2005.

GRADUATE MENTORING

Current

Chair:

Suren Mohammed
Ayu Rahmawati (co-chair, ABD 2025)
Treethep ("Pepe") Srisa-nga (ABD 2025)
Anna Verma

Committee Member:

Chloe Lopez
Alejandro Trenchi

Completed

Chair:
Yunizar Adiputera (PhD 2025), Assistant Professor, Universitas Gadjah Mada,

Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
Jennifer Boylan (co-chair, PhD 2016), Managing Editor, *Perspectives on Politics*.
Scott Feinstein (PhD 2016), Associate Professor of Political Science at Iowa State University.
Victoria Gorham (PhD 2019). Assistant Professor and Chair, Millsaps College.
Prajakta Gupte (PhD 2026), Bucknell University.
Qingming Huang (PhD 2022). Assistant Professor, Institute for International Affairs, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shenzhen.
Karla Mundim (PhD 2023). Assistant Professor, John Jay College- CUNY.
Cara Jones (PhD 2013), Senior Consultant, Guidehouse; Adjunct Professor, The George Washington University.
Emily Pukuma (PhD 2017). Writer-Editor at the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Immigration Detention Ombudsman
Sarah Snowmann (PhD 2026), Visiting Assistant Professor, Stetson University.
Saskia van Wees (PhD 2020). Faculty, The Lincoln School, Providence, RI.
Anna Weissman (PhD 2019). Curator, Barker Mansion Museum, Michigan City, IN. Formerly Research Associate, Smithsonian Institution.

Committee Member:
Achala Acharya (Economics, PhD 2014), external member. Data Scientist, Delux Corporation.
Adam Bilinski (PhD 2015), Instructor, Pittsburgh State University.
Ross Cotton (PhD 2019), USCIS.
Amanda Edgell (PhD 2019); Assistant Professor, University of Alabama. Formerly post-doctoral fellow, Varieties of Democracy Institute, Gothenburg University, Sweden.
Daniel Eizenga (PhD 2018), Research Fellow, Africa Center for Strategic Studies (US Department of Defense). Previously post-doctoral Fellow, University of Quebec.
Saoirse Gallagher (PhD 2024)
Ibrahim Yahya Ibrahim (PhD 2018), Senior Analyst, International Crisis Group
Hye Ryeon Jang (PhD 2022). Assistant Professor, Morehouse College.
Jonathan Jones (PhD 2009; EnCompass)
Ruchan Kaya (PhD 2014), Assistant Professor, Austin College.
Joseph Kraus (PhD 2010; ONE Campaign)
Jaehoon Lee (Anthropology, PhD 2013), external member. University of Houston.
Ashley Leinweber (PhD 2011), associate professor of political science at Missouri State
Buket Oztas (PhD 2016), assistant professor at Furman University
Winifred Pankani (PhD 2014)
Ignatius Pulung (PhD 2012, Health and Human Performance), associate professor at University of Louisiana-Lafayette, external member.
Dragana Svraka (PhD 2020). Managing Editor, *American Political Science Review*.
Keith Weghorst (PhD 2015), assistant professor of Political Science at Vanderbilt University.
Ryan Whittingham (PhD 2019)

LANGUAGES AND SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Indonesian and Persian: reading, writing, and speaking research proficiency.
Quantitative Methods: Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan, Summer 2003: Maximum Likelihood, Advanced Regression.
Fieldwork in Indonesia (1999-2000, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2024), Iran (1998), Singapore (2000, 2007, 2012, 2024, 2025).

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses:

Introduction to Comparative Politics (2004, 2005, 2007, 2022)
International Studies Perspectives (2013, 2014, 2015)
Oil in Global Politics (2012, 2016, 2021, 2024)
Developing Nations (2001, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2023)
Rich and Poor Nations in the World System (2013, 2014)
Southeast Asian Politics (2004, 2005)
Politics Under Authoritarianism (2005, 2006, 2010, 2016)
The Politics of Economic Development in Asia (2006)
Ethnic Conflict (2007, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2020, 2022)
Modernity (2008, 2010, 2011).
Civil Wars and Peace-building (2009, 2016, 2021).

Graduate Courses:

Introduction to Comparative Political Analysis (Core Comparative Politics Seminar, 2011, 2019, 2023)
Conduct of Inquiry (Core Graduate Methods Seminar, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2013, 2015, 2017, 2019, 2021)
Civil Wars (2014, 2022, 2025)
Middle East Politics (2027)
Southeast Asian Politics (2022)
Ethnicity and Nationalism (2008, 2009, 2011, 2013, 2016, 2019, 2020, 2024)
Comparative Historical Analysis (2006)

OTHER INTERESTS

Competitive cycling: four state championships, multiple top 10 national finishes and more than 70 race victories during World Cup, national, regional, and local racing career. *Coaching cyclists*: USA Cycling Certified coach. *Cooking*: food blog author and cook for many pairing dinners and pop-up food truck events in Gainesville, FL.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST