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Curriculum Vitae

Contact Information

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Professional Appointment

Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2019-present

Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2013-2019

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2007-2013

Editor, Journal *Politics and Religion*, 2017-2022.

Education

Ph.D. 2007. University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, Political Science

Publications

Books

2020. *Kurds in the Middle East: Enduring Problems and New Dynamics* (co-edited with David Romano and Michael Gunter) London, UK: Lexington Books.

2018. *Anatomy of a Civil War: Sociopolitical Impacts of the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

2014. *Conflict, Democratization and the Kurds in the Middle East: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria* (co-edited with David Romano). New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Refereed Journal Articles

2020. "Women and War: Women's Rights in Post-Civil War Society" (with Aimee Arias and Jeffrey Morton) *Civil Wars* 22 (2-3): 224-242.

2020. "Religion and Armed Conflict: Evidence from the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey" (with Ahmet Erdi Ozturk) *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 59 (2): 327-340.

2020. "The Evolving Kurdish Question in Turkey" *Middle East Critique* 29 (3): 307-318.

2020. "Civil War and Democratization: A Micro-Level Analysis" (with Ayse Betul Celik and Evren Balta) *Social Science Quarterly* 101 (2): 776-791.

2019. "Who Wins, Who Loses, Who Negotiates Peace in Civil Wars: Does Regime Type Matter?" (with Anup Phayal and David Mason) *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4 (4): 482-498.

2017. "Ethnic Exclusion and Mobilization: The Kurdish Conflict in Turkey" (with Gunes Murat Tezcur) *Comparative Politics* 49 (2): 213-230.

2016. "Religion as a Peacemaker? Peace Duration after Ethnic Civil Wars" (with Nicolas Rost) *Politics & Religion* 10 (2): 339-362.

2015. "Islamists and Women's Rights: Lessons from Turkey" *Journal of Middle East and Africa* 61 (3): 33-44.

2015. "Is Islam a Cure for Ethnic Conflict? Evidence from Turkey" *Politics & Religion* 8 (1): 135-154.

2015. "Transnational Ethnic Kin and Civil War Outcomes" *Political Research Quarterly* 68 (1): 142-153.

Awarded Honorable Mention for Best Article in 2015, Political Research Quarterly

2014. "Islamists, Democracy and Turkey: A Test of the Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis" *Party Politics* 20 (4): 646-653.

2013. "Sustaining the Peace after Ethnic Civil Wars" (with Nicolas Rost) *Conflict Management and Peace Science* 30 (5): 469-491.

2012. "Environmental Consequences of Civil War: Evidence from the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey" *Civil Wars* 14 (2): 254-271.

2012. "The Complexities of Minority Rights in the European Union" (with Aimee Kanner Arias) *The International Journal of Human Rights* 16 (2): 321-336.

2011. "Elites, Oil, and Democratization: A Survival Analysis" *Social Science Quarterly* 92 (1): 164-184.

2011. "When Civil Wars Recur: Conditions for Durable Peace After Civil Wars" (with David Mason, Patrick T. Brandt, and Jason Quinn) *International Studies Perspectives* 12 (2): 171-189.

2010. "Partition, Democracy, and Turkey's Kurdish Minority" *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 16 (3): 337-353.
2010. "Weak States, Regime Types, and Civil War" (with David Mason) *Civil Wars* 12 (1-2): 140-155.
2009. "State-Sponsored Development, Oil, and Democratization" *Democratization* 16 (3): 508-529.
2008. "When and How the Fighting Stops: Explaining the Duration and Outcome of Civil Wars" (with Patrick Brandt, David Mason, Nicolai Petrovsky, and Dagmar Radin) *Defence and Peace Economics* 19 (6): 415-434.
2008. "Mediating Civil War Settlements and the Duration of Peace" (with Nicolas Rost and Patrick McLeod) *International Interactions* 34 (2): 129-155.
2008. "Democracy Out of Anarchy: How Do Features of A Civil War Influence the Likelihood of Post-Civil War Democracy?" (with David Mason) *Social Science Quarterly* 89 (2): 315-336.
2007. "Sustaining the Peace: Determinants of Civil War Recurrence" (with Jason Quinn and David Mason) *International Interactions* 33 (2): 167-193.

Book Chapters

2020. "Kurds in the Changing Middle East: Prospects and Challenges" (with David Romano) in *The Cambridge History of Kurds*. Hamit Bozarslan, Cengiz Gunes, and Veli Yadirgi (eds.) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
2018. "Islam and the Kurds" in *The Routledge Handbook on the Kurds*. Michael M. Gunter (ed.) Routledge: London and New York, pp. 159-168.
2014. "Oil and MENA Democratization" in *Assessing MENA Political Reform, Post-Arab Spring: Mediators and Microfoundations*, Brian Calfano (ed.), Rowman and Littlefield, pp. 127-132.
2014. "From War to Democracy: Transborder Kurdish Conflict and Democratization" in *Conflict, Democratization, and the Kurds in the Middle East: Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria*, David Romano and Mehmet Gurses (eds.), New York: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 249-265.
2009. "La desigualdad, las élites, y la democratización de América Latina." ("Inequality, Elites, and Latin American Democratization"), in *Perspectivas para la democracia en América Latina (Prospects for Democracy in Latin America)*, Leticia Heras Gómez and John A. Booth, (eds), Toluca, Mexico: Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México, 2009.
2007. "The Lebanese Civil War, 1975-1978" in *Civil Wars of the World Encyclopedia: Major Conflicts since World War II*, Karl DeRouen and Uk Hoe (eds), Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Invited Reviews

2019. *The Political Economy of the Kurds of Turkey: From the Ottoman Empire to the Turkish Republic*. Veli Yadirgi. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. *Turkish Studies* 21 (2): 329-331.

2017. *Kurdish Issues: Essays in Honor of Robert W. Olson*. Michael M. Gunter (ed.) Mazda Publishers, 2016. *Middle East Policy* XXIV (3): 182-184.

2016. *The Kurds: A Modern History*. Michael M. Gunter. Princeton, NJ: Markus Wiener Publishers, 2016. *Review of Middle East Studies* 50 (2): 1-2.

2011. "Democratization: Process vs. Product?" Alfred Stepan (ed.) *Democracies in Danger* Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009; Staffan I. Lindberg *Democratization by Elections: A New Mode of Transition* Baltimore, Maryland: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009. *International Studies Review* 13: 300-303.

Other Publications

["Religion, Ethnic Civil Wars, and Peacebuilding"](#) (with Nicolas Rost) February 17, 2017.

["Religion, Civil War and Peace"](#) January 23, 2017.

["Changing Civil War"](#) *Mobilizing Ideas*, March 7, 2016.

["Turkey's Kurdish Dilemma: Challenges and Opportunities"](#) (with David Romano) *Politica Exterior* March-April 2016 (in Spanish).

["Kurds as Peacemakers in the Middle East"](#) (with David Romano) January 5, 2016.

Conference Papers and Presentations

"Civil War and Democratization: A Micro-Level Analysis" (with Ayse Betul Celik and Evren Balta) presented at the International Studies Association Convention, March 27-30, 2019 (Toronto, Canada).

"The Evolving Kurdish Question in Turkey" presented at the Workshop on New Turkey, April 1, 2019, (Salt Lake City, Utah).

"Trans-border Kurdish Conflict: Challenges and Opportunities" presented at the Middle East Studies Association, November 15-18, 2018 (San Antonio, TX).

"Civil War and Women's Rights" (with Aimee Arias and Jeffrey Morton) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 30-September 2, 2018 (Boston, MA).

“The Other Side of Civil War: Gender Equity and Activism Out of Violence” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2016 (Atlanta, GA).

“Civil War and Secularization: The Effect of Armed Conflict on Religion” presented at the annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association, January 7-9, 2016 (San Juan, Puerto Rico).

“The Kurdish Spring?” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, February 18-21, 2015 (New Orleans, LA).

“Islamists and Women’s Rights: Lessons from Turkey” presented at the Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa, October 30- November 1, 2014 (Washington, D.C.).

“The Impact of Civil War on Political Culture of Democracy” presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2014 (Washington, D.C.).

“Religion and Reconciliation after Civil War” (with Nico Rost) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2014 (Washington, D.C.).

Who Governs? Ethnic and Regional Roots of Political Power in Turkey” (with Gunes Murat Tezcur) presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, April 24-26, 2014 (Columbia University, NY).

“Is Islam a Cure for Ethnic Nationalism? Evidence from the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey” presented at Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13, 2013 (New Orleans, LA).

“Transnational Ethnic Kin: Ending the War, Promoting the Peace” presented at Eurasian Peace Science Conference, May 24-25, 2013 (Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey).

“An Obstacle or Opportunity for Peace: The Case of Kurds in Iraq and Turkey” presented at the Association for the Studies of Nationalities, April 19-21, 2012 (Columbia University, NY).

“Islamists, Democracy and Turkey: A Test of Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis” presented at “Turkey at the Crossroads: Islam, Politics and Democratization in an Emerging Power in the Middle East,” March 24th, 2011 (University of South Florida, Tampa, FL).

“Sustaining the Peace after Ethnic Civil Wars” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2011 (Montreal, CA).

“The Hidden Cost of Armed Conflict: Environmental Consequences of Civil War” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, March 16-19, 2011 (Montreal, CA).

“Peace is Possible: Toward a Better Understanding of Ethnic Reconciliation” (with Nicolas Rost) presented at the Eurasian Peace Science Conference, January 7-8, 2011 (Istanbul, Turkey).

“Understanding the Complexities of Minority Rights in the European Union” (with Aimee Kanner) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 21-25, 2010 (Chicago, IL).

“The Islamist Challenge: Putting Democracy to a Test” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, February 17-20, 2010 (New Orleans, LA).

“Clarifying the Causal Pathways between Ethnic Conflict and Democracy: Evidence from Turkey” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, February 15-18, 2009 (New York, NY).

“Repression, Democracy, and the Duration of Peace after Civil War” (with David Mason) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, August 28-31, 2008 (Boston, MA.)

“Wealth and Regime Formation: Social and Economic Origins of the Change toward Democracy” presented at the annual meeting of International Studies Association, March 26-29, 2008 (San Francisco, CA).

“Weak States, Repression, and Civil War” (with David Mason) presented at the annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association, January 10-12, 2008 (New Orleans, LA).

“Democratization in the Muslim World: A Cross-Sectional Time Series Analysis, 1970-1999” presented at annual meeting of Southern Political Science Association, January 4-7, 2007 (New Orleans, LA).

“Democracy as a Face-Saving Instrument: Evidence from Latin America” presented at the A Symposium: Prospects for Democracy in Latin America, April 5-6, 2007 (Denton, TX).

“Democracy out of Conflict: Toward Democratic Consolidation in Turkey?” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Political Science Association, April 11-15, 2006 (San Antonio, TX).

“Democracy Out of Anarchy: How Do Features of A Civil War Influence the Likelihood of Post-Civil War Democracy?” (with David Mason) presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, March 22-25, 2006 (San Diego, CA).

“Durable Peace After Civil Wars? Civil War Outcomes and the Duration of Peace” (with David Mason and Patrick Brandt) presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2005 (Washington D.C.).

“Wealth Source and Regime Type: Economic Origins of Democracy and Authoritarianism” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7 - April 10, 2005 (Chicago, IL).

“Mediating Civil War Settlements and the Duration of Peace” (with Nicolas Rost and Patrick McLeod) presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, April 7-10, 2005 (Chicago, IL).

“Never Lasting Peace: Explaining the Duration of Civil Wars” (with Patrick Brandt, David Mason, Patrick McLeod, Dasha Radin, and Nicolai Petrovsky) presented at the Annual Meeting of International Studies Association, March 2005 (Honolulu, Hawaii).

“Foreign Powers, Civil War, and Rebel Victory” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, March, 2004 (Corpus Christi, TX).

Selected Invited Talks

“Turkey and the United States: A Partnership in Peril” presented at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX, October 26, 2018.

“Chaos in Iraq: Implications and Opportunities for the Kurds and the Region” presented at Florida International University, Miami, FL, October 28, 2014.

“International Kurdish Question, Peace and Democratization” presented at International Symposium on Religion, Language and Identity, September 21-22, 2013 (Diyarbakir, Turkey).

“Kurdish Studies & Politics” May 6, 2013, Columbia University, NY.

“From War to Democracy: Transborder Kurdish Conflict and Democratization” presented at Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 22, 2013.

“Who is Winning the Conflict in Syria?” presented at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, November 16, 2012.

“State Building and the Kurdish Issue in Postwar Iraq and Beyond” presented at Center for International Policy Studies at University of Ottawa, Canada, March 7, 2012.

“Global Security, Radical Islam and the Challenges to the United States and Israel” Jewish Federation of Palm Beach County, March 1, 2010.

Florida Atlantic University. “The Future of U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East: A Roundtable Discussion” January 18, 2008.

Florida Society for Middle East Studies (FSMES). “Turkey: The Linchpin of the Middle East: Will the Islamist party’s electoral success turn Turkey into another Iran?” October, 2007.

Awards/Grants

External Grants

Mert Family Peace Grant, 2014, \$15,000.

Atas Family Peace Grant, 2014, \$5,000.

Association for the Studies of the Middle East Africa (ASMEA) Research Grant, 2014, \$2,000.

Miami-Florida European Union Center of Excellence Faculty Research Award, 2013, 3,000 Euros.

Florida Society for Middle East Studies Grant, 2008, \$30,000.

Internal Grants

Lifelong Learning Professorship of Current Affairs, 2019-2020, \$5,000.

College of Arts and Letters Seed Grant, 2019, \$6,900.

Chastain-Johnston Middle East Studies Distinguished Professorship, 2016-2018, \$20,000.

Lifelong Learning Society (Jupiter) Faculty Research and Travel Grant, 2012. \$2,000.

Chastain-Johnston New Course Development Grant, 2011, \$3,500.

Asian Studies Grant, 2010, \$4,500.

Research and Teaching Interests

Comparative Politics (Civil War, Post-Civil War Democracy, Ethnic Conflict, Middle East Politics; Religion and Politics)

Quantitative Methodology [Ordinary Least Squares, Maximum Likelihood Estimation (Logit, Probit, Duration Models), Time Series Analysis]

Teaching Experience

4932-Political Violence and Revolution

3703-Political Science Research Methods

4424-Comparative Islamist Movements

4932-Religion and Politics in the Middle East

4932-Democracy and Democratization in the Middle East

6934-Research Methods and Inquiry (Graduate level)

6934-Democracy and Democratization (Graduate level)

POS 6934-Quantitative Methods (Graduate level)

Professional Service

Manuscript Reviewer (American Political Science Review, Journal of Politics, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Studies Quarterly, International Interactions, Political Research Quarterly, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Democratization, International Studies Perspectives, Journal of Peace Research)

Graduate Studies Director, Florida Atlantic University (2016-2020).

Graduate Studies Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2010-2016).

Morrow Fund Committee (chair), Florida Atlantic University (2014-2016)

Morrow Fund Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2010-present)

Assessment Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2012-2014)

College of Arts and Letter Ph.D. Executive Committee (member), Florida Atlantic University (2018-present)