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Education

- PhD Princeton University, Department of Politics, expected June 2022
Dissertation: Legal Statecraft of Global Refugee Politics
Committee: G. John Ikenberry, Kim Lane Scheppele, Amaney Jamal
- MA Princeton University, Department of Politics, 2017
Subfields: International Relations, Public Law, and Political Systems of the Middle East
- MSc University of Oxford, Forced Migration, 2010
Thesis (with Distinction): International Cooperation and the Anti-Trafficking Regime
- MSc School of Oriental and African Studies, Middle East Politics, 2009
Thesis (with Distinction): Appraising Egypt's Domestic Laws and International Commitments to Combat Trafficking
- BA Arizona State University, Political Science, 2008
BS Arizona State University, Economics, 2008
Summa Cum Laude, Barrett Honors College

Research

Research Interests

International Relations, International Law and Organizations, Forced Migration, Comparative Constitutionalism, International Security, Strategy

Published Working Papers

“International Cooperation and the Anti-Trafficking Regime.” Working Paper No. 71, Dec, 2010. Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford.

Working Papers

“Process of Treaty Implementation: Evidence from U.S. Refugee Law”

“Adjudicating Religion in Immigration Detention: Reading Religious Exercise through Treaty History and Prison Precedents”

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Conferences and Presentations

“Legal Statecraft: Foreign Policy and Refugees in International Law,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 28, 2021.

“The American and British Responses to the Hungarian Refugees from 1956,” Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, May 6, 2021.

“Treaty Implementation, Courts, and Statutory Superiority: The Process of Harmonizing Statutory and Treaty Law,” International Studies Association, April 6, 2021.

“Strategic Origins of Admissible Refugees in Comparative Law,” American Political Science Association, September 10, 2020.

“Adjudicating Religion in International Refugee Law,” Poster Session, American Political Science Association, September 11, 2020.

“Strategic Origins of ‘Admissible’ Refugees in International Law: American and British Responses to Hungarian Refugees 1956-1957,” Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention, New York, May 7-9 2020 (cancelled due to COVID-19).

“Emerging Regional Refugee Law in the Middle East: 1967 Palestinian Refugees in Egypt and Jordan,” Presented at Islamic Studies Colloquium, November 20, 2019, Princeton University.

“Legalization of International Refugee Law in the U.S.,” American Political Science Association, August 30, 2018, Boston, MA.

“Treaties, Courts, and Statutory Superiority: The Process of Harmonizing Treaty Law with Statutory Law,” Presented at the Qualitative Research Colloquium, November 7, 2017, Princeton University.

Additional Training

Grand Strategy Seminar, Notre Dame International Security Center, August 1-7, 2021

Moral Foundations of Law Seminar, Princeton University, James Madison Program, July 26-30, 2021

Awards and Grants

Princeton University

University Fellowship (2015-present)

Graduate Fellow in Religion and Public Life, Center for the Study of Religion (2017-2021)

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Stafford Grant, Department of Politics (Spring 2021, Spring 2020, Fall 2018)

Research Grant, Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (2019)

National External

Hans J. Morgenthau Fellow, Notre Dame International Security Center (2021-2022)

Marshall Scholarship (2008-2010)

Phi Beta Kappa (2008)

William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose (2008)

USA Today All-USA College Academic First Team (2008)

Wilton Park Atlantic Youth Forum, United Kingdom (2008)

U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship for Arabic, Egypt, (2007)

Harry S. Truman Scholarship (2007)

Circumnavigators Club Foundation Travel Grant (2006)

Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point (2006)

David L. Boren National Security Education Program Scholarship, Romania, (2005-2006)

Arizona State University

Outstanding Graduating Senior, Barrett Honors College (2008)

Outstanding Graduating Senior, Department of Economics (2008)

Edward Rondthaler Award for the Outstanding Junior, Department of Economics (2007)

Undergraduate Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict (2004-2005)

Junior Fellow, Department of Political Science (2004)

Flinn Foundation Scholarship (2003-2008)

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Research Experience

Research Assistant, PI Robert Barsky, Vanderbilt University, “From the 1965 Bellagio Colloquium to the Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees: Negotiations, Historical Context, and Travaux Préparatoires,” Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (2020)

Teaching Experience

Assistant Instructor, Constitutional Difficulties in the Age of Trump
Princeton University, Professor Keith Whittington (2019)

Head Assistant Instructor, Introduction to International Relations
Princeton University, Professor Andrew Moravcsik (2018)

Instructor, The European Union and the East
Arizona State University, Department of Political Science (2005)

Teaching Assistant, Introductory Microeconomics
Arizona State University, Department of Economics (2005)

Professional Service

External reviewer, Flinn Foundation Scholarship (2020)

External reviewer, Arizona State University Medallion of Merit Scholarship (2020)

Professional Experience

National fellowships consultant, small liberal arts college, (2017-2021)

Editing Consultant, Guidelines in International Protection for People Fleeing Violence and Conflict, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Protection Policy and Legal Advice, Division of International Protection (2011-2015)

Contract researcher for grant writing, donor research, editing, and philanthropic development, American Philanthropic (2011-2015)

Student assistant editor, *Refugee Survey Quarterly* Special Issue on Refugee Women and Gender Equality (2010)

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Commentary

“Neighbors on the Southern Border: Republican Refugee Policy the Eisenhower Way,” *Berkley Forum* by Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs, Georgetown University, August 19, 2019.

Technical Skills

QGIS, Stata

Languages

French (reading proficiency); Romanian (reading proficiency)

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
International Studies Association
Law and Society Association
Association for the Study of Nationalities

Curriculum Vitae, 7 August 2021