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Education

University of Virginia

Ph.D. candidate in Politics, 2019 (*expected*)

Fields: Comparative Politics (major), International Relations (minor)

Harvard University

M.A. in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, 2001

Cornell University

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Government, 1997

Research

"State Capacity and the Origins of Authoritarian Multiparty Systems." Dissertation.

"Authoritarian Durability and the Sequencing of Political Reform." Working Paper to be presented at the Midwest Political Association Conference, April 2018.

"Concealed Preferences: An experimental evaluation of public opinion surveys in Iran" (with Sam Powers, Sydney Stanley, and Joshua Zabin). Proposal for a Double Hoo Undergraduate Research Award, February 2018.

Teaching

Instructor, **Iranian Politics 1953-Today**, University of Virginia, Summer 2017

Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Comparative Politics**, Prof. David Waldner, Fall 2016 and Fall 2015

Teaching Assistant, **Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science**, Prof. Lynn Sanders, Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, **Politics of Western Europe**, Prof. Gerard Alexander, Spring 2016

Service

Student Coordinator, Lansing Lee/Bankard Seminar Series and Seminar on Internal War, 2015-2016

Politics Department Study Abroad Assistant, 2016-2017

Professional Experience

New America Foundation, 2015-2017
Advisor, Iran 2025 Project

Prepare working papers and serve as rapporteur for Track II Dialogue meetings between Iran and the United States and North Korea and the United States.

U.S. Department of State, 2002-2014
Foreign Service Officer

Seven years experience on Iran during tours in Dubai, Ankara, and Washington, DC. Directed analysis of Iran's 2012 presidential elections and drafted U.S. government public responses to the 2009 Green Movement. Managed 20 cultural exchanges between Iran and the United States.

Three years experience on Afghanistan during tours in Kabul and Washington, DC. Negotiated the transfer of U.S.-managed health clinics to the Afghan government and developed a capacity-building program for the Ministry of Refugees. Monitored \$50 million in refugee assistance and arranged professional training for 50 newly-elected Members of Parliament.

Supervised staffs of 3-8 people in cross-cultural environments. Received six Superior Honor Awards.

U.S. Congress

Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA), 2001-2002

Staff Assistant, Senate Health, Education, and Labor Committee, Minority Staff (Office of Sen. Ted Kennedy), 1997-1999

Honors and Fellowships

Jefferson Fellow, University of Virginia, 2017-2019

Albert Gallatin Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2017-2018

Quandt International Research Grant, University of Virginia, 2017

Junior Fellow, University of Virginia Society of Fellows, 2016-2017

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Serbo-Croatian), 2000-2001

Additional Training

Advanced Game Theory, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2015.

Languages

Persian (Farsi and Dari), Russian, French