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***EDUCATION***

**University of Virginia**

Ph.D. candidate in Politics, 2020 (expected)

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

*Dissertation:* “Elite strategies for party formation in electoral authoritarian regimes”

**Harvard University**

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

**Cornell University**

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

***TEACHING***

Instructor, **Introduction to Research Methods for Political Science**, University of Virginia, Spring 2019, Summer 2018; Teaching Assistant, Prof. Lynn Sanders, Spring 2017

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

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

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

Grader, **Russian Politics** and **Russia in World Affairs**, Prof. Allen Lynch, Fall 2014-Spring 2017.

Grader, **Politics of Public Policy**, Prof. Andrew Pennock, Fall 2018

***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**, Advisor, Iran 2025 Project, 2015-2017

- Prepared working papers and served as rapporteur for U.S.-Iran and U.S.-North Korea Track II Dialogue meetings.

**UVA Politics Department Experimental Laboratory**, Research Assistant, 2015-2017

- Developed participant and payment management systems for laboratory research on the psychological effects of terrorism. Developed and conducted laboratory experiments.

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

- Seven years of 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 Revolution. Managed \$27 million in democracy promotion grants and over 20 cultural exchanges between Iran and the United States.
- Three years of 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

## ***RESEARCH***

“Elite Preferences in Transition: Armenian politicians before and after a velvet revolution.” Research design presented at the Southern Political Science Association Conference, January 2019.

“State Capacity and Party System Fractionalization in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes.” Paper presented at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference, March 2018.

“The Effectiveness of Asset Declarations in Combating Corruption: A Field Experiment.” Co-authored with Prof. Dan Gingerich. Working Paper, funded by the University of Southern California.

## ***GRANTS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS***

- Dwight D. Eisenhower/Clifford Roberts Graduate Fellowship, 2019-2020
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Virginia, 2019-2020

- Title VIII Summer Research Scholarship, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2019
- Carnegie International Policy Scholar, 2018-2019
- 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

### ***ADDITIONAL TRAINING***

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

### ***LANGUAGES***

Persian (Farsi and Dari), Russian, French

### ***COMPUTER SKILLS***

R, Stata, Qualtrics, zTree, Sona Participant Management System