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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The Naval War College at the Naval Postgraduate School	
Associate Professor (tenured) of Strategy and Policy	2023 – Present
Assistant Professor (tenure-track) of Strategy and Policy	2018 – 2023
Hoover Institution, Stanford University	2025 - Present
Visiting Fellow	
University of Pennsylvania	2015 - 2018
Post-Doctoral Lecturer, International Relations Program	
Haverford College	2013, 2017
Visiting Assistant Professor, History and Middle East Studies	

EDUCATION

Princeton University	2015
Ph.D. in Near Eastern Studies	
A.M. in Near Eastern Studies	
Tel Aviv University, Israel	2007
M.A. in Middle Eastern History; <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
University of Maryland-College Park	2005
B.A. in Government and Politics; <i>Cum Laude</i> ; Dean's Scholar	

SINGLE AUTHOR BOOKS:

- *The Iraq Wars: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2025).
- *Iraq against the World: Saddam, America, and the Post-Cold War Order* (Oxford University Press, 2023).
 - Reviewed in *American Historical Review* (featured review), *H-Diplo*, *Survival*, *Journal of Military History*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Middle East Journal*, *Bustan: The Middle East Review*, *Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum*, *China International Strategy Review*, *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, *The Book Review* (India), *Musings on Iraq*.
- Arabic translation: *Al-Iraq fi Muwajahat al-Alam: Saddam wa al-Wilayat al-Muttahida al-Amrikiya wa-Nizam ma ba'ad al-Harb al-Barida* (Najaf, Iraq: Al-Rafidain Center for Dialogue, 2025).
- *Compulsion in Religion: Saddam Hussein, Islam, and the Roots of Insurgencies in Iraq* (Oxford University Press, 2018). Paperback edition, 2021.
 - Recommended summer reading 2019, Carnegie Middle East Center.
 - Reviewed in *Perspectives on Politics*, *The Middle East Journal*, *Orbis*, *H-Net*, *Arab Weekly*, *Journal of Contemporary Iraq & the Arab World*, *Michigan War Studies Review*, and *Musings on Iraq*.
- Arabic translation with new introduction: *Al-Ikraba fi al-Din: Saddam Husayn, wal-Islam, waJathur al-Tamarrudat fi al-'Iraq* (Baghdad: Adnan House for Printing & Publishing, 2022).
 - Reviewed in *Al-Mayadeen* (in Arabic), *Al-Jarida* (in Arabic).

EDITED VOLUMES:

- w/Lisa Blaydes, *Ba'thist Iraq through Archives: Reflections, Explorations, and Opportunities* (Stanford University Press, The Stanford-Hoover Series on Authoritarianism, Forthcoming, June 2026)
-Arabic translation forthcoming from *Al-Nahda Al-Arabiya* in Baghdad.
- Guest coeditor w/Tally Helfont, "After the Caliphate: Reassessing the Jihadi Threat and Stabilizing the Fertile Crescent," Special Issue of *Orbis*, Vol. 61, No. 3 (Summer 2018).

ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- w/Dominic Tierney "Why Enemies See America as a Paper Tiger: The Case of Saddam Hussein," (Accepted/Forthcoming, *Security Studies*).
- w/Lisa Blaydes "Introduction," in Lisa Blaydes and Samuel Helfont eds., *Ba'thist Iraq through Archives: Reflections, Explorations, and Opportunities* (Stanford University Press, The Stanford-Hoover Series on Authoritarianism, Forthcoming, June 2026).
- "The Gulf, America, and the New World Order in the 1990s," in Brandon Friedman, Andrew Stewart and Warren Chin, eds., *The Geostrategic Gulf: From World Wars to Modern Day* (London: Springer, forthcoming 2026).
- w/Kate Tietzen-Wisdom, "Iraqi Archives and Post-Cold War Continuity: A View from the Global South," *Diplomatic History*, Vol. 49, No. 2, April 2025.
- "The New Israeli Navy: Capabilities, Limitations, and Opportunities," *Israel Journal of Foreign Affairs*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (2022).
- "The Gulf War's Afterlife: Dilemmas, Missed Opportunities, and the Post-Cold War Order Undone," *Texas National Security Review*, Vol. 4, No. 2 (Spring 2021).
- Republished in French as, "Comment la guerre du Golfe (1991) a façonné le nouveau monde," *Revue Conflits*, March 24, 2021.
- "Cultural Challenges for Israeli Sea Power in the Eastern Mediterranean," *Naval War College Review*, Vol. 74, No. 2 (Spring 2021).
- "Islam in Saudi Foreign Policy: The Case of Ma'ruf al-Dawalibi," *The International History Review*, Vol. 42, No. 3 (Spring, 2020).
- "War, Ba'thism, and Authoritarian Religion in Saddam's Iraq," in Marc Lynch and David Patel eds., *Religion, Violence, and the State in Iraq* (Washington D.C.: POMEPS Studies, October 2019).
- "Authoritarianism beyond Borders: The Iraqi Ba'th Party as a Transnational Actor," *The Middle East Journal*, Vol. 72, No. 2 (Spring, 2018).
- "An Arab Option for Iraq," *Orbis*, Vol. 61, No. 3 (Summer 2018).

ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS CONT...

- “Catalyst of History: Francis Fukuyama, the Iraq War, and the Legacies of 1989 in the Middle East” in Piotr Kosicki and Kyrill Kunakhovich eds., *The Long 1989: Decades of Global Revolution* (Central European University Press, 2019).
- “Ba‘thist Penetration of Shi‘i Religious Institutions,” in Benjamin Isakhan, Shamiran Mako, and Fadi Dawood, eds., *State and Society in Iraq - Citizenship under Occupation, Dictatorship and Democratization* (IB Tauris, 2017).
- “Saddam and the Islamists: The Ba‘thist Regime’s Instrumentalization of Religion in Foreign Affairs,” *The Middle East Journal* Vol. 68, No 3 (Summer 2014).
- w/Tally Helfont, “Jordan: Between the Arab Spring and the GCC,” *Orbis*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (Winter 2012).
- “The Muslim Brotherhood and the Emerging Shia Crescent,” *Orbis*, Vol. 53, No. 2 (Spring 2009).

EXTENDED RESEARCH INSTITUTE MONOGRAPHS

- *Yusuf al-Qaradawi, Islam, and Modernity* (Tel Aviv: The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies/Tel Aviv University Press, 2009) – 162 pp.
 - Reviewed in *al-Rai* (in Arabic).
- The Sunni Divide: Understanding Politics and Terrorism in the Arab Middle East* (Philadelphia: Foreign Policy Research Institute, 2009) – 69 pp.

EXTENDED REVIEW ESSAYS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- “Review of Spencer D. Bakich: *The Gulf War: George H. W. Bush and American Grand Strategy in the Post–Cold War Era*, *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review* Vol. 16 No. 1 2025.
- “A New Look at the Iraq War (“Authors in Conversation” featured review of Melvin Leffler’s *Confronting Saddam Hussein*, *American Historical Review*, Vol. 129, No. 1, March 2024

PUBLICATIONS FOR THINK TANKS/RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- “Victory at Sea? The Israeli Navy’s Gains and Gaps Since October 7,” *The Caravan* (Hoover Institution), June 10, 2025.
- “Shattered Assumptions: Missiles and Deterrence in the Middle East,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, November 1, 2024.
- “Strategy, Policy, and Peace in the Israel-Gaza War,” *The Caravan Notebook* (Hoover Institution), November 9, 2023.

PUBLICATIONS FOR THINK TANKS/RESEARCH INSTITUTES CONT...

- “A Dangerous New Phase in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, October 13, 2023.
- “Iraqi Archives and the Failure of Saddam’s Worldview in 2003,” *Wilson Center*, April 13, 2023
- “How America Misunderstood Iraqi Politics and Lost the War,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, March 30, 2023.
- “Iraqi Discourse on the Biden Administration,” in Joshua Krasna, ed., *Middle East Reactions to the First Year of the Biden Administration* (Tel Aviv: Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and The Moshe Dayan Center at Tel Aviv University, 2022).
- “Ba’thist Iraq at the End of History” Working Paper for “Global Knowledge, Global Conversations, Critical Issues.” City, University of London, Fall 2021.
- “The Limits of Israeli Sea Power and the Threat of Escalation with Iran,” *The Caravan Notebook* (Hoover Institution), August 31, 2021
- “Turkish-Egyptian Maritime Negotiations: Hype or Substance?” *INSS Insight* (Institute for National Security Studies, Israel), No. 1447, March 22, 2021
- “‘Going Short’ In The Middle East,” *The Caravan* (Hoover Institution), Issue 1921, March 26, 2019.
- “Requiem for Mosul,” *FPRI E-Note*, March 22, 2019.
- “The Legacy of Saddam’s Islam,” *The Caravan* (Hoover Institution), Issue 1820, December 4, 2018.
- “Getting Peshmerga Reform Right: Helping the Iraqi Kurds to Help Themselves in Post-ISIS Iraq,” published jointly by *The Institute of Regional and International Studies* at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, and *The Foreign Policy Research Institute*, May 2017.
- “Kanan Makiya and the Rejection of Victimhood” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, September 30, 2016.
- “Authoritarianism Beyond Borders: Mapping the Iraqi Ba’th Party Outside Iraq,” *Hoover Archives and Library*, July 25, 2016.
- “Homage to Kurdistan,” *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, April 2016.
- “Post-Colonial States and the Struggle for Identity in the Middle East since World War Two,” *FPRI Footnote*, October 2015.

PUBLICATIONS FOR THINK TANKS/RESEARCH INSTITUTES CONT...

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- “Islam and Islamism: A Primer for Teachers and Students,” *FPRI Footnote*, August 2015.
- “The Geopolitics of the Sunni-Shi’i Divide in the Middle East,” *FPRI Footnote*, December 2013.
 - Revised/reprinted as *Tel Aviv Note*, Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, January 2014.
- “Islam and Islamism Today: The Case of Yusuf al-Qaradawi,” *FPRI E-Note*, January 2009.
- “Politics, Terrorism, and the Sunni Divide,” *FPRI E-Note*, September 2009.
 - Republished as “Politics, Terrorism, and the Sunni Divide,” *Revista de Stiinte Politice, Revue des Sciences Politiques* (Romania) No. 23, (2009).
- w/ Tally Helfont, “Jordan’s Protests: Arab Spring Lite?” *FPRI E-Note*, July 2011.
- “The Arab Summit That Wasn’t and the Deterioration of Iraqi Politics,” *FPRI E-Note*, July 2011.

POPULAR PRESS

- “The Saddam files and the battle for Iraqi history,” *Engelsberg Ideas*, June 11, 2024.
- “The Iraq War’s Intelligence Failures are Still Misunderstood,” *War on the Rocks*, March 28, 2023.
 - Translated and republished in French as “Les défaillances du renseignement durant la guerre en Irak : un regard post-mortem,” *Le Rubicon*, May 19, 2023.
- “From Iraq to Ukraine: A New Perspective on The Russian-Western Confrontation,” *War on the Rocks*, May 16, 2022.
- “Condemning Putin will make it harder to end the conflict with Russia,” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, March 31, 2022.
- “What radicalized ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi?” *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*, November 12, 2019.
- “Iraq’s Real Weapons of Mass Destruction were ‘Political Operations,’” *War on the Rocks*, February 26, 2018.
- w/Michale Brill, “Saddam Did Not Create ISIS: Getting the Terrorist Group’s Origin Story Right,” *Foreign Affairs* (Online), April 20, 2016.
- w/Michael Brill, “Saddam’s ISIS? The Terrorist Group’s Real Origin Story,” *Foreign Affairs* (Online), January 12, 2016.
- “With Friends like These,” *The American Interest* (Online), March 6, 2015.
- “After the Spring–Post-Revolution Hezbollah,” *The New Republic* (Online), January 22, 2013.

POPULAR PRESS CONT...

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- “Tariq Ramadan’s Arab Winter,” *The New Republic* (Online), October 1, 2012.
- “Palaces and Poverty,” *The New Republic* (Online), August 16, 2012.
- “Term Warfare,” *The New Republic* (Online), July 11, 2012.
- “The Cauldron,” *The New Republic* (Online), May 10, 2012.
- “Untouched by Spring,” *The New Republic* (Online), December 13, 2011.
- “The Uncomfortable Questions,” *The New Republic* (Online), October 31, 2011.
- “Qutb’s Milestones,” *The Jewish Review of Books*, No. 5 (Spring 2011)
- “A Formidable Foe,” *The New Republic* (Online), August 16, 2010.

BOOK REVIEWS IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

- “Review of Lisa Blaydes, *State of Repression: Iraq Under Saddam Hussein*,” *Governance*, Vol. 32, No. 2, April 2019.
- “The Ba’thification of Iraq: Saddam Hussein’s Totalitarianism by Aaron M. Faust (review),” *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 70, No. 3, Summer 2016.
- “Review of The Iran–Iraq War: A Military and Strategic History,” by Williamson Murray and Kevin M. Woods, *Review of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 1, 2016.
- “Review of Assaf Moghadam (Ed.) *Militancy and Political Violence in Shiism: Trends and Patterns*,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Volume 27, Issue 2, 2015.

INDIVIDUAL LECTURES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- “What Iraqi Archives tell us about Middle Eastern Statecraft,” Hoover Institution, November 7, 2024.
- “Periphery War, Global Impact – the Iraq Wars and World Order,” Webinar for “Global Knowledge, Global Conversations, Critical Issues: A more critical global conversation on world politics,” Invited presenter, City, University of London, June 4, 2021. (Virtual)
- “Religious Persecution in Saddam’s Iraq,” Keynote Speaker Series: Refugee, Asylum, and International Operations Directorate, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, June 9, 2020.
- “Compulsion in Religion Book Talk,” Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, December 22, 2019.

INDIVIDUAL LECTURES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS CONT...

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- “Compulsion in Religion: Saddam Hussein, Islam and the Roots of Insurgencies in Iraq” Invited lecture, Hoover Library and Archives, Stanford University, August 6, 2018.
- “Dividing Iraq: The Fight for Kurdish Independence,” Invited lecture, Haverford International Relations Society, Haverford College, Pennsylvania, October 11, 2017.
- “The Roots of Insurgency in Iraqi Archives,” Invited lecture given to the Library and Archives Committee of the Hoover Institution Board of Overseers, Stanford University, July 12, 2017.
- “America in Iraq: Past, Present (and Future?),” Invited lecture, Center for Civic Leadership and Responsibility, Camden County College, Camden NJ, April 5, 2017.
- “Iraqi Kurdistan: A Trip Report,” Invited presenter, Foreign Policy Research Institute Sponsors Forum, Pepper Hamilton – Pepper Conference Center, Philadelphia, PA, April 13, 2016.
- “A Report from Kurdistan: Weathering a Political Economic Storm,” Invited lecture, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, March 31, 2016.
- “Pugwash Roundtable Discussion,” Invited Presenter, The Rafael Recanti International School at the Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya, Israel, January 4, 2016.
- “Instrumentalizing Islam: Saddam, the Faith Campaign, and Ramifications for Iraqi Islamists.” Invited Presenter, U.S. Department of State, The Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Washington DC, January 29, 2015.
- “The Arab Option for Iraq.” Invited presenter, New York Yacht Club, hosted by Former Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, New York City, December 4, 2014
- “Captured Iraqi Documents: What We Know Now.” Invited presenter, Naval War College, Strategy and Policy Department, Newport, RI, January 16, 2014.

CONFERENCE AND PANEL PARTICIPATION

- “What Can the Post–Cold War Tell Us About the Post-1945 Institutions for International Security?” Paper presented at *The American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 11, 2026
- “Development of a Middle Eastern Way of Statecraft,” Paper presented at *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, Arlington, VA, June 2025.
- “The Iraq Wars, 1980-2018: A Single Historical Event?” Roundtable at *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, University of Toronto, June 2024.
- “Rethinking Histories of International Order,” Fishbowl at *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations*, University of Toronto, June 2024.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS CONT...

- “Historicizing the Post–Cold War: Re-examining Debates on Iraq and American Decline,” *American Historical Association Annual Conference*, Philadelphia, PA, January 2023.
- “Ba‘thist Views on the End of History,” Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, the Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art, and The Academic Research Institute in Iraq, Washington DC, November 4, 2022.
- “Iraq against the World,” Paper presented at The Hoover Summer Archives Workshop on Authoritarianism, Stanford University, July 6, 2022.
- “Influencing the World: Reexamining Ba‘athist Iraq’s International Strategy,” American Historical Association Annual Convention, March 2022 (Virtual).
- “Maritime Strategy, Conflict, and Cooperation in the Red Sea,” Invited presenter at 18th annual Chaikin Conference, University of Haifa, Israel, January 18, 2022 (Virtual).
- “The Year 1991, the Gulf War, and its Impact for Religion,” Invited presenter at, “30 Years after: 1991, the New International Order and Religion,” University of Helsinki, Finland, October 7, 2021. (Virtual)
- “The Geopolitics of the relations between Ba‘thists and Islamists before 2003,” International Conference of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation, University of Osnabrück (Germany), September 16–18, 2021. (Virtual)
- “Islamism between Cold and Gulf Wars: A Crucial Decade,” paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 17, 2019.
- “Iraq: Past, Present, Future,” Invited Presenter, Stanford University, The Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, October 16, 2019.
- “Cold War Islamism in Iraq,” Invited paper presented at “International Workshop: Cold War Islamisms,” Freie University, Berlin Germany, March 15-16, 2019.
- “Roundtable: Hoover Institution’s Working Group on Islamism and the International Order,” Washington DC, May 6, 2019.
- “Iraq’s Divided Security Sector: Local and Geopolitical Interest,” Invited roundtable participant, Sulaimani Forum, American University of Iraq – Sulaimani, Sulaimani, Iraq. March 6-7, 2019.
- “Higher Education and the Military: Re-envisioning IR Teaching and Learning in Professional Military Education,” Roundtable participant, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, March 30, 2019.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS CONT...

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- “Stabilizing the Fertile Crescent After the Fall of the Caliphate,” Invited Panelist, Foreign Policy Research Institute, National Press Club, Washington DC, July 18, 2018.
- “The United States Military and The Middle East: A View from Veterans,” Invited Panelist, UPenn Middle East Center, April 11, 2018.
- “GPA Discussion Panel on US/Middle East Relations under Trump,” Invited panelist, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, March 21, 2017.
- “The Iraqi Ba’th Party outside of Iraq,” Paper presented at The Hoover Summer Archives Workshop on Authoritarianism, Stanford University, July 18, 2016.
- “Iraqi Ba’thism and the Boundaries of Cultural Heritage under Saddam,” Invited presenter at “ISIS and the Cultural Heritage Crisis of Syria, Iraq, and Yemen,” The Center for Arts and Cultural Policy Studies, Princeton University, February 12, 2016.
- “War, Institutional Capacity, and the Roots of Saddam Hussein’s Faith Campaign,” Paper presented at the annual conference for The Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO. November 21-25, 2015.
- “Post-Colonial States and the Struggle for Identity in the Middle East since World War Two,” Presentation at “Understanding the Modern Middle East: History, Identity, and Politics,” FPRI, Philadelphia PA. October 17, 2015.
- “Authoritarian Roots of Saddam Hussein’s Islam,” Presentation given at Hoover Archives Summer Workshop on Totalitarian Regimes, Stanford University, July 19-August 1, 2015.
- “The Sunni-Shi’a Divide in a Post-Arab Spring Middle East.” Presentation at “The Invention of the Middle East, Post-World War One, and the Reinvention of the Middle East, Post-Arab Spring,” for the Foreign Policy Research Institute at the Heinz History Center, Pittsburgh, PA, November 2-3, 2013.
- “The Iraqi Shi’a and the Question of Sectarianism under Saddam.” Paper presented at the annual conference for The Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, LA. October 10-13, 2013.
- “Saddam’s Control of Iraq: The Forgotten Intelligence Failure of 2003,” presented at the annual conference for the International Studies Association (International Security Studies Section), Washington D.C. October 4-6, 2013.
- “Taking Arab Nationalism Seriously: Or, Can a Secular Christian be an Islamic Reformer.” Paper presented at the conference: “‘Failure’ in Islamic Reform,” Princeton University, April 12-13, 2013.
- “The Muslim Brotherhood and the West.” Moderator/Commenter, Al Mesbar Studies and Research Centre (Dubai, U.A.E)/Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) Symposium, Washington D.C., March 20, 2013.

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CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS CONT...

- “Co-opting, Coercing, and Creating Religion in Saddam’s Iraq.” Paper presented at Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium, Princeton University, September 20, 2012.
- “Islamism and the Arab Spring,” Invited presenter, FPRI/Reserve Officer Association Symposium, Washington D.C., May 7, 2012.
- “Original Records from Saddam Hussein’s Regime: Did He Sponsor Terrorist Organizations?” Invited round-table participant, International Studies Association Annual Conference, San Diego, April 1-4 2012.
- “The Development of the Popular Islamic Conference Organization in Iraq.” Paper presented at the annual conference for The Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., December 1-4, 2011.
- “Irregular Warfare Challenges and Opportunities.” Moderator/Commenter, FPRI/Department of Defense Conference on “Foreign Fighter Problem: Recent Case Studies and Trends,” The National Press Club, Washington D.C., December 6, 2011.
- “Research Trip Report: The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.” Invited presenter, FPRI, Philadelphia, PA, September 9, 2011.
- “Symposium: Egypt, Regime Change, and the Muslim Brotherhood.” Invited presenter, FPRI Philadelphia, PA, May 24, 2011.
- “Al-Qaida in North Africa.” Moderated a panel, FPRI/Reserve Officers Association Conference, Reserve Officers Association, Washington D.C., September 27-28, 2010.

COURSES TAUGHT:

- Strategy and War (numerous versions)
- Introduction to Modern Middle Eastern History
- The Middle East in Conflict: A Century of War and Peace
- Iraq and the Iraq Wars
- Political Islam in the Modern Middle East

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| -Strategy and War Lead for Naval War College at Naval Postgraduate School | 2025 – Present |
| -Director of Naval War College Workshop at the Naval Postgraduate School | 2021 – Present |

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Referee: *Yale University Press, Oxford University Press, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press, Syracuse University Press, University of Kentucky Press, Rowman and Littlefield, Lexington Books, The Middle East Journal, Comparative Politics, Security Studies, The Journal of Contemporary Iraq & the Arab World, Terrorism and Political Violence, War on the Rocks, Orbis, Perspectives on Terrorism.*

-Outside Reviewer: *European Research Council* Grant Proposal; Tenure and promotion for Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Foreign Policy Research Institute (Philadelphia), Senior Fellow **2009 – 2025**

Participate in conferences, conduct and publish research on US foreign policy in the Middle East.

US Navy and Navy Reserve **1999-2021**

-Intelligence Officer; Rank: Lieutenant Commander (Retired).

-Iraq War veteran; completed deployments both afloat and ashore in the Middle East; served on Middle Eastern and counterterrorism missions with the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency, and the Office of Naval Intelligence among other commands.

AWARDS/GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

-Naval War College Faculty Award for Excellence in Research (awarded to the faculty member whose scholarship demonstrated the highest level of excellence over the previous three years), 2023.

-Foreign Policy Research Institute: Robert A. Fox Fellowship. 2016-17.

-Institute of Regional and International Studies at the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani, Travel/Research Support, Housing, and Accommodations in Iraq, March 2017.

-Hoover Library and Archives: US Scholar Research Support Fellowship. 2016.

-Foreign Policy Research Institute: Robert A. Fox Fellowship. 2015-16.

-Princeton University: William Rea Fellowship for excellence in Near Eastern Studies. 2012-13.

-Princeton University: Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies summer research grant, 2012.

-Princeton University: The Johnson Garrett '35 Memorial Merit Fellowship for 2011-12.

-Foreign Language and Area Studies (US Title VI) Fellowship at Princeton for 2010-11.

-Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Travel Grant, 2011.

-Foreign Language and Area Studies (US Title VI) Fellowship at Princeton for 2009-10.

-Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Travel Grant, 2010.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Proficiency: Modern Standard Arabic – Advanced; Hebrew – Advanced;