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Curriculum Vitae

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**Current Positions**

Associate Professor of Political Science, Roosevelt University

Program Director, Political Science and Legal Studies, Roosevelt University

Contributing Writer, *The Week*

**Education**

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of Pennsylvania (May 2010)

Dissertation: *Revolutions Without Revolutionaries: Social Media Networks and Regime Response in Egypt*. Committee: Ian S. Lustick (Chair), Deborah Wheeler, Robert Vitalis

BA, Drew University, 2000 (Specialized Honors in Political Science)

**Books**

[\*It's Time to Fight Dirty: How Progressives Can Build a Lasting Majority in American Politics\*](#). Melville House Press, 2018 (forthcoming).

[\*Social Media in Iran: Politics and Society After 2009\*](#). Co-Editor, with Babak Rahimi. State University of New York Press, (2015)

[\*Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt\*](#). I.B. Tauris and Co., 2013

**Scholarly Articles**

2015. Multiplicities of Purpose: The Auditorium Building, the State and the Transformation of Arab Digital Media. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, Issue 2 (May 2015): 343-347.

2013. "Deep State, Deep Crisis: Egypt's Failed Transition and the Limits of American Policy." *Middle East Policy* Vol. 20, No. 4 (Winter 2013).

2012. "Constituting Institutions: The Electoral System in Egypt." *Middle East Policy* Vol. 19, No.2. (Spring 2012)

2012. "Beyond Social Media Revolutions: The Arab Spring and the Networked Revolt." *Politique Etrangere*. (Spring 2012).

Fall 2011. (With Erin A. Snider). "U.S. Democracy Promotion in Egypt." *Middle East Policy* Vol. 18, No.3 (49-62).

Summer, 2010. "(Amplified) Voices for the Voiceless." *Arab Media & Society*.

### **Book Chapters and Articles**

2013. "Mediating Tyranny: Re-Imagining Authoritarian Media Systems in the Digital Age" in Muzammil Hussein and Philip N. Howard eds., *State Power and Information Infrastructure*. Ashgate, 2013.

2013. "Digitally Divided We Stand: The Contribution of Digital Media to the Arab Spring" in Ragnedda, Massimo and Muschert, Glenn eds., *The Internet and Social Inequality in International Perspective*. Routledge, 2013

2012 (With Patrick Meier). "Digital Activism in Authoritarian Countries." *The Routledge Participatory Cultures Handbook*.

### **Other Articles**

Spring 2013. "Digital Media and Identity in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities." *Orient*: 30-37.

2012. "The End of Secrecy in Diplomacy: The U.S., the Middle East and the Age of Sharing." The Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, Working Paper Series.

Fall, 2009. "The End of the Beginning: The failure of April 6<sup>th</sup> and the future of electronic activism in Egypt." *Arab Media & Society*.

Summer 2009. Book Review. "Egypt After Mubarak: Liberalism, Islam, and Democracy in the Arab World" by Bruce Rutherford. *Middle East Policy* 16/2: 171-174.

Fall 2008. "Revolutions Without Revolutionaries? Network Theory, Facebook, and the Egyptian Blogosphere." *Arab Media & Society*.

March 2008. "The Web, the Cell Phone, and the Mubarak Death Crisis of 2007." *Politics & Technology Review* (March 2008): 51-57.

Spring 2008. "Reasons and Examples." Currently assigned program-wide by the Critical Writing Program at the University of Pennsylvania.

### **Selected Opinion Journalism**

["The depressing ritual of mass murder in America."](#) *The Week*, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

"Why the GOP Congress Will Be the Most Unproductive in 164 Years." *The Week*, July 18th, 2017.

"Republicans Should Think Twice Before Nuking the Filibuster." *US News and World Report*, April 6th, 2017.

"Obstruct and Delay Trump: Opposing View." *USA Today*, January 4th, 2017.

"American Democracy is Hurling Toward an Apocalyptic Crisis About Legitimacy." *The Week*, June 14th, 2016.

"Five Questions For Syria Hawks." *Informed Comment*, December 21st, 2015.

July 1, 2013. "Egypt's Morsi and opposition must talk – and fix the constitution." *Christian Science Monitor*

August 30th, 2012. "Campaign Apps Put Privacy in Peril." *Chicago Sun-Times*, August 30th, 2012.

February 14th, 2011. "Why Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood Isn't the Islamic Boogeyman" (with Stacey Philbrick Yadav). " *Christian Science Monitor*.

### **Academic Conference Panels**

September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. "Ideational capture: social networks and the limits of discourse in Middle East policy-making." American Political Science Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. Co-presented with Erin A. Snider, Texas A&M

November 20th, 2016. "Ideational capture: social networks and the limits of discourse in Middle East policy-making." Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA. Co-presented with Erin A. Snider, Texas A&M.

April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016. "The Rhetoric of Reactors: Foreign Policy Discourse and the Iran Deal." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. "Thinking Comparatively About Political Communication." Organized roundtable at the APSA Political Communications Preconference, Chicago, IL.

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013. "All the News That's Fit to Tweet: Egypt's Rassad News Network and the Politics of Volunteer Reporting." Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, Chicago IL.

August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2012. "Beyond Crisis Journalism: RNN, Global Voices and the Scale of Citizen Media." American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Political Communication Preconference. Baton Rouge, LA. (Note: This event was cancelled due to weather conditions.)

September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. "Revolution in the Middle East." Roundtable discussion, American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. "Fostering Civil Society Online: The Muslim Brotherhood, Counterpublics, and the Disappeared." Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual conference, San Diego, CA.

September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010. "Mediating Tyranny: Reimagining Authoritarian Media Systems in the Digital Age." Presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010. "The Watching of the Watchers by the Watched: Sousveillance Technologies and the State in Authoritarian Regimes" Presented at International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans.

February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009. "The Other Jazeera: El-Qursaya Island and the Fifth Estate in Egypt" Presented at International Studies Association Annual Convention, New York City.

October 18<sup>th</sup> 2007: "Crashing the Bab: Web Activism and Regime Response in the Middle East" at the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR) annual conference, Vancouver, Canada

### **Invited Lectures and Colloquia**

"Digital Marginalia at the Political Margins: Digital Media and Peacebuilding in Egypt and Jordan." Arnhold Symposium: Web 2.0 and Peace Education." George Eckhart Institute, Braunschweig, Germany. July 30-31<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

"Digital Media and Revolution in the Arab Spring." Media & Politics Symposium, Edmund R. Morrow College of Communication. Washington State University. April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.

"Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt." Albright College, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

“Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt.” Northeast Illinois University, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt.” University of California-San Diego. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

“Dissent and Revolution in a Digital Age: Social Media, Blogging and Activism in Egypt.” Book launch at the Program For Middle East Politics (POMEPS) at George Washington University. Washington, DC. October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013.

“Digital Dissent and the Egyptian Revolution: Social Media and the Challenge to Authoritarian Rule.” Annenberg School of Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

“Digital Dissent and the Egyptian Revolution: Social Media and the Challenge to Authoritarian Rule.” University of California-San Diego. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

“Strategic Narratives and the Syrian Uprising.” Milton Wolf Seminar on Media & Diplomacy. Austrian Diplomatic Institute, Vienna. April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

“Identity and Politics in the Nile Valley.” Identity Politics in Conflict and Extremism: Function and Trends. Middle East-North Africa Regional Perspectives. A Global Futures Forum Workshop. Abu Dhabi, UAE. Sponsored by the Emirates Center For Strategic Studies and Research. September 23 - 25, 2012

“Digital Media and the Arab Uprisings.” Panel Discussion convened by the Lichtenstein Institute For Self-Determination, Princeton University. April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“(Right Now) Out of Never: We Are All Khaled Said and the Egyptian Uprising.” Presented at “Social Media as Politics By Other Means.” Rutgers University, Department of Communications Workshop, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“Tunisia, Egypt, Yemen: What Do (and Don’t) the Protests Mean?” Panelist. Hobart and William Smith Colleges, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 (via Skype).

“What’s Happening in Egypt and Why?” U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD. February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“Arab-American.” Discussion panel, Columbia College, November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

“New Media in Egypt.” Presented at New Media in the Middle East seminar sponsored by the Eurasia Group. Washington, DC, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

“Social Media and Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Egypt”. Dickinson College. March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

“The Brotherhood Online: Social Media and Political Change in Egypt.” Middle East Center Summer Institute. University of Pennsylvania. June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Panelist, USG-sponsored conference, “The Muslim Brotherhood in the Arab World and Beyond.” Delivered lectured entitled “The Muslim Brotherhood Online.” October, 2007.

### **Fellowships, Honors, and Awards**

2007-2008 Academic Year Dissertation FLAS fellowship

2007 Summer FLAS fellowship

2006-2007 Critical Writing Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania

2005 Alvin Z. Rubinstein Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Pennsylvania

2003 Penn Prize For Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching, University of Pennsylvania

2003-2004 Academic Year FLAS

2003 Summer FLAS

### **Academic Teaching Experience**

Roosevelt University:

2016-2017: Instructor, course designer, POS 101: Introduction to American Politics

2016: Instructor, POS 390: Electing a President 2016

2015: Instructor, course designer, POS 392: Iraq From Saddam to ISIS

2013: Instructor, course designer, POS 250: Transit in Transition

2012-2017: Instructor, course designer, POS 339: Political Violence and Terrorism

2012: Instructor, course designer, POS 201: Introduction to International Relations

2011-2017: Instructor, course designer, POS 358: International Relations of the Middle East

2011-2015: Instructor, course designer, POS 345: Global Digital Activism

2011-2013: Instructor, course designer, POS 303: Comparative Democratization

2011: Instructor, course designer, POS 359: Egyptian Politics

2010-2014: Instructor, course designer, POS 203: Introduction to Comparative Politics

2010-2012: Instructor, course designer: POS 354: Power and Politics in the Middle East

University of Pennsylvania:

2007-2009: Instructor, course designer, WRIT 076: Mobiles and Mobilization.

2006-2007: Instructor, course designer, PSCI 009-302/304:

The Meanings of Democratization.

Fall 2004: Teaching Assistant, PSCI 001 "Introduction to Political Science

Spring 2005: Teaching Assistant, PSCI 153 "National and Ethnic Conflict Regulation."

Fall 2002: Teaching Assistant, PSCI 150 "International Relations in Theory and Practice. "

Spring 2003: Teaching Assistant, PSCI 253 "International Politics of the Middle East"

### **Roosevelt University Service**

2017-2018: Co-chair, American Dream Conference

2016-2017: Program Director, Legal Studies

2016: Committee Member, Provost Search

2014-2017: Chair, Department of Political Science & Public Administration

2013: Member, Foundations of Excellence Committee, First Year Experience, Roosevelt University

2013: Committee chair, student graduation speaker committee, Roosevelt University.

2013: Department representative, University Senate.

2010-2013: Director, International Studies major, Roosevelt University.

### **Professional Service**

2017: Reviewer, Polity Press

2016: Reviewer, Cambridge University Press

2013-2014: Director of Membership, Information Technology & Politics section of the American Political Science Association.

2013-2014: Reviewer for *New Media & Society* and *International Journal of Communication*.

2014: Reviewed new edition of Robert Dahl's *On Democracy* for Yale University Press.

### **Related Professional Experience**

February 2016: Participated in USG-sponsored workshop on elections in authoritarian regimes for Centra Technology, Arlington, VA.

February 2015: Committee Member, Boren National Security Fellowship Selection Committee (Middle East and South Asia)

June 2012: Presented paper on social media and democracy promotion in highly-constrained environments for Management Systems International, Washington, DC.

February 2012: Participated in USG-sponsored workshop, "Emerging Thought Leaders in Political Islam" for Centra Technology, Arlington, VA.

April 2012 – 2015: Consultant for Lustick Consulting, LLC. Egypt-related projects.

References Available upon request