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ACADEMIC POSITION

2016 - present | **Assistant Professor of Political Science - University of Central Florida**

EDUCATION

2010 - 2016 | **Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California - San Diego.**
2008 - 2009 | **M.A. in Politics, New York University**
2005 - 2008 | **B.A. in Politics *cum laude* with high honors, New York University**

PUBLICATIONS

2018 | “‘The War Will Come to Your Street’: Explaining Geographic Variation in Terrorism by Rebel Groups” Forthcoming at *International Interactions*.
2016 | “Threats to Leaders’ Political Survival and Pro-Government Militia Formation.” *International Interactions*, Vol. 42, No. 5: 703-728.
2016 | “Representative Democracy and Fighting Domestic Terrorism,” *Terrorism and Political Violence*, Vol. 28, No. 1: 114-134.
2015 | “The Election Trap: The Cycle of Post-electoral Repression and Opposition Fragmentation in Lukashenko’s Belarus,” *Democratization*, Vol. 22, No. 6: 1030-1053
2011 | “A Game Theoretic Model for Protest in the Context of Post-Communism,” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, Vol. 44, No. 1: 1-15.

WORKING PAPERS

- “Effects of Climate Variability on the Onset of the Syrian Civil War” (with Nick Obradovich) *Under Review*.
- “Resentment, Survival or Gain: Identity Group Allegiance Choices at the Outset of the Syrian Civil War” *Under Review*.
- “Correlates of Interconfessional Empathy in Lebanon” (with Tom Dolan) *Under Review*.
- “Political Networks and Relative Deprivation in Lebanon” *Under Review*.
- “Resentment and Civil Conflict Allegiance in Lebanon” *Under Review*.
- “Social Networks and Support for Ethnic Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan”
- “The Perils of Islamist Moderation: Public Response to Reform in Tunisia’s Ennahda Party”

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Some People Want the Fall of the Regime: Explaining Demands for Regime Change in the Arab World”
- “When Do Killings of Protesters lead to More Protest? An Analysis of Bahrain and Syria” (with Rebecca Scheil)
- “Take Our Democracy – Please! Explaining Participation in Protests Demanding a Military Coup” (with Jonathan Powell)

PRESENTATIONS

2018	ISA (accepted).
2017	APSA, ISA, ISA-South.
2016	APSA, MESA, WPSA.
2015	APSA, ISA (JSS), POMEPS, Peace Science (International).
2014	APSA, Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, MESA.
2013	APSA, ISA, WPSA.
2012	ISA.

OTHER ARTICLES

April 2017	“Explaining Belarus’ Sudden Protest Repression” <i>Political Violence at a Glance</i> (with Miroslav Shapovalov)
October 2015	“Strategische Repression und eine zersplitterte Opposition sichern Lukaschenkas Macht. (Strategic Repression and Opposition Fragmentation Keep Lukashenko in Power).” <i>Belarus-Analysen</i> . No. 23.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016-2017, 2017-2018	UCF Department of Political Science internal grant and matching COS funds [\$4,000 each year]
2016-2017	International Peace Research Association Foundation Peace Research Grant [\$5,000]
2013-2014	University of California IGCC Herbert F. York Dissertation Fellowship [\$18,000]
2013-2014	UCSD Department of Political Science Sanford A. Lakoff Dissertation Fellowship [\$2,200]
2011	Recipient of the Critical Language Scholarship (Intermediate Arabic in Fes, Morocco)
2010-2011	UCSD Jacobs Fellowship [\$11,000]

SELECTED ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor (UCF)	Causes of War, Fall 2016. Comparative Politics, Spring 2017, Fall 2017 (online), Spring 2018 (online). Seminar in Comparative Politics (graduate), Spring 2017, Spring 2018. Geographic Tools for Political Science Research (graduate), Fall 2017
Instructor (UCSD)	Crisis Areas in World Politics, Summer 2015. Insurgency and Terrorism, Summer 2014. Politics of the Cold War, Fall 2013.
Independent Study Instructor	Furkan Bayraktar (Authoritarian Politics - Fall 2017), Zlatin Mitkov (Survey Methods - Spring 2018).
Committee Chair (UCF)	Furkan Bayraktar (MA), Ajara Boulibekova (MA).
Committee Member (UCF)	Peyman Asadzadeh (PhD), Alexander Norat (PhD), Didara Nurmanova (PhD) and Andrew Metante (MA, graduated 2016).
Advisor (UCSD)	Political Science Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Fall 2014-Winter 2015, Fall 2015-Winter 2016.

SKILLS

Statistical Analysis	ArcGIS, JAGS, LIMDEP, R, SAS and Stata.
Language	Russian: Native fluency Spanish: Advanced professional proficiency Modern Standard Arabic: Advanced proficiency Lebanese Colloquial Arabic: Advanced conversational proficiency (completed American University in Beirut Colloquial Arabic Program, summer 2013)

SERVICE

Member	American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Middle Eastern Studies Association.
Referee	<i>American Journal of Political Science, Civil Wars, Conflict Management and Peace Science, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Civil Society, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Swiss National Science Foundation, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics.</i>
Panel Chair	ISA 2017, ISA 2018.
Panel Discussant	APSA 2016, ISA 2017, ISA-South 2017, ISA 2018.