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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Subfields: Comparative Politics (Religion and Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, Political Socialization)

Methods: Survey Methodology, Ecological Inference, Machine Learning

EDUCATION

American University, Washington, D.C. 2022 —

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Committee: David Lublin (chair), Sharan Grewal (co-chair), Jeff Gill

Subfields: Comparative Politics; Religion and Politics; Quantitative Methods

Dissertation: *State vs. Faith: State-led Secularization and Political Backlash*

American University, Washington, D.C. 2022 — 2025

M.A., Political Science

The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2023

Certificate in Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Program

Certificate in Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models (EITM) Summer Institute

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND TEACHING

American University, School of Public Affairs Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Instructor Aug 2024 — Present

Columbia University New York, NY
Lecturer, Chinese Politics (GU-4471) Apr 2023, 2024

Session: State and Society – Minority Policies in China

American University Washington, D.C.
Instructor of Record, Conduct of Inquiry Lab (SPA-096) Fall 2024, 2025

R and STATA for Social Science

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Patriotic Curricula and Political Disengagement in Africa: Evidence from Universal Primary Education Cohorts, Out for Review at *Democratization*
- The Rise of Islamophobic Parties in Europe Depresses Muslims' Support for Democracy (with Sharan Grewal), Under Review
- Seeking a Land of Opportunity: Immigrants' Beliefs in the American Dream (with Elizabeth Suhay and Mark Tenenbaum)
- State vs. Faith: State-led Secularization, Political Backlash and Political Islamism (manuscript in preparation – dissertation)
- Exploring Institutional Explanations for Ingroup Support for Ethnic Parties (with David Lublin)

CONFERENCE

Western Political Science Association annual conference, 2024
SEPAD (Sectarianism, Proxies & De-sectarianisation), United Kingdom, 2024
IRES 2025 Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University, 2025
American Political Science Association annual conference, 2023,2025
AALIMS-MIT Graduate Student Workshop, 2026
Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2024, 2025, 2026

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference Service

Panel Chair and Discussant, Political Parties & Interest Groups: Organizations as Information Providers, MPSA Annual Conference (2024)

Discussant, Public Opinion: Public Attitudes about Immigration and Citizenship, APSA Annual Conference (2025)

Peer Reviewer

Journal of European Public Policy

Professional Affiliation

Junior Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS)

FUNDING AND HONORS

- Summer Institutes Training Funds (\$4,000), Department of Government, American University, 2023
- Conference Travel Grant (\$1,000), Department of Government, American University, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Travel Grant (\$750), IRES 2025 Graduate Student Workshop, Chapman University, 2025
- Summer Funding (\$5,000), American University, 2023, 2024, 2025
- Graduate Assistantship, American University, 2022–2025
- Adel Ait Ghezala Graduate Research Fellowship (\$1000), 2026
- Neil and Ann Kerwin Doctoral Fellowship (\$10,000), 2026

SKILLS AND ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Programming: R, Python, STATA, SQL

Languages: Uyghur (native); Mandarin (native); English (fluent); Uzbek (fluent); Turkish (conversational)