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EDUCATION

Dalhousie University **Halifax, Canada**
PhD, Political Science September 2017 - present

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
MA, Political Science May 2017
Thesis Title: *The Islamic State in Context: A Historical and Postcolonial Approach to Understanding its Emergence in Iraq and Syria*
Supervisor: Dr. Mojtaba Mahdavi

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
BA (Honors), Political Science June 2015
Project Title: *Sovereign State of Mind: Questions of State Sovereignty in an Age of Economic Globalization*
Supervisor: Dr. Thomas Keating

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Doris Boyle Graduate Prize, May 2018

Glyn R. Berry Memorial Scholarship in International Policy Studies, September 2017

Khalida Quraishi Memorial Graduate Award in Islamic Studies, December 2016

The Global Citizenship Scholarship for IBD International Students from The Aga Khan Academy, August 2011 – June 2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dalhousie University, Jean Monnet European Center of Excellence **Halifax, Canada**
Research Assistant October 2018 – present

- Supports the Director of the Center in collecting, organizing, and building a website to showcase artistic representations of the Schengen border crisis.
- Manages the Center's social media accounts.

Dalhousie University, Department of Political Science **Halifax, Canada**
Research Assistant for Dr. David Black September 2017 - present

- Tracing Canada's Maternal, Newborn and Child Healthcare policies throughout the leaderships of Prime Ministers Stephen Harper and Justin Trudeau.
- Contributing to chapters and articles written by Dr. Black by researching background information about the theoretical nuances of South-South development partnerships.

Women in International Security – Canada **Edmonton, Canada**
Research Assistant for WIIS-Canada. February 2019 – March 2019

- Assisting with logistics and administrative work relating to the WIIS-Canada workshop in Toronto in June 2019.

University of Alberta International **Edmonton, Canada**
Research Assistant for Britta Baron March 2017 – May 2017
➤ Supported the Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President (International) in writing a book chapter by collecting, organizing and presenting data pertaining to education policy, higher education studies, societal change, and post-secondary student competence and skills.

University of Alberta, Department of Political Science **Edmonton, Canada**
Research Assistant for Dr. Mojtaba Mahdavi May 2016 – August 2016
➤ Supported Dr. Mahdavi in gathering information, writing literature reviews and summaries of books, and creating reports that present my findings within both the Department of Political Science and Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (MEIS).

WORK EXPERIENCE

Center for the Study of Security and Development **Halifax, Canada**
Doctoral Fellow June 2018 - present

Dalhousie University, Department of Political Science **Halifax, Canada**
Teaching Assistant for POLS 1060, 1065 and 3492 September 2017- present

University of King's College **Halifax, Canada**
Residence Don August 2017 – December 2018

University of Alberta, Department of Political Science **Edmonton, Canada**
Teaching Assistant for POLS 101 and 261 September 2015 – May 2017

University of Alberta Residence Services **Edmonton, Canada**
Unit Inspector August 2014 – January 2016

University of Alberta Residence Services **Edmonton, Canada**
Resident Assistant August 2013 – May 2014

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

President
Graduate Society of Political Science **September 2017 – present**
Dalhousie University (Halifax, Canada)

Volunteer
Halifax International Security Forum **November 2017**
Halifax, Canada

Awards Adjudicator **November 2014 – May 2017**
Alumni Student Council, Alumni Relations
University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

Awards/Scholarships Adjudicator **September 2015 - September 2016**
Graduate Students Association Awards Selection Committee
University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

Committee Member **May 2014 - June 2015**
Student Advisory Committee for the Office of the Registrar
University of Alberta (Edmonton, Canada)

PRESENTATIONS

Referred Conference Presentations

McMaster University **Hamilton, Canada**
Department of Political Science March 2019
Panel presenter at “Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy” conference, on “Total Eclipse of the State? Understanding State Sovereignty in an Age of Economic Globalization.”

Dalhousie University **Halifax, Canada**
Department of Political Science February 2019
Panel presenter at the Third Century Symposium, on “The African Union: Regional Manifestations of Norms of Civilian Protection.”

University of Ottawa **Ottawa, Canada**
Center for International Policy Studies (CIPS) March 2018
Paper presented at the Center for International Policy Studies, on “The Securitization of Immigration in the European Union: A New (Cultural) Racism.”

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
Department of Political Science March 2017
Paper presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Symposium, on “Lessons from Libya: Questioning our Responsibility to Protect.”

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
Department of Political Science March 2016
Paper presented at the Political Science Graduate Student Symposium, on “Rethinking Female Suicide Terrorism: The Role of Women as Active Political Agents.”

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
Department of Political Science April 2015
Paper presented at the Undergraduate Honours Conference, on “A Sovereign State of Mind: Reconceptualizing Westphalian Sovereignty in an Age of Economic Globalization.”

University of Alberta **Edmonton, Canada**
International Week February 2015
Public lecture delivered on, “Islam, Muslims, and the Media.”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Dalhousie University, Department of Political Science **Halifax, Canada**
Guest Lecture for POLS 1065 March 2019 & March 2018
Introduction to International Relations: Global Domain

University of Alberta, Department of Political Science **Edmonton, Canada**
Guest Lecture for POLS 459 June 2016
Topics in International Politics/Relations: War on Terror

COMPUTER AND LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **English** (Native), **French** (full professional proficiency), **Swahili** (full professional proficiency), **Arabic** (limited working proficiency), **Spanish** (limited working proficiency)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and data analysis software like SPSS