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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 — 2027 (expected)

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

Lecturer, Chinese Politics (GU-4471)

New York, NY

Apr 2023, 2024

Session: State and Society – Minority Policies in China

American University

Instructor of Record, Conduct of Inquiry Lab (SPA-096)

Washington, D.C.

Fall 2024, 2025

R and STATA for Social Science

WORK IN PROGRESS

- 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

Midwest Political Science Association annual conference, 2024, 2025

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, 2025

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)

Referee

Journal of European Public Policy

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)