

## Education

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### University of Pennsylvania

Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, expected May 2015

- Subfields: Comparative Politics (with Distinction), International Relations, Public Law
- Dissertation Title: *States and Group Rights: Legal Pluralism and the Decentralization of Judicial Power*  
Committee: Rogers Smith (chair), Tulia Falleti, Ian Lustick
- Certificate in Teaching and Learning, May 2010
- Representative Coursework: Democratization, International Political Economy, Comparative Judicial Power, Social Capital and Trust, Identities and Institutions

### Princeton University

A.B., Department of Near Eastern Studies, *Magna Cum Laude*, June 2006

- Phi Beta Kappa

## Publications

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### Edited Volumes

*Review of the Center for the Study of the Literatures and Arts of North Africa (CELAAN)*, "Arab Poetry from Morocco," vol 8 no. 3, Fall 2010. Special issue on contemporary Moroccan poetry. Sole editor and translator.

### Articles

"Assessing Ennahda, Tunisia's Winning Islamist Party." *PolicyWatch* 1871, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. November 18, 2011. Available online at <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC05.php?CID=3422>.

"Morocco's Constitutional Referendum: Context, Content, and Impact." *PolicyWatch* 1826, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. June 30, 2011. Available online at <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC05.php?CID=3379>.

"The Moroccan Parliamentary Election: More Gains for Islamists?" *PolicyWatch* 1282, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy. September 6, 2007. Available online at <http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC05.php?CID=2658>.

**Under Review**

“Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law: Aligning Theory and Practice.” Under review for peer-edited volume on Religion and Law co-edited by Gordon Woodman and Waheeda Amien.

**Fellowships and Grants**

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**Visiting Researcher, Center for African Studies, University of California--Berkeley**, August 2014-September 2015.

**Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, Graduate Fellows Program**, awarded October, 2013.

**Boies Family Fellow, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism**, awarded May, 2013. Funds one year of graduate study.

**United States Institute of Peace Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship**, awarded April, 2012. \$20,000 dissertation research fellowship, funded fieldwork in Lebanon, Tanzania, and Malawi from September 2012-July 2013.

**Penfield Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**, awarded April, 2012. \$10,000 dissertation research fellowship, funded fieldwork in 2012-2013.

**Browne Center for International Politics Grant**, awarded November, 2011. For travel to the Commission on Legal Pluralism Conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

**President’s Award, University of Pennsylvania Graduate and Professional Student Assembly**, awarded November 2011. For travel to the Commission on Legal Pluralism’s Conference in Cape Town, South Africa.

**Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)**, awarded September, 2010. Funded one year of graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Department of State Critical Language Scholarship**, awarded May 2009. Funded Arabic language study in Egypt.

**American Institute for Yemeni Studies Summer Fellowship**, awarded March 2009. Declined due to the State Department travel ban on Yemen.

**Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, awarded May 2009. [DECLINED]

**Pew Presidential Fellowship**, awarded October 2008.

**Benjamin Franklin Fellowship**, awarded May 2008. Funded five years of graduate study at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Fulbright Islamic Civilization Grant to Morocco, 2006-07.** Funded nine months of research on education system reform in Fez, Morocco.

**Phi Beta Kappa**, elected 2006.

## **Teaching Experience**

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**Guest Lecturer, Commission on Legal Pluralism 2013 Short Course, “Theoretical and Historical Approaches to Britain’s Sharia Councils and the Muslim Arbitration Tribunal.” Manchester, UK, August 4 2013.**

**Teaching Assistant, Political Science 211, “Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics,” Professor Ian Lustick, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2011**

- Delivered guest lecture titled “Shi’ism and Empire in Iran”

**Teaching Assistant, Political Science 271, “Constitutional Law,” Professor Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2010**

**Head Teaching Assistant, Political Science 110, “Introduction to Comparative Politics,” Professor Julia Lynch, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2010**

**Teaching Assistant, Political Science 150, “International Relations, Theory and Practice,” Professor Jessica Stanton, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2009**

## **Related Experience**

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**Dr. Marcia Robbins-Wilf Young Scholar, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2007 - 2008**

**Fulbright Scholar, Morocco, 2006 - 2007**

## **Professional Service**

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**Graduate Fellow Coordinator, Penn Program on Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Graduate Student Workshop, Fall 2013-Spring 2014**

- The DCC graduate workshop pairs one Penn paper with one external paper from political science, sociology, English, psychology, etc., on a topic in the areas of democracy, citizenship, and constitutionalism. Chose panel themes and papers, organized workshop.

**Founder and Coordinator, Graduate Student Comparative Politics Workshop, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2009-Fall 2011**

- Created workshop where comparative politics graduate students could share their drafts and receive feedback from their peers at bimonthly meetings.

**Department Representative, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Student Government, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2009-Fall 2010**

- Represented political science graduate students in deciding matters of campus policy. Helped pioneer an interdisciplinary symposium.

**Advisor, Navigating the Grant Peer-to-Peer Advisor, University of Pennsylvania, Fall 2009-Present**

- Worked with graduate and undergraduate students to improve their fellowship and grant applications.

**Director, Living Cultures Program, Riepe College House, University of Pennsylvania, August 2008-May 2011**

- Directed a cross-cultural undergraduate residential program. Hosted themed events, managed hall budget, organized visits to culturally significant city neighborhoods, advised on personal and academic matters.

**Chair, Graduate Student Workshop Planning Committee, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2009**

- Organized a two day workshop that showcased graduate student work.

**Mentor, Graduate Student Mentoring Program, University of Pennsylvania, Spring 2009-Spring 2011**

- Helped undergraduate political science majors plan and research their senior thesis.

**Alumni Interviewer, Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Princeton University, 2008-Present**

- Interview students for admission to Princeton University.

**Head Writing Fellow, Princeton Writing Center, Princeton University, 2005 – 2006**

- Developed tutor training initiatives, mentored new tutors. Coached graduate and undergraduate student writing from all disciplines, 2004 - 2006.

**Residential Advisor, Mathey College, Princeton University, 2004 – 2006**

- Advised students on academic and personal matters, planned diversity training and exposure events, including a co-celebration of Rosh Hashana and Aid al-Fitr.

**Director, One on One Tutoring, Princeton University, 2003 – 2006**

- Tutored underprivileged girls from an immigrant community near Princeton. Recruited and trained new tutors. Acted as the project's liaison with Princeton University's Student Volunteers Council.

## **Conference Presentations**

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**“Colonial Legacies and the Devolution of Judicial Power”**

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., August 2014.

**“Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law: Aligning Theory and Practice”**

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, May 2014.

**“Customary Law and Group Rights: The Incomplete Centralization of Tanzania’s Post-Colonial Judiciary”**

African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, November 2013.

**“Personal Status Law in the ‘New’ Egypt”**

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, October 2013.

**“State Strategies for Navigating Plural Legal Orders”** Panel convener and presenter.

Commission on Legal Pluralism Conference, Manchester, United Kingdom, August 2013.

**“Legal Pluralism and the Rule of Law”**

Commission on Legal Pluralism Conference, Cape Town, South Africa, September 2011.

**“Human Rights in Morocco”**

Invited Speaker, Amnesty International Area Chapter Meeting, Philadelphia Ethical Society, September 2010.

**“Authoritarian Judicialization: Assessing the Expansion of Judicial Power in Non-Democracies”**

Department of Political Science Graduate Student Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, April 2010.

**“The Moroccan Free School Movement and Contemporary Educational Policy”**

Invited Speaker, Islamic Civilization Enrichment Conference for Islamic Civilization Fulbright Grantees, Tunis, May 2007.

**“The Free Schools and Moroccan Religious Education”**

Invited Speaker, Moroccan American Commission for Educational & Cultural Exchange 14th Annual Maghrebi Area Studies Symposium, Rabat, March 2007.

## **Professional Memberships**

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**American Political Science Association**, member since 2009  
**Comparative Politics**

**Law and Courts  
Qualitative and Multi-Method Research**

**Law and Society Association**, member since 2014

**African Studies Association**, member since 2013

**Middle East Studies Association**, member since 2012

**Commission on Legal Pluralism**, member since 2011

**Language Skills**

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Proficient in written and spoken Modern Standard Arabic, Moroccan Colloquial Arabic, and French. Intermediate Egyptian Arabic and Levantine Colloquial Arabic. Beginning Swahili.

**References**

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