

# Curriculum Vitae

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### Academic Appointments

- Dec 2023 – Dec 2024 Visiting Researcher, Center for Research on Social Memory,  
University of Warsaw, Poland
- Jun 2022 – Dec 2022 Visiting Research Fellow, Post Conflict Research Center,  
Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Feb 2022 – Dec 2022 Title VIII Research Scholar, American Councils for International Education,  
Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Oct 2021 – Oct 2022 Visiting Research Fellow, Psychology of Intergroup Conflict and Reconciliation  
Lab, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- Sep 2021 – Jun 2022 Peace Scholar Fellow, U.S. Institute of Peace,  
Jerusalem, Israel; Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Sep 2019 – Jun 2020 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow,  
European Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh

### Education

- Aug 2017 – present Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Grad. School of Public and International Affairs  
Fields: International affairs and public policy
- Dissertation: *The Nature of Interpersonal Relationships Between Individuals  
Belonging to Different Ethnoreligious Groups in Polarized Settings*
- Advisor: Michael Kenney
- 2019 & 2020 ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Research Methods,  
University of Michigan
- 2019 IQMR Summer Program in Qualitative Research Methods, Syracuse University
- Oct 2011 – Dec 2013 M.A., Tel Aviv University, Israel  
Field: International conflict resolution and mediation
- 2012 Summer School in Collective Memory and Conflict, Singidunum University,  
Belgrade, Serbia

Aug 2004 – Jun 2008 B.A., North Central College, Naperville, Illinois  
Fields: Global studies and political science

2007 Study Abroad, United States International University, Nairobi, Kenya

### Languages

Bosnian/Serbian/Croatian (native)

Arabic (low intermediate)

Hebrew (low intermediate)

### Research and Teaching Interests

Race and ethnicity; ethnic/ethnoreligious conflict; intergroup contact; collective memory; diaspora and ethnic identity; the Mediterranean region; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Israel & occupied Palestine.

### Academic Experience

#### *Teaching*

Jan 2022 – April 2022 Lecturer, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), University of Pittsburgh,  
Course: *Us vs. “Them”: Intergroup Bias, Dynamics, and Opportunities*

- Designed the course syllabus and all class exercises
- Conducted weekly class discussions virtually

Jul 2020 – April 2023 Teaching Assistant (courses listed below)

*Regression Analysis I: Intro and Application, ICPSR, University of Michigan*

*Race and Ethnicity Using Quant Methods II, ICPSR, University of Michigan*

*Introduction to Global Studies, Political Science, University of Pittsburgh*

*Intermediate Quantitative Methods, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh*

*Introduction to Quantitative Methods, GSPIA, University of Pittsburgh*

- Evaluated student coursework on weekly and semester assignments
- Provided students with theoretical, methodological, and technical support
- Led small group discussions to review and discuss course content
- Held weekly synchronous and asynchronous recitations and office hours
- Provided individualized assistance, support, and advice to struggling students
- Designed own lectures and teaching materials for recitation practice
- Created PowerPoint presentations, R scripts, and STATA Do-files
- Offered hands-on practice with statistical software (R and STATA)

Aug 2018 – May 2021 Bosnian Language Tutor, Slavic Lang. and Literatures, University of Pittsburgh

- Provided individualized tutoring support to struggling and advanced students
- Held weekly conversation groups to encourage shared language practice
- Evaluated student performance at all levels of language proficiency

Mar 2013 – Jul 2014 Human Rights Educator, Amnesty International Israel (Tel Aviv, Israel)

- Designed a Human Rights course curriculum for refugee populations
- Instructed Human Rights courses to bolster knowledge and activism
- Mentored refugees to communicate with media and policymakers
- Assisted community leaders in organizing community initiatives

- Sep 2010 – Jul 2011 English Teacher, United Schools of Al Yahar (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
- Taught English language courses to primary and high school students
  - Designed own teaching curricula and class materials
  - Visited students' homes to meet and establish relationships with parents
  - Tailored personalized study plans to maximize learning
  - Launched a girls' debate club to discuss topics pertinent to their lives

### *Research*

- Aug 2017 – May 2020 Research Assistant, Ford Institute for Human Security, European Studies Center (ESC), Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership, University of Pittsburgh
- Managed a research group revising an article on humanitarian intervention
  - Oversaw student nonprofit consultancies and evaluated organizational reports
  - Assisted independent research and provided proofreading and editing support

### *Higher Education Administration*

- May 2021 – Sep 2021 Graduate Student Intern, University Center for International Studies (UCIS), Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies (REEES), University of Pittsburgh
- Collected institutional data for funding applications and reports
  - Compiled, organized, and designed materials for external evaluation
  - Designed promotional materials to highlight events and activities
  - Edited policy briefs, event programs, and organizational documents

### *Academic service*

- Aug 2019 – May 2021 Editor-in-Chief, Pitt Policy Journal, GSPIA  
Jan 2019 – Dec 2019 Founder, Ph.D. Peer Mentorship Project, GSPIA  
Aug 2017 – Dec 2019 Ph.D. Student Representative, Student Cabinet, GSPIA  
Aug 2017 – Aug 2019 Editor, Pitt Policy Journal, GSPIA  
Oct 2011 – Oct 2013 MA Student Representative, Tel Aviv University

### Conferences presentations

- 2023 Memory Studies Association (MSA) Annual Conference (Newcastle, UK)  
2022 Global Crises and Responses, International Studies Association – IDSS (Rethymno, Crete)  
2022 Nations & Nationalism in the Contemporary World, ASEN (Zadar, Croatia)  
2022 Politics of Race, Immigration, & Ethnicity Consortium, University of Illinois (virtual)  
2020 Roundtable on Mediterranean Studies, ESC, University of Pittsburgh

## Fellowships, honors, and awards

(Listed by year granted)

2022 Conference Award, \$1,000, International Network of Social Network Analysis (INSNA)  
2022 Dissertation Improvement Grant, Dissertation Research, \$3,600, GSPIA  
2022 Professional Dev. Grant, \$1,600, ESC, University of Pittsburgh  
2022 Conference Participation Grant, \$250, REEES, University of Pittsburgh  
2021 Peace Scholar Fellowship, Dissertation Research, \$20,000, U.S. Institute of Peace (USIP)  
2021 Title VIII Research Scholar, Dissertation Research, \$20,000, American Councils for Int'l Ed  
2021 David L. Boren Fellowship, Hebrew Language Study, \$24,000 [declined due to COVID]  
2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Dissertation Research [listed as Alternate]  
2020 Klinzing Dissertation Award, Dissertation Research, \$10,000, ESC, University of Pittsburgh  
2020 Stanley Prostednik Scholarship, Dissertation Research, \$3,000, University of Pittsburgh  
2020 David L. Boren Fellowship, Hebrew Language Study, \$24,000 [declined due to COVID]  
2020 EITM Certification Scholarship, 2020 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$3,200, Princeton University  
2019 FLAS Summer Fellowship, Arabic Language Study, \$5,500, ESC, University of Pittsburgh  
2019 Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$1,600, GSPIA  
2019 FLAS Year Fellowship, Arabic Language Study, \$40,000, ESC, University of Pittsburgh  
2019 Scholarship for Public Policy, ICPSR Summer Institute, \$2,500, University of Michigan  
2019 Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 ICPSR Summer Institute, \$1,600, GSPIA  
2019 Professional Training Scholarship, 2019 IQMR Summer Institute, \$2,250, GSPIA  
2018 Language Study Scholarship for Arabic, \$5,000, SLI, University of Pittsburgh

## Membership in academic organizations

American Association of University Women (AAUW)  
Women Also Know Stuff (WAKS)  
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)  
International Studies Association (ISA)  
Memory Studies Association (MSA)

## Research methods courses

Mixed-Method Research Design  
Causal Inference for Policy and Political Psychology  
Race and Ethnicity Using Quantitative Methods  
Regression Using Spatial Data  
Ethnography  
Interpretive Methods  
Network Analysis I  
Quantitative Methods I, II, & III

## Practitioner experience

Sep 2015 – Jun 2016 Organizational and Fundraising Consultant, Elhawakeer: Community, Development, Action, and Environment (Nazareth, Israel)

- Outlined key fundraising targets and drafted high-profile grant applications
- Supported the development of a sound organizational strategy
- Conceptualized community-based projects and initiatives

- Jan 2014 – Aug 2015 International Advocacy Manager, African Refugee Development Center (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Co-published a compilation of refugee stories “Untold Stories of Success”
  - Lead tours and site visits for policymakers and the general public
  - Organized inter-community gatherings to improve public opinion of refugees
  - Managed the website, social media accounts, and all promotional materials
- Aug 2014 – Aug 2015 Resource Development Manager, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality (Beer Sheva, Israel)
- Established and maintained relations with private and institutional donors
  - Trained staff on grant policy, grant development, and project management
  - Oversaw budget implementation and accountability
- Jun 2012 – Jan 2013 Executive Intern, Israeli-Palestinian Chamber of Commerce (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Developed the organization's social media platforms
  - Organized meet-and-greet events with Israeli and Palestinian businesspeople
- Feb 2009 – Feb 2010 Advocacy Officer & Case Manager, Harmony in Life (St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Cultivated relations with social service agencies
  - Managed cases of torture survivors suffering from a range of mental illnesses
  - Coached refugee families on how to cope in their new environment
  - Tutored refugee children and youth to meet academic requirements
- Apr 2009 – Aug 2009 Political Campaigner, Congressman Russ Carnahan, Mayor Francis G. Slay (St. Louis, MO, USA)
- Canvassed door-to-door to increase minority voter turnout
  - Organized civic education sessions for refugee communities
  - Interpreted for political candidates in live interviews
- Aug 2008 – Jul 2021 Interpreter & Cultural Broker, International Institute of St. Louis & Language Access Metro Project (MO, USA), Global Wordsmiths (Pittsburgh, PA, USA)
- Provided medical, legal, academic, and general interpretation services
  - Advocated on behalf of clients in meetings with social service agencies
  - Served as a cultural broker for victims of torture and war trauma in therapy

### Other training

- Sep 2016 – Feb 2017 Specialization in Graphic Design, Cal Arts, Coursera (online)
- Mar 2014 Management of EU Funded Projects, European Commission (Tel Aviv, Israel)
- Sep 2013 Participatory Learning and Action, Praxis Institute (Kochi, India)
- Sep 2010 – Jan 2011 Creating Video Documentaries, Washington University of St. Louis (MO, USA)