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Education

Sept 2022 – ongoing	Harvard University <i>Ph.D. in Government</i> <i>Graduate Affiliate, Institute for Quantitative Social Science</i>
Sept 2015 – June 2019	Stanford University <i>B.A. in Political Science</i> <i>Minor in Mathematical and Computational Science</i>

Research Interests

Political economy, corruption, colonialism, state building

Research in Progress

"Colonial Interests and the Dynamics of Redistribution: Exploring the Effects of Outsider Elites on Land Inequality in Inter-War Egypt"

"A Monarch's MapQuest: How ruler-elite relations shape state power"

"Corruption is a Governing Sin: Patrimonialism and State Formation"

Fellowships and Grants

August 2023 – ongoing	Stone Ph.D. Scholarship in Inequality and Wealth Concentration <i>Fellowship</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded fellowship from Harvard Kennedy School's Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy for ongoing research on historical corruption and state building
May 2023	NSF, Society for Political Methodology <i>Conference Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded NSF grant to attend the Society for Political Methodology's annual conference (PolMeth) in July 2023
April 2023	Institute of Quantitative Social Science <i>Research Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded IQSS Research Grant to conduct archival research at the Archivo de las Indias (AGI) in Seville, Spain for ongoing research project with Professor Yuhua Wang on Spanish colonial patronage
April 2018	Stanford's Undergraduate Advising and Research <i>Small Grant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Awarded Small Grant to initiate archival research at the British Library for senior honors thesis on British colonial court in Egypt

Conferences

July 2023	A Monarch's MapQuest: How ruler-elite relations shape state power <i>Poster Presentation</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Presented at the Society of Political Methodology's Conference 2023 at Stanford University, CA.
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Research Assistant Experience

Nov 2020 – June 2022	University of Chicago Law School, Law and Economics Institute <i>Research Specialist for Professor Eric Posner</i>
Oct 2018 – June 2019	Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) <i>Research Assistant for Professor Larry Diamond</i>
Sept 2017 – Jan 2018	Stanford Political Science Department <i>Research Assistant for Professor Lisa Blaydes</i>
Jan 2017 – May 2017	Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research <i>Research Assistant for Professor Ran Abramitzky</i>

Skills and Languages

Software: R, Python, LaTeX

Languages: Spanish (proficient), Italian (proficient), Farsi (basic)