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**EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- July 2007-present                      **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**, Riverside, CA  
Department of Political Science  
Assistant Professor
- October 2006- August 2007            **STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, CA  
Department of Political Science  
Lecturer
- September 1999- 2006                 **STANFORD UNIVERSITY**, Stanford, CA  
Department of Political Science  
Ph.D., September 28, 2006
- August 1997-May 1999                 **THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**, Iowa City, IA  
Department of Political Science  
M.A., May 15, 1998
- October 1993-June 1997                **KOÇ UNIVERSITY**, Istanbul, TURKEY  
International Relations  
B.A., June 1997, *valedictorian*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS AND DISSERTATION**

**Dissertation:** Political Salience of Ethnic Identities: A Comparative Study of Tajiks in Uzbekistan and Kurds in Turkey, 2006  
Committee: David D. Laitin (Chair), James D. Fearon, Gail Lapidus, Michael R. Tomz

**Research Interests:** Identity formation and political salience of identities, ethnicity, ethnic insurgence and conflict, secessionist movements, multiculturalism. Central Asia, Turkey, Muslim societies. Political economy of development, institutional choice. Quantitative methods and game theory applications.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Dissertation Fieldwork, Uzbekistan, 2002-2003**

Total of 12 months of research in Samarkand, Namangan, and Tashkent.

**Department of Political Science, Stanford, CA**

**Research Assistant**, June 2000-May 2002

Project manager for David Laitin and James Fearon's "Ethnicity, Insurgency, and Civil War" project, which coded new cases and variables to expand Minorities at Risk Data.

**Department of International Relations, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey**

**Research Assistant**, Summer 1996

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Department of Political Science, University of California Riverside, CA

#### Assistant Professor

POSC 133 Politics of Central Asia in Comparative Perspective

POSC 156 Political Systems Across Muslim Societies

POSC202A Survey of Quantitative Methods (Graduate)

POSC 263 Seminar on Conflict and Peace (Graduate)

### Department of Political Science, Stanford University, CA

#### Lecturer

Autumn 2006: Politics of Central Asia in Comparative Perspective

Spring 2007: Political Systems Across Muslim Societies

Summer 2007: Politics in the Name of Identity

### Department of Political Science, Stanford University, CA

#### Head Teaching Assistant, Autumn 2001

Coordinator for Michael Tomz's Introduction to International Relations class.

#### Teaching Assistant

Autumn 2001: Introduction to International Relations, Michael Tomz

Winter 2001: Statistical Analysis for Political Science II, graduate level, Douglas Rivers

Autumn 2000: Statistical Analysis for Political Science I, graduate level, James Fearon

### Department of Political Science, University of Iowa, IA

#### Teaching Assistant

Spring 1999: Introduction to the Politics of Russia, Eastern Europe and Eurasia, Vicki Hesli

Fall 1998: Introduction to International Relations, James Lindsay

### Samarqand State Institute of Foreign Languages, Samarkand, Uzbekistan

Volunteer English Instructor, July-August 2002

## PUBLICATIONS

"The Patriarch and the President: Religion and Political Choice in Russia," *Demokratizatsiya*, 1999. Coauthored with Vicki Hesli, William Reisinger, Arthur Miller.

Previously presented (with Vicki Hesli) at the 1998 Annual Meeting of *Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL.

"The Ethnics of Voting," *The Review of Politics*, vol. 70, issue 2 (Spring) 2008, 329-332. (Book review for Jóhanna Kristín Birnir: Ethnicity and Electoral Politics)

"Central Asia" section in *Muslim World Encyclopedia* (forthcoming). Brown Reference Group.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

"Administrative Legacies, Tribes, and the Kurdish Challenge to Nation-Building in Turkey" (in review)

"Socioeconomic Change, Intra-Elite Competition and Political Salience of Ethnic Identities" (Contribution for Economic Development Strategies and Inter-Group Violence Workshop at Pacific Basin Research Center, Soka University).

"Democracy Protecting Itself from Itself?: Judicial Intervention and Political Islam in Egypt and Turkey" (with Kevin Grisham)

"Islam, Secularism and Gender Equality: Empirical Findings from 1998 Demographic and Health Survey in Turkey"

“Effective Mixing, Civil Discourse, and Violent Disintegration: Theory and Comparative Evidence toward an Explanation” (with Murat Somer).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

“Islam, Secularism and Gender Equality: Empirical Findings from 1998 Demographic and Health Survey in Turkey,” *2009 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association*, September 4-6, Toronto, Canada.

“Democracy Democracy Protecting Itself from Itself?: Judicial Intervention and Political Islam in Egypt and Turkey,” *2009 Annual Meeting of Midwest Political Science Association*, April 2-4, Chicago, IL.

“Socioeconomic Change and Intra-Group Competition: Political Salience of Kurdish Identity in Turkey,” *Southeastern Anatolia: Culture, Change and Development in the “Forgotten Turkey” Conference*, Cornell University, Ithaca, October 1, 2005.

“Political Salience of Ethnic Identities: Democracy, Patronage, and Intra-Group Competition,” *2005 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association*, September 1-4, Washington, D.C..

“Political Salience of Ethnic Identity: An Empirical Study of Tajiks in Uzbekistan,” *Comparative Politics Workshop* at Stanford University, Stanford, CA, May 16, 2004; and *7<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Student Retreat of the Society for Comparative Research*, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, July 3-4, 2005.

“Geography of Institutional Choice: Presidential and Parliamentary Systems,” *Workshop in Comparative Politics and Historical Analysis*, Stanford, CA, December 2001.

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

Turkish (native), English(perfect), Uzbek(fluent), Spanish (intermediate), German, Russian (beginner)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Recipient, Center for Ideas and Society, UCR, Resident fellow (for Spring 2010)

Regents’ Fellowship (2008) and Academic Senate Research Fund (2008, 2009), Committee on Research, Riverside Division of the Academic Senate, University of California

Graduate Dissertation Fellow, Research Institute in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, 2004

Graduate Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, 2004 (Declined)

Graduate Fellowship, Stanford University, 1999

Graduate Fellowship, University of Iowa, 1997

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor Steering Committee, UCR

American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association

Search Committee, Department of Political Science, UCR, 2008

Arabic and Islamic Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, Education Abroad Program, University of California, 2007-8

Working Group on Ethnicity and Nationalism at UCLA, 2001

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Political Science, Stanford University, 2005