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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

July 2012- : Mark Hyman Jr. Career Development Associate Professor of Political Science, MIT
July 2008-June 2012: Assistant Professor, MIT Department of Political Science

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

PhD in Public Policy, June 2008

Fields: International Relations/Comparative Politics

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs

MA in International Affairs, June 2001

Harriman Institute Certificate, June 2001

Columbia University, Columbia College

BA in Economics and Operations Research, June 2000

Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List

BOOKS

Alliance Formation in Civil Wars, Cambridge University Press, New York, NY 2012.

- Luebbert Award for Best Book in Comparative Politics
- Leggold Award for Best Book in International Relations

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2012 Mark Hyman Jr. Career Development Chair (\$60K)

2012 ARO MURI Grant for Data Collection in Yemen (\$300K) (Part of a multi-million dollar grant with Daron Acemoglu and other researchers from MIT, Stanford, UPenn, Cornell and Georgia Tech)

2011 UN WFP/USAID Wheat Grant and Logistics for Afghan Development Evaluation (\$724K)

2011 ICG/LSE Data Collection Grant for Afghan Development Evaluation (\$150K)

2011 CIDA Data Collection Grant for Afghan Development Evaluation (\$150K)

2010-12 Draper Lab Grant for Afghan Data Collection (\$50K)

09-12 Post Doctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies

2009 SHASS MIT Research Fund Grant, (\$20K)

2007 Graduate Fellow, American Academy of Political and Social Science

2007 Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University

2006 Weatherhead Center Dissertation Completion Grant, Harvard University

2006 Russell Sage Foundation, Research Grant (\$4,500)

2005 Predoctoral Fellow, Olin Institute, Harvard University

2004 Predoctoral Fellow, Belfer Center Harvard University

ARTICLES

“Empowering Women through Development Aid: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,”
APSR, Volume 107, Number 3, August 2013, pp.540-557 (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

“Context Modularity of Human Altruism,” *Science*, 9 December 2011:334 (6061):1392-1394.
(with Marc Alexander)

“Following the Money: Muslim versus Muslim in Bosnia’s Civil War,” *Comparative Politics*, Volume 40, Number 4, July 2008, pp.461-480. Reprinted in *Political Violence*, Erica Chenoweth, eds., SAGE Library of International Relations, 2013.

“Winning Hearts and Minds through Development: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” Revise and Resubmit at the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (QJE), (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

“Direct Democracy and Resource Allocation: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan,” under review at *Review of Economics and Statistics*, (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

“Electoral Rules and the Quality of Politicians: Theory and Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan,” NBER Working Paper, (with Andrew Beath, Georgy Egorov and Ruben Enikolopov).

“Do Elected Councils Improve Governance? Experimental Evidence on Local Institutions in Afghanistan,” MIT Working Paper (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov).

“Identifying the Effects of Development Aid on Security and Governance: Methodology and Hypotheses for a Field Experiment in Yemen.” Prepared for Presentation at EGAP 10, (With Chad Hazlett)

“Mobilization and Information Dissemination in Violent Contexts: Methodology and Hypotheses using Call Records Data from Yemen.” (With Jure Leskovec)

Essays and Opinion Pieces

How Syrian Women are fueling the Resistance and Why Washington Should Support them, Foreign Affairs, March 2013.

“Letter from Kabul: Fear and Abandonment in Afghanistan” Foreign Affairs, June 2011.

“Defining Success in Afghanistan: What can the United States Accept,” Foreign Affairs, July/August 2010, (with Stephen Biddle and J. Alexander Thier).

"Viewpoint: Measuring Success in Afghanistan," 22 February 2010, The BBC

“Co-opt the Commanders,” in “Is It Time to Negotiate With the Taliban? Room for Debate, A Running Commentary on the News,” The New York Times, September 1, 2009,(with Michael Semple).

“Sartorial Stumping”, Op-Ed, The New York Times, 18 August 2009.

“Flipping the Taliban How to Win in Afghanistan,” Essay, Foreign Affairs, July/August 2009, pp.34-45, (with Michael Semple).

“A Quiet Battle for Rights in Iran,” Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 27 August 2007.

“Voices of Iranian Reform, Silenced,” Op-Ed, The Washington Post, 9 July 2006.

“ Hamas at the Helm,” Op-Ed, The New York Times, 27 January 2006. Also appeared in the International Herald Tribune, 28 January 2006,(with Sreemati Mitter).

“Strange Bedfellows in Afghanistan,” Op-Ed, The Boston Globe, 18 September 2005.

“Uzbekistan’s Tiananmen,” Op-Ed, The Boston Globe, 21 May 2005.

“Reforming the Iraqi Army,” End Note, Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) Iraq Report, Vol.7, No.6, 20 February 2004.

Reports and Reviews

H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable on *Alliance Formation in Civil Wars*, 11 October 2013.

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Endline Report” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), July 2013. Available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Report on Interim Impacts.” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), July 2010. Available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Report on Project Selection Monitoring.” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), February 2009. Available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Baseline Data Report.” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), October 2008. Available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Report on Election Monitoring.” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), June 2008. Available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

“Randomized Impact Evaluation of Afghanistan’s National Solidarity Program: Methodology and Hypotheses” (with Andrew Beath and Ruben Enikolopov), Manuscript available at: <http://www.nsp-ie.org/>

Book Review of T. Barfield’s Princeton University Press book: Afghanistan: A Cultural and Political History. Review appeared in *The Middle East Journal* 64, no. 4 (2010): 650-651.

APSA CP Newsletter, Symposium: Concepts that Hinder Understanding and What to Do About Them: Structuring Political Conflict: Ethnicity, APSA-CP Vol. 20, No.2, p.13, August 2009.

“The Art of State Persuasion: Iran’s Post-Revolutionary Murals,” Persica 22 1-13, 2008. (with Houchang Chehabi)

Book Review of: John Hagan’s Justice in the Balkans: Prosecuting War Crimes in the Hague Tribunal. Review appeared in: *Nationalities Papers*, Vol.32, No.3, September 2004, p.694-696.

“Assessing the Needs of the Roma Community in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia,” 26 September 2001, Humanitarian Risk Analysis No 17, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. (with Afia-Ali Blasco)

SELECTED TALKS

2013 “Do Elected Councils Improve Governance? Experimental Evidence on Local Institutions in Afghanistan”
 -University of Pennsylvania, December
 -University of Maryland, October

-Harvard University, September
-Tufts University, March

“Empowering Women through Development Aid: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
-APSA, August

“Winning Hearts and Minds through Development: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
-APSA, August
-MIT Congressional Seminar, April
-Boston College, April

2012 “Institutional Competition and Governance Quality: Experimental Evidence from Afghanistan”
-Princeton University, May
-Households in Conflict Conference, Marseilles School of Economics, France, December

“Empowering Women through Development Aid: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
-Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, November

“Winning Hearts and Minds through Development: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
-Vanderbilt University, February
-George Washington University, March
-Brown University, March
-Stanford University, April
-Uppsala University, Sweden, May

2011 “Winning Hearts and Minds through Development: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
- New York University, April
- Georgetown University, April
- Harvard University, November

2010 “Elite Capture of Local Institutions: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
-Harvard University, February
-Columbia University, April

“Peace through Development: Local Institution Building in Rural Afghanistan”
-Tufts University, February

“Afghanistan: The Road Ahead”
-Lincoln Labs, March

“Counterinsurgency in Afghanistan: The Way Ahead,”
-Boston Committee on Foreign Relations, October

- 2009 “Inside the Afghan Insurgency”
 -Lincoln Labs, February
 -Draper Labs, April
- “‘The Closest of Enemies: Alliance Formation in the Afghan Civil War”
 -University of Chicago, March
 -Wesleyan College, April
- “Elite Capture of Local Institutions: Evidence from a Field Experiment in Afghanistan”
 -Yale University, November
- “Peace through Development: Local Institution Building in Rural Afghanistan”
 -Harvard University, November
- “Afghanistan: Realities and The Road Ahead”
 -Columbia University, November

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer for: *Science, APSR, AJPS, World Politics, International Organization, British Journal of Political Science, Journal of Conflict Resolution, International Security, Public Opinion Quarterly, Security Studies, Journal of Institutional Economics, Journal of Peace Research.*

Experiments in Governance and Politics Research Group (EGAP), Member 2010-present and Organizing Committee 2011-2012

American Political Science Association Comparative Democratization Best Fieldwork Award Committee 2009-2010

Affiliated with: EGAP, APSA, International Growth Center-LSE, American Academy of Political and Social Science, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

LANGUAGES

Greek (native), working knowledge of Farsi/Dari and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian, Russian (read and written), German (read and written), French (read and written), Arabic (basic).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

MIT, Department of Political Science

17.869 *Scope and Methods*, Fall 2008, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Course designed to provide an introduction to a variety of empirical research methods used by political scientists.

17.582 *Civil Wars*, Fall 2008, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Survey course on the social science literature on civil war. Studies the origins of civil war, discusses variables affecting duration, and examines termination of conflict.

17.583 *Conflict through the Graphic Novel*, Spring 2013

This course addresses an array of conflict dynamics through seminal works in political science and uses graphic novels to present the empirics, covering some of the most important cases of war and violence.

17.586 *Warlords, Terrorists and Militias*, Spring 2010, Spring 2011

General overview of the recent political science literature on violent non-state actors. The class covers works pertaining to the production side of non-state violence as well as the response that violence elicits from governments or other actors.

17.504 *Ethnic Politics*, Fall 2010 (with Roger Petersen)

General overview of the major theories and empirical work on the relationship between ethnicity and politics.

Harvard University, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching in Fall 2007 for my service as a Teaching Fellow in a course on the Political Economy of Development and in Spring 2007 for my service as an Instructor in a seminar on the Contemporary Politics of the Middle East.

Harvard University, Department of Government

Senior Thesis Advisor, Fall 2007-Spring 2008. Advised a senior concentrator in Government, who wrote a thesis in the field of Comparative Politics and the Middle East and received magna and summa grades for her thesis. Duties included counseling on thesis theoretical contribution, empirical analysis, and research methods.

Teaching Fellow, *Social Analysis 52/Gov1100: The Political Economy of Development*, (Prof. Robert Bates) Fall 2007. Held weekly sections, developed assignments, advised students and graded papers for this course which looks at the economic and political origins of modern states from a comparative perspective, comparing political development in capitalist and socialist economies, as well as across regions in the developing world.

Instructor, *Government 98r: Junior Tutorial in Contemporary Politics of the Middle East*, Spring 2007-2008.

Developed the syllabus and taught this seminar, which addresses open questions in the politics of the Middle East focusing on the political economy of natural resources, the relationship between the state and civil society, causes of regime change and persistence, as well as American foreign policy in the region.

Harvard University, Kennedy School of Government

Course Assistant, *ISP-224: Human Rights and International Politics: The Basic Policy Dilemmas* (Prof. Michael Ignatieff), Fall 2002-2005. Developed assignments, advised students, and graded papers for this course which is an introduction to international human rights and the dilemmas that result when states, NGOs, international institutions, and citizens try to use human rights to guide policy and action.

Course Assistant, *ISP-226: Human Rights, State Sovereignty and Intervention* (Prof. Michael Ignatieff), Spring 2004-2005. Developed assignments, advised students, and graded papers for this course which addresses questions on the role of human rights in justifying and shaping the interventions that states make in the internal affairs of other states.

Harvard University, Quincy House

Resident Advisor in Public Policy and Tutor for Fellowships, Fall 2002-Spring 2008. Advised Harvard College students on fellowship applications and study abroad.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

World Bank

Consultant

Principal Investigator in the Randomized Impact Evaluation of the National Solidarity Program, the biggest development program in Afghanistan.

Kabul, Afghanistan

2007-2012

Freedom House

Consultant

Wrote the country report for Afghanistan and evaluated and scored the country in terms of civil liberties and political rights for the 2011 and 2012 annual reports.

New York, NY

2011-2013

Dar al Hekma,

Instructor

Designed and taught a six week course on international relations for a class of graduate student women at the leading all women's college in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

April-May 2008

EU Mission to Yemen,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer for the Yemeni Presidential elections, deployed in the former South Yemeni capital of Aden.

Aden, Yemen

September 2006

EU Mission to the West Bank and Gaza,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer in the Palestinian Parliamentary elections, deployed in the West Bank city of Nablus.

Nablus, West Bank

January 2006

EU Mission to the West Bank and Gaza,

Short Term International Elections Observer

Served as a European Union short term elections observer in the first Palestinian Presidential elections in the post Arafat era, deployed in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

Ramallah, West Bank

January 2005

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission to Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Long Term International Elections Observer

Served as one of 12 OSCE long-term observers of the Uzbek Parliamentary elections, deployed in Tashkent.

December 2004

Hellenic Rescue Team

Assistant to Head of Mission

Worked on establishing relations with the US provisional authority in Iraq as a way to facilitate Hellenic Rescue Team's medical activities in the field.

Thessaloniki, Greece

Summer 2003

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Assistant to Human Rights Officer

Conducted field-research and wrote a 50-page report on the discrimination faced by returnee children in the realm of education in BiH's Canton 1 Municipalities.

Summer 2002

Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Mission to Kosovo

International Elections' Supervisor

Served as an international elections supervisor, deployed in Vucitrn/Vushtri, a town in the divided municipality of Mitrovica.

Kosovo, FRY

November 2001

**United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA),
Belgrade, FRY**

Intern to the Head of Office

Summer 2001

Co-authored a Humanitarian Risk Analysis on the status of Roma and Roma Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Kosovo in FRY.

PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATES

EU Training for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management, Sennybridge Military Training Camp, UK

Certified to participate in EU post-conflict and state-building missions.

United Nations Civil-Military Coordination Training Course,

Guatemala City, Guatemala

Certified to participate in international humanitarian assistance operations.