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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Political Parties, Bureaucratic Politics, Electoral Institutions, Democratization, Civil-Military Relations, Politics of South Asia, Politics of the Middle East and North Africa	
EMPLOYMENT	Williams College Visiting Lecturer, Department of Political Science	2023-2024
EDUCATION	Harvard University Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Government Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations Committee: Melani Cammett (Co-Chair), Steven Levitsky (Co-Chair), Pia Raffler, Ashutosh Varshney	2023 (Expected)
	University of Chicago M.A. in International Relations, with Honors Fields: International Security, IR Theory, International Political Economy	2015
	The George Washington University B.A. in International Affairs & Middle Eastern Studies, <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> Concentrations: International Politics and Conflict & Security	2011
	Arabic Language Institute in Fez Coursework: Advanced Arabic Studies	2010
UNDER REVIEW	“Governing the State: The Erosion of Bureaucratic Capacity Under Party Competition in India”	
WORKING PAPERS	“Theorizing about the Civil in Civil-Military Relations: How Civilian Institutions Dictate Military Behavior” (with Daniel K. Baissa) “Embedded in the State: Explaining Party Weakness in the Middle East and North Africa” “The Insider ‘Outsiders’: Establishment Actors in Challenger Parties”	
TEACHING AND ADVISING	Visiting Lecturer, PSCI 256: Elections in the Developing World, Williams College, Spring 2024 Visiting Lecturer, PSCI 356: Democratization in South Asia, Williams College, Spring 2024 Visiting Lecturer, PSCI 140: Introduction to Comparative Politics, Williams College, Fall 2023 Visiting Lecturer, PSCI 255: Politics of South Asia, Williams College, Fall 2023 Teaching Fellow, General Education 1008: Power and Identity in the Middle East, taught by Melani Cammett, Harvard University, Spring 2022	

Senior Thesis Advisor, Department of Government, Harvard University, Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Concentration Advisor, Department of Government, Harvard University, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Teaching Fellow, Government 1207: Comparative Politics of the Middle East, taught by Melani Cammett, Harvard University, Spring 2019

Teaching Fellow, Government 1790: American Foreign Policy, taught by Joshua Kertzer, Harvard University, Fall 2018

Teaching Fellow, Government 1290: Comparative Democratization, taught by Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, Spring 2018

Teaching Fellow, Government 20: Foundations of Comparative Politics, taught by Steven Levitsky, Harvard University, Fall 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

Harvard Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute, Graduate Student Associate	2022-2023
Harvard Social Sciences Fund	2022
Harvard Fredrick Sheldon Traveling Fellowship	2019-2020
Fulbright-Nehru Research Fellowship (Declined)	2019-2020
Harvard Asia Center Summer Research Grant	2019
Harvard Asia Center, Graduate Student Associate	2018-2019
Harvard Lakshmi Mittal South Asia Institute Summer Research Grant	2018
Harvard Asia Center Winter Research Grant	2017
Harvard Summer School Tuition Fellowship	2016
University of Chicago, Committee on International Relations, Second Year Specialization Program in Nationalism, Ethnic Conflict, and Identity	2014-2015
University of Chicago Tuition Fellowship	2013-2015
George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies Study and Travel Grant	2010
George Washington University, Women's Leadership Program	2007-2008

SELECT INVITED PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association, Sept. 2023 – Title: “Governing the State: The Erosion of Bureaucratic Capacity Under Party Competition in India”	
Midwest Political Science Association, April 2023 – Title: “Theorizing about the Civil in Civil-Military Relations: Why Political Party Behavior Dictates Military Strategies”	
Harvard University, Asia Center, Sept. 2018 – Title: “State-Building after Democratization”	
Harvard Kennedy School, April 2018 – Title: “Democracy, Corruption, & the Military in Pakistan”	
The University of Chicago, Program for International Politics, Economics, and Security (PIPES), Feb. 2015 – Title: “The Effect of Party Competition on Electoral Violence”	

RESEARCH
TOOLS

Programming: ArcGIS, R, LaTeX

Languages: Urdu (Native Proficiency), Hindi (Oral Proficiency), Arabic (Working Proficiency), Spanish (Elementary Proficiency)