

CONTACT INFORMATION	30 Wadsworth St. Cambridge, MA, USA 02142	Homepage: biffpm.github.io/ E-mail: ekpm@mit.edu
APPOINTMENTS	<p>Yale University, New Haven, CT 2025–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant Professor, Political Science <p>Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 2024-2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moulay Hicham Alaoui Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs 	
EDUCATION	<p>Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 2018-2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ph.D., Political Science (Comparative Politics and Quantitative Methods) • Graduate Research Fellow at MIT GOV/LAB & MIT Global Diversity Lab, Junior Fellow at AALIMS • Committee: Profs. Richard Nielsen (Chair), Fotini Christia, Mai Hassan, & Lily Tsai <p>Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.. 2014-2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M.A., Middle East Studies, Conflict Management, & International Economics <p>Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y. 2008-2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.A., World Politics, <i>Magna Cum Laude</i> 	
PUBLICATIONS & CONDITIONALLY ACCEPTED	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Empowering Women Facing Gender-Based Violence amid COVID-19 Through Media Campaigns,” with Fotini Christia, Horacio Larreguy & Manuel Quintero, <i>Online First</i>, Nature Human Behavior. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-registration, Replication Data and Code, and Ungated PDF. • Coverage at EGAP, J-Pal, and MIT News. 2. “Social Media Narratives on Conflict from Northern Syria,” with Erin Walk, Kiran Garimella, Ahmet Akbiyik & Fotini Christia, <i>Forthcoming</i>, Journal of Politics. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replication Data and Code and Ungated PDF. 	
WORKING PAPERS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. “Workplace Networks and Civil Society in Autocracies: Evidence from Jordan,” <i>Available Upon Request</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APSA Middle East & North Africa Section Best Paper Award, 2024 • APSA Education Politics & Policy Best Paper Award, 2024 • Earlier version, APSA Labor Politics A. Philip Randolph Award for best graduate student paper (co-awarded), 2023 • Audio discussion in POMEPS podcast, September 2023 2. “Paper-Pusher or President’s Guard? State Work and Contentious Action in the Syrian Uprising,” <i>Available Upon Request</i>, <i>Under Review</i> 	
IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Book Project</i>: “Striking from the Schoolyard: Workplace Networks and Civil Society in the Contemporary Middle East” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucien Pye Award for Best Doctoral Thesis, MIT Department of Political Science, 2024 (co-awarded) 2. “‘Should I get them for you?’: Extra-Instrumental Considerations when Measuring Networks in the Field” 3. “Urbanization and the Maintenance of Tribal Patronage in Jordan,” with Mohamed Shedeed 4. “Public sector protest in the Middle East and North Africa” 5. “Double Shift: School Segregation and Social Cohesion in Jordan’s Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis,” with Bailey Palmer 	

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PUBLICATIONS

1. “Refugee Commodification and Syrian Integration into Jordanian Education,” *Project on Middle East Political Science*, March 2024, [Link](#).
2. “Union Antecedents: Educators, Healthcare Workers, and Workplace Social Ties in Jordan,” in *Institut français du Proche-Orient Jordan: Political Actors* (Textbook, English & French)
3. “Transparency and Repression in Jordan’s Response to COVID-19,” *Project on Middle East Political Science*, April 2020, [Link](#).
4. “Jordanians see more to worry about in their economy than Syrian refugees,” *Lawfare*, September 2019, [Link](#).
5. “What a Syrian neighborhood can teach us about the talks to end the civil war,” with Dan Wilkofsky, *War on the Rocks*, February 2017, [Link](#).
6. “Syria’s currency means big trouble for Bashar al-Assad’s war efforts,” *Quartz*, October 2016, [Link](#).
7. “U.N. Mediation in the Syrian Crisis: From Kofi Annan to Lakhdar Brahimi,” with Raymond Hinnebusch, I. William Zartman, and Omar Imady, *International Peace Institute*, March 2016, [Link](#).

SKILLS

- **Languages:** Arabic (Modern Standard & Levantine, Proficient), French (Intermediate), English (Native)

TEACHING

- **Political Science Laboratory (Undergraduate)**, An introduction to Regression and Causal Inference for MIT’s Political Science majors, Co-Instructor, Spring 2024, Evaluations: 7/7
- **Political Science Math Camp (Graduate)**, Co-Instructor, MIT, August 2022 & August 2023
- **Quantitative Social Science and Middle East Politics**, Instructor, Independent study for Beloit College senior, Fall 2023
- **Quantitative Research Methods II: Causal Inference (Graduate)**, Teaching Assistant, MIT, Spring 2021, Evaluations: 6.9/7
- **Macroeconomics**, Teaching Assistant, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Fall 2015
- **Guest Lectures:** Scope & Methods (Undergraduate, MIT), Civil Wars (Graduate, MIT), Second Year Paper (Graduate, MIT), Civil Society & Democracy (Graduate, Boston College)
- **Additional Training:** MIT’s [Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program](#), Fall 2023

TALKS AND
PRESENTA-
TIONS

- **2024 (Scheduled):** MESA, APSA, Authoritarian Political Systems Group (Virtual), POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop, WPSA Undemocratic Politics Mini-Conference, AALIMS, APSG New Faces & Methods in Authoritarian Politics
- **2023:** MESA, POMEPS Politics of Migration and Refugee Rentierism in the Middle East, APSA, APSA Education Section Virtual Workshop, APSA Comparative Labor Politics Virtual Workshop, MIT Global Diversity Lab, MIT Comparative Politics Works in Progress, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy Political Violence Workshop
- **2022:** APSA, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative, MIT GOV/LAB, MIT Global Diversity Lab, MIT Graduate Student Works in Progress
- **2021, All remote:** MESA, APSA, MPSA, Politics and Computational Social Science, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies (AALIMS), Harvard Political Violence Workshop, Harvard Kennedy Middle East Initiative, MIT GOV/LAB
- **2020, All remote:** Household in Conflict Network, MIT-Harvard-Tufts-Yale Political Violence Conference

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- *GOV/LAB Dissertation Grant*, \$15,000, MIT, June 2022
- *Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant*, \$3,500, MIT, March 2022
- *Peace & Recovery Exploratory Grant*, \$10,000, Innovations for Poverty Action
- *APSA Travel Grant*, \$500, APSA Committee on the Status of LGBT Individuals, September 2021
- *GOV/LAB Seed Grant*, \$5,000, MIT, October 2021
- *Center for International Studies Summer Study Grant*, \$3,500, MIT, May 2020
- *Christian A. Herter Award for Academic Excellence (Valedictorian)*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, May 2016
- *Conrad Black Fellow*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, AY 2015 – 2016
- *Rosenthal Fellow*, Johns Hopkins SAIS, Summer 2015
- *Fulbright Fellowship & Critical Language Enhancement Award for Arabic*, U.S. Department of State, AY 2012-2013
- *Judge John H. Wells Fellow*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Pi Sigma Alpha*, Hamilton College, May 2012
- *Barrett Seaman Prize for Writing*, Hamilton College, August 2011
- *Dean's List*, Hamilton College, August 2008 – May 2012

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE

- **Reviewer:** Journal of Politics, Middle East Law & Governance, Migration Studies
- **Co-Organizer, Comparative Labor Politics Workshop**, *APSA Labor Politics Section*, March 2024
- **Co-Organizer, Women's Coffee Hour**, *MIT Political Science*, 2023-2024
- **Mentor, Summer Research Program**, *MIT Global Diversity Lab*, Summer 2023
- **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Co-Chair**, *MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council*, 2020-2021
- **Mentor, URM Research Mentor Program**, *MIT GOV/LAB*, 2020-2021
- **Graduate Resident Advisor**, *Simmons Hall @ MIT*, 2019-2021
- **Co-President**, *MIT Political Science Graduate Student Council*, 2019-2020
- **Board Member**, *The Amal Foundation*, a small NGO funding Syrian students to pursue university education in Jordan, now [Jusoor-Amal Scholarship Fund](#), 2015-2019

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- **Synaps Network** Feb. - Oct. 2021
Consultant, Syria's economy. Beirut, Lebanon (*Remote*)
- **International Organization for Migration** 2019–2020
Consultant, Iraq - Economic Development Fund. Erbil, Iraq & Cambridge, MA
- **U.S. Department of the Treasury** 2017–2018
Research analyst, Syria's economy. Washington, DC
- **Navanti Group** 2015–2017
Research analyst and team lead, governance in northern Syria (USAID/OTI). Washington, DC
- **Syria Direct** 2013–2014
Reporter, editor, and translator covering the Syrian conflict. Amman, Jordan
- **U.S. Fulbright Program** 2012–2013
U.S. Fulbright Fellow, teacher in a semi-public high school. Amman, Jordan