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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Executive Director Immigration Policy Lab, Stanford University	2022 – present
	Affiliated Scholar Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University	2018 – present
	Postdoctoral Associate MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University	2019 – 2020
	Lecturer Department of Political Science, Yale University	2019
	Research Associate Refugee Law Project, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda	2016 – 2017
EDUCATION	Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley , Political Science, 2019 DISSERTATION: “Making Migrations: Population Displacement Strategies in Civil Wars” MAJOR FIELDS: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Public Policy and Organizations	
	M.A., University of California, Berkeley , Political Science, 2013 THESIS: “The Political Economy of Exclusion: Refugee Return and Social Capital in South Sudan”	
	B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison , Political Science and International Studies, 2008 THESIS: “Exclusion to Expansion: Internally Displaced Persons and the Global Refugee Regime”	
PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“How Does International Intervention Work? A Mechanism for Securing Peace Settlements in Civil Conflicts” (with Aila Matanock). <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> , Vol. 52, No. 4 (2022): pp. 1810-30.	
	“The Consequences of Internal Displacement on Conflict Dynamics: Evidence from Syria” (with Justin Schon). <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 86 (April 2021): pp. 1023-1046.	
	“Winning Hearts and Minds for Rebel Rulers: Foreign Aid and Military Contestation in Syria” (with Allison Carnegie, Kim Howe, and Dipali Mukhopadhyay). <i>British Journal of Political Science</i> (2021): pp. 1-22.	
	“The Effects of Foreign Aid on Rebel Governance: Evidence from a Large-Scale U.S. Aid Program in Syria” (with Carnegie, Howe, and Mukhopadhyay). <i>Economics & Politics</i> (2021).	
	“Explaining Population Displacement Strategies in Civil Wars: A Cross-National Analysis.” <i>International Organization</i> , Vol. 74, No. 2 (Spring 2020): pp. 253-294.	
	“Beyond Ethno-Sectarian Cleansing: The Assortative Logic of Forced Displacement in Syria.” <i>Refugee and Migration Movements in the Middle East</i> . Ed. Marc Lynch. Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Series No. 25 (March 2017): pp. 42-48.	
	“Forced Displacement and Identity Politics in the Middle East.” <i>Nations and Nationalism</i> . Ed. Marc Lynch. POMEPS Series No. 14 (June 2015): pp. 22-25.	

WORKS
IN-PROGRESS

Guilt by Location: Forced Displacement and Population Sorting in Civil Wars (book manuscript, under review).

“Understanding Social Acceptance of Returnees after Displacement: Experimental Evidence from Iraq” (working paper).

“State Responses to the Internally Displaced: A New Dataset” (with Abbey Steele, working paper).

“Who Supports Violent Extremism, and How Do We Measure It? Evidence from Niger and Burkina Faso” (under review).

POLICY
ANALYSIS

Mobilizing Communities to Build Social Cohesion and Reduce Vulnerability to Violent Extremism: Evidence from a Peacebuilding Program in Niger (with Ryan Sheely and Lisa Inks). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2022)

“To Ease Iraq’s Displacement Crisis, Restorative Justice and Peacebuilding are Vital” (with Mayesha Alam). *Just Security* (2021)

“Towards Durable Solutions to Displacement: Understanding Social Acceptance of Returnees in Post-ISIS Iraq” (with Saad Saadi). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

“The Pandemic Has Reshaped Conflicts Around the World. Here’s What Got Worse” (with Mayesha Alam and Ryan Sheely). *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2021)

A Clash of Contagions: The Impact of COVID-19 on Conflict in Nigeria, Colombia, and Afghanistan (with Gabrielle Aron, Daniel Herrera Kelly, and Ryan Sheely). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

From High-Risk to Resilient: The Role of Social and Economic Interventions in Reducing Vulnerability to Violent Extremism in Kenya (with Ryan Sheely and Lisa Inks). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2022).

‘Fear of the Unknown’: Religion, Identity, and Conflict in Northern Nigeria (with Emmanuel Ogbudu). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (2021).

“Understanding the Links Between Social Cohesion and Violence: Evidence from Niger” (with Lisa Inks and Ryan Sheely). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (March 2021).

“Prioritizing Research and Learning within the Global Fragility Strategy” (with Ifeoluwa Olawole and Ryan Sheely). Washington, D.C.: Mercy Corps (February 2021).

“Guilt by Location,” *Foreign Policy* (2020).

“Strategic Displacement and the Politics of Wartime Mobility: Implications for Policymakers and Practitioners,” UNHCR working paper, contribution to UNHCR’s *State of the World’s Forcibly Displaced 2021* (2020).

What Makes Refugees and Migrants Vulnerable to Detention in Libya? A Microlevel Study of the Determinants of Detention, Mixed Migration Centre of North Africa (2019).

“You Can’t Go Home Again: Pressures and Prospects of Refugee Return to Syria,” Institute for the Study of International Migration, Georgetown University (2019).

Conflict and Fragility: Reassessing Measurement and Policy Frameworks, Washington, D.C.: Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation, U.S. Agency for International Development (2018).

Getting to Governance? An Evaluation of USAID/OTI Assistance in Rebel-held Syria (with Kim Howe and Depali Mukhopadhyay), Washington, D.C.: USAID Office of Transition Initiatives (2017).

“How to Really Help the World’s New Refugees,” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2015)
 “The Identity Politics of Displacement in the Middle East,” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* (2015)
 “Syria, Libya, and the Challenge of Intervention,” *UN Dispatch* (2014)
 “The Aid Diversion Dilemma,” *UN Dispatch* (2014)
 “Forced Migration as a Weapon of War,” *UN Dispatch* (2014)
 “America’s Refugee Crisis,” *UN Dispatch* (2014)

FIELD RESEARCH Afghanistan, Egypt, Honduras, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Syria, Turkey, Uganda

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE **Executive Director, Immigration Policy Lab, Stanford University** (Stanford, CA) 2022 – present
 Led strategic vision, research implementation, partnership development, and organizational management of lab that designs and evaluates migration policies and programs globally.

Senior Researcher, Mercy Corps (Washington, D.C.) 2020 – 2022
 Designed and implemented studies related to conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution.

Consultant, UNHCR (New York, NY) 2020
 Wrote a research paper on weaponized displacement and its implications for policymakers.

Senior Conflict Specialist, World Bank Independent Evaluation Group (Washington, DC) 2019
 Conducted an evaluation of World Bank engagement in fragile and conflict-affected states.

Consultant, Danish Refugee Council (Tunis, Tunisia) 2019
 Conducted a quantitative analysis of the determinants of refugee and migrant detention in Libya and produced a report for the Mixed Migration Centre in North Africa.

Evaluation Team Leader, Mercy Corps (Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan) 2018
 Conducted a mid-term performance evaluation of humanitarian programs in Syria.

Consultant, USAID Office of Conflict Management and Mitigation (Berlin, Germany) 2018
 Reviewed research on conflict and state fragility and wrote a report on key conceptual, theoretical, and empirical debates, and recommendations for enhancing USAID’s early warning efforts.

Survey Research Specialist, USAID OTI/Dexis Consulting Group (Istanbul, Turkey) 2016 – 17
 Provided technical assistance in survey design, methodology, and data analysis regarding civilian perception surveys in opposition-held Syria.

Evaluation Consultant, USAID OTI/Dexis Consulting Group (Istanbul, Turkey) 2016 – 17
 Analyzed results from local perception surveys and data on USAID/OTI activities to evaluate programming impact on wartime governance and public support for opposition entities in Syria.

Monitoring & Evaluation Trainer, U.S. State Dept./Creative Associates (Istanbul, Turkey) 2017
 Led training of program staff on research design, measurement, data collection techniques, remote research management, and analysis of qualitative and quantitative data.

Senior Research Analyst, USAID OTI Syria/Dexis Consulting Group (Istanbul, Turkey) 2016
 Monitored and analyzed political, military, and social dynamics in Aleppo, Idlib, and Homs, and conducted oral and written briefings for USAID/OTI, the U.S. State Department, and other donors.

Evaluation Consultant, USAID OTI Syria/Chemonics International (Gaziantep, Turkey) 2015
 Conducted an assessment of the SRP program to capture and synthesize best practices and lessons learned in activity design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation, and training.

Project Manager, Chemonics International (Washington, D.C. and Worldwide) 2010 – 12
 Helped develop and implement USAID programs in Afghanistan, Libya, Sudan, and Pakistan.

Contributing Editor, National Geographic Glimpse (Amman, Jordan) 2008 – 09
 Reported and wrote narrative articles on gender, forced migration, and economic issues in Jordan.

TEACHING

Security and Irregular Migration
 Instructor, Institute for Security Governance, Naval Postgraduate School 2022 – 2023

The Politics of Forced Migration and Population Displacement
 Course Instructor, Yale University Fall 2019

Introduction to Comparative Politics
 Graduate Student Instructor (with M. Steven Fish), UC Berkeley Spring 2015

Ethics and Justice in International Affairs
 Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), UC Berkeley Fall 2014

WAR!
 Graduate Student Instructor (with Ron Hassner), UC Berkeley Spring 2014

Introduction to International Relations
 Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), UC Berkeley Fall 2013

INVITED TALKS,
 CONFERENCES,
 WORKSHOPS

APSA Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA) September 2023

Evidence 2 Action: Confronting Displacement in a Changed World (Berkeley, CA) September 2022

Cambridge University Forced Displacement Workshop (Cambridge, UK) January 2020

McGill University Peace and Security Studies Speaker Series (Montreal, CA) January 2020

Tufts University Human Security Lecture Series (Medford, MA) November 2019

Columbia University International Politics Seminar Series (New York, NY) September 2019

APSA Annual Meeting (Washington, DC) September 2019

ISA Annual Convention (Toronto, CA) March 2019

Peace Science Society International Meeting (Austin, TX) November 2018

IDMC Conference “Forced Displacement and Development” (Geneva, CH) October 2018

SOAS Refugee Law Initiative Annual Conference (University of London, UK) July 2018

“Violence and Refugees in the Arab Spring” workshop (Hamburg, DE) May 2018

	Yale Program on Order, Conflict and Violence Speaker Series (New Haven, CT)	March 2018
	Olympia Summer Academy on Conflict and Political Violence (Nafplio, GR)	July 2017
	RSC Oxford Conference “Beyond Crisis: Rethinking Refugee Studies” (Oxford, UK)	March 2017
	Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM) Convention (Poznan, PL)	July 2016
GRANTS AND AWARDS	Presidential Management Fellowship	2020
	David A. Lake Best Paper Award, International Political Economy Society	2019
	Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation	2018 – 19
	Truman National Security Fellowship, Washington, D.C.	2019
	Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship	2018 – 19
	Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Graduate Fellowship	2018 – 19
	Rocca Dissertation Fellowship, Center for African Studies, UC Berkeley	2014 – 15; 2017 – 18
	Human Rights Fellowship, Human Rights Center, UC Berkeley School of Law	2016 – 17
	Andrew Mellon Research Grant, Center for Middle East Studies, UC Berkeley	2016
	Jennings Randolph Peace Scholarship, U.S. Institute of Peace	2015 – 16
	Herb York Global Security Fellowship, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation	2015 – 16
	John L. Simpson Research Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley	2014 – 15
	Herbert Scoville, Jr. Peace Fellowship, Washington, D.C.	2009
	U.S. Department of State Critical Languages Scholarship, Arabic, Salalah, Oman	2008
	University of Wisconsin William Jennings Bryan Senior Thesis Award	2008
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University	Summer 2015
	Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan	Summer 2015
SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS	Reviewer, <i>International Organization</i> , <i>Journal of Peace Research</i> , <i>European Journal of International Relations</i> , <i>International Interactions</i>	2018 – Present
	Coordinator, Local Integration Working Group, IASFM	2015 – Present
	Member, American Political Science Association	2013 – Present
	Member, International Studies Association	2013 – Present
SOFTWARE	Stata, R, Python, L ^A T _E X, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop	
LANGUAGES	Arabic (conversational)	