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

“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” (working paper).

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).

*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).

“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)

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
INVITED TALKS, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS	APSA Annual Meeting (Seattle, WA)	September 2021
	Cambridge University Forced Displacement Workshop (Cambridge, UK)	January 2020
	McGill University Peace and Security Studies Speaker Series (Montreal, CA)	January 2020
	New Perspectives in War, Migration and Refugee Studies (Amsterdam, NL)	December 2019
	Tufts University Human Security Lecture Series (Medford, MA)	November 2019
	Columbia University International Politics Seminar Series (New York, NY)	September 2019
	Yale University Comparative Politics Workshop (New Haven, CT)	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
	ISA Annual Convention (San Francisco, CA)	April 2018
	Yale Program on Order, Conflict and Violence Speaker Series (New Haven, CT)	March 2018
EISA Annual Convention (Barcelona, ES)	September 2017	

	APSA Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA)	August 2017
	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
	Bridging the Gap: New Era Foreign Policy Conference (Washington, DC)	March 2014
TEACHING	<b>The Politics of Forced Migration and Population Displacement</b> Course Instructor, Yale University	Fall 2019
	<b>Introduction to Comparative Politics</b> Graduate Student Instructor (with M. Steven Fish), UC Berkeley	Spring 2015
	<b>Ethics and Justice in International Affairs</b> Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), UC Berkeley	Fall 2014
	<b>WAR!</b> Graduate Student Instructor (with Ron Hassner), UC Berkeley	Spring 2014
	<b>Introduction to International Relations</b> Graduate Student Instructor (with Amy Gurowitz), UC Berkeley	Fall 2013
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, Journal of Peace Research, European Journal of International Relations, 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
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	<b>Senior Researcher, Mercy Corps</b> (Washington, D.C.) Designed and implemented studies related to conflict prevention, mitigation, and resolution.	2020 – Present
	<b>Consultant, UNHCR</b> (New York, NY) Wrote a research paper on weaponized displacement and its implications for policymakers.	2020
	<b>Senior Conflict Specialist, World Bank Independent Evaluation Group</b> (Washington, DC) Conducted an evaluation of World Bank engagement in fragile and conflict-affected states.	2019
	<b>Consultant, Danish Refugee Council</b> (New Haven, CT) 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.	2019

- Consultant, Refugees International** (Washington, D.C.) 2018  
Conducted an analysis of refugee return in Syria and drafted briefs for U.S. policymakers.
- 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.
- 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.
- Research Assistant, Professor Aila Matanock, UC Berkeley** (Berkeley, CA) 2014 – 16  
Drafted literature reviews on civil war termination and third-party intervention, and edited chapters of Professor Matanock's book manuscript, *Electing Peace* (Cambridge, 2017).
- 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.

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

SOFTWARE Stata, R, Python, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Adobe InDesign, Photoshop

LANGUAGES Arabic (conversational)