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## ACADEMIC POSITION

2016 - present | **Assistant Professor of Political Science - University of Central Florida**

## EDUCATION

2010 - 2016 | **Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California - San Diego.**  
2008 - 2009 | **M.A. in Politics, New York University**  
2005 - 2008 | **B.A. in Politics, New York University**

## PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming	"How did Tunisians React to Ennahdha's 2016 Reforms? Evidence from a Survey Experiment" <i>Mediterranean Politics</i>
Forthcoming	"Politics of Interconfessional Empathy and Schadenfreude in Lebanon" <i>Conflict Management and Peace Science</i> . (with Tom Dolan)
Forthcoming	"Perceived Linkages to Politicians and Group Deprivation Sentiment." <i>Politics, Groups and Identities</i> .
2020	Konstantin Ash "Identifying and Correcting Signal Shift in DMSP-OLS Data" <i>Remote Sensing</i> . Vol. 12, No. 14: 2219. (with Kevin Mazur)
2020	"Climatic Stress, Internal Migration and Syrian Civil War Onset" <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> . Vol. 64, No. 1: 3-31. (with Nick Obradovich)
2018	"'The War Will Come to Your Street': Explaining Geographic Variation in Terrorism by Rebel Groups" <i>International Interactions</i> . Vol. 44, No. 3: 411-436.
2016	"Threats to Leaders' Political Survival and Pro-Government Militia Formation." <i>International Interactions</i> ., Vol. 42, No. 5: 703-728.
2016	"Representative Democracy and Fighting Domestic Terrorism," <i>Terrorism and Political Violence</i> , Vol. 28, No. 1: 114-134.
2015	"The Election Trap: The Cycle of Post-electoral Repression and Opposition Fragmentation in Lukashenko's Belarus," <i>Democratization</i> , Vol. 22, No. 6: 1030-1053
2011	"A Game Theoretic Model for Protest in the Context of Post-Communism," <i>Communist and Post-Communist Studies</i> , Vol. 44, No. 1: 1-15.

## WORKING PAPERS

- "State Weakness and Support for Ethnic Violence in Southern Kyrgyzstan" *Revise and Resubmit at the Journal of Peace Research*.
- "Evaluating List Experiments on Socially Desirable Topics" *Under Review*.
- "Explaining Participation in Protests Demanding a Military Coup" *Under Review*.
- "Identity and Response to Natural Disaster Victims" (with Tom Dolan and Puck Winchester) *Under Review*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “Some People Want the Fall of the Regime: Explaining Demands for Regime Change in the Arab World”
- “Climatic Stress and Dissent in Competitive Authoritarian Regimes” (with Nick Obradovich)
- “Spring turns to Winter: Explaining violence after protest-induced Revolutions”
- “Public Support for Pro-Government Militias in Ukraine” (with Miroslav Shapovalov)

## OTHER ARTICLES

Forthcoming	“Post-Conflict Processes: The Case of Lebanon.” in Paul Djupe and Mark Rozell, editors. Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics and Religion. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.
May 2019	“How Ukraine’s new president broke down a historic divide,” <i>Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog</i> . (with Miroslav Shapovalov)
June 2018	“Russia put World Cup stadiums in some surprising places. This is why.” <i>Washington Post: Monkey Cage Blog</i> .
April 2017	“Explaining Belarus’ Sudden Protest Repression” <i>Political Violence at a Glance</i> (with Miroslav Shapovalov)
October 2015	“Strategische Repression und eine zersplitterte Opposition sichern Lukaschenkas Macht. (Strategic Repression and Opposition Fragmentation Keep Lukashenko in Power).” <i>Belarus-Analysen</i> . No. 23.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020-2021	Fulbright Scholar Grant for Research and Teaching in Belarus Alternate
2019-2020	National Council of Eastern European and Eurasian Research NRC Research Grant [\$19,100]
2019	UCF VPR Advancement of Early Career Researchers Grant [\$7,334]
2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021	UCF Department of Political Science internal grant and matching COS funds [\$4,000 each year]
2016-2017	International Peace Research Association Foundation Peace Research Grant [\$5,000]
2013-2014	University of California IGCC Herbert F. York Dissertation Fellowship [\$18,000]
2013-2014	UCSD Department of Political Science Sanford A. Lakoff Dissertation Fellowship [\$2,200]
2011	Recipient of the Critical Language Scholarship (Intermediate Arabic in Fes, Morocco)
2010-2011	UCSD Jacobs Fellowship [\$11,000]

## PRESENTATIONS

2021	APSA (accepted), ISA
2020	APSA
2019	ISA, WPSA.
2018	ISA, Virtual Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes.
2017	APSA, ISA, ISA-South.
2016	APSA, MESA, WPSA.
2015	APSA, ISA (JSS), POMEPS, Peace Science (International).
2014	APSA, Conflict Consortium Virtual Workshop, MESA.
2013	APSA, ISA, WPSA.
2012	ISA.

## SELECTED ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Instructor (UCF)</b>	<u>Causes of War</u> , Fall 2016. <u>Comparative Politics</u> , Spring 2017, Fall 2017 (online), Spring 2018 (online), Spring 2019 (online), Fall 2019 (online), Fall 2020 (online), Spring 2021 (online) <u>Contemporary Revolution and Political Violence</u> , Summer 2018 (online), Summer 2020 (online), Summer 2021 (online). <u>Geographic Tools for Political Science Research (graduate)</u> , Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Fall 2020 (reduced seat time). <u>Survey Design for Political Science Research (graduate)</u> , Fall 2018, Spring 2021. <u>Seminar in Comparative Politics (graduate)</u> , Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020. <u>Politics of Authoritarian Regimes (graduate)</u> , Fall 2019. <u>Government and Politics of Russia</u> , Spring 2020 (mixed-mode).
<b>Instructor (UCSD)</b>	Crisis Areas in World Politics, Summer 2015. Insurgency and Terrorism, Summer 2014. Politics of the Cold War, Fall 2013.
<b>Independent Study Instructor (UCF)</b>	Furkan Bayraktar (Authoritarian Politics - Fall 2017) Zlatin Mitkov (Survey Methods - Spring 2018) Thomas Spolizino (Survey Methods - Fall 2019) Alexander Valerus (East European Politics - Summer 2020)
<b>Committee Chair (UCF)</b>	Furkan Bayraktar (MA thesis, graduated 2018) Ajara Boulibekova (MA thesis, graduated 2018) Alanna Fulk (MA thesis, graduated 2019) Zachary Schverak (MA non-thesis, graduated 2020) Sixto Flores (MA non-thesis, ongoing) Maggie Morgan (BA Honors in the Major, graduated 2019) Donovan Fox (BA Honors in the Major, ongoing) Benjamin Giltner (BA Honors in the Major, graduated 2021)
<b>Committee Co-Chair (UCF)</b>	Joshua Lambert (PhD dissertation, graduated 2020) Zlatin Mitkov (PhD dissertation, ongoing) Santosh Sapkota (PhD dissertation, ongoing)

<b>Committee Member (UCF)</b>	Didara Nurmanova (PhD dissertation, graduated 2019) Sandor Fabian (PhD dissertation, graduated 2020) Doreen Horschig (PhD dissertation, graduated 2021) Thomas Spolizino (PhD dissertation, graduated 2021) Davide Delli'sola (PhD dissertation, ongoing) Jennifer Hudson (PhD dissertation, ongoing) Miroslav Shapovalov (PhD dissertation, ongoing)
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<b>Advisor (UCSD)</b>	Political Science Undergraduate Honors Seminar, Fall 2014-Winter 2015, Fall 2015-Winter 2016.
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## SKILLS

Computational	ArcGIS, JAGS, $\text{\LaTeX}$ , LIMDEP, R, SAS and Stata.
Language	<b>Russian:</b> Native fluency <b>Spanish:</b> Advanced professional proficiency <b>Modern Standard Arabic:</b> Advanced proficiency <b>Lebanese Colloquial Arabic:</b> Advanced conversational proficiency
Field Work	Lebanon (2013-14, 2018; 1 year total), Kyrgyzstan (2014, 2016, 2017; 4 months total), Tunisia (2017-18; 2 months total) and Ukraine (2019, 2020; 7 months total).

## SERVICE

Member	American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Middle Eastern Studies Association.
Referee	<i>American Journal of Political Science, Civil Wars, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict, European Journal of International Relations, International Interactions, International Studies Quarterly, Journal of Civil Society, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Nationalities Papers, PLOS One, Political Research Quarterly, Research &amp; Politics, Swiss National Science Foundation, Terrorism and Political Violence, World Politics.</i>
Panel Chair	ISA 2017, ISA 2018, ISA 2019.
Panel Discussant	APSA 2016, ISA 2017, ISA-South 2017, ISA 2018, ISA 2019, ISA 2021.
Media Source	2020: <a href="#">Vox</a> , <a href="#">El Mercurio (Chile) (1)</a> , <a href="#">El Mercurio (Chile) (2)</a> .