

Andrew M. Spath

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... a multi-method researcher/analyst able to clearly communicate analysis, results, & recommendations
... a professor specializing in Middle East politics, international relations, and research methods
... proficient in Arabic with significant experience living and researching in the Middle East

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professorial Lecturer

August 2014–present

American University, School of International Service

- Teach courses on Middle East politics and history, research methods, and comparative politics
- Lead and serve on multiple committees contributing to university governance, including coordinator for Global and Comparative Governance program
- Conduct research in the field of comparative politics with a focus on the Middle East

Associate Director

2016–present

Model G20 Initiative

- Design, organize, and implement first inter-collegiate simulation of the G20 in the United States
- Manage and oversee budget, staff, students, and simulation

Consultant

April 2019–present

World Bank Group

- Develop and deliver capacity building programs for public officials, including active learning exercises and simulations
- Provide technical knowledge on developing training modules
- Contribute to design and delivery of learning evaluation and assessment tools

Senior Consultant

December 2018–April 2019

National Democratic Institute – Morocco

- Analyzed government decentralization and devolution models for the TASHAROC project
- Wrote a report on decentralization models and their applicability to the Moroccan political context
- Presented analysis to local officials and stakeholders in Tangier, Morocco

Research Fellow

2012–2014

Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellow, U.S. Dept. of Education

2013–2014

Boren Fellow, National Security & Education Program (NSEP), US Dept. of Defense

2012–2013

Fulbright IIE Research Fellow, U.S. Dept. of State

2012–2013

- Implemented multi-method research design and data collection for doctoral dissertation
 - Content analysis of open-source media in Arabic and English
 - Conducted interviews with government officials, activists, party members, journalists, academics
- Intensive Arabic training in Modern Standard Arabic, Media Arabic, and Levantine Dialect

Research Analyst

2013–2014

Center for Strategic Studies, University of Jordan, Amman

- Analyzed public opinion survey data and wrote reports on Jordanian political and economic policies, local and regional governance, Syrian refugees, and domestic social and economic conditions
- Translated research materials and reports (Arabic-to-English and English-to-Arabic)

Research Fellow

2012–present

Foreign Policy Research Institute, Program on the Middle East, Philadelphia, PA

- Contribute analyses on current developments in the Levant
- Present public lectures and participate in speaking events on Middle East regional developments, especially political stability, security threats, and the Syrian conflict

Consultant

January 2013–August 2013

Anna Lindh Foundation – Jordan Network, Amman, Jordan

- Comparative analysis of multi-country regional Anna Lindh/Gallup Survey
- Wrote Jordan country report for the *EuroMed Intercultural and Social Trends 2013 Report*
- Conducted field interviews of civil society organizations on activities and network participation

Research Assistant **September 2011–May 2012**
Protest & Contention in New Democracies Project, Rutgers University

- Data management and analysis on protest activity in four transitional democratic countries

Research Assistant **2007–2009**
Dynamics of Sectarian Identity Project, Rutgers University

- Conducted field interviews on Iraqi exile and refugee communities in Jordan and Syria
- Developed protocol for focus group interviews of Iraqi youth to inform survey construction
- Managed Arabic language source collection of survey data and political views of Iraqi youth

EDUCATION

PhD Political Science, Rutgers University, 2017
Fields: Comparative Politics (Middle East), International Relations, Research Methods
Dissertation: "State, Society, and Succession in Jordan, Syria, and Beyond"

MA Political Science, Rutgers University, 2014

BA Political Science and Near Eastern Languages & Cultures (Arabic), Indiana University, 2007

RESEARCH TRAINING

Languages

Arabic | Advanced (9/12 ALTA) reading, writing, conversation (Modern Standard & Levantine Dialect)
French | Elementary reading

Data Analysis

Training | Time Series Analysis and Forecasting, ICPSR, 2011
Advanced Regression Analysis, ICPSR, 2011
Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Generalized Linear Models, Rutgers University, 2011

Programs | R, STATA, SPSS

FIELDWORK

2019 Morocco
2017 Palestine, Israel
2012–14 Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel
2008 Syria and Jordan
2006 Palestine and Israel

SELECTED WRITTEN WORK

"Comparative Decentralization: Lessons for Morocco's Advanced Regionalization," Report for TASHAROC Project, Development Alternatives International and National Democratic Institute, 2019
"Jordan between Stability and Spillover," *Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI) E-Notes*, August 2014
"Jordan: New Opportunities for Civil Society Development," *The Anna Lindh Report 2014: Intercultural Trends and Social Change in the Euro-Mediterranean Region*
"Elections in Jordan: Victory for Reform or More of the Same?" *FPRI E-Notes: Middle East Media Monitor*, February 2013
"Old Problems in Jordan's New Era," *The New Middle East*, February 2013
"Reform Not Revolution: Arab Spring in Jordan," *Fair Observer*, February 2013
"Syrian Opposition: Myths and Realities," *FPRI E-Notes: Middle East Media Monitor*, January 2012
"Change without Revolution: Jordan's Missed Opportunity?" *The New Middle East*, April 2011
"Simulating the Iraqi Parliament: Benefits of a Non-Traditional Approach to Teaching Iraqi Political Development," *Newsletter of the American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII)*, 4(2), Fall 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Frameworks of Comparative & Regional Studies, American University (2019)
Comparative Authoritarianism, American University (2017, 2018, 2019)
Contemporary Middle East, American University (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)
Arab-Israeli Relations, American University (2015)
Statistics and Methods in International Affairs, American University (2016, 2017)

Quantitative Analysis in International Studies, American University (2015, 2016)
Quantitative Analysis of Civil Conflict, American University (2015)
Introduction to International Studies Research, American University (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)
Jordan: Diplomacy & Development, CIEE Diplomacy & Policy Studies Program (2014)
Authoritarian Regimes: Institutions & Practices, Rutgers University (Spring 2012)
Contemporary Politics of the Middle East, Rutgers University (2009, 2010)
Arab Politics and Society, Rutgers University (2010)
Model United Nations, Rutgers University (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012)

SPEAKING & PRESENTATIONS

Selected Speaking

“Symposium on the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict,” 23 April 2018, The Rossman Group, Augusta, GA.
“The State of Islam & The Islamic State,” 16 October 2017. American University.
“Actor Complexity in the Syrian Conflict,” Global Leadership & International Affairs Program, Krinsky Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA
“The Middle East According to Donald Trump,” 12 January 2017. Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP), Fort Wayne, IN
“Actor Complexity in the Syrian Conflict,” June 2016, Global Leadership & International Affairs Program, Krinsky Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA
“Erasing Borders and Exporting Terror: The Middle East in the Age of the Islamic State,” 15 December 2015. Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), Philadelphia, PA
“Rethinking the Rise of ISIS: Jihadist Salafism, Historical Context, and Implications for US Foreign Policy,” 18 November 2014. The Hollybush Institute, Rowan University
“Beyond the battlefield: Syria’s war in social and political context,” 17 October 2014. PaCIE Annual Conference, Harrisburg, PA
“Geopolitics with Granieri: Is Jordan Next? The Threat from ISIL,” 9 September 2014. Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), Philadelphia, PA
“Analytic Exchange on Perspectives on Salafi Extremism among the Levant’s Sunnis,” 18 August 2014. U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Arlington, VA
“Middle East Uprisings: A Tour of the Neighborhood,” 9 September 2013. Indiana Center for Middle East Peace (ICMEP), Fort Wayne, IN
“The Regional Effects of Syria’s Civil War,” 24 July 2013. Julian Krinsky International Affairs Model UN Program, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
“Esh-sha’b Yuriid (The People Want): Syrian Society amid Uprising and Insurrection,” 7 June 2012. ICMEP, Fort Wayne, IN
“Syria’s Uprising after Two Springs: Where Things Stand and Possible Futures,” 20 May 2012. Bucks County Democratic Party Meeting, Yardley, PA

Conference Paper Presentations*

American Political Science Association (2012, 2013, 2019)
International Studies Association Midwest (2014, 2018)
International Studies Association South (2018)
International Studies Association (2016)
European and British Middle East Studies Association, London (2015)
Middle East Studies Association (2011, 2012, 2013)
Midwest Political Science Association (2009, 2012)

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2019	F. Gunther Eyck Award (dedication to teaching & students), American University
2017	Teaching with Technology Award (research simulation), American University
2015	Dean’s Conference Travel Award, SIS (BRISMES, London)
2013–14	Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award (Jordan)
2012–13	Fulbright Fellowship, Dissertation Research Grant (Jordan)
2012–13	NSEP David L. Boren Fellowship (Jordan, West Bank)
2012	Critical Language Enhancement Award (Arabic), U.S. Department of State
2012	Special Study Fellowship (Arabic language), Rutgers Graduate School, Summer
2011	Special Study Fellowship (ICPSR statistics), Rutgers Graduate School, Summer

* Titles and other details available on my academic CV ([link](#))