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Education

- 2004-present PhD in Political Science, The Ohio State University
Dissertation: *Muslim Democratic Parties: Globalization and Moderation in the Middle East*
Committee: Sarah Brooks (chair), Amaney Jamal (Princeton University), Irfan Nooruddin, Marcus Kurtz
- 2007 University of Chicago – Intensive Summer Language Course
- 2004-2006 MA in Political Science, The Ohio State University
Major – Comparative Politics, Minor – International Relations
- 2002-2004 Political Science, University of Houston
- 1998-2002 BA in International Relations, Bilkent University, Ankara-Turkey

Financial Support

- 2004-2009 Graduate Associate, The Ohio State University
- 2002-2004 Teaching Assistant, University of Houston

Academic Honors and Achievements

- 2008 James C. Cotting Research Abroad Grant
- 2008 OIA Travel Grant

2008	CAS International Travel Grant
2007	Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS) Grant
2007	Foreign Language Enhancement Program (FLEP) Fellowship
1998-2002	University Fellowship, Bilkent University

Conference Participation

“Muslim Democratic Parties: Islam, Globalization and Democracy.” Paper to be presented at 2009 Annual Meeting of American Political Science Association (APSA), Toronto, ON, September 2009 (accepted).

“Globalization and Muslim Democratic Parties in the Middle East: Evidence from Turkey and Egypt.” Paper presented at 2009 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 2, 2009, Chicago, IL.

Chair. “The Politics of Economic Growth and Development in MENA.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 3, 2009, Chicago, IL.

Discussant. “Education, Identity, and Human Capital in MENA.” Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), April 5, 2009, Chicago, IL.

Teaching Experience

Instructor	PS 546 - Politics of the Middle East
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2009 • Winter 2009 • Summer 2008

Research Experience

Summer 2009	Morocco	Interviews with party officials and businessmen
October-December, 2008	Egypt	Interviews with party officials, journalists, and businessmen
August-October, 2008	Turkey	Interviews with party officials and businessmen

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Middle East Studies Association
Turkish Studies Association

Research and Fields of Interest

Comparative Political Economy; Globalization; Political Islam; Islam and Democracy;
Politics of Turkey; Politics of the Middle East; Quantitative Methods.

Skills

Language: Turkish – Native

Arabic – Intermediate

Statistical: Stata, R, SPSS

Computer Programming: Java

References

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