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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2015 – <i>Affiliated faculty</i> , Georgetown Environment Initiative. <i>Affiliated faculty</i> , Mortara Center for International Studies.	
EDUCATION	Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015. Dissertation: “The Politics of Oil Nationalizations” Committee: Michael Ross (chair), Daniel Treisman, Mark Handcock, Jeffrey Lewis, Michael Thies, Miriam Golden.  M.S. in Statistics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015. M.A. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2012. M.A. in International Policy, Stanford University, 2009. B.A. in Economics, Columbia University, 2006.	
PEER- REVIEWED ARTICLES	“Global progress and backsliding on gasolines taxes and subsidies.” 2017. <i>Nature Energy</i> . 2, 16201. (with Michael Ross and Chad Hazlett).  “Explaining the oil advantage: Effects of natural resource wealth on incumbent reelection in Iran.” 2015. <i>World Politics</i> . 67(2): 226–67.  “Why do leaders nationalize the oil industry? The politics of resource expropriation.” 2014. <i>Energy Policy</i> . 75(C): 228–43.	
CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES	“The institutional components of political corruption.” 2015. In Ruben Ruiz Rufinio and Jennifer Gandhi (eds.), <i>Handbook of Comparative Political Institutions</i> . New York, NY: Routledge Press. (with Miriam Golden)  “Oil, monarchy, revolution, and theocracy: A study on the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC).” 2012. In David Victor, David Hulst and Mark Thurber (eds.), <i>Oil and Governance</i> . Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press.	
PAPERS UNDER REVIEW	Scraping public co-occurrences for statistical network analysis of political elites. <i>Conditionally accepted</i>  Oil, corruption, and the institutions that foster transnational bribery.  How taking from foreigners affects domestic human rights. Oxford University Blavatnik School of Government Working Paper Series. (with Noel P. Johnston and Nicole Janz)	
WORKS IN PROGRESS	<i>Petrodollars and governance: How petroleum shapes politics through national oil companies</i> (Book project, working title)  No taxation, no representation? Oil-to-cash transfers and the dynamics of government responsiveness  Taking back the well: The Shah’s re-nationalization of Iranian oil, 1973–1976  The new reality of fossil fuel subsidies (with Michael Ross)  Dynamics of the inner elite in dictatorships: Evidence from North Korea (with John Ishiyama)	

Share the wealth? How leaders distribute natural gas revenues in Peru (with Felipe Nunes)  
The political economy of natural gas flaring (with Raphael Calel)  
Welfare gains from environmental Pigouvian taxation (with Rabah Arezki, Michael Ross, and Ted Temzelides)

OTHER  
WRITINGS

“How to get reelected if you are an Iranian MP.” 2015. *The Washington Post / Monkey Cage*.  
“Will Iran’s parliament block the nuclear deal?” 2015. *The Washington Post / Monkey Cage*.  
- Reprinted in Marc Lynch (ed.), *Iran and the Nuclear Deal*. The Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Studies, Vol. 13.  
“Oil and Politics in Iran’s *Majles-e Shurā-ye Eslāmi*.” 2014. *The International Society for Iranian Studies Newsletter*. 34(4): 10-13.  
“Reforming National Oil Companies: Nine Recommendations.” 2014. *Natural Resource Governance Institute Briefing*. (with Patrick Heller and Johannes Schreuder)  
“The Petroleum Industry Bill and the Future of NNPC.” 2012. *Revenue Watch Institute Briefing*. (with Aaron Sayne, Patrick Heller, and Johannes Schreuder)  
“The Future Impact of Climate Change on the California Wine Industry.” 2009. Stanford IPS Report, prepared for California State Assembly Member Noreen Evans. (with Jonathan Gatto, Byung-oh Kim, Hirochika Namekawa, and Hung Tran)

DATA SETS

[Oil and Gas Data, 1932–2014](#). Sep 2015. Harvard Dataverse, V2. (with Michael Ross)

GRANTS,  
FELLOWSHIPS,  
& AWARDS

External

- GFC Fellow for the Council on the Future of Energy, World Economic Forum, 2016–2017
- Energy for Economic Growth Research Programme, U.K. Department for International Development (DfID) seed grant (with Michael Ross, PI), 2016–2020 (£15,000)
- Data Collection Grant, Natural Resource Governance Institute, 2014–15 (\$3,300)
- Adam Smith Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University, 2013–14 (\$6,750)
- NSF travel grant, Society of Political Methodology Summer Conference, 2013 & 2014 (\$500)
- Research Grant, Revenue Watch Institute and DfID, 2012 (\$9,000)
- EITM travel grant, University of Houston, 2012 (\$1,000)
- FLAS Fellowship for Persian (Farsi), U.S. Department of Education, 2011–12 (\$18,000)

Internal

- Seed grant (PI), Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2017–2018
- Seed grant (with Raphael Calel, co-PI), Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2016–17
- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2014–15
- Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2012–13
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA Graduate Division, 2010 & 2011
- Graduate Research Opportunity Grant, Program on Energy and Sustainable Development, Stanford University, 2008–09
- Susan Ford Dorsey International Policy Fellowship, Stanford University, 2007–08
- Departmental Honors, Columbia University Department of Economics, 2006

RESEARCH  
PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

- Harvard University, Comparative Politics Speaker Series, November 2016.
- Oxford University, Department of Politics & International Relations, June 2016.
- Columbia University, International Politics Seminar, February 2016.

- University of California Board of Visitors, Political Science, April 2015.
- ETH Zürich, Energy Politics Colloquium, June 2014.
- University of Tulsa, Collins College of Business, Energy Lecture Series, March 2013.

Invited workshops

- Indiana University, Environmental Politics & Governance Conference, June 2017.
- George Washington University, DC Area Climate & Energy Research Workshop, February 2017.
- Center for Strategic & International Studies, Energy and Economic Growth: Research and Matchmaking Conference, November 2016.
- Yale University, Extractive Resources and Global Governance Workshop in memory of Natasha Chichilnisky-Heal, October 2015.
- The World Bank, Energy & Extractives Communities of Practice, February 2015.
- Pennsylvania State University, “New Faces in Political Methodology,” April 2014.
- The World Bank, Poverty Reduction & Economic Management Learning Event, June 2013.

Conferences

- American Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2011–2016.
- Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meetings, 2011–2016.
- Society for Political Methodology Annual Meetings (poster presentations), 2013–2014.
- International Political Economy Society, 2015.

TEACHING PPOL 637: Comparative Politics & Policy of Energy. Graduate seminar (elective). Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

PPOL 502: Regression Methods for Policy Analysis. Graduate seminar (part two of required three-semester statistics sequence). Spring 2016.

SERVICE

University

- Co-organizer, Energy & Climate Policy Research Seminar, 2015–
- Massive Data Institute advisory committee, 2016.
- Masters in Public Policy Thesis Prize committee, 2016.
- Steering committee, Georgetown Environment Initiative, 2016–2018.

Profession

- Discussant: APSA 2015, 2016; DC Area Climate & Energy Research Workshop 2016; MPSA 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
- Chair: MPSA 2015; APSA 2016

Referee

- *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Political Science Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Electoral Studies*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Public Policy*, *Research & Politics*, *World Politics*, Cambridge University Press

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

*Languages*: English (native), Persian (intermediate), Italian (intermediate)

*Computing*: JAGS/STAN, Python, Unix

*Field Work*: Iran (June-July 2009); United Arab Emirates (July 2012); Qatar (August 2012); British Petroleum Archives, Coventry UK (June 2016)

CONSULTING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

PRIX Index

- Country analyst for the PRIX Political Risk Index for Oil Exports, 2015–2017.

Ergo Consulting

- Risk analysis of the Iranian political elite, 2013.
- Research analysis of the National Iranian Oil Company, 2011.

Natural Resources Governance Institute (formerly Revenue Watch Institute) & Transparency International

- Lead Researcher for the Nigerian National Petroleum Corp. project, 2012.
- Iran Country Researcher, 2010; Country Reviewer, 2016.

ICF International

- Research assistance for the Wholesale Power (Electric Utilities) division, 2006–07.

REFERENCES *Available upon request*