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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Faculty Lecturer, McGill University. 2022-Present.
Program Director, Canada-Israel Exchange.
In partnership with Hebrew University and the Schwartz-Reisman Foundation
- Instructor of Record, Binghamton University. 2018-2022.

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Political Science, Binghamton University. 2022.
 - Dissertation – Religion, State, and Modernity: Defining the Contours of Desecularization. Summary paper [here](#).
- M.A. Political Science, Binghamton University. 2019.
- Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2019.
- B.A. Political Science and Journalism, *summa cum laude*, Purchase College. 2015.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Substantive: Religion and politics, Globalization, Israel, United States, Human Rights, Political Sociology, Democratization, Institutionalism
- Methods: Mixed-Method Design, Multilevel Modeling, Structural Equation Modeling, Archival Research, Interview Research

WRITING

Peer-reviewed publications

- Szendro, Brendan. 2021. “Community, Faith, and Public Violence: assessing the county-level impact of religion on mass shootings in America.” *Journal of Crime and Justice*, DOI: [10.1080/0735648X.2021.1990786](https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2021.1990786).
- Szendro, Brendan. 2021. “Suicide, Social Capital, and Hate Group Formation.” *World Affairs*, DOI: [10.1177/00438200211053889](https://doi.org/10.1177/00438200211053889).

Invited for Revise & Resubmit

- “Institutional Entrenchment and the Prospects for Democracy: Evidence from Israel’s Judicial Overhaul.”
- “No Politics Under God: Modeling Kahanist Infrastructure in Relation to Israeli Institutions.”

Under Review

- “Religious Resurgence as Reaction to Globalization.”
- “Defining the Contours of Desecularization: A multilevel study of social identity and religious practices.”
- “The Politics of Place in Multi-National Settings: Evidence from the UK.” With B. Kal Munis and Joseph B. Phillips.

Working papers

- “A Critique of Incremental Constitutionalism in Israel.”
- “Buying Out the Religious Market: The effect of religious policies on political participation and contestation.”
- “Clashing Bottlenecks: Religious hostilities in the information age.”

Other Projects

- “Affluence Threat: Property norms and police brutality in the United States.” [Draft available on SocArXiv.](#)
- “Christian Fundamentalism and Outgroup Tolerance: The Moderating Role of Group Decline” with Richard Burke and Joseph B. Phillips.
- *Religion, State, and Modernity: Defining the Contours of Desecularization.* Monograph proposal under preparation.
- *Israeli Institutional Constraints and the Religious “Status Quo.”* Monograph proposal under preparation.

Other Publications

- “Israel’s Religious Zionists Gained Ground in the November Election.” *The Washington Post* – Published December 16, 2022.
- “How Israel’s missing constitution deepens divisions between Jews and with Arabs.” *The Conversation* – Published June 16, 2021.
- “The Israeli Right vs. Global Judaism,” *The Forward* – Published October 25, 2017.
- “More Thoughts on Autism in Academia,” *The Duck of Minerva* – Published May 4, 2017.

Media Appearances

- “Démission des présidentes des universités Harvard et de la Pennsylvanie,” *LeDélit* – Published January 17, 2024
- “Israel Faces an ongoing constitutional crisis – without a constitution,” *The Washington Post* – Published July 12, 2023.
- “Understanding Israel-Palestine,” *KKFI 90.1FM* – Aired June 2, 2023.
- “What’s going on in Israel-Palestine, and what is the international community going to do about it?” *McGill Policy Association Journal* – Published February 12, 2023.
- “NYS Gov. Hochul leaves out BU in flagship university proposal.” *Pipe Dream* – Published February 3, 2022.

- “Heart of darkness: Research probes the intersection of religion, mass shootings, suicide and hate,” *BingUNews* – Published December 7, 2021.

CONFERENCES

- Southern Political Science Association – 2022
- International Studies Association – 2021
- Midwestern Political Science Association – 2019

TEACHING

Faculty Lecturer – McGill University

- POLI476, Religion and Politics – Fall 2023
- POLI339, Israeli, Canadian Politics – Summer 2023
- POLI473, Democracy and the Market – Winter 2023, *scheduled Winter 2024*
- POLI325, American Politics – Fall 2022, 2023

Instructor of Record – Binghamton University

- PLSC298, Globalization Backlash – Fall 2021
- PSLC389, Religion & State in The Modern World – Winter 2021, Spring 2022
- PLSC113, Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2020
- PLSC380, Revolutions and Ideologies – Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant – Binghamton University

- PLSC113, Introduction to Comparative Politics – Fall 2018
- PLSC111, Introduction to American Politics – Spring 2018, Spring 2019
- PLSC115, Introduction to Ideas and Politics – Spring 2017
- PLSC117, Introduction to World Politics – Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Guest Lectures and Invited Talks

- “Israel-Palestine and the War in Gaza”
McGill University, November 7, 2023
- “The Arab-Israeli Conflict”
University of Rhode Island; October 12, 2023
- “Modern Interpretations of Thomas Hobbes”
Binghamton University; March 14, 2017
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Awards

- 2023, “Best Course in Developed Areas,” voted on by the McGill Political Science Students Association (PSSA).
- 2022, “Career Champion” award in mentorship, professional development, and career exploration at the Fleischman Center for Career and Professional Development.

OTHER

- Service and Administration

- Program Director, Israel-Canada Exchange at McGill University – 2022-Present
Directed all travel and course arrangements and coordinated program with partner university, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; taught classes to Israeli and Canadian students in both Israel and Canada; directed program admissions and recruitment.
- Administrative assistant, Harpur College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Office – Spring 2020
- Binghamton Graduate Student Organization representative – 2017-2018
- Technical Assistant, FREN-381B, Confronting the Other – Spring 2020
- Technical Assistant, ECON-443, Economics of Labor – Spring 2020

Professional Experience

- New York League of Conservation Voters
 - Writer, eco-weekly newsletter – 2012, 2013, 2015-2016.
 - Editor, eco-weekly newsletter – 2015-2016.

SKILLS

Data

- Proficient in Stata
- Proficient in R
- Proficient in LaTeX
- Proficient in Microsoft Office

Languages

- English – native speaker
- Hebrew – full professional proficiency (reading, writing) working (speaking)
- Hungarian – limited working proficiency (reading), elementary (speaking)
- Arabic – limited working proficiency (reading), elementary (speaking)

REFERENCES

Graduate Committee

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