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## EDUCATION

*Georgetown University*, Ph.D., Government (August 2013)

- Dissertation: *Party Matters: The Institutional Origins of Competitiveness and Hegemony in Post-Cold War Africa* (distinction, winner of the Harold N. Glassman Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences)
- Committee: Marc Morjé Howard (Chair); Daniel Brumberg, Andrew Bennett, Scott Taylor
- Major Field – Comparative Politics
- Minor Field – International Relations

*Georgetown University*, M.A. Government (2009)

*Brandeis University*, B.A. Politics/Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (2006)

- *Summa cum laude*, Highest Honors

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut (2016-)

Assistant Professor of Teaching and Associate Director of the Democracy and Governance Program, Department of Government, Georgetown University (2013-2016)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Morse, Yonatan L. “Electoral Authoritarianism and Weak States in Africa: Parties vs. Presidents in Tanzania and Cameroon” *International Political Science Review* (Forthcoming)

Morse, Yonatan L. “From Single-Parties to Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: Party Capacity and the Sources of Electoral Hegemony and Competitiveness in Post-Cold War Africa” *Comparative Politics* 48, no. 1 (October 2015): p.126-151

Morse, Yonatan L. “Party Matters: The Institutional Origins of Tanzania’s Competitive Hegemony” *Democratization* 21, no.4 (2014): p.655-677

Morse, Yonatan L. “The Era of Electoral Authoritarianism” *World Politics* 64, no.1 (January 2012): p.161-198

### Working Papers and Projects

*Electoral Authoritarianism in Africa: Parties, Patrons, and the Sources of Competition* (Book Manuscript)

“Democratization by Elections? Revisiting Evidence from Africa”

“After Defeat: Electoral Transitions and Authoritarian Comebacks”

“Beyond Reasonable Doubt: Factual Standards for Process Tracing”

“Hitting the Ground Running: Generating Elite Interviews in the Developing World”  
“Legislative Careers in Electoral Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Cameroon”

## Book Reviews

Review of Andreas Schedler. *The Politics of Uncertainty: Sustaining and Subverting Electoral Authoritarianism*, Oxford University Press, Oxford (2013), in *Acta Politica* 50, 2 (2015): p.246-248

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2016 Collaborative Research Fund (University of Connecticut)
- 2016 Book Incubator Grant for the Department of Government (Georgetown University)
- 2015 Center for Democracy and Civil Society Faculty Research Support (Georgetown University)
- 2015 Harold N. Glassman Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences (Georgetown University)
- 2011 Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Grant (Georgetown University)
- 2010 Government Department Pro-Seminar Fellowship (Georgetown University)
- 2010 Government Department Summer Research Grant (Georgetown University)
- 2009 Government Department Graduate Student Paper Award (Georgetown University)
- 2008-13 Government Department Fellowship (Georgetown University)
- 2006 The Fechter Family Prize in Political Science (Brandeis University)
- 2005 Circle on Democracy and Cultural Pluralism Research Grant (Brandeis University)

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

“Credible Ruling Parties and Electoral Authoritarian Contestation: Evidence from Africa” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (September 1, 2016)

“China’s Role in African Politics and Development,” lecture delivered at the Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing China (July 26-27, 2016)

“After Defeat: Electoral Transitions and Authoritarian Comebacks,” paper presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 8, 2016)

“A Political Scientist’s Perspective on Corruption” prepared for the International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management, Washington D.C. (December 9, 2015)

“Democratization by Elections? Revisiting Evidence from Africa,” paper presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 16-19, 2015)

“After Defeat: Electoral Transitions and Authoritarian Comebacks,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC (August 28-31, 2014)

“From Single-Parties to Electoral Authoritarianism: The Institutional Origins of Regime Competitiveness in Post Cold War Africa,” paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (November 21-24, 2013)

“Confronting the Hegemon: Opposition Party Strategies in Tanzania,” paper presented at the Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (April 10-14, 2013)

“From Single-Parties to Electoral Authoritarianism: Party Structure and the Sources of Electoral Hegemony and Competitiveness,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (August 30-September 2, 2012)

“Conceptual Advances in the Study of Electoral Authoritarianism – Disaggregating Competitiveness and Hegemony,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (August 30-September 2, 2012)

“From Single-Party Regimes to Electoral Authoritarianism: A Comparison of Tanzania and Kenya,” paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. (November 17-20, 2011)

“In the Shadow of the Party: Electoral Hegemony in Modern Day Tanzania,” paper presented at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle WA (September 1-4, 2011)

“Shaping the Electoral Arena: Authoritarian Parties and the Sources of Hegemony and Competitiveness in Post-Cold War Africa,” paper presented at the Annual Mid-Western Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, (April 22-25, 2010)

“Regime-Type and Terrorism: Reexamining the Links,” paper presented at the Annual Mid-Western Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, (April 2-5, 2009)

“Transnational Terrorism and the Cycle of Contention,” paper presented at the Annual Mid-Western Political Science Association Meeting, Chicago IL, (April 5-8, 2008)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

POLS 3202W: Comparative Parties and Party Systems  
POLS 2998: Political Issues: Democracy and Democratization  
POLS 3252: Politics in Africa  
POLS 5615: Qualitative Research  
GOVT 558: Democracy and Governance in Africa  
GOVT 559: Hybrid Regimes and Contemporary Authoritarianism  
GOVT 541: Research Methods in Democracy and Development  
GOVT 543: Political Parties in the Developing World

## **SERVICE**

### **Departmental**

Merit Committee, Political Science Department, University of Connecticut (Spring 2017)  
Search Committee, Political Science Department, University of Connecticut (Fall 2016)  
Associate Director, Democracy and Governance MA Program, Georgetown University (2013-)  
Resident Director, Georgetown Kiswahili Study Abroad Program (Summer 2012)  
Member, Provost’s “Future of the University” Initiative

### **Association**

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, African Political Science Conference Group (2016)  
Chair and Discussant, Mid-West Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2015)  
Chair and Discussant, American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2014)

### **Reviewer**

*American Political Science Review; British Journal of Political Science; Canadian Journal of African Studies; Comparative Politics Comparative Political Studies; Democratization; Journal of Politics;*

*World Politics; Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft; Acta Politica; European Political Science Review*

### **Consultancy/Advising**

*V-Dem Coding Project, Freedom House, Political Instability Task Force, USAID-DRG, National Democratic Institute*

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

### **Computer Skills**

STATA14, Arc GIS/QGIS, qGIS, fs/QCA

### **Methods Skills**

Graduate-level coursework in Qualitative and Quantitative Methodology (Attended IQMR, Summer 2011)

### **Language**

Advanced literary Arabic - Certificate in Literary Arabic, Level 6 (University of Jordan, 2005); Fluent Hebrew; Conversational Kiswahili

### **Fieldwork**

Jordan (2005); Tanzania (2010, 2012); Kenya (2012); Cameroon (2015)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Mid-Western Political Science Association  
American Institute for Maghrib Studies  
African Studies Association  
African Politics Conference Group