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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, in Progress

Ph.D. in Global and International Studies

University of Chicago, Master of Arts, 2021

MA in Social Sciences, Concentration: Anthropology, summa cum laude

Thesis Title: Democratic Confederalism in North and East Syria (Rojava): The Contradictions of Non-State Sovereignty

Advisor: Ryan Jobson

New College of Florida, Bachelor of Arts, 2020

BA in Political Science (with Honors)

Thesis Title: Democratic Confederalism as a Decolonial Model for Stateless People

Advisor: Frank Alcock

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Parsons New School of Design, New York, NY

Infographics and Data Visualization Certificate, January 2023

Middlebury Language School, Middlebury, VT

Summer Immersion Program, Arabic; August 2021

University of Chicago, Arabic Language Institute, Chicago, IL

Summer Immersion Program; August 2020

Qasid Arabic Institute

MSA Foundations; February 2020

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical Agrarian Studies; Anti-Systemic Movements; Critical Development Studies; Development Geographies; Global Political Economy; Historical Sociology; Philippines; Political Ecology; Southeast Asia; Theories from the South; Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL); World-Systems Theory

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance

University of California, Irvine, CA

Global Ideologies – Mamyrah Prosper, Spring 2024

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Winter 2024

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Fall 2023

Global Inequalities – Phil McCarty, Summer II 2023

Intro to Global Studies – Phil McCarty, Spring 2023

Global Political Economy – Yousuf, Al-Bulushi, Winter 2023

Global Cultures and Society – Tom Douglas, Fall 2022

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

American Grand Strategy, John Mearsheimer, Winter, 2020

New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL

American History: 1865 to Present – Brendan Goff, Fall 2019

U.S. in the World – Brendan Goff, Fall 2019

Teacher's Assistant

Transitions from War to Peace – Nat Colletta, Fall 2018

Teacher's Assistant

Conflict, Security, Development – Nat Colletta, Spring 2018

Teacher's Assistant

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

- Ethnographical Methods (Qualitative, NVivo, ATLAS.ti)
- Historical Methods (Archival)
- Political Science Methods, Quantitative Political Analysis (SAS, STATA, SQL)
- Data Visualization and UX Design (Illustrator, Tableau)

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Graduate Researcher/Thesis Researcher, October 2020 – August 2021

- Design and manage an independent multi-methods research project engaging stateless peoples in the Autonomous Administration of North and East Syria
- Collect sensitive data via ethnographic methods and semi-structured interviews

Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy, Washington DC

Intern, January 2018

- Consulted for Sovereignty First and the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy; Helped further develop a data visualization tool utilizing open-source intelligence representing 98 key actors involved in the Syrian Civil War using the Adobe suite and Stata

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

The World Race, Diverse International Locations

Logistics Coordinator, July 2011-July 2012

- Operated with NGOs, IGOs, Research Centers and farms in India, Nepal, Thailand, Cambodia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Latvia, Lithuania, England, and Ireland.

SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Global Studies Graduate Paper Award – Unpublished Research Paper, June 11, 2024

University of California, Irvine (\$200)

COR Small Grant Program, June 8, 2024

The Center for Organizational Research (\$1000)

Graduate Student Affinity Group Travel Grant, April 10, 2024

Association of American Geographers (\$250)

Global Studies Travel Award, Jan. 10, 2024

University of California, Irvine (\$1000)

Language Grant for Middlebury Language Institute

Middlebury's Arabic Language Institute, June 24 – August 20th (\$6,500)

Pheonix Research Award

University of Chicago for 2020-2021 (\$20,000)

Director's Scholarship

University of Chicago for 2020-2021 (\$5,000)

Student Research and Travel Grant

New College of Florida, December 2017 – February 2018 (\$2,000)

Millennial Leaders Project

Union Theological Seminary, July 2017

Re: Generate Fellow

Wake Forest Divinity, January 2016

SELECTED PAPERS

- Global Historical Materialism and Decoloniality: Abstract Universals vs. Concrete Social Formations, Accepted and under review with *Review of African Political Economy* for the Briefings and Debates journal, forthcoming.

- The National-Agrarian Question in North and East Syria (Rojava): 1980-2020, Accepted and under review with *Middle East Critique* for a special issue on U.S. Imperialism in the West Asia Region, forthcoming.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS, AND SYMPOSIUMS

- “The Political Economy and Geography of North and East Syria (Rojava), April 20th, 2024, presented at the 2024 AAG Annual Meeting, in Honolulu, Hawaii
- Pedagogy of the Oppressed: A Space for Radical Discourse on How We Learn & Teach, guest lecture for four classes, July 4, 6, 11, 13, 2023, California Institute of the Arts
- International Initiative for Promoting Political Economy Conference, September 7-9, 2022, Bologna, Italy
- Political Economy Summer Institute 2022 Fellow at George Mason University and sponsored by the Arab Studies Institute.
- “The Political Economy of North and East Syria (Rojava) from a World-Systems’ Perspective” presented at the Institute of Political Economy 22nd Annual Graduate Conference, Carleton University, March 3-4, 2022.
- Sam Moyo African Institute for Agrarian Studies (SMAIAS-ASN) Summer School January 17-21, 2022
- South-South Decolonial Dialogues: Africa, Asia, and the Caribbean at the Center of Study and Investigation for Decolonial Dialogues (Barcelona) from January 10-14, 2022
- “Democratic Confederation in North and East Syria (Rojava): The Contradictions of Non-State Sovereignty” presented at the 2021 Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference at the University of Chicago on June 25, 2021
- “Democratic Confederation as a Decolonial Model for Stateless People” presented at the 2020 Global South Symposium at New College of Florida on April 24, 2020.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- American Anthropology Association, 2021-2022
- American Sociology Association, 2021-2022
- American Association of Geographers, 2021-2023
- International Studies Association, 2023

LANGUAGE

- Arabic – Intermediate Advanced
- Spanish – Intermediate Advanced
- Filipino - Novice