**EDUCATION**

**University of Maryland- College Park**, College Park, MD August 2019- Present

M.A. Political Science, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences December 2021

Ph.D. Political Science, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

**American University**, School of Public Affairs, Washington, DC May, 2019

Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, Minor Philosophy GPA 3.7, cum laude

**RESEARCH**

“Democratic Backsliding and Civil Society: A Case Study of Ghana. Kenya, and Tanzania” Honors Senior Capstone, Spring 2019. Advisors Dr Kimberly Cowell- Meyers and Dr Susan Glover.

**PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS**

**GVPT Methods Workshop**, University of Maryland. “Causal Inference: Introduction to Weighting Methods”. Co-presented with Guan Wang. October 13, 2021

**National Conference of Undergraduate Research.** Kennesaw State University. “Democratic Backsliding and Civil Society: A Case Study of Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania”. April 2019. Travel Fund by American University.

**School of Public Affairs Undergraduate Research Symposium.** American University. “Democratic Backsliding and Civil Society: A Case Study of Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania”. May 2019. Awarded Best in Session.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

* BSOS 388E Minor Practicum- Instructor of Record
* GVPT 241 Study of Philosophy Ancient and Modern – Teaching Assistant
* GVPT 273 Introduction to Environmental Politics-Teaching Assistant
* GVPT 280 The Study of Comparative Politics– Teaching Assistant

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

*Coordinator,* Minor in International Development and Conflict Management January 2022- present

* Run recruitment and applications of new students for the minor.
* Act as the main academic advisor for all students in the minor and assist with their professional development.
* Instruct practicum experience for students.
* Oversee undergraduate student interns working on the weekly newsletter.

*Administrative Assistant*, University of Maryland, College Park MD. January 2021-July 2022

* Run recruitment and hiring of Undergraduate Teaching Assistants for the Department of Government and Politics.
* Work with recruitment and admittance for the Government and Politics Honor’s Program.
* Guide students in the Honors Program who are working on completing their thesis.
* Go through class registration for both Undergraduate Teaching Assistants and the Honors Program.

*Research Intern*, **Tavaana**, Washington D.C. Fall 2018

* Research, write, and edit case studies relating to various civil society activities globally with an emphasis on grassroots movement and increased civil liberties. Combine both academic and theoretical knowledge in an approachable way for the common reader for a civic education campaign.
* Find important sources and information to help create a comprehensive primer in human rights for translation into Persian with special attention to information that would appeal to school children.

*Research Intern*, **Abdorrahman Boroumand Center**, Washington D. C. Spring 2018

* Gather information on several countries with various drug enforcement laws, with a focus on those with high levels of harm reduction and those who execute. Write memos for each country with a comprehensive overview of the policy and outcome for use by the research team.
* Organize quarterly goals based off grant applications and current needs.
* Help the social media team find relevant and engaging content for the social media platform to increase the site traffic from both Iranian users and people in the diaspora.

*Intern,* **Secular Coalition for American**, Washington D.C. Spring 2017

* Monitor state legislation then work with state outreach chapters to empower secular Americans.
* Write Action Alerts when monitored legislation was heading for a vote. Then help market action alerts to the correct audience and ensure they reached the correct politicians inboxes.
* Maintain a front facing website with current, topical information on the organization and relevant events.
* Organize volunteers and advocates through MailChimp.
* Prepare briefings for Hill meetings for the head lobbyist in preparation for meetings with different Congressman.

**GRANTS**

* Lussier Research Travel Grants ($5,000)

**FIELDWORK**

* Nairobi, Kenya: July 2022-August 2022

**SERVICE**

* Vice President of Legislative Affairs and Speaker of the Assembly, Graduate Student Government- 22/23 Academic Year
* Organized Graduate Research Appreciation Day Conference- April 3, 2022
* GVPT Department Representative, Graduate Student Government- 21/22 Academic Year
* Parliamentarian, UMD Graduate Student Government- 21/22 Academic Year/

**HONORS AND CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

* School of Public Affairs Honors Program
* Pi Sigma Alpha

**SKILLS**

* Proficient in Microsoft Office Package
* Trained in R
* Experienced in CQR and Wix
* Experienced in google drive
* Experienced in MailChimp