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#### **Education**

# **Ph.D.** University of Maryland College Park, Department of Government and Politics, expected 2017. Comparative Politics and Israel Studies.

#### M.A. Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, 2010.

**B.A.** Brandeis University, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, Magna Cum Laude, 2009. Departmental High Honors for Senior Honors Thesis "Are Women Knesset Members Substantive or Symbolic Representatives of Women?"

#### **Publications/Presentations**

<ul> <li>"Strength in Numbers? Exploring the Effect of Women Parliamentarians on Political Outcomes: Evidence from Israel",</li> </ul>	4/3/2014 - 4/6/2014
Midwest Political Science Association with Joe Braun (Working Paper)	
<ul> <li>"Strength in Numbers? Exploring the Effect of Women Parliamentarians on Political Outcomes ", Midwest Political Science Association (Working Paper)</li> </ul>	4/7/2016 - 4/10/2016
<ul> <li>"The Feminization of Political Alternative in the Israeli- Palestinian Conflict", American Political Science Association (Working Paper)</li> </ul>	9/1/2016 - 9/4/2016
<ul> <li>"Know your place - Mapping Gender-related legislation in the Israeli Parliament" (Working Paper)</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>"The Political Life Cycle and Gender-related legislation; Exploring Seniority and Policy Outcomes in the Danish Legislature" (Working Paper)</li> </ul>	
University Awards and Honors	
Fellowships	
<ul> <li>University of Maryland, College Park Department of Government and Politics</li> </ul>	2012-2017
• Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies- Kay Advanced Israel Studies Program	2012-2017
Scholarships	
<ul> <li>Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation Scholars in Israel Program Endowment- Research Scholarship. Coursework at Tel Aviv University and data collection at Knesset archives.</li> </ul>	2014
<ul> <li>Isadore and Bertha Gudelsky Family Foundation Scholars in Israel</li> </ul>	2013

Program Endowment- Research Scholarship. Continuing prior research on political representation of women in Israel, conducting interviews with women Knesset Members and leading women activists during the summer of 2013.	
<ul> <li>Schusterman Undergraduate research scholarship. Conducting interviews with women Knesset Members in Israel</li> </ul>	2008-2009
Grants	
<ul> <li>Moving Maryland Forward Grant, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, University of Maryland College Park.</li> </ul>	2014
<ul> <li>Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, defray cost of attendance at Midwest Political Science Association 2014 conference to present paper titled "Strength in Numbers? Exploring the Effect of Women Parliamentarians on Political Outcomes: Evidence from Israel."</li> </ul>	2014
• University of Maryland, College Park Department of Government and Politics, Comparative Politics Research Grant. Continuing prior research on political representation of women in Israel.	2013
Awards	
<ul> <li>President's Commission on Women's Issues, University of Maryland College Park, Outstanding Graduate Student. For exemplary contributions to the lives of women on campus or in the community and to women's issues in higher education.</li> </ul>	2014

## **Teaching Experience**

• Teaching Assistant, ISRL 289I, Fundamental Questions in the	Fall 2012, Fall 2013,
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict	Fall 2015
• Teaching Assistant, GVPT 170, American Government	Spring 2013, Spring 2014
• Teaching Assistant GVPT 101, Introduction to Political Science	Spring, 2015
<ul> <li>Instructor GVPT 359C, Gender and Politics</li> </ul>	Winter 2016, Winter 2017
• Teaching Assistant GVPT 289F, Does Democracy have a Future?	Spring 2016

### **Other Professional Experience**

Research Assistant, Dr. Jacob Aronson, Dr. Deniz Cil, Dr. Paul Huth	Fall 2015
Affiliations/Memberships	

American Political Science Association	2012-Present
Midwest Political Science Association	2012-Present

#### **Research Interests**

• Political representation; Gender and Politics; Political Parties; Electoral Systems; Democratic Legislatures.

#### Training

• Institute of Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse June 2015 University

#### **Fieldwork**

• Israel	Winter 2008-2009, Summer
	2013, Fall 2014

#### Service

Co-chair of the Women Graduate Student Group in the Department 2014-2015
 of Government and Politics, University of Maryland College Park

#### Language Skills

- Hebrew: Native fluency
- Arabic: basic conversational skills and strong reading and translating ability

#### **References**

Associate Prof., Associate Chair Dr. Ernesto Calvo, Department of Government and Politics, University of Maryland College Park. Associate Prof. Dr. Johanna Birnir, Research Director Center for International Development and Conflict Management Prof. Yoram Peri, Abraham S. and Jack Kay Chair in Israel Studies, and Director of the Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies Paul Scham, Executive Director of Joseph and Alma Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies