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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC

February 2021-Present

Senior Fellow and Director of the Program on Arab Politics

Research and write policy papers, scholarly articles, and op-eds about Islamic politics and political and economic developments throughout the Arab world, Iran, and Turkey. Brief government officials, provide policy recommendations to the USG, and expert analysis for leading news outlets.

U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC

June 2019-January 2021

Assistant Secretary for Near Eastern Affairs

Served as the Senate-confirmed principal Middle East advisor to the secretary of state and the senior official in the U.S. Government overseeing the conduct of U.S. policy and diplomacy in a region stretching from Morocco to Iran to Yemen, with responsibility for eighteen countries, the Palestinian Authority, and Western Sahara. Supervised more than 9,000 staff and administered an annual budget in excess of \$7 billion.

Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC

April 2006-June 2019

Director, Arab Politics Program

Research Arab and Islamic politics, democracy, reform, economics, and governance issues in the Arab world with an emphasis on Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt, and the Palestinian Authority. Write policy papers, journal articles, and op-eds about developments in the region. Provide expert analysis for leading news outlets, brief government officials on issues of concern.

Office of the Secretary of Defense, The Pentagon, Washington, DC

January, 2002-March 2006

Levant Country Director

Advise and brief the secretary, deputy secretary, undersecretary for policy, and assistant secretary of defense for international security affairs on Syrian, Jordanian, Lebanese, Israeli, and Palestinian political/military affairs and Arab reform issues; travel with and brief principals prior to meetings in Washington and abroad. Represent OSD in interagency process on pertinent topics. Interact daily with senior officials in the Departments of State, Treasury, Office of the Vice President, NSC and the Intelligence Community. Recommend for/against weapons sales and funding initiatives to key ME allies.

Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC

August 1998-December 2001

Fellow in Arab Politics

Researched Arab politics and governance in the Arab world and US policy in the ME, with an emphasis on the Palestinian Authority, Jordan and Syria. Published extensively about Palestinian and Islamic politics; lectured and provided comment and written analysis for the media. Authored two books: *Palestinian Democracy and Governance* (Washington Institute, 2000), a study about the Palestinian Parliament and US support for democratic development in the Palestinian Authority, and *Dancing with Saddam* (Lexington Press, 2002), about Jordanian-Iraqi relations.

The Investigative Project, Washington, DC

April 1997-August 1998

Senior Researcher

Researched and wrote briefs on Middle Eastern terrorism and US counterterrorism policy, and prepared congressional testimonies on terrorism. Focus of research: Al Qaida, Hamas, and Hizbollah ties to militant Islamic groups in the United States. Emphasis of work was on funding support and recruitment mechanisms.

SAIC/Pentagon, Vienna, VA

Consultant

September 1995

Provided consultation to the Department of Defense on Egyptian foreign policy. Worked with DOD's Office of Net Assessment on regional scenarios geared toward predicting Egyptian foreign and defense policy.

University Research Corporation, International Development Group, Bethesda, MD

January 1994-April 1997

Project Coordinator

Managed \$2,000,000 and \$15,000,000 USAID projects in Jordan and Egypt. Responsible for administration and oversight of USAID grant funding for two centrally funded projects; worked with Ministries of Health in Jordan and Egypt as well as USAID personnel in Washington and the Middle East. Traveled periodically to field offices to review financial records and assess project progress for USAID reporting requirements.

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Master of Arts, Modern Middle Eastern History, June 1992.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University of Cairo, Egypt, 1992-1993.

Certificate, Arabic Language Institute (ALI), American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1992.

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of Vermont, with honors, 1990.

Study Abroad Year-long Program, Tel Aviv University, Israel, 1988.

Columbia University, NYC, Summer 1987.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS/HONORS

International Election Monitor, *International Republican Institute*, Jordan (2009 and 2013) and Egypt (2011).

Member of the Board of Advisers, Institute for Contemporary Affairs, The Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, 2007-2015.

Office of the Secretary of Defense Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, 2005.

Council on Foreign Relations, Term Member, 2004-2009.

Washington Institute Presidential Study Group, Taskforce Member, 2000.

Book Research Book Grant, "Jordanian-Iraqi Relations," Smith Richardson Foundation, 1999.

Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1992-1993.

Phi Beta Kappa, University of Vermont, 1990.

Kidder Scholarship Award, University of Vermont 2-year undergraduate tuition fellowship for outstanding Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Student (1988-1990).

LANGUAGES: Arabic

PUBLICATIONS:

Books and Monographs

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“Introduction,” in Beyond Islamists and Autocrats (Essay Series), The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, 2015-2016.

“Spillover from Strife in Lebanon,” in No Good Outcome: How Israel Could Be Drawn into the Syrian Conflict, Policy Focus #131, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, November 2013.

Political Instability in Jordan, (with Robert Satloff), Contingency Planning Memo #19, Council on Foreign Relations, May 2013.

Egypt's Enduring Challenges: Shaping the Post-Mubarak Environment, Policy Focus #110, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, April, 2011.

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“Jordan: Keeping All Quiet on the Western Front,” in With Neighbors Like These: Iraq and the Arab States on its Borders, edited by David Pollock, Policy Focus #70, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, June 2007.

Countering Islamists at the Ballot Box: Alternative Strategies (editor), Policy Focus #61, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, November 2006.

Dancing with Saddam: The Dangerous Tango of Jordanian-Iraqi Relations, Lexington Books, 2003.

Palestinian Democracy and Governance: An Appraisal of the Legislative Council, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy Press, 2000.

Congressional Testimony

After Assad: The Future of Syria, Testimony Before the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, June 5, 2025.

Regional Security Cooperation Partnerships in the Middle East, Testimony Before the House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, September 21, 2022.

Libya, Testimony of the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, February 12, 2020

Middle East Policy, Testimony of the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on International Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, October 19, 2019.

Confirmation Hearing, Nominee to be Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, June 14, 2018

The Revolution in Egypt: Turning Point? Testimony Before the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, June 20, 2012.

The Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003: Two Years On, Testimony Before the House of Representatives Committee on International Relations Subcommittee on the Middle East and Central Asia, June 7, 2006.

Scholarly Articles and Op-eds

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“A Year Later, Lebanon Still Won’t Stand Up to Hezbollah,” *Asharq al-Awsat*, November 27, 2025.

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“With Israel-Jordan Relations at an All Time Low, the Countries Aren’t Likely to Cooperate in the West Bank,” *Mosaic*, September 29, 2025.

“Trump’s Pivot to the Gulf,” *The Caravan*, September 9, 2025.

“U.S. Ambiguity Shouldn’t Stop Work on a Two-State Solution,” *The National*, June 13, 2025.

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“Road From Damascus: Lebanon Hangs Suspended between Past and Present,” *The Weekly Standard*, May 31, 2010.

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