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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Boston University

Director, Institute on Culture, Religion and World Affairs (CURA), 2023 -
Associate Professor (with tenure) of International Relations and Political Science, 2020 -
Assistant Professor, Pardee School of Global Studies, 2013- 2020
Faculty Affiliate: Religious Studies, Center for the Study of Asia, Center for Global Christianity
& Mission

American University of Beirut

Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2012-13

Stanford University

Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia, 2011-12

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2011
M.A., Political Science, 2007

University of Michigan

B.A., Political Science (honors), 2002

BOOKS

The Missionary Impulse in World Politics, in progress book manuscript

2016. *Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance without Liberalism* (New York: Cambridge University Press). Paperback March 2017.

- 2017 Religion and International Relations Book Award
- 2013 Honorable Mention, Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award

Journal reviews (12): *American Journal of Sociology*; *Asian Politics & Policy*; *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land- en volkenkunde*; *Foreign Affairs*; *Indonesia*; *International Affairs*; *Journal of Politics*; *Perspectives on Politics*; *Politics and Religion*; *Politique étrangère*; *South East Asia Research*; *Studies of Transition States and Societies*

Media reviews (5): *NY Review of Books*; *Reading Religion*; *Tempo*; *Jakarta Post*; *The Wire*
Interviews (2): Ta'seel Commons; Research on Religion

JOURNAL ARTICLES

2022. "The Politics of the Fatwa: Islamic Legal Authority in Modern Indonesia." *Indonesia*, vol. 114, 2022, p. 75-97. [doi:10.1353/ind.2022.0012](https://doi.org/10.1353/ind.2022.0012).

2022. with Colm Fox. "Islamic Political Parties and Election Campaigns in Indonesia." *Party Politics* (May 2022). <https://doi.org/10.1177/13540688221091656>

2021. "Woodrow Wilson and the Spirit of Liberal Internationalism," *Politics, Religion & Ideology* 22:2, 231-253. DOI: [10.1080/21567689.2021.1904910](https://doi.org/10.1080/21567689.2021.1904910)

2019. "Moderate Muslims and Democratic Breakdown in Indonesia," *Asian Studies Review* 43(3): 415-433. DOI: [10.1080/10357823.2019.1627286](https://doi.org/10.1080/10357823.2019.1627286)

2018. "Beyond Secular Democracy: Religion, Politics, and Modernity," *International Studies Review* 20(4): 704–722. <https://doi.org/10.1093/isr/viy057>

2018. "Soft Separation Democracy," *Politics and Religion* 11(4): 863-883.
[DOI:10.1017/S1755048318000329](https://doi.org/10.1017/S1755048318000329)

2017. "The Constructivist Approach to Religion and World Politics." *Comparative Politics* 49(4): 561-581. [Editor reviewed] DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5129/001041517821273035>

2014. "Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56(3): 591-621. DOI: [10.1017/S0010417514000267](https://doi.org/10.1017/S0010417514000267)

- 2015 APSA Southeast Asia Prize
- 2015 Honorable Mention APSA Religion & Politics

2014. "The Coevolution of Sacred and Secular: Islamic Law and Family Planning in Indonesia," *South East Asia Research* 22(3): 359-378. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/43818535>

- 2009-2010 Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize

BOOK CHAPTERS

Forthcoming. "Ethnic Politics and the Level of Mobilization Problem for *Bangsa Minahasa*," in *Regional Movements and Identity Demands in Developing Democracies: Southeast Asia in Comparative Perspective*, Amy H Liu, Joel Sawat Selway, ed. University of Michigan Press.

2018. "[Crafting Indonesian Democracy: Inclusion-Moderation and the Sacralizing of the Postcolonial State](#)," in *Democratic Transition in the Muslim World: A Global Perspective*, Alfred Stepan, ed. New York: Columbia University Press. [Peer reviewed]

2018. With Katrina Trost [BU undergraduate co-author], "[A 'Tolerant' Indonesia? Indonesian Muslims in Comparative Perspective](#)," in *Routledge Handbook to Indonesia*, Robert Hefner, ed. Routledge. [Editor reviewed]

2015. “[Nationalisme Ketuhanan dan Demokrasi Beragama di Indonesia](#),” in *Sisi Gelap Demokrasi: Kekerasan Masyarakat Madani di Indonesia*, Sidney Jones, ed. Jakarta: Yayasan Wakaf Paramadina. [Editor reviewed]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

“Islam, Identity, and the Organizational Roots of Political Tolerance,” with Tom Pepinsky

“The Spirit and/of Political Science”

“White Supremacy and Christian Internationalism”

“Political Protest during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Origins and Evolution of the Reopen Movement,” lead author, with Samuel Bazzi, Clara Martiny, Pujan Paudel, Seth Soderborg, Gianluca Stringhini

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Why Promote Democracy?”

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, TEACHING AWARDS

Gerald and Deanne Gitner Family Prize for Faculty Excellence, 2017

Outstanding Mentor Award from BU’s Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, 2016

Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group, 2014

Stanford University, Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia, 2011-12

Columbia University, Luce Fellow, CDTR, 2010-11

Fulbright Scholar to Indonesia, 2009-10

- Visiting Fellow, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta, 2009-10

UW-Madison, Department of Political Science Summer Research Award, 2009

NSEP-Boren Graduate Fellowship to Indonesia, 2008-9

- Visiting Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies Jakarta, 2008-9

Fulbright Group Study Program to Indonesia, 2007

US-Indonesia Society Summer Studies Language Institute, 2005

Foreign Language Areas Studies Award (declined), 2005

BOOK REVIEWS

2022. *Electoral Reform And The Fate Of New Democracies: Lessons From The Indonesian Case*. Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies. By Sarah Shair-Rosenfield. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2019. xi, 232 pp. (Tables, figures, map.) US\$75.00, cloth. ISBN 978-0-472-13150-1.

2021. *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment: A Global and Historical Comparison*. by Ahmet T. Kuru. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2019. *The Journal of Asian Studies*, 80(4), 1152-1154. doi:10.1017/S0021911821002138
2018. "Religion and Nationalism in Southeast Asia," by Joseph Chinyong Liow. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(4): 1202-1203.
2018. "Muslims Talking Politics: Framing Islam, Democracy, and Law in Northern Nigeria," by Brandon Kendhammer. *Perspectives on Politics* 16(1): 189-194.
2017. "The Sociology of Islam: Knowledge, Power, Civility," by Armando Salvatore. *Politics and Religion* 10(4): 919-922.
2016. "Islam and Politics in Indonesia: The Masyumi Party between Democracy and Integralism," by Rémy Madinier. *Indonesia* 101(Apr.): 139-143.
2014. "Faith, Moral Authority, and Politics: The Making of Progressive Islam in Indonesia," PhD Dissertation by Alexander R. Arifianto. *Dissertation Reviews* (Jan.) <http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/7460>
2010. "Chinese Big Business in Indonesia: The State of Capital," by Christian Chua. *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 40(2): 356-358.
2008. "Islamic Law in Contemporary Indonesia: Ideas and Institutions," ed. R. Michael Feener and Mark E. Cammack. *Law and Politics Book Review* 18(11): 1001-1006.

SHORT ARTICLES AND COMMENTARY

- ["Confessions of a 'human guinea pig': Why I'm resigning from Moderna vaccine trials,"](#) *STAT*, Jan 4, 2022.
- ["Alfred Stepan's Legacy,"](#) *The Immanent Frame*, Oct. 31, 2017.
- ["Malaysian and Indonesian Elections,"](#) Podcast interview, Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs, Oct. 2017.
- ["Is Indonesia's Pious Democracy Safe From Islamic Extremism?"](#) *The Conversation*, July 4, 2017.
- ["Ahok Is Not Jokowi,"](#) *New Mandala*, May 8, 2017.
- ["Strengthening and Studying Tolerance in Indonesia,"](#) *RSIS Commentary*, Nov. 2016.
- ["Do Not Take Unbelievers as Your Leaders': The Politics of Translation in Indonesia,"](#) *Mizan Project*, March 2016.

[“Islamic State: Lessons from Indonesia,”](#) *USA Today*, Jan. 20, 2016.

- Published in Indonesian as “Pelajaran Atasi ISIS dari Indonesia.”

[“An Escapist View of Extremism,”](#) *New Mandala*, Jan. 14, 2016.

[“Governing Religion Democratically,”](#) *Jakarta Globe*, Nov. 19, 2014.

[“New York Rabbi’s Awful Award: Why Is a Jewish Group Dedicated to Tolerance Honoring a Politician Who Has Failed to Support Religious Minorities?”](#) *Tablet Magazine*, May 21, 2013.

[“Visualizing Human Rights for Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon,”](#) *Jadaliyya*, Jan. 11, 2013.

[“The Origins of Intolerance toward Ahmadiyah,”](#) *The Jakarta Post*, Feb. 10, 2012.

“Explaining Opposition to the ‘Ground Zero Mosque’” *The Monkey Cage Blog*, Sep. 9, 2010.

[“Indonesia’s Democratic Islam,”](#) *Project Syndicate*, Nov. 8, 2010 (with Alfred Stepan).

[“Nahdlatul Ulama and Counter-terrorism: More than a Proxy Police Force,”](#) *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia* 11(13/14): Dec. 2009.

[“Signs and Symbols,”](#) *Inside Indonesia* 97: July-Aug. 2009.

- Republished in New York University’s online journal, *Material World*.

[“Illiberal but not Intolerant: Understanding the Indonesian Council of Ulamas,”](#) *Inside Indonesia* 90: Oct.-Dec. 2007.

TEACHING

Lecture Courses and Seminars

How to Change the World, Freshman Honors Seminar

People Power in Global Politics

Southeast Asia in World Politics

Islam and Politics

Religion and International Affairs

Empirical Research Methods

U.S. Foreign Policy

Qualitative Research Methods

Undergraduate Research Mentoring (UROP)

Sahika Aydinol, Summer 2023

Sydney Steger, Summer 2022

Sophia Alvarado, Summer 2021

Audrey Hager, Spring 2020
Clara Martiny, Summer 2020, Fall 2020
Yasmine Eldaief, Fall 2019
Lydia Barski, Summer 2018
Emily Shawn, 2016-17
Adria Widyatmoko, Fall 2014
Katrina Trost, 2013-14 (research led to the publication of a co-authored book chapter]

Directed Study

Islam in Indonesia, Summer 2014
Gastronationalism in Singapore and in Comparative Perspective, Fall 2014
Islam and International Relations Theory: The Case of the Caliphate, Fall 2013

Chaired BA Thesis Committees (does not include 1-5 defense panels per year)

Chair: A Tale of Two Lobbies: Interest Group Influence & the US-Vietnam Rapprochement Process, Spring 2023
Chair: "White Identity in US Legal Institutions," Spring 2022
Chair: "The Rise and Fall of the Reopen Movement," Spring 2021
Chair: "A Case Study of the Role of Social Organizations in Indonesia's Clientelist Election," Spring 2020
Chair: "The Impact of Homeland Political Tradition on Muslim-American Voter Behavior," Spring 2019
Chair: "Building Economic Justice: How Civil Society Organizations Advance Migrants' Rights," Spring 2016
Chair: "Deficient Participation: Outcomes in Morocco's National List Gender Quota," Spring 2016

Chaired MA Thesis Committees (does not include 1-5 defense panels per year)

Chair: "Cyber Jahiliyyah and the Response of Islamic Organizations in Indonesia," Spring 2019
Chair: "Europe's 'Invisible Muslims': Explaining Variation in European Muslims' perceived Discrimination," Spring 2018
Chair: "Combatting Islamophobia with Comedy," Spring 2018

- Invited to Present at the US State Department

Chair: "Strategy, Structure, and Arms: Jaysh al-Mahdi and the Evolution of Militia Strategies toward the State," Spring 2017
Chair: "Protecting U.S. Interests in the South China Sea," Fall 2014

PhD Theses Committees

"The Quest For Intra-Party Democracy In Populist Right Parties: An Ethnography Of The 'Alternative For Germany,'" Summer 2021
"Unity and diversity: National identity and multiculturalism in Indonesia," Spring 2020
"Gender Quotas and Parity in Senegal –Exploring the Political, Social, and Theoretical," Spring 2020

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

“The Spirit and/of Political Science,” Yale 2022
“Woodrow Wilson and the Spirit of Liberal Internationalism,” UMass Boston 2022
“Political Protest during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Origins and Evolution of the Reopen Movement,” BU UROP 2021
“Practices of Mission,” Texas A&M 2021, APSA 2021, SSHA 2021, Ashoka University 2022
“The Missionary Impulse in World Politics,” University of Toronto 2020
“The Politics of the Fatwa,” Gatty Lecture at Cornell University 2018; Northwestern University 2019; Harvard University 2019; University of Toronto 2020
“The Perils and Promise of Elections in Southeast Asia,” NYU 2018
“Islam and Toleration,” Harvard University 2018
Workshop Discussant: “The Moderates’ Dilemma: Obstacles to Mobilization Against Islamist Extremism,” Stanford CISAC 2017
“Muslim Moderates and Democratic Breakdown in Indonesia,” NUS 2017; Stanford University 2017
“The Interplay of Religion and Politics in Indonesia: What Does Jakarta’s Gubernatorial Election Signify?” USINDO 2017
“Soft Separation Democracy,” University of Bergen 2015
“Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance Without Liberalism,” Northwestern University 2015; University of Louisville 2016; Maarif Institute for Culture and Humanity 2016; Centre for Strategic and International Studies Indonesia 2016; Center for the Study of Religion and Democracy at Paramadina University 2016; Emerson College 2017
“Crafting Indonesian Democracy: Inclusion-Moderation and the Sacralizing of the Postcolonial State,” Columbia University 2015; University of Wisconsin-Madison 2016
Workshop Discussant: “Religious Practice and Democracy in India,” Brown University, 2015
“Communal Tolerance and Religious Democracy in Indonesia,” Oxford University 2014; Comparative Political Theory Workshop at King’s College London 2014; SEAREG 2014; Alwaleed Islamic Studies at Harvard University 2014
Workshop Chair: “Multilevel Governance,” Conference on Subnational Research in Comparative Politics at Harvard University 2014
“Indonesia: Rising Power, Strategic Partner,” World Affairs Council of Rhode Island 2013
“Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia,” University of California-Berkeley 2012
“The Politics of Identity in Indonesia: Results from Campaign Advertisements,” Freedom Institute 2010; CSIS Jakarta 2010; Stanford 2012
“Politics of Identity in Muslim-Majority Democracies: Lessons from Indonesia for the Arab Spring,” American University of Beirut 2012
“Liberal Tolerance and Beyond,” Columbia University 2012
Workshop Discussant: “What to Believe - How to Behave? Comparing Policies and Politics of Teaching Religion,” International Research Seminar in Byblos, Lebanon 2011

“Tolerance without Liberalism: Conflict and Coexistence in Twentieth Century Indonesia,” State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah 2010; Paramadina Islamic University 2010; University of Gadjah Mada 2010; Columbia University 2010
 “Equivalence & Difference in Islamic Social Movements: Liberal Islam and Progressive Islam,” UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta conference on Progressive Islam 2009
 “Redefining the War on Terror: American Muslims and the Appropriation of State Discourse,” University of Chicago 2008
 Workshop Discussant: “Regulating Sex: The Military and HIV/AIDS Prevention in Thailand,” University of Chicago 2007
 Workshop Discussant: “The Worst Kind of War: Regional Rebellions and Political Militarization in the Post-Colonial World,” University of Chicago 2007
 Workshop Discussant: “The Path to Ethnic Cleansing,” by H. Zeynep Bulutgil, University of Chicago 2006

Conference Presentations

“Missionaries and Imperialism,” ISA 2023
 “Why Promote Democracy?” APSA 2022, SSHA 2022
 Book Panel Discussant: Ahmet Kuru’s *Islam, Authoritarianism, and Underdevelopment*, MESA 2020
 Chair/Discussant/Organizer: “The Indonesian Council of Ulama and the State’s Islamic Bureaucracy,” AAS 2020
 “The Nonpoliticization of Identity in Indonesia,” WPSA 2020
 “The Spirit and/of Political Science,” APSA 2019, ISA 2022
 Chair/Discussant: “Religious Minorities: Tolerance and Persecution,” APSA 2019
 Chair: “Authoritarianism in Southeast Asian Politics,” APSA 2019
 “Moderation and Immoderation of Islamic Political Parties,” with Colm Fox, ISA 2019
 “The Politics of the Fatwa,” AAS 2018
 “Islam, Identity, and the Organizational Roots of Political Tolerance,” with Tom Pepinsky, APSA 2018
 Chair/Discussant: “Religion Disaggregated II: Belief, Belonging, and Behavior,” APSA 2018 (organizer of two linked panels)
 “IR and Religious Studies: Pedagogy and Interdisciplinary Exchange,” AAR 2017
 “The Missionary Impulse in World Politics,” ISA 2017
 “Soft Separation Democracy,” APSA 2016
 Discussant: “Politics and Religions in Africa,” APSA 2014
 Chair/Discussant: “Religious Minorities, Sectarianism, and the State,” ISA 2014
 “Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia,” AAS 2012, ISA 2014, LSA 2014, APSA 2014
 “Tolerance without Liberalism: Conflict and Coexistence in Twentieth Century Indonesia,” APSA 2011
 Discussant: “Muslim Democracies,” APSA 2011
 Discussant: “Political Islam,” MPSA 2011
 “Secularizing Shari’a: Islamic Law and Family Planning in Indonesia,” APSA 2009, ASA 2008
 “Majelis Ulama Indonesia dan Hal-Hal Bertoleransi Umum,” Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay (in Indonesian), 2007

Boston University Presentations

“Interview Research,” PO 842 Oct 2022
“Academic Publishing,” PO 702 March 2022
“Misinformation and Social Movements,” BU Research on Tap Feb 2022
Organizer and moderator, “Buddhist Law Under Colonialism,” BUCSA/CURA March 2021
Book workshop discussant: “Evangelicals and Electoral Politics in Latin America: A Kingdom of This World,” December 2020
“Teaching Great Seminars in the Hybrid Format,” Pardee School January 2021
“Three Principles of Online Pedagogy,” Pardee School Summer Pedagogy Series 2020
Workshop Discussant: “Auschwitz as a ‘Teachable Moment’? The Holocaust in German Civic Education in a Multicultural Context,” Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies 2019
“Woodrow Wilson and the Spirit of Liberal Internationalism,” CURA 2017; Pardee Research Seminar and Comparative Politics Workshop 2018; Guest Lecture 2017
Chair: “The Challenge of Democracy,” Alumni Panel 2017
“The Missionary Impulse in World Politics,” SSRN and CURA 2017
Guest lecture: “Introduction to Indonesia,” World Regional Geography 2016
Moderator: Pardee School of Global Studies Career Symposium, 2015
Panelist: “From Dictatorship to Democracy: Reporting from Indonesia,” 2014
Panelist: “Advice for New Faculty,” CAS Orientation 2014
Panelist: “Advancing the Human Condition: An Agenda for Research and Education,” Gerald and Deanne Gitner Family CAS Lecture 2014
“The Constructivist Turn in the Study of Religion and Comparative Politics,” SSRN 2013
“Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia,” Center for the Study of Asia and Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies & Civilizations 2014

Student Events

Pardee Undergraduate Honors Thesis + BA/MA + UROP, February 2022
Pardee Undergraduate Honors Thesis + UROP Event, February 2021
Pardee School Orientation, January 2021
BU Student-Faculty Forum, April 2019
Women of Pardee roundtable discussion, February 2019
Pizza and Politics roundtable discussion, Fall 2018
“How to Combat Islamophobia,” BUUnited Conference 2017; BU Business Club 2017
“How to Get Published,” Pardee School 2016; 2017
“IR and Religion: Emerging Scholars,” 2014

SERVICE

Pardee School Service

Pardee Graduate Student Admissions & Recruiting Committee (2022- 2023)
Learn *from* Anywhere Coach, 2020-2021
Revised Mentorship Guide for Faculty in the Pardee School, 2016-17
Coordinator, MA Program in International Relations and Religion, 2013-16

Committees

Bylaws Committee, 2021-2022
Co-Chair, Faculty Search in Gender and International Affair, 2018
Pardee School General Education, 2018-19
Strategic Planning, CURA, 2016-present
M.A. Curriculum Review, 2016
Strategic Planning, Spring 2015

Boston University Service

Admissions Event

New York City, March 2017

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP)

Advisory Committee, 2016-present

Organizer

CURA workshop on “Finding Religion,” with Tim Longman, 2019
Comparative Politics Workshop, 2018-19, 2019-2020, Fall 2020
“International Relations and Religion Pizza & Politics Workshop,” 2013-17
“Varieties of Pluralist Co-existence,” with Robert Hefner, 2014-15
“Religion and Power in Transition,” with Robert Hefner, 2013-14

Disciplinary Service

Midwest Political Science Association

Section Co-Head, 76. Subfield: Institutions & Theory, 2021

Religion & Politics Section of APSA

Wald Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2023
Small Grants Committee, 2020, 2021
Book Award Committee, 2019
Host and Organizer with CURA, Special Reception at the Annual Meeting, 2018
Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2016-17
Chair, Graduate Student Paper Committee, 2015-16
Treasurer/Secretary, 2014-16
Paper Award Committee, 2013

Southeast Asia Research Group

Fellows Selection Committee, 2019

Southeast Asia Related Group of APSA

Chair, Paper Award Committee, 2015

Interpretive Methodologies and Methods APSA group

Chair, Hayward Alker Student Paper Award Committee, 2020-2021

Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of APSA

Executive Committee, 2015-17

State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah

Research methods workshops, March-April 2010

Reviewer

American Political Science Review; Asian Studies Review; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; Comparative Politics; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Studies in Society and History; East Asia Forum; International Studies Perspectives; Journal of Islamic Studies; Politics, Religion, Ideology; Modern Asian Studies; Pacific Affairs; Politics & Religion; Perspectives on Politics; Sage Open Access; Southeast Asian Studies Dissertation Reviews; Sociology of Islam; University of Michigan Press; Oxford University Press