

# Amanda Rizkallah

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Associate Professor of International Studies, Seaver College, Pepperdine University, 2024-present

Assistant Professor of International Studies, Seaver College, Pepperdine University, 2016-2024

Pre-doctoral Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2015-2016

### EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, University of California Los Angeles, 2016

Dissertation: *Coffins and Castles: The Political Legacies of Civil War in Lebanon*

M.A. in Political Science, University of California Los Angeles, 2010

B.A. in Political Science, University of California Los Angeles, 2008

Summa Cum Laude, College Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Local Effects of Foreign Intervention: Urban Politics in Post-War Beirut.” 2024. *International Security* 48(3).

“The Effects of Civil War on Post-War Political Development.” 2018. (with Pellumb Kelmendi) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics*.

“The Paradox of Powersharing: Stability and Fragility in Postwar Lebanon.” 2017. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(12).

Reprinted in Arthur Stein and Ayelet Harel-Shelev, eds. *Affect, Interest and Political Entrepreneurs in Ethnic and Religious Conflicts*. London: Routledge, 2018.

### BOOK CHAPTER

“Transcending Sectarian Politics: The Case of Beirut Madinati.” In *Countering Sectarianism in the Middle East*. Santa Monica: RAND Corporation, 2019

### WORKING PAPERS

“The Electoral Legacies of War and Foreign Intervention: Evidence from Lebanon”

“Intergenerational Legacies of Civil War and the Development of Post-Conflict Partisanship” (with Christiana Parreira) *Under Review*

“Beyond Parochial Altruism: Shared Crises and Cross-Ethnic Solidarities in Lebanon” (with Melani Cammett and Rochelle Sun) *Under Review*

“The Country Source Origins of Vaccine Hesitancy” (with Melani Cammett, Daniel Corstange, and Rochelle Sun)

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Between Continuity and Transformation: Internal Displacement and Social Networks in the Hezbollah-Israel War” (with Christiana Parreira and Sami Atallah)

“Clerics as Pandemic Public Health Officials: Evidence from Lebanon” (with Melani Cammett and Rochelle Sun)

## SHORT ESSAYS

“What can we learn from Lebanon’s elections?” 2018. *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*

“Beirut’s election was surprisingly competitive. Could it shake up Lebanese politics?” 2016. *The Washington Post Monkey Cage*

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *For the War Yet to Come: Planning Beirut’s Frontiers* by Hiba Bou Akar. 2023. *The Journal of Development Studies*.

Review of *Friend or Foe: Militia Intelligence and Ethnic Violence in the Lebanese Civil War* by Nils Hägerdal. 2022. *Mediterranean Politics*.

Review of *Quagmire in Civil War* by Jonah Schulhofer-Wohl. 2021. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

Review of *The Charity of War: Famine, Humanitarian Aid, and World War I in the Middle East* by Melanie S. Tanielian. 2019. *Review of Middle East Studies*.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS

### EXTERNAL

Pre-doctoral Research Fellowship, Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School of Government, 2015-2016

Herbert F. York Global Security Dissertation Fellowship, UC Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), 2015-2016

APSA Annual Meeting Travel Grant, 2015

Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, 2013

Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship, 2009

### INTERNAL

Research Retreat Grant, 2025-2026  
Dean's Research Grant, 2025-2026  
Grant Writing Workshop at Chateau d'Hauteville, 2025  
Dean's Research Grant, 2024-2025  
Faculty-Student Partnership for Diversifying Courses Grant, 2023  
Pandemic Research Recovery Grant, 2022  
Provost Research Grant, 2021  
Covid Dependent Care Grant, 2020, 2021  
Academic Year Undergraduate Research Initiative Award, 2019-2020  
Pedagogy Enhancement Grant, Pepperdine Center for Teaching Excellence, 2018-2019  
Summer Undergraduate Research Program Award, Pepperdine, 2018, 2020

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association, 2013, 2015, 2023, 2024, 2025  
International Studies Association, 2022, 2024  
Folke Bernadotte Academy Research Workshop, 2020  
Middle East Studies Association, 2016, 2018, 2023  
Yale Program on Order, Conflict and Violence Workshop, 2016  
Harvard Department of Government Middle East Politics Workshop, 2016  
Project on Middle East Political Science, 2015  
The Ashburn Institute, 2015  
Midwest Political Science Association, 2011, 2012  
UCLA Comparative Politics Association, 2012

#### INVITED TALKS

Pepperdine University Veritas Forum, Christianity and Pluralism, 2026  
Arab Reform Initiative and Arab Political Science Network panelist "Rebel Governance, Post-Conflict Legitimacy, and State-Building in Syria" webinar, 2025  
Pepperdine University Sabbatical Presentation Series, 2025  
Pepperdine University "Exit from International Organizations," moderator for book talk, 2025  
Pepperdine University "War in Ukraine" panel, 2022  
K2 Summit High School Women's History Month panel "Careers in the Social Sciences," 2021  
Cornell Einaudi Center for International Studies panel "Beirut Under Fire," 2020

Sectarianism, Proxies & De-sectarianisation Podcast, Richardson Institute, Lancaster University, 2019  
RAND *Countering Sectarianism in the Middle East* publishing event, 2018  
RAND Workshop on Resilience to Sectarianism, 2017  
Yale Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence Speaker Series, 2016  
Herb York Global Security Fellows Symposium, 2016  
Harvard Middle East Initiative Public Seminar Series, 2016  
Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations, 2016  
UCLA Social Sciences Dissertation Launchpad speaker, 2014

## TEACHING

International Studies Senior Research Seminar  
Politics of the Middle East and North Africa  
Conflict and Peacebuilding  
International Diplomacy

*Political Science Undergraduate Honors Theses*: Charlotte Lang 2020-2021, Athena-Rose Jennings 2018-2019

*International Studies Undergraduate Research Projects*: Viviana Hernandez summer 2025

## SERVICE

### PROFESSIONAL

Editorial Board Member, APSA MENA newsletter, 2024-present

Executive Council Member, Women's Caucus of ISA (WCIS), 2022-2024

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Journal of Politics*, *Comparative Politics*, *International Security*, *International Organization*, *Politics & Policy*, *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, *Social Forces*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Politics*, *International Politics*, *Journal of Borderland Studies*

Reviewer, Carnegie Corporation Transnational Movements and the Arab Region Program, 2018

Women's professional development session co-chair, International Studies Association, 2024

Panel organizer, Middle East Studies Association, 2023

Discussant and panel chair, International Studies Association, 2022

Discussant, Midwest Political Science Association, 2022

Discussant, International Studies Association-West, 2018, 2020

Discussant, UCLA Comparative Politics Association Graduate Conference, 2013, 2014, 2015

Discussant, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, 2013

#### UNIVERSITY

Faculty-in-Residence, Buenos Aires Summer GE Study Abroad Program, Pepperdine, expected 2026

Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, Seaver College, Pepperdine, 2025-present

Institutional Review Board, Seaver College, Pepperdine, 2017-present

Faculty-in-Residence, London Academic Year Study Abroad Program, Pepperdine, 2022-2023

*Global Tides* Journal Advisor, 2018-present

Seaver Faculty Senate, 2021-2022

Gaither Fellowship Committee, Seaver College, 2021-2022

Seaver Academic Council, Seaver College, Pepperdine, 2020-2021

Rank, Tenure, and Promotion Committee, Seaver College, Pepperdine, 2020-2021

Faculty Search Committee, Seaver College Social Sciences, 2020

Faculty Search Committees, Seaver College International Studies, 2016, 2020, 2021

Faculty Search Committee, UCLA Political Science, 2014

President, UCLA Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2011-2012

Political Science Department Representative, UCLA Social Science Council, 2010-2011

#### LANGUAGES, FIELDWORK, SKILLS

*Languages:* Lebanese Dialect of Arabic (native speaker/fluently), Modern Standard Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Spanish (advanced)

*Fieldwork:* Lebanon, Algeria

*Software:* L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, R, GIS

#### SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Arabic/English Copy Editor and Cultural Advisor, David House Agency, 2013-2014

Assistant to Coordinator, Southern California Fulbright Visiting Scholar Enrichment Program, 2006-2013

Rapporteur, Regional Security and Cooperation Conferences for the Middle East Track II Diplomacy, Center for Middle East Development at UCLA, 2008 and 2011

Intern, Saban Center for Middle East Policy at the Brookings Institutions, 2007