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EXPERIENCE

Visiting Fellow

The Brookings Institution & Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow | Sept 2023 – Present

- Lead research related to initiatives to improve global conflict prevention and stabilization as part of Brookings' Center for Sustainable Development.

Deputy U.S. Special Envoy for Yemen

U.S. Department of State | Mar 2021 – Sept 2023

- Served as the lead strategic advisor on U.S. diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict in Yemen.
- Worked closely with the UN Special Envoy team to secure the longest truce since the Yemen conflict began.
- Engaged with conflict parties and other regional actors to promote dialogue on a roadmap to end the conflict.

Managing Director

U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, DFC | Mar 2020-Mar 2021

- Led DFC's strategic approach to investment in the Middle East, North Africa, and Afghanistan and Pakistan.
- Supported business development for over \$800 million in potential investments and launched four regional investment initiatives.
- Drafted DFC's Fragile States Approach to expand and enhance investments in fragile and conflict-affected countries.

Director for Arabian Peninsula Affairs

U.S. National Security Council | Nov 2018 – Mar 2020

- Coordinated the interagency U.S. response to the Yemen conflict, including development of an integrated five-year U.S. foreign policy strategy.
- Launched or strengthened interagency processes related to civilian casualty mitigation, humanitarian response, and economic assistance in Yemen.
- Coordinated U.S. efforts in Oman in the wake of a historic change in Omani leadership.

Senior Democracy Specialist; Senior Desk Officer

US Agency for International Development (USAID) | Jan 2015 – Nov 2018

- Led USAID's agency-wide Yemen Working Group following the outbreak of the Yemen conflict to ensure an effective cross-USAID response.
- Led strategy and project design for assistance across the Middle East, including:

- A strategic approach and tracking system for USAID's \$250 million Genocide Recovery and Persecution Response program in Iraq.
- A \$100 million-dollar Project Appraisal Document (PAD) in Morocco.
- An innovative three-year, scenario-based strategic approach for restarting USAID's Yemen development assistance and expanding the portfolio to over \$200 million.

Research Consultant

United Nations Economic and Social Commission, UN-ESCWA | Apr 2013-Jan 2015

- Led a review of Islamic zakat charity systems across the Middle East and their role in government and informal social safety net and other social protection systems.
- Proposed recommendations for member-country governments to enhance regulation of zakat and optimize its role in social protection mechanisms.

Arab Aid Program Manager

AidData | Jun 2014-Nov 2014

- Led an innovative method for tracking billions of dollars of aid from major donors in the Middle East to identify areas of collaboration with donors in the United States.

Health Task Team Leader

Innovations for Peace and Development, IPD | Jan 2013-Jun 2014

- Supervised an interdisciplinary team conducting research and data analysis on global trends in health aid.

Researcher

University of Texas Climate Change and African Political Stability Project | Mar 2012-Jan 2013

- Evaluated the impact of international aid programs designed to enhance democracy and governance in Africa on conflict and regional stability.

U.S. Fulbright Researcher

U.S. Fulbright Commission | Aug 2010-Aug 2011

- Evaluated the impact of the Moroccan National Initiative for Human Development (INDH) in the Tiznit Province as part of a broader Government of Morocco approach to participatory development from 1999-2010.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Master of Global Policy Studies

University of Texas-Austin | LBJ School of Public Policy

Master of Middle Eastern Studies

University of Texas-Austin | Center for Middle Eastern Studies

BA in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies

St. Mary's College of Maryland