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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Democratization, Security Studies, Religion & Politics Middle East and North Africa, Experimental Methods	sgrewal@american.edu
EMPLOYMENT	American University , Washington, DC <i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Government William & Mary , Williamsburg, VA <i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Government	2024- 2019-2024
FELLOWSHIPS	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA <i>Research Fellow</i> , Middle East Initiative The Brookings Institution , Washington, DC <i>Nonresident Senior Fellow</i> , Center for Middle East Policy <i>Nonresident Fellow</i> , Center for Middle East Policy <i>Post-Doctoral Fellow</i> , Foreign Policy Program	2023-2024 2023- 2019-2023 2018-2019
EDUCATION	Princeton University , Princeton, NJ M.A. and Ph.D., Politics Committee: Amaney Jamal (chair), Rory Truex, Kris Ramsay, Tarek Masoud Subfields: Comparative Politics; Middle East; Formal & Quantitative Methods Georgetown University , Washington, DC B.S., Foreign Service; Certificate in Arab Studies. <i>Summa Cum Laude</i> .	2013-2018 2009-2013
BOOKS	1. Grewal, Sharan. <i>Soldiers of Democracy? Military Legacies and the Arab Spring</i> . Oxford University Press. July 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awards: <i>Best Book in MENA Politics</i> (APSA MENA section); <i>Robert Jervis Best International Security Book Award</i> (APSA International Security section)• Reviews: Marc Lynch (<i>POMEPS</i>), Abdalla Nasef (<i>Al-Salon</i>), Ali Sarihan (<i>BJMES</i>), Hicham Bou Nassif (<i>MEJ</i>), Adrian del Rio (<i>Democratization</i>)• Book Talks: Brookings, POMED, Harvard, Princeton, Syracuse, GW, American, Oregon, VMI, POMEPS, Tahrir Podcast, The Politics Classroom• Excerpts: Brookings Institution, <i>New Lines Magazine</i>, <i>Journal of Democracy</i>	
JOURNAL ARTICLES	1. Grewal, Sharan. "Military Repression and Restraint in Algeria." <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 118(2), 671-686, May 2024. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2023 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Paper Award 2. Noh, Yuree, Sharan Grewal, and M.Tahir Kilavuz. "Regime Support and Gender Quotas in Autocracies." <i>American Political Science Review</i> , 118(2), 706-723, May 2024.	
	3. Grewal, Sharan, and Shadi Hamid. "Discrimination, Inclusion, and Anti-System Attitudes among Muslims in Germany." <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , 68(2), 511-528, April 2024.	

4. Williamson, Scott, A.Kadir Yildirim, Sharan Grewal, and Mirjam Kuenkler. "Preaching Politics: How Politicization Undermines Religious Authority in the Middle East." *British Journal of Political Science*, 53(2), 555-574, April 2023.
5. Grewal, Sharan, and Matthew Cebul. "Can Religious Reinterpretations Bridge the Secular-Religious Divide? Experimental Evidence from Tunisia." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 67(2-3), 428-456, February-March 2023.
6. Kilavuz, M. Tahir, Sharan Grewal, and Robert Kubinec. "Ghosts of the Black Decade: How Legacies of Violence Shaped Algeria's *Hirak* Uprising." *Journal of Peace Research*, 60(1), 9-25, January 2023. Special Issue. Lead article.
7. Cebul, Matthew and Sharan Grewal. "Military Conscription and Nonviolent Resistance." *Comparative Political Studies*, 55(13), 2217-2249, November 2022.
 - 2023 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)
8. Grewal, Sharan and Drew Kinney. "What's in a Name? Experimental Evidence of the Coup Taboo." *Democratization*, 29(7): 1332-1345, November 2022.
9. Koehler, Kevin, Sharan Grewal, and Holger Albrecht. "Who Fakes Support for the Military? Experimental Evidence from Tunisia." *Democratization*, 29(6): 1055-1076, August 2022.
 - 2020 APSA MENA Politics Best Paper Award
10. Grewal, Sharan. "Norm Diffusion through US Military Training in Tunisia." *Security Studies* 31(2): 291-317, June 2022.
 - 2022 Perry World House-Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholars Prize
 - Author Exchange with Rachel Tecott and Heidi A. Urben, *Security Studies* 31(3): 533-551, November 2022
11. Brooks, Risa and Sharan Grewal. "'Twice the Citizen': How Military Attitudes of Superiority Undermine Civilian Control in the United States." *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 66(4-5): 623-650, May 2022.
12. Bishara, Dina and Sharan Grewal. "Political, not Partisan: Tunisia's General Labor Union under Democracy." *Comparative Politics*, 54(3): 453-475, April 2022.
13. Grewal, Sharan. "Why Sudan Succeeded Where Algeria Failed." *Journal of Democracy* 32(4): 102-114, October 2021.
14. Grewal, Sharan. "From Islamists to Muslim Democrats: The Case of Tunisia's Ennahda." *American Political Science Review*, 114(2): 519-535, May 2020.
 - 2021 APSA Democracy & Autocracy Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)
15. Grewal, Sharan. "Tunisia's Foiled Coup of 1987: The November 8th Group." *Middle East Journal*, 74(1): 53-71, Spring 2020.
16. Grewal, Sharan, Amaney Jamal, Tarek Masoud, and Elizabeth Nugent. "Poverty and Divine Rewards: The Electoral Advantage of Islamist Political Parties." *American Journal of Political Science*. 63(4): 859-874, October 2019.
17. Grewal, Sharan and Steve Monroe. "Down and Out: Founding Elections and Disillusionment with Democracy in Egypt and Tunisia." *Comparative Politics*. 51(4): 497-539, July 2019. Lead article.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grewal, Sharan. "Military Defection During Localized Protests: The Case of Tataouine." <i>International Studies Quarterly</i> 63(2): 259-269, June 2019. Grewal, Sharan and Yasser Kureshi. "How to Sell a Coup: Elections as Coup Legitimation." <i>Journal of Conflict Resolution</i> 63(4): 1001-1031, April 2019. Grewal, Sharan and Erik Voeten. "Are New Democracies Better Human Rights Compliers?" <i>International Organization</i> 69(2): 497-518, Spring 2015. 																																
RESEARCH IN PROGRESS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Grewal, Sharan. "The Islamist Advantage: The Religious Infrastructure of Electoral Victory." Forthcoming, <i>British Journal of Political Science</i>. Grewal, Sharan. <i>The Rise and Fall of Tunisian Democracy: Populism, Polarization, and the Perils of Power-Sharing</i>. Book Manuscript. Grewal, Sharan. People Power Data Project. 																																
SELECTED POLICY ANALYSIS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Hamid, Shadi and Sharan Grewal. "An Open Letter to President Biden on Democracy and U.S. Policy towards Tunisia." May 3, 2023. Signed by 21 ambassadors, policymakers, and scholars. Grewal, Sharan, Ian DeHaven, and Salah-Dean Satouri. Will Tunisia's opposition unite against the July 25 referendum?, <i>The Washington Post</i>, July 22, 2022. Hammami, Mohamed Dhia and Sharan Grewal. "How much popular support does Tunisia's president really have?" <i>The Washington Post</i>, April 26, 2022. Mighri, Hamza, and Sharan Grewal. "Reforming Tunisia's Military Courts." <i>The Brookings Institution</i>, November 7, 2019. Grewal, Sharan. "A Quiet Revolution: The Tunisian Military After Ben Ali." <i>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace</i>. February 24, 2016. 																																
SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Vivian Yee, "Economic Neglect and Political Instability Unraveled Tunisia's Democracy." <i>The New York Times</i>, August 21, 2022. Claire Parker, "Tunisia's president fires prime minister, dismisses government, freezes parliament." <i>Washington Post</i>, July 26, 2021. Nadia Massih, "Special Edition: Arab Spring," <i>France24</i>, December 17, 2020. 																																
SELECTED GRANTS & AWARDS	<table> <tr> <td>APSA MENA: Best Book in MENA Politics Award</td><td>2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>APSA Int'l Sec: Robert Jervis Best International Security Book Award</td><td>2024</td></tr> <tr> <td>APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Paper Award</td><td>2023</td></tr> <tr> <td>APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)</td><td>2023</td></tr> <tr> <td>Perry World House-Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholars Prize (\$10,000)</td><td>2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>W&M Reves Center for International Studies, Faculty Fellow Award (\$10,000)</td><td>2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>John Templeton Foundation, Islam, Science, & Society, co-PI (\$234,000)</td><td>2022</td></tr> <tr> <td>APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)</td><td>2021</td></tr> <tr> <td>APSA MENA: Best Paper Award</td><td>2020</td></tr> <tr> <td>Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$300,000)</td><td>2018</td></tr> <tr> <td>National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$18,900)</td><td>2018</td></tr> <tr> <td>Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)</td><td>2018</td></tr> <tr> <td>Global Religion Research Initiative, Project Launch Grant (\$12,000)</td><td>2018</td></tr> <tr> <td>Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$400,000)</td><td>2017</td></tr> <tr> <td>George Kateb Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton University</td><td>2017</td></tr> <tr> <td>Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (\$14,000)</td><td>2014-17</td></tr> </table>	APSA MENA: Best Book in MENA Politics Award	2024	APSA Int'l Sec: Robert Jervis Best International Security Book Award	2024	APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Paper Award	2023	APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)	2023	Perry World House-Foreign Affairs Emerging Scholars Prize (\$10,000)	2022	W&M Reves Center for International Studies, Faculty Fellow Award (\$10,000)	2022	John Templeton Foundation, Islam, Science, & Society, co-PI (\$234,000)	2022	APSA Democracy & Autocracy: Best Article Award (Honorable Mention)	2021	APSA MENA: Best Paper Award	2020	Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$300,000)	2018	National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$18,900)	2018	Smith Richardson Foundation, World Politics & Statecraft Fellowship (\$7,500)	2018	Global Religion Research Initiative, Project Launch Grant (\$12,000)	2018	Henry Luce Foundation, Religion in International Affairs, co-PI (\$400,000)	2017	George Kateb Teaching Award, Politics Department, Princeton University	2017	Mamdouha S. Bobst Center for Peace and Justice (\$14,000)	2014-17
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TEACHING	Intro to Comparative Politics (AU GOVT-130; W&M GOVT-203) Spring 2022 (5/5); Fall 2022 (4.6/5); Fall 2024 (5/5)
	Middle East Political Systems (W&M GOVT-339) Spring 2020 (4.8/5); Spring 2021 (4.9/5); Fall 2021 (4.8/5); Spring 2023 (4.9/5)
	Political Islam (W&M GOVT-403) Fall 2019 (4.9/5); Fall 2020 (5/5); Spring 2022 (5/5); Spring 2023 (4.9/5)
	Comparative Political Institutions (AU GOVT-733) Spring 2025 (TBD)
ADVISING	PhD Students At AU: Yasir Atalan; Cindy Ragab; Wali Rehemani; Yasin Bozkus External: Haifa Souilmi (Oregon)
	Honors Theses 2019-2023: Helena Buckman, Isabel Conti (won best Government thesis), Maggie Manson, Max Markel, Charlotte Mines, Seth Fiderer, Heather Rodenberg
	Research Assistants 2023-24: Rachel Bartz, Lena Bullard, Georgia Freyer, Justin Eng, Thomas Le Gouellec, Khaled Maalouf, Jenine Samara 2022-23: Ian DeHaven and Salah-Dean Satouri (GRI Summer Fellows) 2021-22: Gracie Kosco (GRI Summer Fellow), Kimberly Ferguson 2020-21: Nazrin Garibova, Chris Harrington, Hank Hermens, Amy Hilla, Jenna Iskandar, Sarah Joyce, Daniela Lacalle, M. Manson, Mary Trotto, Anouk vanNispen 2019-20: Danielle Batterman, Cassie Heyman-Schrum, Malik Obeidallah
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	American University Placement Director, 2024- MENA Workshop Organizer, 2024-
	William & Mary Dept Committees: Diversity (2019-20), Merit (2020-22), Curriculum (2022-23) 2021-22 Search Committee, Joint History/IR hire in Modern Middle East History
	Service to Discipline Editorial Board, APSA MENA Politics newsletter, 2025-2028 Best Book Award Committee, APSA MENA, 2025 MPSA Section Head, Transitions to Democracy, 2024-2025 Best Paper Award Committee, APSA Democracy & Autocracy, 2024 Best Article Award Committee (Chair), APSA Democracy & Autocracy, 2022 Editorial Committee, <i>Digest of Middle East Studies</i> , 2020-2028 Guest Lectures: Nick Lotito (Princeton, 2024), Melani Cammett (Harvard, 2024), Salam Fayyad (Princeton, 2021, 2023), Haifa Souilmi (Oregon, 2023), Yael Zeira (Syracuse, 2023), Scott Williamson (Bocconi, 2021), Adel El-Adawy (AUC, 2021), Dina Bishara (Alabama, 2019)

Referee: *Cambridge University Press*; *Oxford University Press* (x2); *American Political Science Review* (x4); *American Journal of Political Science* (x5); *Journal of Politics* (x3); *British Journal of Political Science* (x2); *Perspectives on Politics* (x3); *World Politics* (x2); *Comparative Political Studies* (x6); *Comparative Politics* (x4); *International Organization* (x2); *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (x2); *Journal of Peace Research* (x3); *International Studies Quarterly* (x2); *Political Research Quarterly* (x3); *Democratization* (x4); *Mediterranean Politics* (x4); etc.

Book Reviews:

1. [Review](#) of Kuehn and Croissant, *Routes to Reform* (Oxford), in *Perspectives on Politics*, Firstview.
2. [Review](#) of Anne Wolf, *Ben Ali's Tunisia* (Oxford), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Firstview.
3. [Review](#) of Hicham Bou Nassif, *Endgames* (Cambridge), in *Perspectives on Politics*, 19:4, 1363-4, 2021.
4. [Review](#) of Sabina Henneberg, *Managing Transition* (Cambridge), in *Middle East Journal*, 75:3, 494-5, 2021.
5. [Review](#) of Albrecht, Croissant, & Lawson, *Armies and Insurgencies in the Arab Spring* (Univ. of Pennsylvania), in *Armed Forces & Society* 45:3, 585-586, 2019.
6. [Review](#) of Barany, *How armies respond to revolutions and why* (Princeton); Grawert & Abul-Magd, *Businessmen in arms* (Rowman & Littlefield); and Albrecht, *Raging against the machine* (Syracuse), in *Mediterranean Politics* 23:3, 427-432, 2018.

US Government Outreach

Briefed State Department, Congressional staffers on Tunisia: 2016-2024

Briefed State Department, Congressional staffers on Algeria: 2019-2020

LANGUAGES Arabic (Modern Standard; Egyptian and Tunisian dialects)

FIELDWORK Egypt (2012, 2014); Morocco (2015); Turkey (2016); Tunisia (2014-2022)