

Rachel Sternfeld

CONTACT INFORMATION

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, 2014 –
Department of Political Science
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government
Ph.D. Political Science, August 2014
Dissertation: *Political Coalitions and Media Policy: A Study of Egyptian Newspapers*

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Government
M.A. Political Science, 2009

University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies
M.S. Middle Eastern Politics, with distinction, 2006

New York University, College of Arts and Science
B.A. Politics, with Honors, *cum laude*, 2003
Minors: Middle Eastern Studies, Spanish

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA)
Advanced Arabic language program at American University of Cairo, Egypt,
June 2011-May 2012.

Summer Statistics Institute, University of Texas at Austin
Course entitled “Introduction to Bayesian Statistics,” Summer 2010.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)
Program in quantitative methods at University of Michigan, Summer 2009.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

MacDonald Research Fellowship, Department of Government, University of
Texas at Austin, Fall 2012.

MacDonald Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Government,
University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2012.

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellow, Summer 2011 to Spring 2012.

MacDonald Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2012 (declined).

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2011-2012 (declined).

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2011.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2011.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2010.

Clogg Fellowship, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, Summer 2009.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 2008-2009.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2008.

Trustee Scholarship, College of Arts and Sciences, New York University, 1999-2003.

CONFERENCES:
PAPERS &
PRESENTATIONS

“Persuasion in Print: A Comparison of State and Privately Owned Newspapers in Egypt,” *American Political Science Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, 29 August-1 September, 2013.

Invited discussant, “Political Transition in Egypt: Some Current Assessments” at *ASAN-AUC Dialogue: The Arab Spring and Korean Experiences of Political Transition*, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 4-5 December 2012.

“Commercial Media and the New Business Class: Understanding Regime Incentives in Egypt and Syria,” *Midwest Political Science Association 69th Annual Conference*, Chicago, 31 March-3 April 2011.

Invited discussant, “The Arab Wave?” at *Spontaneity and Organization in European Democratic Contention*, University of Texas at Austin, 18 February 2011.

“On State Repression of Journalists: A Comparison of Egypt's Treatment of Print Journalists and Bloggers, 2004 to 2008,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Diego, 18-21 November 2010.

“Bloggers and Internet Police: Repression and Institutional Change in Twenty-First Century Egypt,” *Midwest Political Science Association 68th Annual Conference*, Chicago, 22-25 April 2010.

“Transparency and Economic Growth: Internet Censorship and Foreign Direct Investment in Tunisia and Egypt,” *Midwest Political Science Association Annual 67th Conference*, Chicago, 2-5 April 2009.

“The Internet: a unifying or divisive force in society? Development of an online public sphere in the ‘post-Saddam’ era,” *First Doctoral Symposium for Arab and Muslim Media Researcher*, King’s College, University of London, UK, 28 April 2007.

With Kate Stewart and John Russonello: “Understanding the Catholic Vote in 2004,” *American Association of Public Opinion Research 60th Annual Conference*, Miami Beach, 12-15 May 2005.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Instructor, “Issues & Policies in American Government: America & the Arab Spring,” University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2014.

Instructor, “Issues & Policies in American Government: America & the Arab Spring,” University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2013.

Instructor, “Issues & Policies in American Government: America & the Arab Spring,” University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2013.

Section Leader, “Introduction to International Relations and Global Studies” with Dr. Stephanie Holmsten, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2013

Teaching Assistant, “Research Methods in Political Science” with Dr. Jee-Kwang Park, American University in Cairo, Fall 2012.

Section Leader, “American Government” with Dr. Andrew Karch, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2010.

Teaching Assistant, “Issues & Policies in American Government: The United States & Democracy Promotion” with Dr. Jason Brownlee, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2009.

Teaching Assistant, “Issues & Policies in American Government: The United States & Regime Change” with Dr. Jason Brownlee, University of Texas at Austin, Spring 2008.

Teaching Assistant, “Politics of the Welfare State” with Dr. Gary Freeman, University of Texas at Austin, Fall 2007.

PROFESSIONAL
AFFILIATIONS

American Political Science Association, January 2008 to present.
Midwest Political Science Association, January 2009 to present.
Middle East Studies Association, January 2006 to present.
Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, January 2004 to present.

STATISTICAL
PACKAGES

Stata
SPSS
Wincross
Snap
Abtab

LANGUAGES

Arabic
Modern Standard Arabic (near fluency)
Egyptian dialect (near fluency)
Syrian dialect (working knowledge)
Spanish (high proficiency)

WORK AND
OTHER
EXPERIENCE

Election Observer, Egyptian Constitutional Referendum, Democracy International, Cairo & South Sinai, Egypt, January 2014.

Analyst, Belden Russonello Strategists, Washington, DC, September 2003 to July 2005.

Research Assistant, FOX News Channel, Public Opinion Research Department, New York, NY, June 2002 to June 2003.

Intern, Office of Senator Charles E. Schumer, Washington, DC, Summer 2001.