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Education

June 2008 **M.S.S. in Development & International Relations**
Aalborg University, Denmark

May 2006 **B.A. in Political Science**
San Diego State University, U.S.A.

Awards

May 2006 **Charles McCall Award for Best Undergraduate Research, SSRIC Student Research Conference**
Undergraduate thesis: *Security Or Demography? The West Bank Barrier as a Demographic Tool*

Academic Publications

"Security or Demography? The West Bank Barrier As a Demographic Tool." *Studium* 7 (2007): 55-81.

"Counting Heads: Israel's Demographic Imperative." *Interdisciplinary Journal of International Studies* (forthcoming).

"Responsibility, Perception & National Identity: Rationalizing Factors in Palestinian Support For Suicide Tactics." with Grzegorz Motriuk (currently under review).

Media Publications

"Who Benefits From Gaza's Misery?" Independent Media Centre, 22 January 2008 (<http://winnipeg.indymedia.org/item.php?102105>).

"Welcome To Gaza!" *Palestine Chronicle*, 31 October 2007 (http://palestinechronicle.com/view_article_details.php?id=13281).

"The Gaza Strip: Disengagement Two Years On" *Electronic Intifada*, 24 November 2007 (<http://electronicintifada.net/v2/article9118.shtml>).

Current Research

The Role of Gazan Human Rights NGOs in the Democratization Process: Cultivating a Democratic Culture

I recently spent four months in the Gaza Strip conducting field research with which to form the basis of my Master's thesis. Rebutting the neo-Toquevillean assertion that a robust civil society always works in favor of democracy, I use the Gaza Strip to highlight flaws in this line of thought. The sheer number of anti-democratic forces operating within the larger Palestinian civil society forces a much more nuanced conclusion: At best, it can be said that civil society *sometimes* assists democracy, but certainly not always.

Experience

2007-2008

Research Assistant

Palestinian Centre For Human Rights

I spent four months researching human rights issues in the Gaza Strip, participating in fieldwork, discussing with international delegations, and pursuing my own independent research.

2005-2006

Intern

U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer

Intern at the Senator's local San Diego office; responsible for addressing constituent concerns, recording comments, writing form letters, sorting mail, and other minor clerical tasks.

2005-2006

Staff Writer

The Daily Aztec

Journalist for daily university newspaper; responsibilities included researching information, interviewing sources, and drafting news stories by previously established deadlines.

Languages

English

native

French

intermediate

Danish

intermediate

Spanish

beginner

Greek

beginner

Arabic

beginner

References

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