

# Yael Zeira

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Croft Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies, University of Mississippi, 2013-Present

Postdoctoral Fellow, Empirical Studies of Conflict Program and Center for Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University, 2012-2013

## EDUCATION

New York University, New York, New York, USA

Ph.D., Department of Politics, September 2012, and M.A., 2008

- Dissertation Title: “Sowing Rebellion: Explaining Individual Participation in the Palestinian National Movement”
- Committee: Kanchan Chandra (chair), Bruce Bueno de Mesquita, Michael Gilligan, Macartan Humphreys, Amaney Jamal, Alexandra Scacco

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, USA

B.A. (cum laude with distinction), Political Science and International Studies, 2003

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Conflict and Violence, Authoritarian Regimes, Middle East Politics, International Public Opinion

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2017. “Recognition Matters! UN State Status and Attitudes Towards Territorial Compromise” (with Nadav Shelef). *The Journal of Conflict Resolution* 61(3): 537-563.

2016. “The Effects of Authoritarian Iconography: An Experimental Test” (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather). *Comparative Political Studies* 49(13): 1704-1738.

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

*The Revolution Within: State Institutions and Unarmed Resistance in Palestine*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“From the Schools to the Streets: Education and Anti-Regime Resistance in the West Bank”

“International recognition and support for violence among nonpartisans” (with Nadav G. Shelef, under review)

“Exploring the Determinants of Early Marriage in the Muslim World” (with Lisa Blaydes and Jeremy Weinstein)

GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

Office of Research and Sponsored Programs Investment Grant, University of Mississippi, 2015 (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather).

Research Grant, CPS Special Issue on Transparency/UT-Austin, 2015 (with Sarah Bush, Aaron Erlich, and Lauren Prather).

Summer Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Mississippi, 2014, 2015.

Richard S. Goldsmith Fellows Research Grant, Stanford Center on International Conflict and Negotiation, 2013 (Co-PI with Nadav Shelef)

Research Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, 2011 (Co-PI with Nadav Shelef)

Research Grant, The Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions (LISAR), University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2011 (Co-PI with Nadav Shelef)

Torch Fellowship for Dissertation Research, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2009-2010 (\$22,440)

Summer Research Travel Grant, Department of Politics, New York University, 2007 and 2008

Henry M. McCracken Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, 2005-2011

INVITED  
PRESENTATIONS

Conference on “Nonviolent Strategies in Violent Settings”, University of Denver (April 2015)

Workshop on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, University of Connecticut (July 2013)

CDDRL Research Seminar, Stanford University (May 2013)

Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) Social Science Seminar, Stanford University (May 2013)

Comparative Politics/International Relations Workshop, Stanford University (May 2013)

Comparative Politics Workshop and LISAR, University of Wisconsin-Madison (March 2013)

Program on Order, Conflict and Violence, Yale University (November 2012)

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (2013, 2014, 2016)  
 Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Junior Scholars Book Development Workshop, Princeton University (November 2016)  
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (2010, 2013-2016)  
 International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (2016)  
 AALIMS-Princeton University Conference on Islam and Human Capital, Princeton University (October 2015)  
 Empirical Studies of Conflict Annual Research Conference, University of California, San Diego (2013-2014)  
 Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Annual Conference, The George Washington University (2013, 2014)  
 AALIMS-Princeton University Conference on Political Economy of Muslim Societies, Princeton University (April 2014)  
 Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi (2014)  
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference (2007, 2009, 2012-13)  
 Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop, Princeton University (2012)  
 Graduate Student Conference in Comparative Politics, University of California-Los Angeles (2012)  
 Ethnic Politics Workshop II, The George Washington University (2011)  
 Graduate Student Conference on Political Economy, The Alexander Hamilton Center, New York University (2008)  
 Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations, Yale University (2006)

**BOOK REVIEWS** 2012. *Violence, Nonviolence and the Palestinian National Movement*, by Wendy Pearlman (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012) in *Comparative Political Studies* 46(8).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** Introduction to Comparative Politics (undergraduate lecture), AY 2015-2016, Fall 2016  
 Research Methods for International Studies Majors (undergraduate seminar), Spring 2015 and 2017

Political Conflict and Violence (Ph.D. seminar), Fall 2014

Introduction to Middle East Studies (undergraduate lecture), Fall 2013 and 2014, AY 2015-2016, Fall 2016

Middle East Politics (advanced undergraduate lecture), Fall 2013, Spring 2015, and Spring 2017

Ph.D. and Senior Thesis Committees: Jeremy Cox (Ph.D), Kelly Kennedy (Senior Thesis), Kristina Perry (Senior Thesis), Connor Somgynari (Senior Thesis), William Chase Young (Senior Thesis)

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** Co-founder of <http://www.poldevsvy.org>, a collaborative forum dedicated to sharing and advancing knowledge regarding survey research in developing countries.

Co-Organizer, Working Group on Survey Methods for Developing Countries, MPSA and APSA Annual Meetings 2013

Reviewer for *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Economics and Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *World Politics*

**FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE** United Arab Emirates (UAE): Fall 2015

Israel and Palestinian Territories: Winter 2014, Fall 2011, Spring 2011, Fall 2009, Fall 2008

Jordan: Interview Research for Dissertation, January-May 2010 and October 2008

India: Ethnographic Research on Ethnic Identity, Patronage and Conflict, August 2007

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING** Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2014

Arabic Language Institute, The American University in Cairo, 2004

**LANGUAGES AND OTHER SKILLS** Arabic (advanced), French (advanced), Hebrew (fluent)

Statistical Software: Stata, R