

Lillian Frost

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Virginia Tech (VT), Assistant Professor

Department of Political Science, August 2020–Present

European University Institute, Max Weber Fellow

Max Weber Programme and Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, 2020–21

Harvard University, Research Fellow

Middle East Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, 2018–19

EDUCATION

George Washington University (GWU)

PhD Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

Political Science, 2020

Dissertation: “Ambiguous Citizenship: Protracted Refugees and the State in Jordan”

Committee: Nathan Brown (Chair), Marc Lynch, Henry Hale, and Harris Mylonas

--*Best Dissertation Award, APSA MENA Politics Section, 2021*

MA Columbian College of Arts and Sciences

Political Science, 2016

Major Field: Comparative Politics; Minor Field: Research Methods

University of Virginia (UVA)

MPP Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy

Public Policy, 2012

Capstone: “Evaluating ANERA’s Work in Ein el-Helweh Refugee Camp”

--*Selected Batten Student for UVA Today Annual Graduation Profile, May 2012*

BA College of Arts and Sciences

Political & Social Thought and Foreign Affairs Majors (High Distinction), 2011

Thesis: “How Al-Jazeera Arabic Influences Jordanian Attitudes and Identities?”

Committee: William Quandt, Daniel Lefkowitz, and Michael Joseph Smith

--*UVA Center for Undergraduate Excellence Humanities Research Award, Spring 2011*

RESEARCH AREAS

Citizenship, migration, law and society, gender, and Middle East politics

ACADEMIC WRITING

Publications

Articles

Frost, Lillian. "Ambiguous Citizenship Policies: Examining Implementation Gaps across Levels of Legislation in Jordan." *Comparative Migration Studies* 12, no. 23 (2024): 1–18.

Frost, Lillian. "Formalizing Rights: The Case for Linking Legal Rights to Non-Citizen Statuses." *Digest of Middle East Studies* 30, no. 4 (2021): 270–277.

Book Chapters

Frost, Lillian. "Beyond Citizenship: Unpacking Jordan's Relationship with Palestinian Protracted Refugees." In *Migrations in Jordan: Reception Policies and Settlement Strategies*, edited by Jalal Al Hussein, Norig Neveu, and Valentina Napolitano. I.B. Tauris, Forthcoming June 2024 <<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/migrations-in-jordan-9780755606870/>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Security Threats or Citizens? Fifth Column Rhetoric in Jordan." In *Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns*, edited by Harris Mylonas and Scott Radnitz, 175–201. Oxford University Press, 2022.
--Honorable Mention, SERMEISS Best Article or Book Chapter Award, 2023

Frost, Lillian and Nathan Brown. "Constitutions and Citizens." In *Handbook of Citizenship in the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Zahra Babar, Roel Meijer, and James Sater, 130–143. Routledge Press, 2020.

Frost, Lillian and Musa Shteivi. "Syrian Refugees and Citizenship." In *The Middle East in Transition: The Centrality of Citizenship*, edited by Roel Meijer and Nils Butenschøn, 292–315. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2018.

Academic Reports

Frost, Lillian. "Threatening Refugees: Refugee Rentierism and Arms Deals in Jordan, 1967–77." In *POMEPS Studies 50 – The Politics of Migration and Refugee Rentierism in the Middle East*, edited by Marc Lynch and Gerasimos Tsourapas. Project on Middle East Political Science, March 2024. <<https://pomeps.org/threatening-refugees-refugee-rentierism-and-arms-deals-in-jordan-1967-77>>

Frost, Lillian. "Report on Citizenship Law: Jordan." Global Citizenship Observatory (GLOBALCIT) Country Report, 2022/2, European University Institute. February 2022. <<https://cadmus.eui.eu/handle/1814/74189>>.

Academic and Policy Briefs

Frost, Lillian. "Advancing Refugee and Citizenship Studies through Research on 'Protracted' Refugees." *APSA-MENA Politics Newsletter* 5, no. 2. (Fall 2022): 31–38. <<https://rb.gy/ds1h4q>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Quasi-Citizenship as a Potential Alternative to Naturalisation in the Arab World." In "Unblocking Access to Citizenship in the Global South: Should the Process Be Decentralised?" Edited by Bronwen Manby and Rainer Bauböck. GLOBALCIT Forum. Fall 2020. <<https://rb.gy/d7klcn>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Unequal Citizens: State Limitations on Women's Nationality Rights." *APSA-MENA Politics Newsletter* 3, no. 2. (Fall 2020): 12–16. <<https://rb.gy/50pbo4>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Brief on Women and Nationality in the Arab World." Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies Series. April 2020. <<https://rb.gy/9y3q8x>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Brief on Citizenship." Vicious Cycles: Toward a Research Agenda on Return and Repeat Displacement Perry World House Workshop. December 2019. <<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Ardz7MpZGaUoc9YXSZl4TPVv8-lyFitu/view>>.

Frost, Lillian. "Patriots without Passports." ACOR Blog. January 18, 2018. <<https://acorjordan.org/2018/01/18/patriots-without-passports/>>.

Work in Progress

Articles

"Citizenship in the Shadow of Law: Legal Ambiguity and Authoritarian Power in Jordan." With Steven D. Schaaf. Revise and resubmit from *Law & Society Review*.

"Intentional Ambiguity: Purposeful Discrepancies between Law and Implementation in Jordan."

"Dangerous Citizens: How Demographic Politics Block Gender Equality in Nationality Laws."

"Citizenship Spectrums: Misalignments of Nationality, Passports, and Belonging in Jordan"

"Blocking Entry: Noncitizens, the Postcolonial State, and Restrictive Citizenship."

"Temporary Citizens: Disaggregated Rights and Precarity among the Gazan Refugees in Jordan."

Book Manuscripts

"Intentional Ambiguity: Protracted Refugee Citizenship Policies under Pressure in Jordan." Revise and resubmit, Oxford University Press.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

For Writing (Year(s) Based on Term of the Fellowship)

- 2021–22: Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Florence-Geneva Postdoctoral Fellowship (Declined)
- 2020–21: European University Institute (EUI), Max Weber Programme (MWP) Fellowship
- 2019–20: United States Institute of Peace, Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellowship
- 2019: George Washington University, Summer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018–19: Harvard University Middle East Initiative, Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship
- 2018: Maastricht Univ. Centre for Citizenship, Migration, and Dev., Visiting Fellowship

For Research (Year Based on Date Awarded)

- 2023: Faculty Research Grant, VT College of Liberal Arts & Human Sciences (CLAHS)
Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Research Fellowship
Southeast Regional Middle East & Islamic Studies Society Overseas Travel Grant
- 2022: Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science
Faculty Research Grant, VT CLAHS
Pretenure Pandemic Course Relief Prog., VT Office of Vice Prov. for Fac. Affairs
- 2021: Niles Research Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
- 2020: Cosmos Scholars Grant, Cosmos Club Foundation and Grant Program
Research Grant, GWU Institute for Middle East Studies
- 2019: Travel Research Grant, Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies
Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science
- 2017: CAORC-ACOR Fellowship, Council of American Overseas Research Centers
Research Grant, GWU Political Science Department
Research Grant, GWU Institute for Middle East Studies
- 2016–17: Fulbright Fellowship, Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- 2016: Research Grant, GWU Institute for Middle East Studies
- 2012: Stephanie Jean-Charles Research Grant, UVA Batten School
- 2011: Ingrassia Family Echols Scholars Research Award, UVA Echols Scholars

For Conferences, Professional Development, or Study (Year Based on Date Awarded)

- 2023: 2023–24 International Performance & Presentation Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
2022–23 International Performance & Presentation Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
- 2022: 2021–22 International Performance & Presentation Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
CEUTTSS Faculty Support Small Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
- 2021–23: New Faculty Mentoring Grant, Virginia Tech CLAHS
- 2020: Professional Development Award, GWU Shenkman Career Services Fund
- 2019: Annual Meeting Travel Grant, American Political Science Association
Dean’s Conference Travel Grant, GWU College of Arts and Sciences
- 2011–12: Academic Fellowship, UVA Batten School of Leadership & Public Policy
- 2007–11: Fary Memorial Scholarship, Fary Memorial Scholarship Fund
Robert C. Byrd Scholarship, U.S. Department of Education

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, AND TALKS

Conference Presentations

- 2024: American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September.
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, April.
- 2023: Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society Fall Meeting, October.
Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference at UCLA, October.
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September.
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June.
- 2022: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December.
Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society Fall Meeting, October.
New Directions in Law and Society Conference at UMass Amherst, October.
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September.
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, March.
- 2021: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December (Virtual).
Lancaster Univ. Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation Conference, Dec. (Virtual).
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September (Virtual).
Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May (Virtual).
Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, May (Virtual).
International Studies Association Annual Convention, April (Virtual).

- 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, October (Virtual).
 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May (Virtual).
 Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, May (Cancelled).
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, March (Cancelled).
- 2019: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August.
 Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, May.
- 2018: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November.
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August.
- 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August.
- 2016: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, April.
 Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, April.
- 2015: Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, April.

Conference Panels, Workshops, and Events Organized

- 2023: Int'l Law, Human Rights, & Local Politics in the Israel-Palestine Crisis Panel, VT, Nov.
 Historical Context and Representation in the Israel-Palestine Crisis Panel, VT, Dec.
 The Current Situation regarding the Israel-Palestine Crisis Panel, VT, Dec.
 [Each of the above panels co-organized with Carmen Gitre and Daniel Breslau]
- 2022: Euro. Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop, w/ Shubha Prasad, Apr.
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, March.
- 2021: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December (Virtual).
 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September (Virtual).
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, April (Virtual).
- 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, October (Virtual).
 International Studies Association Annual Convention, March (Cancelled).
- 2019: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August.
- 2018: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November.
- 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, August.

Workshop Presentations

- 2024: VT Comparative, American, International Relations (CAIR) Spring Workshops, April.
 VT Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Workshop Series, March.

- 2023: Politics of Migration & Refugee Rentierism in the Middle East Workshop, POMEPS, Sept.
International Migration Research Network, MIGCITPOL Workshop on Citizenship, July.
Intimacy, Racialisation & Affect in Contemp. Migrat. Politics Workshop, CRESSPA, May.
Emerging Scholars Workshop on Researching Forced Migration in MENA, CBRL, March.
- 2022: Junior Scholar Book Development Workshop (on my manuscript), POMEPS, November.
International Migration Research Network, MIGCITPOL Workshop on Citizenship, May.
European Consortium for Political Research Joint Sessions Workshop, April.
- 2021: European University Institute, Max Weber Fellows Annual Conference, June.
Southeast Regional Mid. East and Islamic Stud. Soc., Research Workshops, Apr. (Virtual).
European University Institute, Migration Working Group Seminar, March (Virtual).
Gender in MENA Politics Research Group, Workshop Series, January (Virtual).
- 2020: European University Institute, Global Citizenship Seminar, October.
POMEPS, Junior Scholar Research Workshop Fall 2020 Series, October (Virtual).
European University Institute, Max Weber Fellows Presentations, September.
APSA MENA, Gender Politics Workshop, September (Virtual).
- 2019: George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop, December.
Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Lunch Seminar, May.
Harvard Kennedy School, Feminisms in the Middle East and North Africa Workshop, May.
University of Washington (Seattle), The Politics of Fifth Columns Workshop, March.
- 2018: Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Lunch Seminar, December.
George Washington University, Comparative Politics Workshop, October.
Harvard Department of Government, MENA Politics Workshop, September.
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Dissertation Workshop, August.
Forced Migration and Social Integration in Jordan French Institute Conference, April.
United Nations University-Maastricht, Migration Seminar Series, April.
Maastricht University Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, MiLifeStatus Series, April.
University of Pennsylvania, DCC Program Graduate Workshop Series, February.
College of William and Mary Government Department Colloquium, February.
- 2017: Amman American Center of Oriental Research, Fellow Talks, December.
Fulbright Program, Researcher Enrichment Seminar in Rabat, March.

Service as a Discussant, Moderator, or Chair

- 2023: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Discussant, Sept. (Invited)
Intl Migrat. Research Network MIGCITPOL Annual Workshop, Discussant, July (Invited)
Global State of Citizenship Webinar, Global Cit. Observatory, Moderator, May (Invited)
- 2022: *JEMS* Spec. Issue “Rethinking the Migration State” Workshop, Discussant, Feb. (Invited)

- 2021: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Discussant, December (Virtual)
 EUI Qualitative and Fieldwork Working Group, Paper Discussant, April (Virtual)
 EUI “Envisioning the Global Souths” Book Talk Series, Moderator, Feb. (Virtual)
- 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chair, October (Virtual)
- 2019: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Discussant, November (Invited)
 UPenn Perry World House Return Migration Workshop, Discussant, June (Invited)
 Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, Discussant, May (Invited)
 Northeast Middle East Politics Working Group Meeting, Discussant, April (Invited)
- 2017: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Discussant, August
- 2015: Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Meeting, Discussant, April (Invited)

Invited Public Commentaries, Talks, Panels, and Podcasts

- 2024: VT Kellogg Center for Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Research Fellow Panel, Apr.
 VT Global Education Office, Women’s Health & Safety Abroad Lunch-and-Learn, Mar.
 McGill University, Cent. for International Peace & Security Studies Speaker Series, Feb.
- 2023: CNN Romania’s (Antena 3 Cable News) “News Hour with CNN,” Fri., Oct. 27 (Zoom)
 VT Amnesty International Chapter, Talk on Israel-Palestine Conflict, Oct. 18 (Hybrid)
 Virginia Tech, Qatar World Cup: Pageantry, Power, & Protest in Soccer, April (Hybrid)
- 2021: Harvard Middle East Initiative, Pilot Fellow Podcast, April (Virtual)
 European University Institute, Schuman Centre Seminar Series, March (Virtual).
- 2019: Harvard Middle East Initiative, Fellow Lectures, March
 Milton Academy Students Interested in Middle East Affairs Club, Invited Talks, April
- 2018: Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies/Boston University, Invited Talks, November

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, AND MENTORING

Instructor

- 2024: Virginia Tech, PSCI 1024 / IS 1024 – Comparative Government and Politics (In-Person),
 Undergraduate Lecture, Spring.
- Virginia Tech, PSCI 3594 / IS 3594 – Topics in Middle East Politics and International
 Relations (In-Person), Undergraduate Seminar, Spring.

- 2023: Virginia Tech, GIA 5314 – Middle East Geopolitics (Virtual), Graduate Seminar, Spring.
- 2022: Virginia Tech, PSCI 1024 / IS 1024 – Comparative Government and Politics (Hybrid), Undergraduate Lecture, Fall.
- Virginia Tech, PSCI 3594 / IS 3594 – Topics in Middle East Politics and International Relations (In-Person with Hybrid Option), Undergraduate Seminar, Fall.
- 2021: Virginia Tech, PSCI 1024 / IS 1024 – Comparative Government and Politics (Virtual), Undergraduate Lecture, Fall.

Guest Lecturer

- 2022: University College London, “Qualitative Methods: Interviews, Observations and Mixed Methods” (Graduate), Prof. Samer Anabtawi and Prof. Liz Ralph-Morrow, Feb. (Virtual).
- 2021: College of Europe in Natolin, “Histories and Legacies of European Involvement in the Arab World” (Graduate), Annual Workshops in History with EUI MWP, April (Virtual).
- 2018: Northeastern University, “Government/Politics of the Middle East” (Graduate), Prof. Denis Sullivan, November (In-Person).
- George Washington University, “Nationalism” (Undergraduate), Prof. Harris Mylonas, June (In-Person).

Teaching Assistant

- 2014: George Washington University, The Middle East in International Affairs, Undergraduate Course, Prof. Marc Lynch, Spring (In-Person).
- 2013: George Washington University, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Undergraduate Lecture with Discussion Sections, Prof. Kimberly Morgan, Fall (In-Person).

Teaching Certifications

- 2021: European University Institute, Max Weber Programme Teaching Certificate, Spring.
- 2013: George Washington University, Graduate Teaching Assistant Certification, Fall.

Formal Mentoring

- 2014–16: Ph.D. Student Mentoring Program, GWU
- 2015: Undergraduate Political Science Major Mentor Program, GWU

RESEARCH SKILLS, TRAINING, AND EXPERIENCE

Foreign Languages

Arabic: Advanced proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing Modern Standard Arabic and speaking Jordanian dialects based on travel, research, work, and 6.5 years of formal study from 2007–15, including a study abroad program in Irbid, Jordan in 2009.

French: Advanced proficiency in reading as well as intermediate proficiency in speaking and writing Metropolitan French based on travel and 6.5 years of coursework from 2002–09, including a summer immersion program in 2006.

Italian: Elementary proficiency in reading, speaking, and writing Italian based on travel and coursework in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021.

Methods Training

2015: Game Theory I Course (Intermediate Formal Models), Fall
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, June
Summer Institute on Conducting Archival Research, May
Nonlinear Regression Models Course, Spring

2014: Multilevel and Longitudinal Modeling Course, Fall
Research Assistant, Dr. Nathan Jensen, U.S. Firm Incentives and Job Creation, Fall
Linear Regression Course, Spring

Fieldwork and Archival Research Abroad

Jordan: Jan. 2011, Jan. 2016, Aug. 2016–June 2017, Oct.–Dec. 2017, Jan. 2019, Oct. 2019,
June 2022, April–May 2023
UK: Sept. 2017, March–April 2023
Lebanon: Jan. 2012, Oct.–Nov. 2017
Guyana: July–Aug. 2008

Other Travel to the Middle East and North Africa

Jordan	June–Aug. 2009; Jan. 2012; Mar. 2013; May 2013; May 2018
Syria	July 2009; Aug. 2009
Palestinian Territories	Feb.–Mar. 2013; Dec. 2017
Israel	Feb.–Mar. 2013; Dec. 2017
Turkey	Jan. 2012
Egypt	July 2009
Morocco	Mar. 2017
Kuwait	Apr.–May 2013
United Arab Emirates	Jan. 2017; Jan. 2019

SERVICE, HONORS, AWARDS, AND MEMBERSHIPS

Expert Recognition, Positions, and Public Service

Jordan Country Expert, Global Citizenship Observatory, 2020–Present
Global Migration Data Network Member, International Organization for Migration, 2021–Present
Expert Legal Opinion Provided on Jordanian Nationality for a Successful Israeli Court Case, 2022
Expert Assessor for Jordan, Global Centre for Pluralism, 2021–2022

Academic Service

Chair, Best Grad. Stud. Paper Award Comm., APSA Migra. & Citizens. Section, Mar. 2024–Pres.
Member-At-Large, Ethnicity, Nationalism, Mig. ISA (ENMISA) Exec. Commit., Mar. 2023–Pres.
Executive Board Member, Southeast Region. Mid. East and Islam. Stud. Society, Jan. 2023–Pres.
Reviewer, *Comparative Migration Studies*, 2023–Present
Reviewer, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 2023–Present
Reviewer, *Digest of Middle East Studies*, 2022–Present
Member, ENMISA Best Paper or Chapter Award Committee, 2022
Reviewer, *Time & Society*, 2021–Present
Reviewer, *The Philosophy, Politics, and Economics Review*, 2021
Co-Organizer, “Envisioning the Global Souths” Event Series, EUI, Spring 2021
Reviewer, *Mediterranean Politics*, 2021–Present
Reviewer, *Citizenship Studies*, 2021–Present
Fulbright Interview Committee Member, GWU, Fall 2020
Reviewer, *Nationalities Papers*, 2019–Present
Member, GWU Political Science Graduate Student Caucus, 2015–2016
Organizer, GWU Middle East Political Science Workshop Series, 2014–2016

Other Service

Advisory Board Member, Nina Brekermans Memorial Foundation, 2016–Present
Leader, Race and Multiculturalism Discussion Group, Apostles Lutheran Church, Fall 2020
Member, UVA MPP Batten Alumni Advisory Board, 2012–2013

Honors and Awards

Honorable Mention for the SERMEISS Best Article or Book Chapter Award, 2023
Best Dissertation Award, Middle East and North Africa Politics Section of the APSA, 2021
Joan Ridder Challinor Meritorious Award for Overall Excellence, Cosmos Club Foundation, 2020
GWU Duty-Free Semester, Spring 2018, 2015–2016 Academic Year
Press-Featured M.P.P. Graduate, *UVA Today*, Annual Graduation Profiles, May 2012
Humanities UVA Undergraduate Research Award, April 2011

UVA Raven Honor Society Member, March 2010–Present
Historic UVA Lawn Resident, 2010–2011 Academic Year
UVA Echols Scholar, Spring 2008–2011

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association (APSA)
Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Law and Society Association (LSA)
Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS)
Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN)
The National Women’s Caucus for Political Science (WCPS)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Adam Smith International	Middle East & North Africa Consultant, 2017–2018
World Bank	Social Protection Global Practice Consultant, 2013–2017 Human Development MENA Consultant, 2012–2013 Human Development MENA Temporary Staff, 2011–2012
Dr. R.K. Ramazani	Book Publishing Associate and Editor, 2011–2013
American Near East Refugee Aid	Graduate Student Consultant, 2011–2012