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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, expected Spring 2018
Subfields: Comparative Politics, International Relations
Chair: David A. Armstrong

M.A. Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2012
Thesis: Relative Theories of Democratization in the Middle East and North African Region and World
Committee: David A. Armstrong (Chair), Jennifer K. Smith, Paru R. Shah

B.A. Political Science, *Cum Laude*, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 2009
Thesis: Comparative Political Analysis: Democratic Potential in Islamic States
Advisor: Ali R. Abootalebi

EXPERIENCE

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Associate Lecturer, Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Law: Spring 2017
Courses Taught: Introduction to International Relations

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Instructor, Department of Political Science: Fall 2016–present

Courses Taught: Introduction to Politics (online and face-to-face)

Research Assistant, Department of Political Science: Summer 2013–Summer 2016

Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science: Fall 2012–Spring 2016

Graduate Assistant, Department of Political Science: Spring 2011–Spring 2012

University of Michigan, ICPSR Summer Program

Teaching Assistant, Regression II (with Tim McDaniel): Summer 2014

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire

Academic Apprentice, Department of Political Science (with Steven Hill): Spring 2009

Argosy Foundation

Research Consultant: August 2014–November 2014; July 2015

Intern Researcher: January 2014–June 2014

Project Affiliations

PRIO Costs of Contention (research assistant)

Laboratories of Democracy (data consultant)

CandidateD (researcher)

Local Elections in America Project (project assistant)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Authoritarian institutions, comparative democratization, politics of natural disasters, ethnic conflict and civil war, race and ethnicity in comparative perspective, causes and implications of international conflict

TEACHING INTERESTS

Authoritarian politics, politics of developing states, intrastate conflict, comparative political institutions, research design and methods

RESEARCH

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Shah, P. R. and N. R. Davis. 2017. "Comparing Three Methods to Classify the Race of Candidates." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity and Politics* 2(1): 124–139.

Works in Progress

"Decisions, Decisions: Re-examining the Trade-Conflict Nexus." (with C. Schwarz)

"It's Never That Simple: Unpacking the Simultaneous and Conditional Effects of Foreign Aid, Political Institutions, Economic Development, and Political Violence." (with C. Schwarz)

"Persistent Authoritarianism and the Stabilizing Effect of Resource Wealth."

"The Diffusion of Political Liberalism: What We Can Learn From Regime Responses During the Arab Spring."

"The Logic of Authoritarian Reaction to Foreign Relief." (with B. S. Tan)

"Trading Faces: How Trading Partners Affect Changes in Governing Institutions."

"With a Little Help from Our (Autocratic) Friends: The Aid-Democratization Nexus and Chinese Development Assistance."

Data Projects

The Logic of Authoritarian Reactions to Foreign Relief: Co-Principle Investigator (with Bann Seng Tan); classification and original coding of authoritarian responses to foreign disaster relief using text analysis of news stories. Funded by internal grants from Boğaziçi University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Schwarz, C. and N. R. Davis. It's Never That Simple: Unpacking the Simultaneous and Conditional Effects of Foreign Aid, Political Institutions, Economic Development, and Political Violence. *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, Baltimore February 2017.

Davis, N. R. and B. S. Tan. The Logic of Authoritarian Reaction to Foreign Relief. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia September 2016.

Davis, N. R. Persistent Authoritarianism and the Stabilizing Effect of Resource Wealth. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, Philadelphia September 2016.

Davis, N. R. With a Little Help from Our (Autocratic) Friends: The Aid-Democratization Nexus and Chinese Development Assistance. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2016.

Schwarz, C. and N. R. Davis. Decisions, Decisions: Re-examining the Trade-Conflict Nexus. *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, Atlanta March 2016.

Davis, N. R. [Trading Faces: How Trading Partners Affect Changes in Governing Institutions](#). *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, San Francisco September 2015.

Paul, N. et al. Sex and Race in Statehouse Elections: Press Coverage of Women and Minority Candidates at the Entry Level. *The Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association*, San Francisco September 2015.

Davis, N. R. [Democracy, Inclusion, and Communal Rebellion: Understanding Violence Against the State 1980–2006](#). *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2015.

Davis, N. R. [Teaching the Rebels A Lesson: Education Provision and Civil Conflict](#). *The Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, New Orleans February 2015.

Davis, N. R. [The Diffusion of Political Liberalism: What We Can Learn From Regime Responses During the Arab Spring](#). *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2014.

Davis, N. R. and B. S. Tan. [Evaluating Three Theories of Democratization in the Middle East and North Africa](#). *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2014.

Shah, P. R., N. R. Davis, and M. Tofias. Race and Guessing Games: Comparing Three Methods to Classify the Race of Candidates. *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2014.

Davis, N. R. [Major Theories of Democratization Reexamined: Replacing Garbage Can Regression Models with Mixture Models](#). *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2013.

Shah, P. R., M. Marschall, and N. R. Davis. [The Supply Side of Minority Representation: When Do Minority Candidates Run, and When Do They Win?](#) *The Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association*, Chicago April 2012.

AWARDS

First Year Student Success Award (teaching), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012
Chancellor's Graduate Student Award, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee 2012–2013
Leonard Gambrell World Politics Award, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire 2008–2009

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Discussant, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago April 2017
Reviewer for *International Political Science Review*, 2016
President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2012–2016
Member, International Studies Association, 2014–Present
Member, American Political Science Association, 2013–Present
Member, Midwest Political Science Association, 2012–Present
Member, Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2010–Present

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