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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Political Science (on term), Yale University, July 2018-present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, Temple University, July 2012-June 2018

Visiting Positions:

Lightning Scholar, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, July 2019-June 2020

Postdoctoral Fellow, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, September 2011-June 2012

Other Affiliations:

Research Fellow, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, July 2018-present

Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute, January 2014-present

Education

Ph.D., Department of Politics, Princeton University, November 2011

M.A., Department of Politics, Princeton University, June 2008

B.A., Departments of History and Political Science (honors), Northwestern University, June 2005

Visiting Student, Modern History and Politics, St. Anne's College, University of Oxford

Fields of Interest

International Influences on Domestic Politics, Democracy Promotion, Non-State Actors in World Politics, International Organization, Women's Representation, Human Rights, Elections, Foreign Aid, Middle East Politics

Publications

Book

1. Sarah Sunn Bush, *The Taming of Democracy Assistance: Why Democracy Promotion Does Not Confront Dictators*. Hardcover 2015; paperback 2016. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Honorable Mention, Best Book Award (published 2015 or 2016), APSA Foreign Policy Section

Reviews: *Journal of Politics* (2017), *H-Diplo/ISSF* book roundtable (2016), *Democratization* (2017), *Mediterranean Politics* (2018), *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* (2017)

“Author Meets Critics” Roundtable at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting (commentators: Valerie Bunce, Aseem Prakash, and James Ron), 2016

Findings referenced in *The American Interest* and on WashingtonPost.com

Journal Articles (peer-reviewed)

16. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, “Islam, Gender Segregation, and Political Engagement: Evidence from an Experiment in Tunisia.” Forthcoming. *Political Science Research and Methods*.

Winner of the Best Paper Award, Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016.
15. Sarah Sunn Bush and Pär Zetterberg, “Gender Quotas and International Reputation.” 2021. *American Journal of Political Science*. 65(2): 326-341.
14. Jennifer Hadden and Sarah Sunn Bush, “What’s Different about the Environment? Environmental NGOs in Comparative Perspective.” 2021. *Environmental Politics*. 30(1-2): 202-223. (Part of “Trajectories in Environmental Politics: 30th Anniversary Special Issue.”)
13. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, “Foreign Meddling and Mass Attitudes Towards International Economic Engagement.” 2020. *International Organization* 74(3): 584-609.
12. Sarah Sunn Bush and Jennifer Hadden, “Density and Decline in the Founding of International NGOs in the United States.” 2019. *International Studies Quarterly* 63(4): 1133-1146.
11. Sarah Sunn Bush, “National Bias in Quantitative Datasets: A Silver Lining?” 2019. *Journal of Global Security Studies* 4(3): 372-383.
10. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, “Do Electronic Devices in Face-to-Face Interviews Change Survey Behavior? Evidence from a Developing Country.” 2019. *Research & Politics* 6(2): 1-7.
9. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, “Who’s There? Election Observer Identity and the Local Credibility of Elections.” 2018. *International Organization* 72(3): 659-692.
8. Sarah Sunn Bush, “The Politics of Rating Freedom: Ideological Affinity, Private Authority, and the Freedom in the World Ratings.” 2017. *Perspectives on Politics* 15(3): 711-731.
7. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, “The Promise and Limits of Election Observers in Building Election Credibility.” 2017. *Journal of Politics* 79(3): 921-935.
6. Sarah Sunn Bush, “Varieties of International Influence and the Middle East.” 2017. *PS: Political Science & Politics* 50(3): 668-671.
5. Sarah Sunn Bush and Eleanor Gao, “Small Tribes, Big Gains: The Strategic Uses of Gender Quotas in the Middle East.” 2017. *Comparative Politics* 49(2): 149-167.
4. Sarah Sunn Bush, Aaron Erlich, Lauren Prather, and Yael Zeira, “The Effects of Authoritarian Iconography: An Experimental Test.” 2016. *Comparative Political Studies* 49(13): 1704-1738.
3. Sarah Sunn Bush, “When and Why is Civil Society Support ‘Made-in-America’? Delegation to Non-State Actors in American Democracy Promotion.” 2016. *The Review of International Organizations* 11(3): 361-385.
2. Sarah Sunn Bush and Amaney A. Jamal, “Anti-Americanism, Authoritarian Regimes, and Attitudes about Women in Politics.” 2015. *International Studies Quarterly* 59(1): 34-45.
1. Sarah Sunn Bush, “International Politics and the Spread of Quotas for Women in Legislatures.” 2011. *International Organization* 65(1): 103-137.

Book Chapters

4. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Democracy and NGOs." 2019. In *Routledge Handbook of NGOs and International Relations*, edited by Thomas Davies. Abingdon, UK: Routledge.
3. Mark Buntaine, Sarah Sunn Bush, Ryan Jablonski, Daniel Nielsen, and Paula Pickering, "Budgets, SMS Texts, and Votes in Uganda." 2019. In *Information, Accountability, and Cumulative Learning: Lessons from Metaketa I*, edited by Thad Dunning, Guy Grossman, Macartan Humphreys, Susan D. Hyde, Craig McIntosh, and Gareth Nellis. Cambridge University Press, pp. 188-220.
2. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Jordan: Quotas and Change in Women's Representation." 2019. In *Global Handbook of Women's Rights*, edited by Susan Franceschet, Mona Lena Krook, and Netina Tan. London: Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 503-515.
1. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Three Lessons about Democracy Assistance Effectiveness." 2017. In *Does Democracy Matter? The United States and Global Democracy Support*, edited by Adrian A. Basora, Agnieszka Marczyk, and Maia Otashvili. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, pp. 51-64.

Other Publications

9. Sarah Sunn Bush, Aaron Erlich, Lauren Prather, and Yael Zeira, "Lessons from Results-Blind Review." 2018. *The Political Economist* (APSA Political Economy Newsletter) 14(1): 10-13.
8. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Should We Trust Democracy Ratings? New Research Finds Hidden Biases." 2017. *The Monkey Cage* on WashingtonPost.com, November 7.
7. Sarah Sunn Bush, "The Promise and Perils of Democracy Assistance in Authoritarian Regimes." 2016. *APSA Comparative Democratization Newsletter* 14(3): 1, 5-7.
6. Sarah Sunn Bush, Author's Response, *H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable Review* (8-18) on *The Taming of Democracy Assistance: Why Democracy Promotion Does Not Confront Dictators*. 2016.
5. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Democracy Promotion is Failing. Here's Why." 2015. *The Monkey Cage* on WashingtonPost.com, November 9.
4. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Forms of International Pressure in the Middle East." 2015. In *International Relations Theory in a New Middle East*, POMEPS Studies Vol. 16.
3. Sarah Sunn Bush and Amaney Jamal, "Does Western Pressure for Gender Equality Help?" 2014. *The Monkey Cage* on WashingtonPost.com, July 30.
2. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Confront or Conform? Rethinking U.S. Democracy Assistance." 2013. Policy Brief, Project on Middle East Democracy.
1. Sarah Sunn Bush, "Are We Repeating Democracy Promotion Mistakes in Tunisia?" *The Middle East Channel* on ForeignPolicy.com, July 9.

Book Reviews

4. Sarah Sunn Bush, Review of *Peaceland: Conflict Resolution and the Everyday Politics of International Intervention* by Séverine Autesserre (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014). 2016. H-Diplo/ISSF Roundtable 9-5.
3. Sarah Sunn Bush, Joint review of *The Conceptual Politics of Democracy Promotion*, edited by Christopher Hobson and Milja Kurki (London: Routledge, 2012), and *Social Movements and the New State: The Fate of Pro-Democracy Organizations When Democracy Is Won*, by Brian K. Grodsky (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2012). 2015. *Perspectives on Politics* 12(4): 947-949.

2. Sarah Sunn Bush, Review of *Political Aid and Arab Activism: Democracy Promotion, Justice, and Representation*, by Sheila Carapico (New York, Cambridge University Press, 2014). 2015. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47(3): 648-649.
1. Sarah Sunn Bush, Review of *Determinants of Democratization: Explaining Regime Change in the World, 1972-2006*, by Jan Teorell (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010). 2011. *Comparative Political Studies* 45(1): 161-164.

Current Research

Book Projects

2. Sarah Sunn Bush and Lauren Prather, *Monitors and Meddlers: How Foreign Actors Shape Local Trust in Elections*. Manuscript drafted.
1. Sarah Sunn Bush and Jennifer Hadden, *The Rise and Decline of the NGO Era in World Politics*. In progress.

Working Papers

5. Sarah Sunn Bush and Amanda Clayton, "Facing Change: Gender and Climate Change Attitudes Worldwide." Under review.
4. Sarah Sunn Bush and Sarah S. Stroup, "Stay Off My Field: Policing Boundaries in Human Rights and Democracy Promotion." Under review.
3. Sarah Sunn Bush and Melina Platas, "Who Rates? Identity, Bias, and Democracy Ratings."
2. Sarah Sunn Bush, Daniela Donno, and Pär Zetterberg, "Rewarding Women's Rights in Dictatorships."
1. Alauna Safarpour, Sarah Sunn Bush, and Jennifer Hadden, "Participation Incentives in an Elite Survey."

Selected Work in Progress

1. "Shaming at the Intersection of Law and Morality" (with Zoltán Búzás and Lauren Prather)

Grants and Honors

External Grants

Sub-Award, Balzan Prize for International Relations Grant (Co-PI with Amanda Clayton), \$70,000 (\$11,240 to Yale), 2019-present

National Science Foundation, Science of Organizations Section, "Collaborative Research: Understanding the Creation and Mission Content of Non-Governmental Organizations" (Co-PI with Jennifer Hadden), \$197,103 (\$88,631 to Yale), 2018-present

New Initiatives Grant in Election Science, MIT Election Data & Science Grant (with Lauren Prather), \$10,530, 2018

Comparative Political Studies Transparency Special Issue Research Grant (with Aaron Erlich, Lauren Prather, and Yael Zeira), \$11,000, 2015

National Science Foundation, Political Science Section, "RAPID: International Election Observation and Perceptions of Election Credibility" (with Lauren Prather), \$74,816, 2014

Teaching, Research, Engagement Grant, Project on Middle East Political Science, \$3,000, 2012

Internal Grants

Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Memorial Fund, grant for conference on “From Monitoring to Meddling,” MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University, \$4,000, 2019

Summer Research Award, Temple University, \$7,000, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013

Seed Grant, Temple University, \$15,500, 2015

Grant-in-Aid, Temple University, \$2,250, 2013

Bobst Center for Peace and Justice, Princeton University, \$8,000, 2010, and \$2,700, 2009

Awards and Fellowships

Midwest Women’s Caucus for Political Science, Early Career Award (recognizes one pre-tenure female faculty member in political science “based upon her research accomplishments and contribution to the discipline”), 2019

Honorable Mention, Best Book Award (for a book published in 2015 or 2016), Foreign Policy Section, American Political Science Association, 2017

Bridging the Gap Policy Engagement Fellowship, 2017

Best Paper Award, Women and Politics Section, American Political Science Association, 2016

Visiting Fellowship, Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace, and Justice, Uppsala University, 2016

Visiting Scholar, Christopher H. Browne Center for International Politics, University of Pennsylvania, 2015-2016

University Study Leave, Temple University, 2015-2016

Writing Intensive Course Prize, Temple University, 2014

Deborah Gerner Grant for Professional Development, Women’s Caucus of the International Studies Association, 2014

Postdoctoral Fellowship, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, 2012-2013

Governing America in a Global Age Fellowship, Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2010-2011

Bradley Fellowship, Princeton University, 2010

Council of American Overseas Research Centers Fellowship, American Center of Oriental Research in Jordan, 2009

Parker D. Handy Fellowship, Princeton University, 2006

Conferences and Invited Talks

Invited Talks

2020

Stony Brook University, Department of Sociology Workshop

Texas A&M University, Politics, Political Economy, and Violence Workshop

University of Pennsylvania, Comparative Politics Workshop
University of Pennsylvania, Perry World House Seminar Series

2019

Boise State University, School of Public Service
College of William & Mary, Global Research Institute Development Seminar
Columbia University, International Politics Seminar
Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Political Science Speaker Series

2018

City University of New York, Civil Society Workshop
McGill University, Centre for the Study of Democratic Citizenship Speaker Series
Ohio State University, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
University of Connecticut, Middle East Studies Speaker Series
U.S. Institute of Peace, talk sponsored by Bridging the Gap Program

2016

University of Essex, Political Science Seminar
University of Pittsburgh, Global Politics Seminar
University of Wisconsin, International Relations/Comparative Politics Colloquium
Uppsala University, Gender Politics Seminar
Uppsala University, Seminar of the Uppsala Forum on Democracy, Peace, and Justice
Ursinus College, Walter Livingston Wright III Lecture Series

2015

Arcadia University, Department of Historical and Political Studies Speaker Series
Case Western Reserve University, Department of Political Science Speaker Series
Case Western Reserve University, Global Currents Series
George Washington University, Project on Middle East Political Science Book Launch
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Brown Bag Seminar
Middlebury College, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs Speaker Series
Michigan State University, Department of Political Science Seminar
Northwestern University, Security Studies Seminar Series
University of Warwick, Politics and International Studies Speaker Series
U.S. Agency for International Development, Gender Brown Bag Series

2014

Foreign Policy Research Institute, Geopolitics with Granieri Series
University of Oxford, International Relations Colloquium
Woodrow Wilson Center, "Does Democracy Matter?" Conference

2013

Project on Middle East Democracy, Seminar Series
Yale University, International Relations Colloquium

2011

Cornell University, PSAC Seminar
Harvard Kennedy School, International Security Program Seminar Series
Princeton University, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics Colloquium
Princeton University, International Relations Colloquium

Conferences and Workshops

(P)resenter, (C)hair, (D)iscussant, (R)oundtable, (A)udience

2021

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (scheduled; P, D)

2020

Global Research in International Political Economy, Online Seminar (P)
George Washington University, POMEPS Virtual Research Workshop (D)
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Book Workshop for Steven Feldstein (D)

2019

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, D)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, D)
Christopher Newport University, Book Workshop for Suparna Chaudhry (D)
George Washington University, POMEPS Annual Conference (P)
Princeton University, Book Workshop for Lindsay Dolan (D)
Stanford University, Comparative and International Politics of Climate Change, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (P, D)
Université de Genève, Public Opinion and Foreign Aid Workshop (D)

2018

American University, Book Workshop for Susanna Campbell and Mike Findley (D)
Annotation for Transparent Inquiry Workshop, Qualitative Data Repository (P, D)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, D)
Evidence in Governance and Politics Meeting, Nairobi, Kenya (A)
Princeton University, POMEPS Junior Scholars Workshop (D)
Stanford University, Comparative and International Politics of Climate Change, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (D)
U.S. Agency for International Development, Phase III Report (D)
Vanderbilt University, Empirical Study of Gender Workshop (P)

2017

American University, The Future of Global Public Goods in a Transactional Order (P)
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, C, D, R)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, D)
George Washington University, POMEPS Junior Scholars Workshop (D)
Johns Hopkins SAIS, Book Workshop for Dan Honig (D)
Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P)
University of California, Washington Center, Workshop on Experiments in Foreign Aid (P)

2016

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, C, D)
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P, C, D)
Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Political Behavior of Development Workshop (P)
NYU Abu Dhabi, Women's Political Participation and Leadership in Developing Countries (P)
Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P)
UC Davis and UC Merced, Visions in Methodology Conference (P)
University of Pennsylvania, Empirical Study of Gender Workshop (P)

2015

Aarhus University, IR Theory and a New Middle East Workshop (P)
Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P)
Carter Center, Toward Common Indicators for Democratic Elections Workshop (P)
Columbia University, Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop (P)
George Washington University, POMEPS Junior Scholars Workshop (D, R)
International Political Economy Society (IPES) Virtual Workshop (P)
New York University, CESS Experimental Political Science Conference (P)
Temple Workshop on International Institutions and Global Governance (P)

2014

University of Warwick, AGORA V Workshop (P)
George Washington University, POMEPS Junior Scholars Workshop (P)

2013

Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association (P)
Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (C, D)
Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (P, C, D)
Brown University, Workshop on Experimentalist Governance (P)

2012

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P)
Brigham Young University, Conference on Field Experiments in IR (P)
Princeton University, Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop

Yale University, Conference on Tools of International Pressure (P)

Yale University, Democracy with Edges Workshop (D)

2011

Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (P)

Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association (P, P)

Brown University, Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop (P)

University of Minnesota, Workshop on Moral Entrepreneurship in World Politics (P)

University of Virginia, Miller Center Fellowship Spring Conference (P)

Teaching Experience

At Yale University

Courses Taught:

Democracy Promotion and Its Critics (undergraduate seminar, Fall 2018, Fall 2021)

Networks and NGOs in World Politics (undergraduate lecture, Spring 2019)

Non-State Actors in World Politics (graduate seminar, Spring 2019)

Research and Writing (graduate seminar, Fall 2020-Spring 2021)

Ph.D. Committees:

Mayesha Alam, 2021

Michael Goldfien, in progress

Viva Iemanja Jeronimo, in progress

Hilary Matfess, 2021 (assistant professor, University of Denver)

Torey McMurdo, in progress

Cleo O'Brien-Udry, in progress

Dana Stuster, in progress

At Temple University

Courses Taught:

American Democracy Promotion (undergraduate seminar)

International Organization (undergraduate lecture)

International Organization (Ph.D. seminar)

Introduction to International Relations (undergraduate lecture)

Non-State Actors in World Politics (undergraduate lecture)

Ph.D. Committees:

Caroline Tynan, 2019 (Mellon/ACLS Public Fellow, Committee to Protect Journalists)

Aja Binette, 2018

Travis Blemings, 2017 (visiting assistant professor, Temple University)

Taylor Benjamin-Britton, 2016
Gorana Draguljic, 2016 (assistant professor, Towson University)
Molly Ruhlman, 2014 (lecturer, Towson University)

Mentor for Summer Honors Merit Scholarship Education Enhancement Program, 2015-2017

Professional Service

At Yale University

Graduate Admissions, Department of Political Science, 2018-2019
International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018-2019
International Relations Ph.D. Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, Fall 2018, Fall 2020
International Relations Workshop Co-Organizer, Fall 2020
Dissertation Reader: Matthew Cebul (2019), Will Nomikos (2018), Mara Revkin (2019)

At Temple University

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Political Science, 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2013-2014
Merit Committee, Department of Political Science, 2017-2018, 2013-2014
International Relations Ph.D. Exam Committee, Department of Political Science, 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012
Department Social Media, 2014-2015
International Relations Faculty Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 2014

To the Discipline

Associate Editor, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, 2017-present
Associate Editor, *Politics and Gender*, 2019-present
Steering Committee, Project on Middle East Political Science, 2021-present
Editorial Board, *Journal of Politics*, 2019-2021
Service within professional associations:
Chair, Midwest Women's Caucus Outstanding Early Career Award Committee, 2019
Division Chair, International Collaboration, Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, 2019
Executive Committee Member at Large, International Organization Section, International Studies Association, 2017-2019
Committee Member, Best Dissertation Field Work Award Committee, Comparative Democratization Section, American Political Science Association, 2018
Division Chair, International Cooperation and Organization, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association, 2013

Member, American Political Science Association, Evidence in Governance and Politics, International Studies Association, AidData Research Consortium, Scholars Strategy Network

Referee, *American Political Science Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Political Science*, Cambridge University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Democratization*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Governance*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *International Theory*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Experimental Political Science*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Behavior*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics and Gender*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Research and Politics*, *Review of International Organizations*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, *Voluntas*, *World Development*, *World Politics*

Professional Development

Winter Experimental Social Science Institute, New York University Abu Dhabi, 2014

American/Israel Academic Exchange, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, 2013

International Policy Summer Institute, Bridging the Gap Project, American University, 2012

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, 2009

Summer Intensive Institute, Qasid Institute for Classical and Modern Standard Arabic, Amman, Jordan, 2008

Other Work Experience

Americans for Informed Democracy, Executive Director (2005-2006) and Board of Directors (2006-2012)

Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, U.S. State Department, Intern (2004)

Field Work

Jordan, May 2012, June-July 2010, September-December 2009, June-August 2008

Tunisia, October and December 2014, May 2012

United Arab Emirates, September-October 2015

Georgia, October 2018