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Education

- 2012** **Ph.D., Ethno-Politics**
University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies. Thesis: “The Contentious Politics of Socio-Political Engagement: The Transformation of the Tablighi Jamaat in London.” Committee: Jonathan Githens-Mazer (chair), Sajjad Rizvi. Examiners: Stuart Croft, Anthony King. July 2012.
- 2008** **M.Res., Middle East Studies**
University of Exeter, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Modern Middle East Studies, (Distinction w/special commendation), September 2008.
- 2006** **M.A. International Relations & Modern History (with Honors)**
University of St. Andrews, International Relations and Modern History, May 2006.

Employment

- 2021 – Present** **Associate Professor, International Relations & Security.**
College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida
- 2019 – 2021** **Assistant Professor, International Relations** (3 years of credit awarded to tenure).
- 2016 – 2019** **Instructor, International Relations & Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Coordinator of Internships**
College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee.
- 2015 – 2016** **Adjunct Professor**
Honors College, University of South Florida, Tampa.
- 2012 – 2016** **Post-Doctoral Research Fellow**
Global Initiative on Civil Society and Conflict, University of South Florida.

- 2009 – 2012** **Teaching Fellow**
Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies/Department of Politics,
University of Exeter.
- 2009 – 2012** **Interfaith Dialogue Coordinator**
Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team, University of Exeter.
- 2008 – 2012** **Warden and Residence Life Team Leader**
Student Services, Exeter Halls, University of Exeter.

Research Interests

- ❖ Religion, Globalization & Conflict
- ❖ Extremism & Terrorism
- ❖ Global Islamist Movements & Social Movements
- ❖ Great Power Competition
- ❖ West Africa
- ❖ Qualitative Research Methodologies

Peer Reviewed Publications

Monographs

Pieri, Zacharias. 2019. *Boko Haram & The Drivers of Islamist Violence*. London & New York: Routledge.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2015. *Tablighi Jamaat and the Quest for the London “Mega-Mosque”*: Continuity and Change. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2012. *Tablighi Jamaat: Handy Books on Religion in World Affairs*. London: Lapido.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Pieri, Zacharias., Fox, Mary-Jane., Lahoud, Lily., and Jacob Zen. 2023. “Boko Haram’s Child Soldiers: Media Mujahids, Martyrs, and Militants.” *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Advanced Online Copy, May 22. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09546553.2023.2199873>

Pieri, Zacharias and Jessica Grosholz. 2021. “Soldiers of the Faith: A Comparative Analysis of White Power Songs and Islamic State Nasheeds.” *Deviant Behavior*. Advanced Online Copy, October 27. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2021.1994359>

Pieri, Zacharias. 2021 “Islamic State in the Maghreb”. *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of African History*.

Grosholz, Jessica, and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2020 “‘A Skinhead at Heart with a Hate-Filled Mind’: Understanding The Themes Present in White Power Music”, *Studies in*

Conflict and Terrorism. Advanced Online Copy, December 30.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2020.1862818>

Pieri, Zacharias. 2019. "Daily Ritual, Mission and Transformation of the Self: The Case of Tablighi Jamaat", *NUMEN: International Review for the History of Religions*. 66(4): 360-380

Pieri, Zacharias and Jacob Zenn. 2018. "Under the Black Flag in Borno: Experiences of Foot Soldiers and Civilians in Boko Haram's 'Caliphate'", *Journal of Modern African Studies*. 56(4): 645-672.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2018. "Identifying Counter Radical Narratives from Within British Muslim Communities: The Case of "Muslim Patrol"" *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. 38(1): 39-56, DOI: 10.1080/13602004.2018.1432148.

Zenn, Jacob and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2017. "How Much Takfir is too much Takfir? The Evolution of Boko Haram's Factionalization". *Journal for Deradicalization*. 11(3): 281-308.

Deckard, Natalie and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2017. "The Implications of Endemic Corruption for State Legitimacy in Developing Nations: An Empirical Exploration of the Nigerian Case". *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 30(4): 369-384

Pieri, Zacharias and Jacob Zenn. 2016. "The Boko Haram Paradox: Ethnicity, Religion, and Historical Memory in Pursuit of a Caliphate", *African Security*, 9:1, pp. 66-88

Pieri, Zacharias. 2014. "Anyone For Tabligh?" *Critical Muslim*, Issue 10, pp. 101-113.

Pieri, Zacharias; Woodward, Mark; Yahya, Mariani; Hassan, Ibrahim; Rohmaniyah, Inayah. 2014. "Commanding Good and Prohibiting Evil in Contemporary Islam: Cases from Britain, Nigeria and Southeast Asia." *Contemporary Islam*, 8:1, pp. 37-55.

DeHannas, Daniel and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2011. 'Olympic Proportions: The Expanding Scalar Politics of the "Olympics Mega-Mosque" Controversy.' *Sociology*, 45:5.

Peer-Reviewed Chapters

Pieri, Zacharias. 2021. "Tablighi Jamaat", in Upal, Afzal and Cusack, Carole (eds.). *Islamic Sects and Movements*. New York: Brill. pp. 26-50.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2020. "Daily Ritual, Mission and Transformation of the Self: The Case of Tablighi Jamaat," in Jung, Dietrich and Kirstine Sinclair (eds.) *Muslim Subjectivities in Global Modernity. Islamic Traditions and the Construction of Modern Muslim Identities*, International Studies in Religion and Society Vol. 35, Leiden and Boston: Brill. [reprint].

Hassan, Idayat and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2018. "The Rise and Risks of Nigeria's Civilian Joint Task Force: Implications for Post-Conflict Recovery in Northeastern Nigeria", in Zenn, Jacob (ed.), *Boko Haram Beyond the Headlines: Analyses of Africa's Enduring Conflict*, West Point: Combating Terrorism Center.

Zenn, Jacob and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2018. "Boko Haram" in Silke, Andrew (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism*, Oxford and New York: Routledge.

Pieri, Zacharias and Jacob Zenn. 2017. "The Boko Haram Paradox: Ethnicity, Religion, and Historical Memory in Pursuit of a Caliphate", in Hentz, James and Hussein Solomon (eds.), *Understanding Boko Haram: Terrorism and Insurgency in Africa*. New York and London: Routledge. [re-print].

Pieri, Zacharias and Atta Barkindo. 2016. "Muslims in Nigeria: Between Challenge and Opportunity", in Mason, Robert (ed.), *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

Serrano, Rafael and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2014. "By the Numbers: The Nigerian State's Efforts to Counter Boko Haram" in Pérouse de Montclos, Marc-Antoine (ed.), *Boko Haram: Islamism, Politics, Security, and the State in Nigeria*, Ibadan, Leyden, IFRA-Nigeria, Leyden University Press, Waposos Series, N°2.

Reports, Policy Papers & Analyses

Jacobson, David and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2020. 'Coronavirus will test US civic health too'. *The Conversation*, April 22, <https://theconversation.com/coronavirus-will-test-uss-civic-health-too-127179>

Jacobson, David and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2019. 'Why is Civil Violence and Conflict Increasing?' *The Hub: College of Arts and Sciences, USF*, 22 July, <http://cas.usf.edu/news/hub/supporting/why-is-civil-violence-and-conflict-increasing.aspx>

Pieri, Zacharias. 2016. 'What now for Tablighi Jamaat after death of leader?', *Lapido Media: Centre for Religious Literacy in World Affairs*, 20 February, <http://www.lapidomedia.com/what-now-tablighi-jamaat-after-death-leader>

Pieri, Zacharias and Rafael Serrano. 2014. 'Insurgency Prolonged: Nigeria's Lack of Strategic Adaptation & The Rising Boko Haram Death Toll', *West Africa Insight*, May Issue, Centre for Democracy and Development, Abjua.

Pieri, Zacharias. 2014. 'Boko Haram Analysis: Forced conversion their only hope?', *LapidoMedia: Centre for Religious Literacy in World Affairs*, 16 May. <http://www.lapidomedia.com/analysis-forced-conversion-their-only-hope>

Githens-Mazer, Jonathan, Robert Lambert, Abdul-Haqq Baker, Safiyah Cohen-Baker and **Zacharias Pieri**. 2010. 'Muslim Communities Perspectives on

Teaching

College of Arts & Sciences, University of South Florida

- **INR 6007** Graduate Seminar in International Relations [in-person] (2021/22)
- **INR 4083** *Conflict in the World* [online asynchronous] (2017-present)
- **INR 4931** *Understanding Extremism* [online asynchronous 2016-present)
- **POS 3931** *Cultures of Extremism* [online synchronous] (2021-present)
- **ISS 4939** *Senior Capstone* [in-person & online synchronous] (2019 & 2020)
- **REL 4910** *Undergraduate Research in Religion* [in-person] (2019)
- **REL 3367** *Islam in the Modern World* [Online asynchronous] (2015-present)
- **IDH 4000** *Honors Research Seminar* [in-person] (2018 & 2019)
- **ISS 3937** *Internship: Interdisciplinary Inquiry* [in-person/online] (2016-2020)
- **ISS 3010** *Introduction to Social Sciences* [in-person] (2017)
- **INR 4943** *Internships in International Studies* [in-person] (2014)

Honors College, University of South Florida

- **IDH 3400** *Understanding Religious Extremism* [in-person] (2016)
- **IDH 4200** *West Africa: History, Culture, Politics* [in-person] (2016)
- **IDH 2010** *Acquisition of Knowledge* [in-person] (2015-2016)

College of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Exeter

- **ARA 2150** *Muslims in Britain* (2012)
- **ARA 3158** *Armed Islamist Movements* (2011)
- **ARA 3129** *Nationalisms in the Middle East* (2011)
- **ARA 2160** *Islamist Movements: Muslim Brotherhood to Al Qaeda* (2010)
- **ARA 1010** *Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East* (2010)
- **POL 3141** *Power and Politics in North Africa* (2009)

Papers, Presentations and Invited Lectures

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| 2022 | “West African Jihadist Groups and Great Power Competition” . 1 st Special Forces Command. Fort Bragg. September 15 th . |
| 2020 | “Briefing on Security in West Africa and the Sahel” . 2 nd Special Forces Groups. Fort Bragg. December 7-9. |
| 2020 | “Navigating Extremism and Terrorist Groups in West Africa” . 3 rd Special Forces Group. Fort Bragg. July 20-24. |
| 2020 | “West Africa Security Overview” and “Jihadists’ use of New Technologies” . FLINTLOCK 2020: Senior Leaders Seminar. US |

Special Operations Command & The Center for Near East and South Asian Studies, Nouakchott, Mauritania February 25-28.

- 2020** **“China in West Africa”**. Workshop on China in East Africa: Exploring How International Needs Drive Behavior Abroad. University of Rhode Island & Joint Special Operations University. January 14-16.
- 2019** **“Shari’a compliant banking & finance in the UK”**, Middle East Studies Center & Georgia State Law School, Georgia State University, Atlanta, March 8.
- 2019** **“Illiberal Groups in Liberal Democracies: Challenges to Citizenship”**, Workshop on Reengaging Citizenship: Past Promise, Present Challenges, and Future Blueprints, St Petersburg, FL, January 2-4.
- 2018** **“The White Power Music Scene: The Role of Hatecore Music in Extremist Group Recruitment”**. *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA, November 17. (With Jessica Grosholz).
- 2018** **“Work, Ritual and Self-Transformation: The Case of Tablighi Jamaat”**, Symposium on Constructing Images of Modern Muslim Selfhoods, Kochel, Germany, 5-9 April.
- 2017** **“Briefing on Predicting Security Challenges in West Africa: The case of the Lake Chad Basin”**, Office of National Intelligence (ONI), Washington DC, November 9.
- 2017** **“Briefing on Boko Haram”**, Office of Naval Research (ONR), Washington DC, November 2
- 2017** **“Boko Haram and the Promise of Islamist Violence: The Use of Takfir and other Justifications in Pursuit of an Islamic State”**, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Montreal, Canada, 13 August
- 2017** **Work, Mission and Transformation of the Self: The Case of Tablighi Jamaat**, Symposium on Modernity, Islamic Traditions and the Good Life, Georg von Vollmar Akademie, Kochel, Germany, 9 June.
- 2016** **“Little Green Birds”**: **Deciphering the Poetry of Contemporary Jihad**, Humanities Institute Speaker Series, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 26 April.
- 2016** **The Evolution of Boko Haram’s Ideologies and Narratives**, Workshop on Empowering Local Communities to Combat Extremism and Terrorism in Nigeria and West Africa, Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping, Cairo, 21 March.

- 2015 **Roundtable Discussion on Contemporary Global Security Issues: Conflict & Conflict Resolution**, part of the International Visitor Leadership Program: U.S. – European Security Issues (organized by the U.S. Department of State), Patel Center for Global Solutions, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 22 July.
- 2015 **Briefing on Boko Haram, conflict and insecurity in West Africa**, Ministry of Defence and Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, 9 June.
- 2015 *Tablighi Jamaat and the Quest for the London Mega Mosque*, public lecture and chaired discussion, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 6 May.
- 2015 *Boko Haram, Islamic State, and the Changing Dynamics of Global Jihad*, Embry Riddle University, Daytona, FL, 25 March.
- 2015 **The Limits of Tolerance in Liberal Democracies: Case Studies of Muslims in Britain**, Global Initiative on Civil Society and Conflict, Faculty Lecture Series, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, 18 March.
- 2014 *Religion, Violence and Change in Northern Nigeria: The Case of Boko Haram*, Session H4: Religious Identities, Narratives and Strategies, Religion as a Social Force, 76th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, 15 August.
- 2014 *Al Qaeda and Islamist Militant Influences on Tribal Dynamics: The case of Boko Haram in Nigeria* (with David Jacobson and Mike Williams), Trust and Influence Program Review, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Arlington, VA, 18 June.
- 2014 *Counter-Radical Narratives: Challenging Britain’s “Shari’a vigilantes” from within*, Finding Allies: Mapping Counter-Radical Muslim Discourse, Arizona State University, 25 February.
- 2014 *Conference Participant/Discussant*, The Roots of Religious and Ethnic Intolerance: An International Interfaith Conference, The Centre for Democracy and Development, Denis Hotel, Abuja, 14 January.
- 2013 *Re-framing the London Mega-Mosque: The Contentious Politics of Mosque Construction*, Session F5: Islam Across the Globe, Tributaries, Eddies, and Cross-Currents: Religion Outside the Mainstream. 75th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 12 August.
- 2013 *Tablighi Jamaat and the case of the London Mega-Mosque: Between Isolationism and Engagement*, Social Movements Research Group, University of South Florida, Tampa, 15 April.

- 2013 *Al-Qaeda and Islamist Militant Influences on Tribal Dynamics: The Northern Mali and Northeastern Nigeria Regions* (with David Jacobson, Rafael Serrano and Natalie Deckard), Trust and Influence Program Review, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Dayton, Ohio, 16 January.
- 2012 *Tablighi Jamaat Transformed?* Speech for Lapido Media Tablighi Jamaat Handy Book Launch, Frontline Club, London, 27 September.
- 2012 *The Expanding Scalar Politics of the "Olympics Mega-Mosque* (with Daniel DeHanas), London City of Paradox Conference, University of East London, 3-5 April.
- 2012 *Commanding Good and Forbidding Evil: The Rise of Shari'a Zones in London and Lessons from Further a Field*, Conference on Sins, Vices and Virtues, Prague, 18-20 March.
- 2012 *Hisba Reinterpreted: The Case of Shari'a Enforcement Zones in London, UK*, Arizona State University, Arizona, 9 February.
- 2010 *Deobandi Communities of London*, MINERVA Project European Research Workshop, CERI, Paris, 6-8 July.
- 2009 *Tablighi Jamaat and the Politics of Insider/Outsider Research*, Methodology Workshop, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter.
- 2009 *Briefing on Afghanistan to Sea Kings-U*, Culdrose Naval Base, Cornwall UK.

Selected Organized & Chaired Symposium

- 2019 **Releasing the Chokehold: The Opioid Crisis in the Nation and at Home.** Duvall Family Studies Conference. University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. February 23. (Organization Committee).
- 2018 **American Institute of Maghreb Studies (AIMS) Graduate Conference.** Georgia State University, Atlanta. October 26-28. (Conference Panelist, Paper Reviewer, Mentor).
- 2018 **Youth: Trauma & Transitions.** Duvall Family Studies Conference. University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. February 24. (Organization Committee).
- 2016 **Workshop on Empowering Local Communities to Combat Extremism and Terrorism in Nigeria and West Africa.** Session 3: Recruitment Strategies, Ideologies, and Narratives of Boko Haram

Panel Chair, Cairo Center for Conflict Resolution and Peacekeeping, Cairo, 21-22 March.

- 2015** **The Future of Citizenship & Civil Society: Global Trends, Regional Challenges & National Identities.** Organization Committee. University of South Florida, Vinoy Renaissance, St. Petersburg, FL, 5-6 February.
- 2014** **Boko Haram: The Dynamics of Social and Political Conflict.** Organization Committee. The Oxford Exchange, Tampa, Florida 24-25 April.
- 2014** **Modern Warfare's Complexity & The Human Dimension,** Organization Committee. University of South Florida, 18-19 February.
- 2013** **Tributaries, Eddies, and Cross-Currents: Religion Outside the Mainstream.** Session D2: Islam in the U.S. Panel Chair, 75th Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, 11 August.
- 2012** **Northern Nigeria: The Dynamics of Social and Political Conflict:** Organization Committee member and Religion Panel Chair, University of South Florida, Tampa, 13-15 November.

Media Engagement

- 2021** **Tampa Bay Times.** Interview on extremism in aftermath of US Capitol storming. Interviewed by Claire McNeill. January 16. <https://www.tampabay.com/news/florida-politics/2021/01/16/after-capitol-riots-trumps-florida-supporters-huddle-online-plan-and-wait/>
- 2019** **NBC News.** Interview on jihadism in Mali and the Sahel. Interviewed by Saphora Smith, May 13.
- 2017** **Nigrizia, "L'ombra di Al Qaida [The Shadow of Al Qaeda]"**, Interviewed by Rocco Bellantone, September.
- 2017** **ABC News, 'Trump's directive on offensive strikes in Somalia could fuel terrorism recruitment, experts warn'**, 1 April.
- 2016** **International Business Times, 'Niger Presidential Election 2016: Guide to Candidates, Key Issues, Rules and Results'**, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 20 February.
- 2016** **International Business Times, 'ISIS, Al Qaeda in Africa'**, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 12 February.
- 2016** **International Business Times, 'Where is Abubakar Shekau? Boko Haram's Leader's Absence Underscores Nigerian Military's Failure'**, Interviewed by Morgan Winsor, 10 February.

- 2015 MISNA, ‘Boko Haram and Islamic State, Between Pledges and Reality’, Interviewed by Vincenzo Giardina, 13 March.
- 2015 BBC World Service News: *Newsday*, Interview on links between Boko Haram and Islamic State, 9 March.
- 2015 ara.cat, ‘L’amenca Jihamista: Boko Haram se subordina a l’EI’. Interviewed by Marta Rodriguez, 9 March.
- 2015 The Washington Post, ‘In New Beheading Video, Boko Haram may be taking pointers from Islamic State’. Interviewed by Sarah Kaplan, 3 March.
- 2015 L’Adigetto, ‘Le elezioni più incerte della storia della Nigeria’. Interviewed by Di Marco Cochi, February 2.
- 2015 Les Temps, ‘Et, pendant ce temps, Boko Haram continue ses massacres’. Interviewed by Christine von Garnier, 21 January.
- 2015 MISNA, ‘Boko Haram: Jihad is Local’. Interviewed by Vincenzo Giardina, 16 January.
- 2014 Canadian Television News (CTV), *Live News at 8pm*. Interviewed on Boko Haram and the Kidnapped Chibok Schoolgirls. 12 May.
- 2012 BBC Radio 4. *The Sunday Programme*. Interviewed on Tablighi Jamaat and developments surrounding the “mega-mosque” Project. 9 December.

Grants & Consultancy

- 2022 University of South Florida, Faculty Summer Research Grant, \$20,000
- 2022 Mellon Foundation, “Constructing Hate: Antisemitism and Antiracism in White Power Muslim”. (PI) \$360,000 requested
- 2021 The Minerva Initiative, “Multi-level Governance in West Africa: Impacts on Community Resilience and Perceptions of Foreign Powers” (co-PI), \$1.99 Million Requested.
- 2021 Department of Homeland Security, “Detecting Extremist Threats And Preventing Terrorism (DETAPT): A machine learning and digital humanities collaborative approach to understanding and preventing radicalization and domestic terrorism”. (co-PI), \$750,000 Requested.
- 2021 National Institute of Justice, “A machine learning and digital humanities collaborative approach to understanding and preventing radicalization and domestic terrorism”. (co-PI), \$1.3 million requested.

- 2021** **USF Humanities Institute Summer Research Award**, “Ballads of Hate: An analysis of White Power Music and what this tells us about the drivers of white supremacy.” \$5,000 (Approved).
- 2020** **Joint Special Operations University**, “Great Power Competition in West Africa: Implications for Special Operations Forces.” (PI with Kevin Fridy), \$17,500 (Approved).
- 2020** **Joint Special Operations University**, “Countering Violent Extremism in West Africa: Implications for Special Operations Forces.” (PI with Kevin Fridy), \$17,500 (Approved).
- 2019** **USFSM Accelerator Grant**, “Mapping the Drivers of Ethno-Religious Conflict in the Sahel: The Rise of Ethno-Religious Terrorism.” \$10,000 (Approved).
- 2019** **Guggenheim Foundation**, “White Power Music & The Drivers of White Supremacy. #71781. \$80,000 (Unsuccessful).
- 2018** **USAID**, Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Research & Piloting. NOFO # 72062418APS00003. \$300,000 (Unsuccessful).
- 2015** **Wikistrat**, Academic Consultant. Compilation of an Internal Stability Model on Nigeria.
- 2012-2015** **Air Force Office of Scientific Research**, “Al-Qaeda and Islamist Militant Influences on Tribal Dynamics: Mali and Northern Nigeria Regions,” (Nigeria, Project Manager), \$1.3 million (PI: David Jacobson).
- 2009 – 2014** **Minerva Initiative**, Academic Consultant. (\$16 million grant project): “Finding Allies for the War of Words: Mapping the Diffusion and Influence of Counter-Radical Muslim Discourse.” (PI: Mark Woodward).

Awards

- 2021** Regional Chancellor’s Professional Development Award.
- 2019** USF Excellence in Research (non-Tenured) Award.
- 2018** USFSM Summer Research Grant.
- 2017** Teaching Excellence Award, Nomination.
- 2017** Regional Vice Chancellor’s Professional Development Award.
- 2014** Arizona State University Conference Travel Award.
- 2012** MINERVA Conference Travel Award.
- 2011** HRH Prince Al Waleed Al Saud Award for field research in Jerusalem.
- 2008** Ph.D. Bursary Award, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter (paid for PhD tuition costs).
- 2008** Special Commendation Award, best Master of Research dissertation.
- 2007** HRH Prince Al Waleed Al Saud Award for Arabic studies in Yemen.

2006	University of St. Andrews Travel Award for participation in the ‘Harvard World Model United Nations Conference’, Beijing, China.
2004	Rotary Club Award.
2002	Norfolk Scholar Award.
2000	Head Boy, Great Yarmouth High School.

Professional Service

I have served as a reviewer/editor for the following journals and presses:

- *Oxford Development Studies*
- *Ethnopolitics*
- *Journal of Contemporary African Studies*
- *Islam and Muslim-Christian Relations*
- *Journal of Perpetrator Research*
- *Mobilization*
- *Sociological Spectrum*
- *Civil Wars Journal*
- *Cambridge University Press*
- *Palgrave*
- *Global Change, Peace & Security*
- *International Journal of Cyber Criminology*
- *Globalizations*
- *British Journal of Sociology*
- *Religions*
- *Sage*
- *Qualitative Research*

University Committee Positions & Service

2022-present	Provost’s Advisory Committee, Academic Analytics
2022	Hiring Committee, International Security, SIGS
2021-2022	USF Task Force on Strategic Planning
2021	USF Task Force Sub-Committee on National Security (co-chair).
2021	USF SACSOC Accreditation, Faculty Representative
2020 – Present	National Security Initiative (NSI), USF
2020 – Present	Graduate Comprehensive Exams. International Relations Committee, SIGS, USF.
2020 – Present	Graduate Committee, SIGS, USF.
2020	Interdisciplinary Social Sciences (ISS) Search Committee, Committee Chair.
2020 – 2021	Center for Entrepreneurship and Counter Extremism, Steering Committee. USFSM
2020	Tenure & Promotion; Faculty Governance Review Committees, SIGS, USF.
2020	Awards and Rewards Committee, USFSM
2019 – Present	USF Night at the Opera, coordinator

2018 – 2021	Faculty Senate, Senator.
2018 – 2020	“IncrediBull” Critical Thinking Committee, USFSM
2017 – 2020	Student Research Journal Committee, USFSM
2017 – 2020	Annual Common Read Selection Committee, USFSM
2016 – 2020	Employment Success Work Group, USFSM
2016 – 2020	Duvall Family Studies Committee, USFSM
2015	Steering Group: Developing Executive Education, USF
2014	Faculty Seminar Series Coordinator, College of Arts and Sciences, University of South Florida.
2014 – Present	Affiliated Faculty, Department of Religious Studies, University of South Florida.
2012 – Present	Affiliated Faculty, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.
2009	College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Student Staff Liaison Committee (PhD Rep). University of Exeter.
2008	Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, Student-Staff Liaison Committee (Masters Rep). University of Exeter.
2004 – 2006	Intern, Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics, University of St. Andrews.

Community Boards & Committee Positions

2019 – Present	Board member, Sarasota Alliance for Historical Preservation.
2019 – Present	Sarasota Alliance for Historic Preservation, Historic Preservation Committee, member.

Professional Memberships & Affiliations

2019 – present	American Political Science Association.
2014 – Present	Nigeria Security Network.
2014 – 2018	British Association for Islamic Studies.
2013 – 2019	Association for the Sociology of Religion.
2013 – Present	International Studies Association
2009 – Present	The Royal Asiatic Society.

Professional Development

2021	“Summer Grant Writing Workshop: From Idea to Proposal”, USF Office of Research.
2020	“ <i>Incredi-Bull</i> Critical Thinking” Course Designation in Critical Thinking for INR 4083: Conflict in the World.
2019	“Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo Software”, Global Conference on Education and Research, USF, Sarasota, May 21.
2019	Workshop on Interdisciplinary Grant Proposals, USFSM, Feb. 2.
2016	Canvas Accreditation, Online class, USFSM, August
2016	“Designing and Delivering Executive Education”, A Brookings Institution Workshop, University of South Florida, January 14.
2013	“Compelling Writing for Persuasive Grants & Grant Budgets”, University of South Florida Workshop Series, July 16-18.
2013	“Department of Defence Grants”, University of South Florida Workshop Series, July 13-15.

- 2009** University of Oslo Summer School Anthropology Program. August 2009. “Qualitative Methodologies”.
- 2009** Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LTHE) Stage II.
- 2008** Learning and Teaching in Higher Education (LTHE) Stage I.

Dissertation Supervision/Thesis Examination

Trace Gerber. 2020. “The Perspective of American College Students on Nationalism”. USF. U/G Dissertation. (Supervisor).

William Pardy. 2017. “(Dis)Connection: Examining Religious Apprehension Among Members of Narcotics Anonymous”. USF. U/G Dissertation. (Internal Examiner).

Octavio Gomez. 2017. “Compassionate Programs or Compassionate Communities? A Comparative Analysis Between Non-Social Capital and Social Capital Faith-Based Social Programs”. USF. U/G Dissertation. (Supervisor).

Languages

English	(Native)
Modern Greek	(Fluent)
French	(Intermediate)
Arabic	(Elementary)