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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Stanford University

Stanford Provostial Fellow and Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Stanford, CA

Sept 2024 - Present

EDUCATION

New York University

Ph.D. in Political Science

New York, NY

2019-2024

M.Phil in Political Science

2022

Committee: Patrick Egan (co-chair), Gwyneth McClendon (co-chair), Cyrus Samii, and Kimberley Johnson

Dissertation: *Myths and Monuments: Ideological Tools of Dominance and Symbolic Change*

- ◊ [E.E. Schattschneider Award](#) for Best Doctoral Dissertation in American government, APSA 2025
- ◊ [Best Dissertation Award](#) (co-winner) in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, APSA 2025

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

M.Sc. Technology and Policy Program

Cambridge, MA

2016-2018

University of California, Berkeley

B.A., B.Sc. (Summa cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

Berkeley, CA

2011-2015

Majors: Economics, Environmental Economics and Policy; Minor: Global Poverty and Practice

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Rahnama, Roxanne. "Monumental Changes: Confederate Symbol Removals and Racial Attitudes in the United States." *Journal of Politics*, Vol.87, Num. 1 (January 2025).

Burde, Dana, Joel Middleton, Roxanne Rahnama, and Cyrus Samii. "Can Communities Take Charge? Testing Community-Based Governance to Sustain Schools in War-Affected Afghanistan." *Journal of Politics*, (Forthcoming, 2025).

Rahnama, Roxanne and Mark Williamson. "How Americans Evaluate Redistributive vs. Symbolic Racial Justice Policies." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* (Accepted, 2025).

UNDER REVIEW

Rahnama, Roxanne and Jonne Kamphorst. "Education for Mobilization: The Effects of Knowledge About Labor History on Union Support." (Revise & Resubmit, *British Journal of Political Science*).

WORKING PAPERS & SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

Rahnama, Roxanne. "Ideology as Compensation: When Dominant Groups Deploy Ideology to Sustain Hierarchy" (Submitted).

Rahnama, Roxanne. "Stand by Your Man: Emasculation of Men and the Making of Conservative Women's Groups." (Working paper).

Rahnama, Roxanne, Tyler Simko, and Elisa Wirsching. "Identity Politics and Teacher Selection: Examining the Effects of Educational Gag Orders on the U.S. Teacher Workforce." (Preliminary paper).

Ankori-Karlinsky, Lee-Or and Roxanne Rahnama. "What Should be Done with Confederate Monuments? An Empirical Investigation" (Experimental design in progress).

GRANTS

2025: Stanford Burt McMurtry Arts Initiatives Fund: "Mapping Memory: Civil Rights Legacies and Contemporary Contestations" (\$5000)

2025: Stanford Summer Research College (\$8000)

2023: Rapoport Family Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Survey Research Grant (\$5000)

2023, 2022: GSAS Deans Conference Fund, New York University

2022: Identities and Ideologies Small Research Grant (\$4000) with Mark Williamson

2022: APSA Conference Travel Grant (American Political Science Association)

2022, 2021: George Downs Prize Award (\$4,000), New York University

PEER-REVIEWED AND POLICY PUBLICATIONS IN OTHER FIELDS

Perez-Arriaga, Ignacio, Robert Stoner, Roxanne Rahnama, Stephen J. Lee, Gregoire Jacquot, Eric Protzner, Andres Gonzalez, Reja Amatya, Matthew Brusnahan, Pablo Duenoas, and Francisco J. Santos. "A Utility Approach to Accelerate Universal Electricity Access in Less Developed Countries: A Regulatory Proposal." *Economics of Energy & Environmental Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 1 (2018).

Rahnama, Roxanne. "Determinants of WTP among energy poor households: implications for planning models and frameworks." *Oxford Institute for Energy Studies*, EL (35): 1-33 (2019).

Rahnama, Roxanne and Ignacio Perez-Arriaga. "Electrification planning with a focus on human factors." *Oxford Energy Forum* (115): 30-34 (2018).

SELECTED AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2025: E.E. Schattschneider Award for Best Doctoral Dissertation in American government, APSA

2025: Best Dissertation Award (co-winner) in the Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section, APSA

2024-2027: Stanford University Provostial Fellowship

2024-2026: POSTNORM Postdoctoral Fellowship, European University Institute (declined)

2024-2026: Max Weber Fellowship, European University Institute (declined)

2023, 2022: Bradley Fellowship, Bradley Foundation, New York University (by nomination)

2019-2024: Henry M. MacCraken Fellowship, New York University

2018-2019: Saudi Aramco Fellowship, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (by nomination)

2016-2018: Tata Graduate Fellowship, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2014: Blum Center for Developing Economies Fellowship, UC Berkeley

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

2026: Princeton CSDP Conference on Identity and Inequality (invited), Reed College (invited)

2025: Stanford American Politics Workshop (invited); APSA Comparative Labor Workshop (accepted; declined); Guest Lecture in Stanford Political Culture seminar (invited, seminar taught by Vicky Fouka); Stanford CRADLE Workshop (invited), Stanford Historical Social Science Workshop (invited); Stanford Center for Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity Lightning Talks (invited); European Political Science Association Annual Meeting; American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (upcoming); Stanford University Provostial Fellows Symposium (SUPF): Power, Voice, and Place: Perspectives on Race Across Disciplines (upcoming)

2024: UC Berkeley Research Workshop in American Politics (RWAP, invited); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; APSA Education Politics and Policy Virtual Conference (invited); Rebecca M. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science; Junior Americanist Workshop (JAWS, invited); Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting (accepted, declined)

2023: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting; Rebecca M. Morton Conference on Experimental Political Science

2022: International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting (panel accepted); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting; NYU Political Polarization Conference (invited); NYU Identities and Ideologies Graduate Student Workshop; NYU American Politics Workshop; NYU Methods Workshop

2021: NYU Methods Workshop; NYU Comparative Politics Workshop; NYU Graduate Student Political Economy Seminar; NYU WINNING Summer Workshop; Evidence in Governance and Politics (EGAP) Session

2016-2020: NYU Graduate Student Political Economy Seminar; NYU WINNING Summer Workshop; Oxford OIES Sponsors Meeting and Electricity Day; Oxford Centre for the Study of African Economies Annual Conference; World Bank Group Annual Land and Poverty Conference

TEACHING

PoliSci 299B: Honors Thesis Seminar

Instructor

Fall 2025

Stanford, Department of Political Science

Gender and Politics

Instructor

Spring 2025; sch. Winter 2026

Stanford, Department of Political Science

Power and Politics in America

Head Teaching Assistant; Prof. Sanford Gordon; Prof. Chris Dawes

Fall 2023, Spring 2023, Fall 2022

New York University

Diversity and Society

Temporary Teaching Assistant; Prof. Cyrus Samii

Spring 2022

New York University

Political Economy of Development

Teaching Assistant; Prof. Pablo Querubin

Spring 2022; Spring 2021

New York University

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Head Teaching Assistant; Prof. Joshua Tucker

Fall 2021; Fall 2020

New York University

EXPERIENCE

NYU Identities and Ideologies Project

Graduate Student Affiliate and Organizer

New York, NY

2021-2024

NYU, Research Assistant

RA for Profs. Arturas Rozenas, Joshua Tucker, CSMaP Lab, Gwyneth McClendon

New York, NY

2021-2022

World Bank Development Research Group

Research Consultant for Dr. Pierre Bachas

Washington, DC

2018-2019

Columbia Business School

Research Assistant for Prof. Jonas Hjort

New York, NY; Cape Town, South Africa

2015-2016

UC Berkeley, Department of Economics

Research Assistant for Prof. Edward Miguel

Berkeley, CA

2013

SERVICE

Advising

Kesley Townsend (Prospectus Committee, Stanford)

Co-Organizer:

Stanford Ideas First Workshop (2025), Identities and Ideologies Project Junior Scholars Workshop (2022-2023)

NYU Politics Department Women's Informal Network (2023), NYU Graduate Political Economy Seminar (2022)

Reviewer

American Political Science Review, American Journal of Political Science, Journal of Politics, British Journal of Political Science, Political Behavior, Perspectives on Politics

Discussant and Chair

EPSA (2025); APSA (2025)

Volunteer

Project ANAR (Afghan Network for Advocacy and Resources (Fall 2021), GAIN (Graduate App International Network (Fall 2021), Enough Project (Student Activist, 2012-2015)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Computing Skills: R, Stata, QGIS, L^AT_EX, Qualtrics

Languages: English (native), Farsi (Persian) (native), French (proficient), German (intermediate)

Field Research: American South (scheduled, 2026), India (2016, 2017, 2018), South Africa (2015); Madagascar (2014)