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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

M.Phil in Political Science

New York, NY

2019-2024

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)

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

Berkeley, CA

2011-2015

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Rahnama, Roxanne and Jonne Kamphorst. "Education for Mobilization: The Effects of Knowledge About Labor History on Union Support." *British Journal of Political Science*, Vol.56 (July 2026).

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*, Vol.11, Issue 1 (March 2026).

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

UNDER REVIEW

Rahnama, Roxanne. "Ideology as Compensation: When Dominant Groups Deploy Ideology to Sustain Hierarchy" (*Revised & Resubmitted, Perspectives on Politics*).

WORKING PAPERS & SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS

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. "Cultural Conflicts, Professional Identity, and Workforce Sorting: Evidence from U.S. Public School Employees." (*Working paper available upon request*).

Ankori-Karlinsky, Lee-Or and Roxanne Rahnema. "What Should be Done with Confederate Monuments?" (Pre-registered report available upon request).

Ankori-Karlinsky, Lee-Or and Roxanne Rahnema. "The Symbolic Policy Process and the Allocation of Esteem in the United States."

GRANTS

2026: Stanford Summer Research College (\$8000)
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 Rahnema, Stephen J. Lee, Gregoire Jacquota, 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).

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

Rahnema, 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. MacCracken 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

2027: Northwestern REP Workshop (invited)

2026: Princeton CSDP Conference on Identity and Inequality (invited), London School of Economics Department of Government (invited); American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (scheduled); Peace Science Society Annual Meeting (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

Gender and Politics

Instructor

Spring 2025; Winter 2026; Winter 2027
Stanford, Department of Political Science

IntroSems: Politics of Status

Instructor

Sch. Winter 2027
Stanford, Department of Political Science

PoliSci 299B: Honors Thesis Seminar

Instructor

Fall 2025
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, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and 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, $\LaTeX$, 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)