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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Boston University

Assistant Professor, Fredrick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, July 2013-
Faculty Affiliate: Graduate Faculty of Political Science; Graduate Division of
Religious Studies; Institute for the Study of Culture, Religion and World Affairs

American University of Beirut, Postdoctoral Research Associate (2012-13)

Stanford University, Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia (2011-2012)

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D., Political Science, August 2011

- Fields: Comparative Politics, International Relations, Methodology (minor)

M.A., Political Science, 2007

University of Michigan

B.A., Political Science (honors), 2002

Additional Education and Language Training

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (2008)

CIC Visiting Scholar, University of Chicago (2006)

United States-Indonesia Society Summer Institute Scholar in Indonesia (2005)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, TEACHING AWARDS

Gerald and Deanne Gitner Family Prize for Faculty Excellence (2017)

Outstanding Mentor Award from BU's Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (2016)

Young Southeast Asia Fellow, Southeast Asia Research Group (2014)

Stanford University, Shorenstein Postdoctoral Fellow in Contemporary Asia (2011-2012)

Columbia University, Luce Fellow, CDTR (2010-2011)

Fulbright Scholar (Indonesia) (2009-2010)

Visiting Fellow, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University, Jakarta (2009-2010)

UW-Madison, Department of Political Science Summer Research Award (2009)

NSEP-Boren Graduate Fellowship (Indonesia) (2008-2009)

Visiting Fellow, Centre for Strategic and International Studies Jakarta (2008-2009)

Fulbright Group Study Program (Indonesia) (2007)

US-Indonesia Society Summer Studies Language Institute (2005)

Foreign Language Areas Studies Award (Indonesian) (declined) (2005)

BOOK

Jeremy Menchik, 2016. *Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance without Liberalism* (New York: Cambridge University Press). Paperback released March 2017.

- Co-winner of the 2017 Religion and International Relations Best Book Award
- Chapter three received the 2011 Best Submission to the *APSR* Award
- Dissertation received honorable mention, 2013 Aaron Wildavsky Dissertation Award.
- Indonesian translation forthcoming from Mizan Press (2017)
- Reviewed in: *New York Review of Books*, *Politique étrangère*, *Bijdragen tot de taal-, land- en volkenkunde*, *Tempo Magazine*, *Jakarta Post*, *Politics and Religion*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Jeremy Menchik, July 2017. "The Constructivist Approach to Religion and World Politics." *Comparative Politics*.

Jeremy Menchik, 2014. "Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 56(3): 591-621.

- 2015 APSA Southeast Asia Prize
- Honorable Mention, 2015 Best Paper Award from the APSA section on Religion & Politics

Jeremy Menchik, 2014. "The Coevolution of Sacred and Secular: Islamic Law and Family Planning in Indonesia," *South East Asia Research* 22(3): 359-378.

- 2009-2010 Mildred Potter Hovland Journal Article Prize

BOOK CHAPTERS

Jeremy Menchik with Katrina Trost, Forthcoming. "A "Tolerant" Indonesia? Indonesian Muslims in Comparative Perspective," in *Routledge Handbook to Indonesia*, Robert Hefner, ed.

Jeremy Menchik, Forthcoming 2017. "Crafting Indonesian Democracy: Inclusion-Moderation and the Sacralizing of the Postcolonial State," in *The Tunisian Democratic Transition in Comparative Perspective*, Alfred Stepan, ed. Columbia University Press.

MANUSCRIPTS

Jeremy Menchik, "The Trouble with Secular Democracy." *Article under review*.

Jeremy Menchik, "The Missionary Impulse." *Book manuscript in progress*.

Jeremy Menchik with Colm Fox "The Politics of Identity in Indonesia: Results from Campaign Advertisements," *In progress*.

- 2011 Graduate Student Paper Award from the Indonesia and East Timor Studies Committee of the Association of Asian Studies.

BOOK REVIEWS

“Islam and Politics in Indonesia: The Masyumi Party between Democracy and Integralism” by Rémy Madinier. *Indonesia* 101 (Apr 2016): 139-143.

“Faith, Moral Authority, and Politics: The Making of Progressive Islam in Indonesia,” PhD Dissertation by Alexander R. Arifianto. *Dissertation Reviews*. January 2014.

“Chinese Big Business in Indonesia: The State of Capital” by Christian Chua. *Journal of Contemporary Asia*, 2010 Vol. 40, no. 2: 356-358.

“Islamic Law in Contemporary Indonesia: Ideas and Institutions,” by R. Michael Feener and Mark E. Cammack, ed. *Law and Politics Book Review* 2008, 18 (11). pp.1001-1006.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Ahok is not Jokowi,” *New Mandala*, May 8, 2017.

“Strengthening and Studying Tolerance in Indonesia” *RSIS Commentary*, November 2016

“Do Not Take Unbelievers as Your Leaders”: The Politics of Translation in Indonesia, *Mizan Project*, March 2016

“Islamic State: Lessons from Indonesia,” *USA Today*, January 20, 2016.

- Published in Indonesian as “Pelajaran Atasi ISIS dari Indonesia.”

“An escapist view of extremism,” *New Mandala*, January 14, 2016.

“Nationalisme Ketuhanan dan Demokrasi Beragama di Indonesia.” Book chapter in *Sisi Gelap Demokrasi: Kekerasan Masyarakat Madani di Indonesia*, Sidney Jones (ed.). Jakarta: Yayasan Wakaf Paramadina, 2015.

“Governing Religion Democratically,” *Jakarta Globe*, November 19, 2014.

“New York Rabbi’s Awful Award: Why is a Jewish group dedicated to tolerance honoring a politician who has failed to support religious minorities?” *Tablet Magazine*, May 21, 2013.

“Visualizing Human Rights for Migrant Domestic Workers in Lebanon,” *Jadaliyya*, January 11, 2013

“The Origins of Intolerance toward Ahmadiyah,” *The Jakarta Post*, February 10, 2012.

“Explaining Opposition to the “Ground Zero Mosque” *The Monkey Cage Blog*, Sep 9, 2010.

“Indonesia’s Democratic Islam”, *Project Syndicate*, Nov 8, 2010 (with Alfred Stepan)

“Nahdlatul Ulama and counter-terrorism: More than a proxy police force,” *Van Zorge Report on Indonesia*, Vol 11, No 13/14, Dec 2009.

“Signs and Symbols,” *Inside Indonesia*, Vol 97, July-August 2009. Republished in New York University’s online journal, *Material World*.

“Illiberal but not Intolerant: Understanding the Indonesian Council of Ulamas,” *Inside Indonesia*, Vol 90, Oct-Dec 2007.

DATA

Survey of Islamic elites. I have collected a stratified random sample of over 1000 elites in the Indonesian Islamic institutions of Nahdlatul Ulama, Muhammadiyah and Persatuan Islam. This is the only survey of some of the world’s largest and oldest Islamic organizations.

Campaign images. During the elections of 2009-2011 I collected digital photos of over 4,000 political advertisements from 15 Indonesian provinces. Because each ad uses a unique combination of written and visual symbols demarcating the candidate’s ethnic and religious identity, the data enables us to explain the deployment of political identity (with Colm Fox).

Religious edicts. I have collected over 1,500 religious edicts (*fatwas*) from Nahdlatul Ulama, Muhammadiyah, Persis and Majelis Ulama Indonesia. These fatwas are used to map the changing beliefs of Islamic organizations over time and in comparative perspective.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

How to Change the World, BU Freshman Honors Seminar Spring 2017, Spring 2018
People Power in Global Politics, BU Spring 2015, Spring 2017
Southeast Asia in World Politics, BU Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
Islam and Politics, UW-Madison Spring 2011, BU Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2016
Religion and International Relations, BU Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016
Empirical Research Methods, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University Jakarta 2009
U.S. Foreign Policy, Columbia College Chicago 2008

Teaching Assistant

Intro to Comparative Politics, Prof Tamir Moustafa, 2007
Politics of the World Economy, Prof Edward Friedman, 2006
State, Society, & Democratization in SEA, Prof Dan Slater, University of Chicago, 2006
Intro to International Relations, Prof Jon Pevehouse, 2005
Law, Politics and Society, Prof Debra Spector, 2005

Directed Study

Gastronationalism in Singapore and in Comparative Perspective, Fall 2014
Islam and International Relations Theory: The Case of the Caliphate, Fall 2013

BA Thesis Committees

- “Building Economic Justice: How Civil Society Organizations Advance Migrants’ Rights,” S2016 (Chair)
“Deficient Participation: Outcomes in Morocco’s National List Gender Quota,” S2016 (Chair)
“Egypt’s Salafi Vanguard: The Nour Party in Contemporary Politics and Society,” S2015
- Ambassador Hermann Frederick Eilts Undergraduate Thesis Award
- “Everyday Uprisings: Women’s Rights Activism in Morocco,” S2014.
- BU’s Christopher M. Sassano Award for Writing Excellence in the Social Sciences.
Published in an edited volume by the Boston Consortium for Arab Region Studies.
- “Morocco and the Arab Spring,” S2014
“The Role of Democracy Promotion in Post-Arab Spring Egypt,” S2014

MA Thesis Committees

- “Methodism in Rural Northwest Tanzania: Navigating the Local and the Global,” F2016
“Political Islam in Morocco and Algeria,” S2016
“Funny or Die: how and why satirical opposition undermines authoritarian control,” Spring 2015
“Unwanted Guests: A Comparison of the Treatment of Syrian Refugees in Jordan and Turkey,” Spring 2015
“Protecting U.S. Interests in the South China Sea,” Fall 2014 (Chair)
“Intercultural Analysis of Self-Expression on Social Networking Sites: Understanding Behaviors and Perceptions,” Fall 2014
“Siting with Politics: Vipassanā Meditation and the Ritual Public Sphere in Burma,” Spring 2014
“An Analysis of the Turkish Model and Its Application to Post-Arab Spring Egypt,” Spring 2014
“Against the Monarchy: Dissent in Saudi Arabia,” Winter 2013
“Education as Prevention: Preventing Child Prostitution in Thailand,” Summer 2013
“National Security & Religious Freedom in Israel Since Oslo: An Assessment of Jewish Democracy Since the Deterioration of the Oslo Peace Process,” Summer 2013

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Field Research in Indonesia, 2005, 2007, 2008-2010

- Pre-dissertation research in Yogyakarta, Manado, and Jakarta, Indonesia, 2005, 2007
- Collected complete set of fatwas from four Islamic institutions, 2005, 2007, 2008
- Archival research in the National Archives, the National Library, Nahdlatul Ulama archives, Muhammadiyah archives in Jakarta and Yogyakarta and Persatuan Islam archives in Bangil, 2008-2010
- Observed court proceedings on a 1965 law regarding religious blasphemy. Undertook interviews with lawyers, expert witnesses and researchers for the court, 2010
- Survey of 1000 Islamic elites, 2010
- Undertook more than 150 in-depth interviews with Islamic elites, government leaders, political activists and youth leaders, 2005, 2007, 2008-2010

Research Assistant to Professor Alfred Stepan, 2009

- Field research in Indonesia for a volume on democracy, toleration and religion
- Arranged interviews, translated articles, and collected primary source documents

Project Assistant to Professor Jason Wittenberg, 2004

- Research project on voter behavior and extremism in interwar Eastern Europe

Research Coordinator at *The Endangered Species Update*, 1998-2000

- Environmental journal at the University of Michigan
- Responded to reader inquiries regarding environmental management

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & DATA ANALYSIS SKILLS

Indonesian – advanced written and spoken including archival research capability in Malay

Arabic – basic written

Software – Stata, NVivo, Portfolio

PRESENTATIONS

“How to Combat Islamophobia,” BU United Conference 2017, BU Business Club 2017

“The Origins of the Missionary Impulse,” ISA 2017, BU Social Science & Religion Network and CURA 2017

Guest Lecture, “Introduction to Indonesia,” BU World Regional Geography April 2016

Panelist, “How to Get Published,” BU Pardee School April 2016, April 2017

“Beyond Secular Democracy: Modern Political Institutions and the Regulation of Religion,” University of Bergen June 2015, APSA 2016

“Islam and Democracy in Indonesia: Tolerance Without Liberalism,” Northwestern University May 2015, University of Louisville April 2016, Maarif Institute for Culture and Humanity March 2016, Centre for Strategic and International Studies March 2016, Center for the Study of Religion and Democracy at Paramadina University March 2016; Emerson College April 2017

“Crafting Indonesian Democracy: Inclusion-Moderation and the Sacralizing of the Postcolonial State,” Columbia University March 2015, University of Wisconsin-Madison April 2016, AAS 2017

Panelist, Book Launch at Brown University, “Religious Practice and Democracy in India,” February 2015

Panelist, “From Dictatorship to Democracy: Reporting from Indonesia,” BU 2014

Panelist, “Advice for New Faculty,” BU CAS Orientation 2014

Panelist, “Advancing the Human Condition: An Agenda for Research and Education,” Gerald and Deanne Gitner Family CAS Lecture, 2014

“Communal Tolerance and Religious Democracy in Indonesia,” Oxford University 2014, Comparative Political Theory Workshop at King’s College London 2014, SEAREG 2014, Alwaleed Islamic Studies Faculty Seminar Series at Harvard University 2014
Discussant, “Politics and Religions in Africa,” APSA 2014

Chair & Discussant: “Religious Minorities, Sectarianism, and the State,” ISA 2014

Chair, Panel on “Multilevel Governance,” Conference on Subnational Research in Comparative Politics at Harvard University 2014

“The Constructivist Turn in the Study of Religion and Comparative Politics,” Boston University’s Social Science and Religion Network 2013

“Indonesia: Rising Power, Strategic Partner,” World Affairs Council of Rhode Island, 2013

“Productive Intolerance: Godly Nationalism in Indonesia,” University of California-Berkeley 2012, AAS 2012, BU’s Center for the Study of Asia and Institute for the Study of Muslim Societies & Civilizations 2014, ISA 2014, LSA 2014, APSA 2014

“The Politics of Identity in Indonesia: Results from Campaign Advertisements,” Indonesian Freedom Institute 2010, Center for Strategic and International Studies Jakarta 2010, APSA 2011, Stanford University 2012

“Politics of Identity in Muslim-Majority Democracies: Lessons from Indonesia for the Arab Spring,” American University of Beirut 2012

Workshop participant: “Liberal Tolerance and Beyond,” Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life, Columbia University, 2012

Discussant: “What to Believe - How to Behave? Comparing policies and politics of teaching religion,” International Research Seminar in Byblos, Lebanon, 2011

“Tolerance without Liberalism: Conflict and Coexistence in Twentieth Century Indonesia,” State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, Paramadina Islamic University, University of Gadjah Mada, Columbia University 2010, UW Center for Southeast Asian Studies, UW Law, Politics and Society Workshop 2011, APSA 2011

Discussant: “Muslim Democracies,” APSA 2011

Discussant: “Cohort Analysis of American Public Opinion about the Israeli-Arab Conflict” by Amnon Cavari and Shlomo Egoz, UW Comparative Politics Workshop, March 2011

Discussant: “Political Islam,” MPSA 2011

“Equivalence & Difference in Islamic Social Movements: Liberal Islam and Progressive Islam,” UIN Syarif Hidayatullah Jakarta conference on Progressive Islam, 2009

“Secularizing Shari’a: Islamic Law and Family Planning in Indonesia,” presented under previous title, “Fatwas As Data: Overlooked Sources in the Study of Islam and Social Change,” Political Science Research Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2008, APSA 2009, ASA 2008

“Redefining the War on Terror: American Muslims and the Appropriation of State Discourse,” University of Chicago workshop on Islam & Modernity, ASA 2008

Discussant: “Regulating Sex: the Military and HIV/AIDS Prevention in Thailand,” by Diana Kim, Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago 2007

Discussant: “The Worst Kind of War: Regional Rebellions and Political Militarization in the Post-Colonial World,” by Dan Slater and Chris Haid, PIPES, University of Chicago 2007

“Majelis Ulama Indonesia dan Hal-Hal Bertoleransi Umum,” Annual Conference, Consortium for the Teaching of Indonesian and Malay (in Indonesian), 2007

Discussant: “The Path to Ethnic Cleansing,” by H. Zeynep Bulutgil, Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago 2006

SERVICE

Boston University

BU Admissions Event in NYC, March 2017

Revised Mentorship Guide for Faculty in the Pardee School, 2016-2017

Strategic Planning Committee, Institute for Culture Religion and World Affairs, 2016-2017

Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) Advisory Committee, 2016-2017

M.A. Curriculum Review Committee, Pardee School of Global Studies, Spring 2016

Strategic Planning Committee, Pardee School of Global Studies, Spring 2015

Moderator, Pardee School of Global Studies Career Symposium, 2015

Coordinator, MA Program in International Relations and Religion, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

Co-organizer, “Varieties of Pluralist Co-existence.” Co-sponsored speaker series with Robert Hefner of CURA, 2014-2015

“International Relations and Religion Pizza & Politics Workshop,” Organized reading group with faculty and graduate students with Teena Purohit of the BU Department of Religion, 2013-2014, 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017

Joint event with the BU Social Science and Religion Network, “IR and Religion: Emerging Scholars,” 2014

Co-organizer, “Religion and Power in Transition,” Co-sponsored speaker series with Robert Hefner of CURA, 2013-2014

Political Science

Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Religion & Politics Section of APSA, 2016-17

Chair, Best Paper Award Committee, Southeast Asia Related Group, APSA, 2015

Chair, Best Graduate Student Paper Committee, Religion & Politics Section of APSA, 2015-16

Executive Committee, Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Section of APSA, 2015-2017

Treasurer/Secretary and Executive Committee Member, Religion & Politics Section of APSA, 2014-16

Member, Best Paper Award Committee 2013, Religion and Politics Section of the APSA

Other

Research methods workshops, State Islamic University Syarif Hidayatullah, March-April 2010

Student organizer, Comparative Research Colloquium, UW-Madison, 2005-2006

Reviewer:

American Political Science Review

Asian Studies Review

Comparative Political Studies

Comparative Studies in Society and History

Journal of Islamic Studies

Politics, Religion, Ideology

Sage Open Access

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Sociology of Islam