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Research Interests: Labor movements, American political economy, precarious work, power resources, industrial relations, contentious politics, social movements, critical race theory.

EDUCATION

- 2027 (Expected) **University of Oxford**
D.Phil. Candidate, Politics
Dissertation: Organizing in Hard Places: Workers, Social Movements, and Power in the New American Political Economy
- 2023 **University of Oxford**
M.Phil., Politics (Comparative Government). *Merit.*
- 2021 **University of Michigan**
B.A. Political Science. *High Honors and Distinction.*

WRITING

- Working Papers The Ultimate Structure Test? Starbucks Workers United and the Generative Power of Low-Capacity Strikes.
- Internationalizing State Politics: The Diffusion of Anti-Boycott Bills in U.S. State Legislatures (with Neil Ketchley and Sean Lee).
- Beyond the Shop Floor: Starbucks Workers and Intersectional Organizing as a Strategy for Union Sustainability.
- Published **Girgis, Amytess.** (2025). "Book Review: Get on the Job and Organize: Standing Up for a Better Workplace and a Better World. By Jaz Brisack." *ILR Review*, 79(2), 366-367. [doi:10.1177/00197939251390391](https://doi.org/10.1177/00197939251390391).
- Girgis, Amytess,** Neil Ketchley, and Sean Lee. (2024). "Boycotts and Pro-Palestinian Activism". In *American Political Science Association MENA Newsletter* 7(1): 45-59. pp. 45-59. [doi:10.5281/zenodo.11060809](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.11060809)

SELECTED GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Ongoing **Rhodes Scholarship.** *Full tuition for MPhil/ DPhil; Full stipend from 2021-24.*
2025 **Winchester Award**, Oxford DPIR.
 Norman Chester Fund Grant, Oxford DPIR.
 Rothermere American Institute Grant, RAI Oxford.
 Stanford House Grant, Stanford in Oxford Institute.
 Graduate Research Grant, Keble College Oxford.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2026 Annual Meeting, American Political Science Association (APSA)
 Summer Academy, Consortium on the American Political Economy (CAPE)
 Annual Meeting, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)
 Spring Workshop Series, CAPE Junior Working Group (CAPE-JWG)
 Contentious Politics Colloquium, London School of Economics

2025 Columbia-Cornell Political Economy of Work Junior Scholars Workshop.
 APSA Labor Group Annual Workshop.

2024 Oxford Politics Research Colloquium

TEACHING

2025-26 **Introduction to the Practice of Politics**
 Graduate Teaching Assistant (Lead Instructor)
 Somerville College/Department of Politics and International Relations.
 Supervised by Prof. Patricia Owens.

2024 **Introduction to Comparative Political Economy**
 Course Convener and Tutor.
 Department of Politics and International Relations.

SERVICE

2025-26 **APSA Labor Group - Annual Comparative Labor Politics Workshop**
 Workshop Co-Organizer (with Sander Trubowitz).

2024-25 **Feminist Library, London**
 Community Education Workshop Facilitator.

The Liberation Centre, Brixton (London)

Community Education Workshop Facilitator.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023-Present. **Makan Rights - London, UK.**
Convener for community political education workshops; Supporting curriculum development and workshop facilitation.
- 2023-2024 **Lat. Am. Council of Social Sciences (CLACSO)/Progressive Intl.**
Research Analyst, "The Reactionary International Database".
- 2019-2021 **Lecturers' Employee Organization (AFT-MI 6244) - Ann Arbor, MI.**
Union Organizer and Communications Strategist
- 2018-2020 **Southpaw Michigan Advocacy PAC - Detroit, MI.**
Communications Director & Member, Board of Directors
- 2018-2020 **Political Communications Consultant and Ghostwriter**
For candidates Andrew Romanoff, Arati Kreibich, Sri Kulkarni (US Congress), candidate Jumaane Williams (NY Lt. Governor), Linda Sarsour (Women's March), Abdul El-Sayed (Public Figure), 12 sitting Michigan State Democratic Legislators.
- 2017-2018 **Abdul El-Sayed for Governor – Detroit, MI.**
Deputy Digital Director and Press Liason.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA) - Labor Group
- Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)
- American Association of Rhodes Scholars (AARS)

TRAINING

- 2026 Machine Learning - Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods.
- 2024 Text Analysis - Oxford Spring School in Advanced Research Methods.

SKILLS & LANGUAGES

- R/RStudio, NVivo, Atlas.ti, QGIS, L^AT_EX
- Spanish