

# Nate Grubman

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2021–present      Teaching Fellow in Civil, Liberal, and Global Education, Stanford  
Introductory Studies, Stanford University (Stanford, CA)
- 2020–21            Postdoctoral Scholar, Center on Democracy, Development, and the  
Rule of Law, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University  
(Stanford, CA)

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## EDUCATION

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- 2020                **Ph.D., Political Science**, Yale University (New Haven, CT)  
*Dissertation*: “Party Systems and Social Cleavages in New  
Democracies: Skipping Class in Postuprising Tunisia”  
*Fields*: Comparative Politics, Political Economy, and  
Quantitative Methods
- 2017                **M.S., Applied Economics**, Johns Hopkins University  
(Baltimore, MD)
- 2016                **M.A., Political Science**, Yale University (New Haven, CT)
- 2016                **M.Phil., Political Science**, Yale University (New Haven, CT)
- 2008                **B.A., International Relations**, Tufts University (Medford, MA)

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## PUBLICATIONS

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Nate Grubman and Aytuğ Şaşmaz, “The Collapse of Tunisia’s Party System and the Rise of Kais Saied,” *Middle East Report Online* (August 17, 2021).

Nate Grubman, “Ideological Scaling in a Post-Islamist Age,” *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter* 2 (2).

Larry Diamond, Marc F. Plattner, and Nate Grubman, “Introduction,” in Diamond and Plattner, eds., *Democratization and Authoritarianism in the Arab World* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014).

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## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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### Book Manuscript:

*Skipping Class: Tunisia’s Party System After the Revolution*

### Working Papers:

“Defectors and Dissidents: The Authoritarian Roots of Stability in New Democracies”

“The Dynamics of Corruption in International Trade Evidence on Bribery and Tax Evasion from Tunisian Customs Transactions” (with Samuel Leone and Jaweher Mbarek)

“Disenchanted with Democracy?” (with Milan Svolik)

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## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2019	George Walter Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy Grant Yale University, \$4,000
2019	Institute for Humane Studies Fellowship George Mason University, \$3,000
2019	Project on Middle East Political Science TRE Grant George Washington University, \$3,000
2018	MacMillan Center International Dissertation Fellowship Yale University, \$15,450
2016	MacMillan Center Pre-Dissertation Grant Yale University, \$5,000
2015	Critical Language Scholarship—Arabic, Meknes, Morocco U.S. State Department

2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (declined)  
Yale University, \$3,950

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## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2014-2020 Alma Fuhrman Corlett Gainfort Fellowship

2008 Peter Belfer Award, Tufts University, awarded for most outstanding piece of undergraduate writing in political science

2007-08 Captain Charles C. Hersey Scholarship

2004-05 Keith Lundstrom Memorial Scholarship

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## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

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### Book Conferences:

2021 *Skipping Class: Tunisia's Party System After the Revolution*  
Project on Middle East Political Science Junior Scholars Book  
Workshop  
New Haven, CT, November 12–13

### Panels Organized:

2019 “Navigating Transition: Responses to Tunisia’s Changing  
Political Landscape”  
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting,  
New Orleans, LA, November 14–17

### Papers Presented:

2021 “The Party System in Tunisia’s Marginalized Regions”  
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting  
Montreal, October 28–31

2021 “The Dynamics of Bribery: Evidence from Tunisian Customs  
Transactions”  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Virtual, September 30–October 3

- 2021 “Perceptions of Deterioration and Support for Anti-System Politicians in Tunisia”  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Virtual, April 14–18
- 2021 “Perceptions of Deterioration and Support for Anti-System Politicians in Tunisia”  
Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting  
Virtual, April 1–3
- 2020 “Perceptions of Deterioration and Support for Anti-System Politicians in Tunisia”  
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting,  
Virtual, October 5–17
- 2019 “What’s the Difference? Party Platforms in Postuprising Tunisia”  
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting,  
New Orleans, LA, November 14–17
- 2019 “Skipping Class: Party Systems and Social Cleavages in New Democracies”  
Institute for Humane Studies Graduate Research Seminar,  
Washington, DC, November 1–3
- 2019 “Party System Cleavages in New Democracies: Skipping Class in Tunisia”  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting,  
Chicago, IL, April 4–7
- 2017 “Class and Party Formation in New Democracies: The Case of Tunisia”  
American Institute for Maghrib Studies Dissertation Workshop,  
Boston, MA, September 29–30
- 2017 “Transitions from Cooptation: Tunisia’s Labor Federation and the End of Ben Ali”  
Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research,  
Syracuse, NY, June 19–30

2017 “Defectors versus Dissidents: The Authoritarian Roots of Loyal Opposition”  
Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting,  
Chicago, IL, April 6–9

**Discussant:**

2016 “New Approaches to Ethnography”  
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting,  
Philadelphia, PA, September 1–4

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**PUBLIC TALKS**

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2020 “Nostalgia and Populisms in Contemporary Tunisia”  
Stanford University Center on Democracy, Development, and the  
Rule of Law Research Seminar  
Stanford, CA, October 22

2019 “Skipping Class: Party Systems in New Democracies”  
Yale University MacMillan Comparative Politics Workshop  
New Haven, CT, October 1

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**COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor:**

The Spirit of Democracy, Stanford Introductory Studies, Stanford University (Fall 2021)

Introduction to Macroeconomics, Business Department, Gateway Community College  
(Fall 2017, with Lorraine Li)

**Teaching Assistant:**

Introduction to International Relations, Political Science Department, Yale University  
(Spring 2017)

Comparative Politics: States, Regimes, and Conflict, Political Science Department, Yale  
University (Fall 2016)

**Other:**

Senior Essay Advisor, Program on Ethics, Politics & Economics, Yale University (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Grader, Strategic Models of Politics, Political Science Department, Yale University (Fall 2018)

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**OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE**

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**Referee**

*Economic Development and Cultural Change*, 2021

**Panel participant**

“How to Survive Graduate School,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, virtual, April 14–18, 2021

“How to Finish Your Dissertation,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, virtual, April 14–18, 2021

“Community College Teaching Workshop,” Yale Center for Teaching and Learning, April 23, 2018

**Country expert**

Tunisia, Varieties of Democracy Institute, Political Science Department, University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2020–21

**Writing partner**

Yale College Writing Center, Yale University, Fall 2015–Fall 2016

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**EXTRA TRAINING**

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**Research Methods:**

2017                      Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)  
                                    Summer Institute

**Teaching:**

2018 Yale Certificate of College Teaching Preparation

**Language:**

2018-19 Yale MacMillan Center Directed Independent Language Study Fellowship in Tunisian Arabic, 3 semesters

2016 Yale French for Reading summer course and certificate

2015 Yale MacMillan Center Directed Independent Language Study Fellowship in Egyptian Arabic, 1 semester

2015 Arab American Language Institute in Morocco, Meknes, Morocco, June–August

2014 Moroccan Center for Arabic Studies, Rabat, Morocco, July

2007 International Language Institute, Cairo, Egypt, June

2007 American University – Cairo, Egypt, Jan–June

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**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

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2019 Short-Term International Election Observer  
International Republican Institute-National Democratic Institute  
International Election Observation Mission (Tunisia)

2012–14 Assistant Editor, Journal of Democracy  
National Endowment for Democracy (Washington, DC)

2011–12 Program Assistant, Middle East and North Africa  
Center for International Private Enterprise (Washington, DC)

2011 Project Assistant, Middle East and North Africa  
National Democratic Institute for International Affairs  
(Washington, DC)

2008–10 AP US History and 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Humanities Teacher  
The International Schools of Choueifat (Cairo, Egypt)

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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Arabic (MSA)	Proficient, Advanced-Mid ACTFL Oral Proficiency, Aug 2016
Tunisian Arabic	Proficient, Advanced-Mid ACTFL Oral Proficiency, Sep 2018
Egyptian Arabic	Proficient but rusty
Moroccan Arabic	Intermediate and rusty
French	Proficient in reading only
Spanish	Basic

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## REFERENCES

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### **Milan Svolik**

Professor of Political Science

Yale University

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Baltimore, MD 21218

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