

# Ayal Kenny Feinberg, Ph.D.

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce	2019-Present
Senior Fellow, Centre for the Analysis of the Radical Right	2019-Present
Adjunct Instructor, Texas Woman's University	2017-2019
Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas	2017-2019

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Political Science, University of North Texas	2019
Fields: International Relations ( <i>with distinction</i> ), Comparative Politics, and Methods	
M.A., Government ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ), Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya	2013
Fields: Diplomacy and Conflict Studies	
B.A., International Studies, Trinity College	2010
Focus: Middle Eastern Studies	

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Ethnoreligious Insecurity  
American Political Behavior  
Ethnicity, Nationalism & Migration Studies

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Politicizing & Weaponizing Prejudice  
Conflicts of the Contemporary Middle East  
Religion & Foreign Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

Feinberg Ayal. Accepted. "Explaining Ethnoreligious Minority Targeting: Variation in U.S. Anti-Semitic Events." *Perspectives on Politics*.

Feinberg, Ayal and Idean Salehyan. Forthcoming. "Merging Actors with Events: Introducing the Social Conflict Analysis Dataset – Organizational Properties" *International Interactions*

Feinberg, Ayal. 2019. "Homeland Violence and Diaspora Insecurity: An Analysis of Israel and American Jewry" *Politics & Religion*, (Online First), 1-27.

Feinberg, Ayal and Brandon Stewart. 2018. "Holocaust History, Far-Right Parties, and Antisemitic Incidents" *Contemporary Jewry*, (Online First), 1-19.

Breuning, Marijke, Ayal Feinberg, Benjamin Gross, Melissa Martinez, Ramesh Sharma, and John Ishiyama. 2018. "How International is Political Science? Patterns of Submission and Publication in the APSR" *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51(4), 789-798.

Breuning, Marijke, Benjamin Gross, Ayal Feinberg, Melissa Martinez, Ramesh Sharma, and John Ishiyama. 2018. "Clearing the Pipeline? Gender and Publishing in the APSR" *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 51(3), 629-634.

Feinberg, Ayal and Daphne Richemond-Barak. 2016. "The Irony of the Iron Dome: Intelligent Defense Systems, Law and Security." *Harvard National Security Journal*, 7(2), 469-525.

Meernik, James, Nenad Golcevski, Ayal Feinberg, Kimi King, Roman Krastev, and Melissa McKay. 2016. "Social Distance, Education and Reconciliation in the Former Yugoslavia." *Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies*, 16(3), 413-431.

#### **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

"Ethnic Kin-Groups Connections and Mediation of Territorial Disputes" (with J. Michael Greig) *under review*

"The Trump Effect: How 2016 Campaign Rallies Explain Spikes in Hate Crime" (with Regina Branton and Valerie Martinez-Ebers) *under review*

"A Woman's Place is in the Resistance: Female Combatants and the Movement Party Relationship" (with Eden Medina) *under review*

#### **COMMENTARY AND ENGAGEMENT**

Ayal Feinberg (with Regina Branton and Valerie Martinez-Ebers). March, 2019 (twice reposted August 2019). "Counties that hosted a 2016 Trump rally saw a 226 percent increase in hate crimes." *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*

Ayal Feinberg. December, 2016. "These four factors trigger anti-Semitism in the U.S." *The Monkey Cage, The Washington Post*

#### **SELECTED WORKS IN PROGRESS**

"Insecurity in Paradise: Anti-Semitism in Modern American" *preparation for book manuscript submission*

"Student Protest, Violent Interactions, and State Repression" (with Idean Salehyan) *preparation for journal submission*

"Moving to the Homeland: How Diaspora Insecurity Explains Emigration" *preparation for journal submission*

"Explaining Anti-Semitic Event Variation in Europe" *preparation for journal submission*

## INVITED LECTURES

“Quantifying Anti-Semitism: Challenges and Findings from North America and Europe” invited to Yale University, Yale Program for the Study of Anti-Semitism, New Haven, Connecticut (scheduled January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020)

“Developing a Graduate Research Agenda” invited to American Political Science Association Workshop on Applying to Graduate School, Denton, Texas, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018

“Conspiratorial Anti-Semitism and its Deadly Consequences” invited to University of North Texas Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop, Denton, Texas, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

“Modern Anti-Semitism in the United States” invited to Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Explaining Anti-Semitic Incident Variation in the United States” invited to Castleberry Peace Institute Human Security Workshop, Denton, Texas, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Trump Rally Rhetoric and Hate Crime” invited to WPSA Annual Conference, San Diego, April 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. (co-presenters: Regina Branton and Valerie Martinez-Ebers)

“The Trump Effect? Political Rallies and Hate Crime Contagion” invited to SPSA 90<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, January 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2019. (co-presenters: Regina Branton and Valerie Martinez-Ebers)

“New Anti-Semitism Explored: Does Conflict in Israel Determine Diaspora Insecurity?” invited to IAS Annual Conference, Berkeley, California, June 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

“How International Factors Affect Domestic Hate Crime: An Analysis of Israel and the US Jewish Diaspora” invited to ISA 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Francisco, California, April 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

“Does Bombing in Gaza Create Swastikas in New Jersey? A Novel Analysis of Anti-Semitism in the United States” invited to MPSA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Far-Right Parties and Anti-Semitic Social Conflict” invited to MPSA 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois, April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (co-presenter: Brandon Stewart)

“Does the Distribution of Ethnic Kin-Groups Explain Third-Party Mediation Initiation in Territorial Conflict?” invited to ISA 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Baltimore, Maryland, February 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2017. (co-presenter: J. Michael Greig)

“Social Distance, Education and Reconciliation in the Former Yugoslavia” invited to ISA/IPSA/ECPR/APSA Joint Conference on Human Rights and Justice, The Hague, June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2015. (co-presenters: Kimi King, Roman Krastev, Melissa McKay, and James Meernik)

“The Irony of the Iron Dome: Intelligent Defensive Systems Under IHL” invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Minerva Conference of International Humanitarian Law of the International Committee of the Red Cross/Minerva Center for Human Rights, Jerusalem, November 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>, 2013. (co-presenter: Daphne Richemond-Barak)

### **RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Dr. Idean Salehyan - (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

Dr. Ashley English - (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)

Castleberry Peace Institute - (Summer 2015)

Dr. James Meernik - (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

Dr. Daphne Richemond-Barak - (Spring 2013, Fall 2013)

International Institute for Counter-Terrorism - (Fall 2012)

### **HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award (*University-Wide*), University of North Texas, 2018-2019

Outstanding Teaching Fellow Award (*Political Science*), University of North Texas, 2018-2019

Howard H. Schultz Scholarship in Jewish and Israel Studies, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Jay and Kathy Wolens Scholarship in Jewish and Israel Studies in Memory of Max and Florence Wolens, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Schultz Family Scholarship in Jewish and Israel Studies, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Watt Family Endowment Scholarship in Jewish and Israel Studies, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Wisch Family Scholarships in Jewish and Israel Studies, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Lou E. and Evelyn Pelton Jewish and Israel Studies Scholarships in Memory of Samuel Pelton, University of North Texas, 2017-2018 & 2018-2019

Graduate Assistantship Tuition Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2014-2019

Steven C. Poe Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2017-2018

Willingham Peace Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2014-2016

Tate Political Science Scholarship, University of North Texas, 2014-2016

Ragonis Foundation Scholarship, International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, 2013-2014

### **INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD**

Humanitarian Dilemmas in International Law, Texas A&M University-Commerce – Spring 2020

Introduction to Research Methods, Texas A&M University-Commerce – Fall 2019

U.S. Government & Politics, Texas A&M University-Commerce – Fall 2019, Spring 2020

Introduction to Political Science Research, University of North Texas – Spring 2019

The Political Weaponization of Anti-Semitism, University of North Texas – Spring 2018

U.S. National Government, Texas Woman's University – Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Contemporary Conflicts in the Middle East, University of North Texas – Summer 2017

### **TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS**

Dr. Regina Branton: Introduction to Political Science Research 2300 - (Fall 2018)

Dr. Ashley English: American Government: Law and Institutions 2306 - (Fall 2017)

Dr. T. David Mason: Introduction to Peace Studies 3500 - (Spring 2017)

Dr. Gloria Cox: American Politics 1040 - (Fall 2016)

Dr. Kimi King: American Politics 1040 - (Spring 2015)

Dr. John Ishiyama: American Politics 1040 - (Fall 2014)

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (Conflict Management & Peace Science), Lead Research Mentor, 2019

*American Political Science Review*, Editorial Assistant (International Relations), 2015-2016

Institute for National Security and Counter-Terrorism and International Institute for Counter-Terrorism, Blog Editor, 2013-2014

### **BOOK PROPOSAL & MANUSCRIPT REFEREE**

*Cognella* (2019), *Politics and Religion* (2018), *Contemporary Jewry* (2018), *Scientia Militaria: South Africa Journal of Military Studies* (2017)

### **ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS**

American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Israel Studies Association, Midwestern Political Science Association, Southern Political Science Association, Western Political Science Association, Peace Science Society, American Society of International Law

**REFERENCES**

Marijke Breuning, Professor of Political Science, University of North Texas, 125 Wooten Hall, 1155 Union Circle #305340, Denton, TX 76203 [Marijke.Breuning@unt.edu](mailto:Marijke.Breuning@unt.edu)  
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