

Ashley Johnson, MS

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Education

PhD, Political Science | May 2028 (projected) | Purdue University

- Major: Political Science. Comparative Politics major subfield; American Politics minor subfield
- Advising Committee: Andy Baker (chair); Joan Timonedá; Logan Strother

MS, Political Science | August 2023 | Illinois State University

- Major: Political Science, World Politics Sequence
- Thesis: "The Historical Evolution of State Capacity and its Effect on Democratization: A Case Study of Egypt." | Committee Members: Dr. Yusuf Sarfati (Chair), Dr. Ali Riaz, Dr. Mike Hendricks. Defended July 17, 2023.

MS, Global Studies and International Relations | September 2018 | Northeastern University

- Major: Global Studies and International Relations, Diplomacy Specialty
- Capstone Project: "Looking Backward: Reactionary White Men and Hypernationalism in an Era of Social Progress."

BA, Political Science | April 2016 | University of Pittsburgh

- Major: Political Science, International Relations Specialty | Minor: History | Certificate: Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies

Danish Institute for Study Abroad | May-August 2015 | Copenhagen, Denmark

- Classes taken: Human Trafficking in a Global Context; Prostitution and the Sex Trade; European Genocides

AA, Political Science | May 2014 | Parkland College

- Degree: Political Science

Academic Appointments

Instructor of Record, Purdue University

POL 141: Governments of the World | Summer 2024

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Purdue University

Dr. Reed Kurtz | August-December 2023

- Class | POL 32700: Global Green Politics

Dr. John Megson | January-May 2024

- Classes | POL 141004 & 141006: Governments of the World

Dr. Martin Sweet | August-December 2024

- Class | POL 373: Campaigns and Elections

Dr. David Yu | January-May 2025

- Class | POL 22300: Intro to Environmental Policy

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Illinois State University

Dr. Michaelene Cox | August 2020-December 2021

- Classes | POL 151: Introduction to International Relations; POL 202: Honors Seminar; POL 241: European Politics; POL 351: International Law; POL 355: Human Security

Dr. Yusuf Sarfati | August 2021-May 2022

- Classes | POL 140: Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, and Latin America; POL 247: Middle East Politics

Dr. Sherri Repogle | January-May 2022

- Classes | POL 101: Citizens and Governance; POL 255: International Conflict and Security

Dr. Noha Shawki | August-December 2020

- Class | POL 252: International Organizations

Andrew Matthews | January-May 2021

- Class | POL 140: Introduction to the Politics of Africa, Asia, and Latin America

Publications and Activities

Conferences

Discussant and Chair, "Human Rights in Comparative Perspective." 31st Annual Illinois State University Students in

Political Science Conference | Illinois State University | April 25, 2024.

Chair, "Public Policy in Comparative Perspective." 30th Annual Illinois State University Students in Political Science Conference | Illinois State University | May 19, 2023.

Discussant and Chair, "Democratization and Political Mobilization: Arab World and South Asia in Comparative Perspective." 29th Annual Illinois State University Students in Political Science Conference | Illinois State University | May 13, 2022.

Panelist, "Lightning Talk: Democracy, Democratization, and Democratic Backsliding." Paper: "State Capacity and its Impact on Democratization: A Case Study of Egypt." 2022 MPSA Annual Conference | Chicago, Illinois | April 8, 2022.

Panelist, "The State and the Economy: The Middle East and Latin America in Comparative Perspective." Paper: "Predetermined: Does Egypt Have the Capacity to Become Democratic?" 28th Annual Illinois State University Students in Political Science Conference | Illinois State University | May 13, 2021.

Panelist, "Interdisciplinary Trans Issues." Paper: "Trans Sex Work in a Global Perspective." Gender and the Body Conference | University of Pittsburgh | April 2, 2016.

Invited Talks

Illinois State University | Department of Politics and Government | October 2024

Service

Vice President, Political Science Graduate Student Association, Purdue University | 2024-2025 Academic Year

Activities and Societies:

Political Science Graduate Student Association; Graduate Student Workers Union; Illinois State University Queer Coalition; Global Graduate Student Organization; National Association of Professional Women; Boston Network for International Development; The Fourth Wave; Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble; Champaign-Urbana Junior Women's Club; Parkland College Dance team (captain); Parkland College Theater

References

Dr. Andy Baker | Professor, Director of Graduate Studies | Purdue University | bakerab@purdue.edu

Dr. Logan Strother | Associate Professor | Purdue University | lstrothe@purdue.edu

Dr. Yusuf Sarfati | Associate Professor, Director of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Minor Program | Illinois State University | ysarfati@ilstu.edu

Dr. James A. McCann | Professor, Associate Director of Graduate Studies, Co-Coordinator, Advanced Methods at Purdue | Purdue University | mccannj@purdue.edu

Dr. Mollie Cohen | Assistant Professor | Purdue University | mjcohen@purdue.edu

Dr. Minh Trinh | Assistant Professor | Purdue University | minhdt Trinh@purdue.edu

Dr. Mike Hendricks | Assistant Professor, Pi Sigma Alpha Advisor | Illinois State University | mshend1@ilstu.edu

Selected Additional Experience

Development Coordinator | YouthBuild Boston | May 2019 - May 2020

AmeriCorps Service | Construction Coordinator, SBP | July 2018 - May 2019

Enrollment Coordinator | Hult International Business School | December 2016 – July 2017

All-American Team Member, Italy | Universal Dance Association | December 2010-January 2011

