

# JONATHAN BARSNESS

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## EDUCATION

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**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE**, Department of Political Science  
**PhD in Political Science (Expected)** Knoxville, TN  
July 2013 - May 2018  
• International Relations; Comparative Politics; Public Policy

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY**, Department of Government  
**Master of Arts in Conflict Resolution** Washington, DC  
May 2012  
• Thesis: US Political Transition Policy and Post-2003 Violence in Iraq

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON**  
**Bachelor of Arts in English Literature, Cum Laude** Seattle, WA  
June 2007

**INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**  
**National Security Education Program David L. Boren Fellowship** Amman, Jordan  
Aug 2016 - Aug 2017  
• Research on Arab civil-military relations; intensive Arabic study

**US DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program (Arabic)** Ibbi, Oman  
June 2016 - Aug 2016

**US DEPARTMENT OF STATE**  
**Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program (Arabic)** Madaba, Jordan  
June 2015 - Aug 2015  
• Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Score: Intermediate-High

## AWARDS & MEMBERSHIPS

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UT William G McCall Award for Dissertation Research April 2016  
UT Dept of Political Science Best Graduate Student Conference Paper April 2015  
UT Graduate School Conference Paper Travel Award Nov 2014  
Tunis Exchange Program, Tunisia: Scholarship June 2013  
Georgetown University Master's Comprehensive Examination: Distinction May 2012  
Beirut Exchange Program, Lebanon: Scholarship Jan 2012  
PHI BETA KAPPA: Member Dec 2006  
Golden Key International Honor Society: Member June 2006  
University of Washington & Bellevue College: Dean's List 2004 - 2007

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE** Knoxville, TN  
**Teaching Associate (Instructor of Record)** July 2013 - Present  
• Intro to Political Science; American Government; International Relations  
• Lecture; design/grade assignments, papers, quizzes, and tests

**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE** Washington, DC  
**Online Instructional Designer** Nov 2012 - June 2013  
• Curriculum design and course development (<http://www.usip.org/education-training>)  
• Testing, verification, and quality control assessments of online training materials

**UNITED STATES INSTITUTE OF PEACE** Washington, DC

**Assistant Site Manager**

Dec 2011 - Sept 2012

- Assistant Site Manager for USIP's PeaceMedia website (<http://peacemedia.usip.org/>)
- Managed team of 6 students, located and curated videos, promoted new content
- Helped increase traffic by roughly 20%, doubled number of Facebook and Twitter followers

**WASHINGTON PEACE CENTER**

Washington, DC

**Intern**

Sept 2011 - Dec 2011

- Provided research support for staff examining local, national, and global social justice issues
- Organized and edited content for the Center's website, weekly email, and quarterly peace letter

**Berkley Center For Religion, Peace & World Affairs** Washington, DC**Research Assistant** for Dr. Eric Patterson

Sept 2010 - June 2011

- Designed five film teaching guides for university level students
- Conducted Afghan Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Simulations at U.S. Naval Academy

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

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**Middle East Studies Association (MESA)**

Nov 2014

- Post-2003 Violence in Iraq: Prioritizing Elite-Level Engagement

**Master's Thesis Presentation**

May 2012

- Oral Defense of Master's Thesis, Georgetown University

***Iran: Religious Elements of the 1979 Islamic Revolution***

June 2011

- Published by the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs  
(<http://berkeleycenter.georgetown.edu/publications/iran-religious-elements-of-the-1979-islamic-revolution>)

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & WORKSHOPS**

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**APSA Teaching and Learning Conference**

Nov 2014

- Discussant, Teaching Conflict Analysis and Resolution

**UT Best Practices in Teaching Certification**

Fall 2013

- 10 seminars addressing professional development and effective teaching techniques

**Tunis Exchange Program, Tunisia**

June - Aug 2013

- Immersion experience in Tunisian politics, NGOs, academics, and colloquial Arabic

**Beirut Exchange Program, Lebanon**

Jan 2012

- Immersion experience in Lebanese politics, NGOs, academics, colloquial Arabic and refugee issues

**Technology for Crisis Response and Effective Governance, Techchange** Nov 2011

- Workshop training in digital mapping, mobile messaging and social media in conflict management, conflict analysis, and peacebuilding

**From Conflict to Peace 2011 Conference, Georgetown University**

Sept 2011

- Student planning committee member, helped design national essay and poster contests
- Moderated student panel discussion, logistical planning, outreach, and record keeping

**Proposal Writing, Dr. Michael Morfit**

Jan 2011

- Workshop training in successfully managing proposal processes, including procurement processes, cost Request for Proposals (RFP) and Request for Applications (RFA)
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## **ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **BUSINESS LANGUAGE SOLUTIONS**

**English Teacher**, working professionals

- Designed weekly business curriculum for corporate managers

Mexico City, Mexico  
July 2009 - July 2010

### **FEED THE CHILDREN VALLARTA**

**Volunteer English Teacher**, grades 2 - 6

- Designed weekly curriculum for two classes of thirty students

Jalisco, Mexico  
Dec 2008 - July 2009

### **SEATTLE'S UNION GOSPEL MISSION**

**Volunteer Tutor**, adult males

- Worked one-on-one with students to improve literacy capabilities

Seattle, WA  
May 2007 - Oct. 2007

### **MERCER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL**

**Teaching Assistant, International Studies Department**, grades 10 - 12

- Taught writing workshops, graded papers

Seattle, WA  
Sept 2006 - May 2007

## **SKILLS/ INTERESTS**

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Languages: Arabic (Intermediate-High); Spanish (Intermediate-High); French (Novice-High)  
Computer Skills: Microsoft Office Suite, Photoshop, iMovie, HootSuite, Constant Contact  
Travel Experience: Oman, Jordan, Tunisia, Lebanon, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England, Anguilla, Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico