

Jason Pack

Curriculum Vitae

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NORTH AFRICA-RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

U.S.-Libya Business Association (USLBA), Washington, D.C.

Jan. 2017—April. 2018

Executive Director

- Main interlocutor connecting the American private sector, US/Allied Governments, and senior Libyan officials
- Conceived, organized, and hosted “State Dinner-style” gatherings in honor of Libyan Prime Minister Fayez al-Serraj on the margins of the 2017 UN General Assembly and Ambassador Wafa Bugaighis for International Women’s Day 2018
- Organized and chaired lunch briefings and networking coffees for Mustafa Sanalla (Head of NOC), Sadiq al-Kabir (Governor of the Central Bank), Dr. Ali Mahmoud (Head of the Sovereign Wealth Fund, the LIA), Deputy Prime Minister Ahmed Maiteg, Foreign Minister Mohamed Taher Siyala, and Minister of Planning, Taher Juhaimi
- Advocated on behalf of American businesses with US and Libyan Governmental entities on issues including back-payments, letters of credit, tenders, development projects, and counterterrorism assistance
- Supported 11 Fortune 500 US Businesses (including GE, Pepsi, Hess, GardaWorld, Motorola) in every aspect of their Libyan operations including security, briefing CEOs, making contingency plans, conducting market analyses, and more
- Managed program assistants and interns, while reporting to USLBA’s Board of Directors and the President of the National Foreign Trade Council
- My team catalogued, condensed, and summarized over a thousand English and Arabic documents detailing the inner workings and money flows connecting Libya’s semi-sovereign economic institutions with various governmental, municipal, and militia entities
- Conducted weekly meetings with Ambassador Bugaighis, supporting her diplomatic efforts
- Solved interagency problems with DoC, USAID, and CSO/ENR/NEA Bureaus at DoS
- Supported implementation partners like IRI, NDI, Chemonics, and Navanti
- Prepared onboarding briefings for USG’s Libya team and worked closely with State Department’s Tunis-based Libya External Office
- Planned Trade Mission to Tunisia and worked closely with Maltese, Egyptian, Tunisian, Italian, and British governments

Eye On ISIS in Libya, Metuchen, NJ

November 2015 —Present

Founder

- To monitor the threat posed by the Islamic State's Libyan branch, I founded Eye On ISIS in Libya (EOIL) as a monitoring service detailing the group's history, interactions with other jihadi actors, and Western responses. Information comes from open and local sources and is vetted by a network of academics, consultants and Western security experts
- My team catalogued and condensed over 20,000 pages of primary source material in English and Arabic documenting the group’s rise, expansion, attacks, and degradation -- creating the definitive repository of information about ISIS in Libya and its interactions with other groups in Tunisia, Syria, Iraq, and the Sahel
- EOIL achieved 501(c)3 status as a New Jersey-based non-profit.
- The EOIL team published the definitive work on jihadism in post-Qadhafi Libya, *The Origins and Evolution of ISIS in Libya*, with the Atlantic Council. We have also produced, *Who Pays for ISIS in Libya?* and *Al-Qaida’s Strategy in Libya: Keep it Local, Stupid* for Norwegian Government funded think tanks

CRCM North Africa, Frankfurt, Germany

November 2016 —Present

Senior Analyst

- Advise clients on security, payment, and contractual risks relating to business in North Africa. Produce weekly monitoring reports
- High level due diligence, advisory, and forecasting services for German-speaking firms in North Africa

Risk Intelligence, Vedbaek, Denmark

April 2013-Present

North Africa Analyst

- Monitor the maritime security of all Libyan ports, producing real-time advisories for clients, and author the weekly *Libya Ports & Terminals Threat Assessment Report*
- Produce strategic forecasting for each of the Libyan ports to be consumed by decision makers at the world’s largest shipping companies and conglomerates (including Maersk and the Norwegian Shipowners Association)

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Libya-Analysis® LLC, New York, New York
President and Founder

Feb. 17th 2011—Present

- Help clients in the maritime, hydrocarbons, legal, due diligence, and development sectors assess political, economic, and security risks affecting their business interests via targeted risk management consulting
- Produce relationship mapping and stakeholder analysis of Libya's militias, media outlets, civil society groups, and powerbrokers
- Manage a range of researchers, consultants, and academics on four continents. Am full-time employer of 3 up-and-coming researchers
- Help connect Western companies to relevant Libyan businessmen, policymakers, commercial lawyers, trip planners, academics, and other consultants
- Offer a subscription Libya Monitoring service comprising daily updates and weekly analytical reports with threat assessments and detailed forecasting
- Maintain Libya-Analysis.com website as a leading aggregator of academic analysis on the situation in Libya

U.S.-Libya Business Association (USLBA), Washington, D.C.
Program Manager

Dec. 2009—Sept. 2010

- Authored monthly *USLBA Insights and Analysis* reports. These confidential briefs probed a specific aspect of the Libyan power structure or economy for a business audience.
- Managed the day-to-day affairs of the USLBA -- including finances -- meetings with U.S. diplomats, receptions for visiting Libyan dignitaries, communications with USLBA member companies
- Pioneered the first archiving and cataloguing system of the vast institutional knowledge of the organization
- Managed USLBA interns; recruited and trained my successor and my successor's successor; and continued to participate as an outside expert and paid consultant for USLBA events and reporting

WESTERN GOVERNMENT, IGO, NGO, AND POLITICAL ADVISORY WORK

- Advised U.S. State Department, USAID, Department of Commerce, and Department of Defense on issues of development and implementation of American policy and programming. Briefed on issues confronting U.S. businesses in the electricity, infrastructure, energy and healthcare sectors leading to DAS-level engagement with Libyan counterparts
- Prepared policy points for DoS, DoC, and USAID prior to their Secretary-level meetings with the Libyan delegation on the margins of Prime Minister Fayeze al-Serraj's December 2017 White House visit
- Helped organize first US State Department Commercial Diplomacy event with Libya since 2014. The March 22, 2018 Tunis-based event brought together American businesses under the auspices of the State Department's Libya External Office and members of my US-Libya Business Association with the most important stakeholder for internal development in Libya's Sovereign Wealth sector.
- Briefed the last six British Ambassadors to Libya prior to their departure to post
- Keynote speaker at the Defence Specialist Cultural Unit dinner addressing role of Libyan culture in post-Qadhafi politics
- Presented training session for entire DIA/Pentagon Libya Analyst team
- Addressed military and intelligence community audiences at Shrivenham, PJHQ, RAF Molesworth and Catterick
- Counseled multiple countries' Ambassadors and Special Envoys to Libya about the UN-mediated negotiations process
- Testified before various House of Commons committees and submitted formal written evidence geared at shaping British policy towards Libya
- Informed the UN's Al-Qaida/Taliban Monitoring Team's policy proscriptions to the UN Sanctions Committee

PAUSED EDUCATION

St. Catharine's College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK

Oct 2011-Present

PhD Candidate in Middle Eastern History (ABD) Currently Withdrawn from Register of Students

Supervisor: Dr. Saul Kelly

Former Advisor: The late Professor Sir Christopher Bayly

Dissertation Title: *The British Military Administration of Libya (1942-51) and the Anglo-Sanussi Relationship*

- July 2015 Fellow at the International Seminar on Decolonization hosted by Wm. Roger Louis, the Library of Congress, and the Kluge Center

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

St. Antony's College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK

Sept 2010-June 2011

M.St. in Global and Imperial History **Graduation:** July 2011

GPA: 70 (Equivalent to American 3.9)

Examiner: Judith Brown **Conveners:** John Darwin and Jan-Georg Deutsch

Supervisor: James McDougall

Thesis Title: British State-Building in Cyrenaica during the War Years (1941-5)

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- Achieved *Distinction* in thesis with a Mark of 73
- Coursework Included: *Empires in History 1750-2000; Concepts and Methods of Imperial History*

Fulbright Fellow, Damascus, Syria Feb. 2004—July 2005

- Researched the impact of instability in the French Third Republic and the ideology of the *Parti Colonial* on France's Syria policy (1900-1945)

American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt Sept. 2003—Dec. 2003

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

B.A. Magna Cum Laude

Major: Biology

- Honors: Phi Beta Kappa; Goldwater Scholar, Top 5% of Graduating Class

Graduation: June 2002 **GPA:** 3.96

Concentration: African and Middle East Studies

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Modern Standard Arabic – Professional reading proficiency (4+ years of intensive study)

Levantine Colloquial Arabic –Highly advanced comprehension and proficient speaking

French –Highly proficient in reading and research, Advanced Intermediate speaking

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES, BOOKS, THINK-TANK REPORTS AND CHAPTERS

- “Al-Qaida’s Strategy in Libya: Keep it Local, Stupid” coauthored with Rhiannon Smith in *Perspectives on Terrorism*, Vol 11, No 6 (2017).
- “Libya’s Liquidity Crunch and the Dinar’s Demise: Psychological and Macroeconomic Dimensions of the Current Crisis”, Libya Herald, Special Report, April 2017 – the first comprehensive peer-reviewed general audience report about the implications of Libya’s post-Qadhafi subsidies, currency black market, smuggling, public sector salaries, and larger macroeconomic implications.
- *The Origins and Evolution of ISIS in Libya*, Atlantic Council, coauthored with Rhiannon Smith and Karim Mezran, June 2017.
- “Who Pays for ISIS in Libya?”, *Hate Speech International*, coauthored with James Roslington, 24 August 2016
- "The Antecedents and Implications of the so-called Anglo-Sanussi War (1915-17)," in *The First World War and its Aftermath: The Shaping of the Middle East*, edited by T.G. Fraser, Ginkgo Library, September 2015
- "The July 2012 Libyan Election and the Origin of Post-Qadhafi Appeasement" coauthored with Haley Cook, *The Middle East Journal*, Volume 69, Number 2, Spring 2015, pp. 171-198 (28)
- Foreword for *Operation Idris: Inside the British Administration of Cyrenaica and Libya, 1942-52*, Silphium Press, 2015.
- "Libya: Situation Report," *Tony Blair Faith Foundation*, 9 November 2014
- Haley Cook and Jason Pack, “Mu’ammur Qadhafi: Power, Personality, and Ideology,” in Frank Jacob, ed. *Dictatorships without Violence? How Dictators Assert Their Power, Comparative Studies from a Global Perspective*, Vol. 2, Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann, 2014.
- Jason Pack, Karim Mezran, and Mohamed Eljarh, *Libya’s Faustian Bargains: Breaking the Appeasement Cycle*, Atlantic Council Report, April 2014
- "Libyan Constitutionality and Sovereignty Post-Qadhafi: the Islamist, Regionalist, and Amazigh Challenges," coauthored with Youssef Sawani, *Journal of North African Studies*, Fall 2013, Volume 18, Issue 4, pp. 523-543.
- *The 2011 Libyan Uprisings and the Struggle for the Post-Qadhafi Future* (eds), Palgrave Macmillan, June 2013
- "Rebels with a Pen: Observations on the Newly Emerging Media Landscape in Libya," coauthored with Anja Wollenberg, *Journal of North African Studies*, Spring 2013, Volume 18, Issue 2, pp. 191-210.
- “In War’s Wake: The Struggle for Post-Qadhafi Libya,” with Barak Barfi, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Policy Focus #118, February 2012
- Peer Reviewer for *The Journal of North African Studies*, *International Affairs* (Chatham House), *Millennium Journal of International Studies* (LSE), *The British Association of Libyan Studies* (Silphium Press), *The International Spectator* (Italy’s Foremost Journal of International Affairs)

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SELECTED SCHOLARLY LECTURES, BOOK REVIEWS, AND POLICY BRIEFINGS FROM 2011-PRESENT

- Lead speaker on Libya at “Al-Qaeda at Thirty” Conference co-organized by the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment (FFI) and the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. My lecture resulted in a co-authored publication, “Al-Qaida’s Strategy in Libya: Keep it Local, Stupid” in *Perspectives on Terrorism*, Vol 11, No 6 (2017).
- Briefed Joint Operations Symposium at PJHQ Northwood on the LPA and inter-militia politics in Libya, 25 August 2016
- Organized and chaired launch of “Who Pays for ISIS in Libya?”, hosted by Hate Speech International at RUSI, featuring Mary Fitzgerald, James Roslington, and Abdul-Rahman Al-Ageli, 5 September 2016
- Annual Lecture for the Society of Libyan Studies hosted at the British Academy, entitled, “The Anglo-Senussi ‘War’ of 1915 – 17 and the Emergence of Modern Cyrenaica,” 7 May 2015
- “Libya: Too Important to be Allowed to Fail,” a written policy briefing coauthored with Rhiannon Smith, published by The Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) in *Turning Back on Intervention: Newsbrief*, March 2015
- Organized and chaired briefing “Libya: An Escalating Crisis on Europe’s Doorstep,” at RUSI featuring Mary Fitzgerald, Abdul-Rahman Al-Ageli, and Ambassador Richard Northern, 9 February 2015
- Book review of *A Concise Guide to Wine and Blind Tasting* by Neel Burton and James Flewelling for *The Time Literary Supplement*, 31 October 2014
- Expert at UK MoD/FCO Libya Study in July 2014 informing British policy in the ongoing Libya conflict
- Briefing at Nato Intelligence Fusion Centre at RAF Molesworth on challenges of intelligence work in Libya, March 2014
- Briefing of over 600 officers at UK Staff College at Shrivenham entitled “Libya’s Post-Qadhafi Fissures: Federalists, Islamists, Berbers & the Militias,” 30 January 2014
- “Libya: Will Failure Lead to Partition?” lecture to the *Gulf Cultural Club* of London, 22 October 2013
- “Islamists, Militias, and the Role of Britain in Today’s Libya” a panel presentation in the UK’s House of Commons co-organized by Jason Pack and the Council for Arab and British Understanding, 10 September 2013
- “The Struggle for the Post-Qadhafi Future: Islamists, Militias, And Foreign Powers” a book launch conference featuring Jason Pack, Noman Benotman, and Ambassador Richard Northern, chaired by Professor Sir Christopher Bayly at St. Catharine’s College Cambridge, 27 June 2013
- “Plato: Slave-Owning Aristocrat or Homosexual Mystic?” a book review of *Plato: Letters to My Son* by Neel Burton’s for *The Spectator Magazine*, 31 July 2013
- “Britain Should Take the Lead in Libya” a written briefing for the Conservative Middle East Council, 3 May 2013.
- Review of *Exit Gaddafi: The Hidden History of the Libyan Revolution*, by Ethan Chorin. London: Saqi Books, 2012. By Jason Pack in *Middle East Journal* Vol. 67, No. 2, Spring 2013
- Review of Fawaz Gerges’s *Obama and the Middle East: The End of America’s Moment* for *The Journal of North African Studies*, Vol. 18, No. 2, Spring 2013
- “Engagement in Libya Was and Remains the Right Answer,” a book review of *Exit Gaddafi: The Hidden History of the Libyan Revolution* by Ethan Chorin for *The Spectator Magazine*, 31 January 2013
- Review of *Power and Politics in the Maghreb: Algeria, Tunisia and Morocco from Independence to the Arab Spring*, by Michael J. Willis in *Middle East Journal* Vol. 67, No. 1, Winter 2013
- “The 2011 Libyan Uprisings, their Aftereffects, and Western Policy Responses,” Keynote address at 10-year Williams College Reunion, 9 June 2012
- “The Anglo-Sanussi Relationship and the British Administration of Cyrenaica (1941-49),” presentation to the Cambridge Middle Eastern History Group, 29 May 2012
- Review of *Mohamed Fekini and the Fight to Free Libya* by Angelo Del Boca (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2010) in *Middle East Journal* 66.2, May 2012
- “The 2011 Libyan Uprisings, their Aftereffects, and Western Policy Responses,” delivered lecture, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC, 20 March 2012
- “Comparative No-Fly Zones: An investigation of the cases of Iraqi Kurdistan (1991-2003) and Libya (2011),” lecture to graduate students from the University of Kurdistan and American consular officials, Erbil, Iraq, 24 December 2011
- Review of *Origins of the Libyan Nation* by Anna Baldinetti (Oxford: Routledge, 2010) in *Middle East Report*, Winter 2011
- Academic lecture presented on BBC World Service on the British Military Administration of Libya (1942-51), 1 September 2011
- Organized and chaired panel “Contemplating the Trajectory of the 2011 Libya Uprising,” with guest speakers Oliver Miles and Ashur Shamis, co-sponsored by the Royal African Society and St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, 3 May 2011

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- Review of *Libya Since 1969: Qadhafi's Revolution Revisited* edited by Dirk Vandewalle (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008), co-authored with Dana Moss, *Journal of North African Studies* 16.2 (June 2011)

SELECTED OP-EDS, NON-PEER REVIEW PUBLICATIONS, AND MEDIA SINCE THE ARAB SPRING

- "Fight over oil offers opportunity to protect Libya's wealth," *Al Monitor*, 29 June 2018
- "The West is Letting Libya Tear Itself Apart," *Foreign Policy*, 22 June 2018
- "[Serendipity in the Caucasus: An examination of the major Georgian Qvevri wine varieties](#)," *WineSofa*, October 2017
- "Defeating the Islamic State? Lessons from Libya," *Hate Speech International*, co-authored with Rhiannon Smith, 4 November 2016
- "How Libya Could save the European economy," *Politico*, coauthored with Rhiannon Smith, 13 October 2016
- "Controlling Libya's Wealth: Hifter's Long Game," *Al Monitor*, 29 September 2016
- "Can Libya find unity through oil?" *Al Monitor*, 14 September 2016
- "Donald Trump's Gaddafi problem," *Al Jazeera English*, 9 August 2016
- "Libya's bungled oil deal," *Al Monitor*, 29 July 2016
- "Fighting Islamic State in Libya", *The Economist*, Eye on ISIS was featured, 17 June 2016
- "ISIS Fuels Discord in Libya," *Foreign Affairs*, coauthored with Lydia Sizer, 17 May 2016
- "Don't Believe Libya's 'Race to Sirte' Rhetoric," *Middle East Eye*, 10 May 2016 (Featured in *The Economist*)
- "Britain in Europe: To Stay or Not to Stay?," *The Diplomatist*, April 2016
- "What Does Brexit Mean for European and British Security?," *Parallax*, 3 May 2016
- "Is It Ethical To Trade With Iran?," *Newsweek*, coauthored with Moojan Momen, 15 April 2016
- "Does the American Electorate Want Protectionism?," *Parallax*, 18 March 2016
- "To beat ISIS in Libya, the West Must Help Build Unity from the Bottom Up", *Newsweek*, 24 Nov 2015
- "Liberate Libya from the UN," *Middle East Eye*, 16 Nov 2015
- "Libya at a Terrifying Precipice," *El Pais* (in Spanish), 21 October 2015
- "The Hungary Model: Resurgent Nationalism in Response to the Influx of Migrants", *National Interest*, 8 Oct 2015
- "Libya's Leadership Vacuum and its Impact" *Atlantic Council*, 7 October 2015
- "Sheltering Tunisia's Democratic Experiment from the Region's Storms," *Atlantic Council*, 29 July 2015
- "Talking with the Wrong Libyans," *The New York Times*, coauthored with Brian Klaas, 14 June 2015
- "A Plan B for Libya," *Foreign Affairs*, 29 May 2015
- "Miliband's position on Libya is deeply hypocritical," *The Spectator*, 26 April 2015
- "Why Picking Sides in Libya Won't Work," *Foreign Policy*, coauthored with Mattia Toaldo, 6 March 2015
- "Islamic State Will Flourish if the West Picks Sides in Libya," *The Spectator*, coauthored with Lydia Sizer, 18 February 2015
- "How To End Libya's War," *The New York Times*, 21 January 2015
- "Libya Back on the Brink," *The Hill*, coauthored with Karim Mezran, 9 October 2014
- "The Strategic Case against Scottish Independence," *LA TIMES*, coauthored with Brendan Simms, 11 September 2014
- "Los conservadores árabes intervienen," *El Pais*, coauthored with Mohamed Maher, 6 September 2014
- Jason Pack, "Libya on the Brink: How to Stop the Fighting," *Foreign Affairs*, 28 July 2014
- "Not Too Late To Save Libya," *Atlantic Council*, coauthored with Ambassador Richard Northern, 1 August 2014
- "Game Theory, Kidnappings and the Pitfalls of Appeasement in Libya," *Middle East Eye*, 17 May 2014
- Multiple appearances on Al Jazeera's "Inside Story" commenting on the fighting between Misrata and Zintan
- "A Weak E.U. Cannot Stop Putin," *The New York Times*, coauthored with Brendan Simms, 28 March 2014
- "Libyans Need Help Standing Up to Extremists," *Bloomberg*, coauthored with Richard Northern, 24 December 2013
- "Morocco's Growing Cannabis Debate," *Foreign Policy*, coauthored with James Roslington, 6 November 2013
- "Talk About Political Dysfunction," *The New York Times*, coauthored with Mohamed Eljarh, 18 October 2013
- "Why Libya Is So Hard to Govern," a travelogue about the Berbers of Jabal Nafusa for *The Atlantic Monthly* coauthored with Will Reynolds, 8 October 2013
- "Libya's Lessons on Syria," *Foreign Policy*, coauthored with Karim Mezran and Haley Cook, 6 September 2013
- "Libya: Two Years Later," *Huffington Post*, coauthored with Mustafa AbuShagur former PM of Libya, 20 March 2013
- "Libya Needs International Assistance, Not Drone Attacks," *The Hill*, coauthored with Noman Benotman, 15 February 2013
- "The Importance of Stabilizing Libya," *Politico*, coauthored with Karim Mezran, 15 February 2013
- "Another Missed Opportunity on Benghazi," *The Hill*, 4 January 2013
- "Finally an elected Libyan cabinet, but is it fearsome enough to govern?," *Al Jazeera English*, 7 November 2012
- Featured Guest on Al-Jazeera's "Inside Story" assessing the Libyan economy and security situation, 23 October 2012
- "Democracy is Messy Especially in Libya," *The Guardian*, 9 October 2012
- "Amid Chants of 'Free Libya, Terrorists Out,' a Nation at a Crossroads" op-ed in the USA print edition of the *Wall Street Journal*, 17 September 2012
- "Honoring Chris Stevens" an obituary for the slain Ambassador in *Foreign Policy*, 14 September 2012

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- Featured guest on the Global Russian Radio Service's program "The Voice of Russia in London" concerning Libya's election and the end of the transitional period, 8 August 2012
- "The Problem with Removing Dictators," *Al Jazeera English* Opinion Page, 7 August 2012
- Article-length interview of Jason Pack published in the *Der Standard* (Austria) concerning the July 2012 Libyan Elections, 9 July 2012
- "Libya's Election: Uncertainty Before and After," *Al Jazeera English*, 6 July 2012
- "ICC Captive Is Pawn in Struggle between Militias and the NTC," *Al Jazeera English*, 26 June 2012
- "Look to Yemen as model for Syria's transition after Bashar al-Assad," co-authored with Fred Pack, *Christian Science Monitor*, 14 June 2012
- "Libya's Missteps Threaten Descent into Federalism," co-authored with Ronald Bruce St. John, *Al Jazeera English*, 4 June 2012
- "Megrahi's Death—An End to a Century of Mistrust?" *Al Jazeera English*, 23 May 2012
- "Federalism in Libya: Tried and Failed," *Al Jazeera English*, 20 April 2012
- "Solve Syria, Leave Iran Alone," *Al Jazeera English*, 20 March 2012
- "China-Bashing Hides Lack of an American Plan," co-authored with Brant Moscovitch, *The Australian*, 7 February 2012
- "In the Arab Spring, Watch Turkey," co-authored with Martin Van Creveld, *New York Times*, 5 January 2012
- "Kurds Look to Old Enemies for Survival," *The Australian*, 27 December 2011
- "Capturing the Qadhafis," *Foreign Policy*, 21 November 2011
- "Post-Gaddafi -- Libya should think local," *The Guardian*, 23 October 2011
- "The Libyan Peace Dividend," *Christian Science Monitor*, 20 October 2011
- "Qadhafi's Legacy: Only in his death is the Libyan leader's radical vision of a decentralized republic becoming a reality," *Foreign Policy*, 20 October 2011
- "Libya's Challenge: Not Re-building, but Rather Creating a Nation," special feature for British TV4 exploring Libya's repository of archival documents and how Gaddafi used Libyan history to buttress his regime, 4 October, 2011
- "Libya: Winning the Peace Collective," with Shashank Joshi, Chatham House's *The World Today*, 1 October 2011
- "First Revolution; Now Democracy," *The Wall Street Journal*, 30 September 2011
- "The Seif Paradox," *The Wall Street Journal*, 24 August 2011
- Guest Analyst on *Al-Jazeera's* "The Stream" discussing the liberation of Tripoli, 23 August 2011
- "Gambia Leads the Way," *The Wall Street Journal* (Europe), 26 April 2011
- Featured Guest on *Al-Jazeera English's* "Riz Khan Show" alongside Dirk Vandewalle, 19 April 2011
- "The Two Faces of Libya's Rebels," *Foreign Policy*, 5 April 2011
- "Libya: Too Big to Fail?" *Foreign Policy*, 18 March 2011
- "Gadhafi's Utopian Ideology," *The Wall Street Journal* (Europe), 2 March 2011
- "Gaddafi's Right-Hand Man Should Not Be Underestimated," -- an exposé of Abdullah Senussi for *The Guardian*, 23 February 2011 (based on my personal experiences with Senussi and his son)

SELECTED PRE-2010 LECTURES, PAPERS, AND PUBLICATIONS

- "The Syrian-Iranian Alliance: A Marriage of Convenience or a Lasting Love Affair?" lecture delivered at the University of Chicago, 9 April 2007
- "Another Modern-Day Messiah: Sulayman Al-Murshid and the political theology of Alawi Separatism in French Mandatory Syria," paper presented to the August 2008 Irfan Colloquia of Baha'i Studies in Acuto, Italy
- "American Nation Building Doctrine in Post-Saddam Iraq," a series of lectures in late 2003 and early 2004 to university, high school, and church audiences in the Northeastern USA based on extensive field research in Iraq
- Co-authored journal paper in *Cancer Research* in September 2000 entitled, "HDM2 Protein Overexpression..."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Oxford Intensive School of English, Cambridge, UK

2014-2015

History Lecturer

- Lectured to different high-level delegations of Chinese entrepreneurs concerning the origins and implications of the Industrial Revolution, the Enlightenment, and Western Imperialism

Cambridge Muslim College, Cambridge, UK

Fall 2013

Lecturer in World History

- American-Style undergraduate classroom teaching on diverse topics

UNRWA, Damascus, Syria

Sept. 2004—July 2005

English Teacher

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Founder and CEO of Birthplace of Wine Experience LLC
- Competitive Blind Wine Tasting (Member of Cambridge team for 2015 Varsity Match and author of several treatises on wine)
- Frequent guest on tours and conferences hosted by the Georgian National Tourism Administration. Commissioned to write about the development of the Georgian wine tourism industry as well as Georgia's geopolitical significance to Eurasian affairs
- World Class Tournament Backgammon Player
 - Attained *Master (Third Class)* title from the Backgammon Masters Awarding Body (BMAB)
 - 2016 Gugi Bokia Georgian Open Super Jackpot Finalist
 - 2015 Connecticut Masters and Open Champion
 - 2015 Michigan Masters Champion
 - 2015 Michigan Open Finalist
 - 2014 Backgammon "Live in London" Champion of Champions
 - 2014 UK Open Champion
 - 2014 Monte Carlo Open Side Pool Winner
 - 2014 London Open Professional's Tournament 2nd Place
 - 2014 Nordic Open Super Jackpot Champion
 - 2014 Nordic Open Runner up in Consultation Doubles (partnered with former World Champion Lars Trabolt)
 - 2013 British Open Champion
 - 2011 Scope Backgammon Tournament: Championship Winner
 - 2009 New York City Mayor's Cup: Side Event Champion
- Social Secretary for Formal Dinners (2010-11) at St. Antony's College, Oxford
- Expert Alpine Skier (Ski Patrol and Backcountry)
- Tennis (1996 Middlesex County Champion in Doubles)