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## Education

- PhD, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Political Science, Expected 2026
    - Fields: International Relations, Comparative Politics & Methods
    - Research Interests: MENA Region, Foreign Policy, US-China Rivalry
    - Dissertation: *Middle Eastern North African Countries' Behavior Towards China's Rise Amid US Dominance*
    - Committee: Krista Wiegand (Chair & Advisor), Wonjae Hwang, Matt Buehler, Lina Benabdallah (WFU)

- MA, Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2023

- MA, Diplomatic Studies, University of Jordan, 2019

- BA, Chinese and English Languages, University of Jordan, 2016

- Chinese Language Program, Shenyang Normal University, Shenyang, China, 2015-2016

## Articles

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**. 2020. "*The Chinese and United States Interests in Taiwan*" *Journal of Strategic and Military Studies*, Eighth Issue, September 2020, ISSN 2626-093X.

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**. 2020. "*One Belt One Road Initiative: A Win-Win Partnership .*" *Journal of Afro-Asian Studies, Seventh Issue, November 2020, ISSN 2628-6475.*

## Working Papers

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*Where to Throw the Hook? Chinese Strategic Partnership Selection and Its Effectiveness.*" **Revise & Resubmit (R&R)**, *Chinese Political Science Review*

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*Navigating Great Power Competition: Jordan's Response to US-China 5G Rivalry*" **Revise & Resubmit (R&R)**, *Asian Perspective Journal* .

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*How to Politely Say No: Jordan's Foreign Policy Towards US-Chinese Competition.*" **Under Review**, *Foreign Policy Analysis Journal.*

- Wonjae Hwang, Jeeseon Hwang, Tianjing Liao, and **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*Does Health Aid Reduce Interstate Hostility? In the cases of the U.S. and China.*"**Under Review**", *Foreign Policy Analysis Journal.*

- Krista Wiegand and **Dana Abu-Haltam,** "*Great Power Competition and the Dynamics of Warfare.*"

- **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*The Friend of my Enemy is my Enemy: Case studies on Chinese Strategic Partnerships.*"

- Matt Buehler and **Dana Abu-Haltam**, "*North Africa and the BRICS Countries.*"

- **Dana Abu-Haltam** and Rakan Al Ghaniem, *International Cooperation Effectiveness on Public Political Sentiment Using Social Listening Tools: Jordan as a Case Study.*"

## Research and Teaching Experience

- Teaching, Introduction to Comparative Politics, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, & Spring 2025
- Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Matthew Brauer. 2024
- Teaching, Introduction to Political Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
- Guest lecture, Regional Comparative Government & Politics course, Maryville College, Fall 2023
- Guest lecture, Middle East & North Africa course, Maryville College, Spring 2023
- Graduate Research Assistant to Prof. Krista Wiegand. 2021-2022
- Research assistant to Prof. Matt Buehler. 2022

## Services and Professional Experience

- Reviewer: Journal of International Affairs, and Potentia Graduate Journal, 2024-
- Student Representative for Middle East Studies at the University of Tennessee, 2022-
- Instructor, Graduate Student NVivo and MAXQDA Workshop, University of Tennessee, 2024
- Instructor, Graduate Student Qualtrics XM Workshop, University of Tennessee, 2024
- International Student Liaison, 2024-2025
- President of Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2023-2024
- Vice President of Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2022-2023
- Representative and Speaker for the Graduate Student Senate at the University of Tennessee Graduate Student Orientation, 2023
- International Relations Graduate Students Representative, 2021-2022
- Consular Assistant at the Chinese Embassy in Jordan, 2016-2019

## Conference & Workshop Presentations

- Statistical Training and Research Techniques at Rice University (STaRT): 2024
- A Student-Centered Approach for Reducing Plagiarism Workshop, University of Tennessee, Knoxville: 2024
- International Studies Association: 2024
- Midwest Political Science Association: 2023*†
- Southeast Conference of the Association for Asian Studies: 2023†
- UTK Political Science Graduate Student Associate Research Workshop: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- UTK IR Workshop: 2021, 2022 2023, 2024

  * also discussant, † also chair

## Scholarships & Awards

- Graduate Teaching Associate, 2023-
- Political Science Graduate Fellowship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2021-
- McClure Scholarships, Center for Global Engagement, the Study of World Affairs ($5000), 2024-2025
- STaRT workshop scholarship by Rice University, 2024
- UT Knoxville, Political Science Department Travel Fund ($3000), 2022-2024
- Graduate Student Senate Award for Excellence in Service, 2024
- Graduate Student Senate Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, 2024
- Graduate Student Senate Travel Awards ($1000), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2022-2024
- The William G. McCall Dissertation Research Award ($500), 2023
- Best Conference Paper Award ($500), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2023
- SEC-AAS Travel Award ($200), 2023
- Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2022-2023
- Graduate Research Assistant, 2021-2022
- Confucius Institute Scholarship, Shengyang, China, 2015-2016

## Certificates and Professional Membership

- International Studies Association, 2021-2024
- Midwest Political Science Association, 2021-2024
- International Studies Association, 2021-2024
- Political Science Graduate Student Association, 2021-2024
- Online TLC certificate, 2023
- Facilitating Undergraduate Evidence-Based Learning (FUEL) certificate, 2023
- CIRTL Associate certificate, 2023
- The Graduate Record Examination (GRE), 2020
- Chinese Proficiency Test certificate (HSK): Level 6 (Highest Level), 2017

### Skills

Software: Stata, Mplus, SPSS, NVivo, MAXQDA and Qualtrics XM.

Languages: Arabic (Native), English (Advanced) and Chinese (Advanced).