

# Nazita Lajevardi

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- ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS **Michigan State University** 2018–Present  
Assistant Professor of Political Science  
Affiliated Faculty at Muslim Studies Program  
Affiliated Faculty at MSU College of Law
- Uppsala University**  
Visiting Researcher 2021–Present  
Postdoctoral Fellow 2017
- EDUCATION **University of California, San Diego** Ph.D., 2017  
Department of Political Science M.A., 2014
- University of San Francisco** J.D., 2012
- University of California, Los Angeles** B.A., 2009  
Concentrations: Political Science and French, magna cum laude
- BOOKS
4. Marisa Abrajano and **Nazita Lajevardi**. *(Mis)Informed: What Americans Know About Social Groups and Why it Matters for Politics*. Forthcoming in May 2021 at Cambridge University Press (REP Elements Series).
  3. **Nazita Lajevardi**. 2020. *Outsiders at Home: The Politics of American Islamophobia*. Cambridge University Press.
  2. Brian Calfano and **Nazita Lajevardi**, Eds. 2019. *Understanding Muslim Political Life in America: (Contested) Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century*. Temple University Press.
  1. Brandy Kennedy, Adam Butz, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Matthew Nanes. 2017. *Race and Representative Bureaucracy in American Policing*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS
20. Henrik Andersson, **Nazita Lajevardi**, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, and Sven Oskarsson. “Effects of Settlement into Ethnic Enclaves on Immigrant Voter Turnout.” Forthcoming at *The Journal of Politics*.
  19. **Nazita Lajevardi**. “The Media Matters: Muslim American Portrayals and Effects on Mass Attitudes.” Forthcoming at *The Journal of Politics*.
  18. Daniel Bergan, Dustin Carnahan, **Nazita Lajevardi**, Mel Medeiros, Sarah Reckhow, and Kjerstin Thorson. “Promoting the Youth Vote: The Role of Informational Cues and Social Pressure.” Published online at *Political Behavior*. 2021.
  17. Brian Calfano, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Melissa Michelson. “Evaluating Resistance towards Muslim American Political Integration.” Published online at *Politics and Religion*. 2020.
  16. Linuz Aggeborn, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Pär Nyman. “Disentangling the impact of civil association membership on political participation: Evidence from Swedish panel data.” *British Journal of Political Science* (2020): 1-9.

15. John Kuk, Zoltan Hajnal, and **Nazita Lajevardi**. “A Disproportionate Burden: Strict Voter Identification Laws and Turnout.” *Politics, Groups and Identities* (2020): 1-9.
14. Linuz Aggeborn, **Nazita Lajevardi**, Karl-Oskar Lindgren, Pär Nyman, and Sven Oskarsson. “Parents, Peers, and Politics: The Longterm Effects of Vertical Social Ties.” *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 15.2 (2020): 221-253.
13. **Nazita Lajevardi**, Kassra Oskooii, Hannah Walker, and Aubrey Westfall. “The Paradox between Integration and Perceived Discrimination Among U.S. Muslims.” *Political Psychology* 41.3 (2020): 587-606.
12. Francisco Pedraza and **Nazita Lajevardi**. “The Role of PRIEC in Building Community in the REP Subfield.” *PS: Political Science & Politics* 53.1 (2020): 139-140.
11. Kassra AR Oskooii, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Loren Collingwood. “Opinion Shift and Stability: Enduring Opposition to Trump’s ‘Muslim Ban.’” *Political Behavior* (2019): 1-37.
10. William Hobbs and **Nazita Lajevardi**. “Effects of Divisive Political Campaigns on the Day-to-Day Segregation of Arab and Muslim Americans.” *American Political Science Review* 113.1 (2019): 270-276.
9. **Nazita Lajevardi** and Marisa A. Abrajano. “How Negative Sentiment towards Muslim Americans Predicts Support for Trump in the 2016 Presidential Election.” *The Journal of Politics* 81.1 (2019): 296-302.
8. **Nazita Lajevardi**. “Access Denied: Exploring Muslim American Representation and Exclusion by State Legislators.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2018): 1-29.
7. Karam Dana, **Nazita Lajevardi**, Kassra AR Oskooii, and Hannah Walker. “Veiled Politics: Experiences with Discrimination among Muslim Americans.” *Politics and Religion* (2018): 1-49.
6. Zoltan Hajnal, John Kuk, and **Nazita Lajevardi**. “We All Agree: Strict Voter ID Laws Disproportionately Burden Minorities.” *The Journal of Politics* 80.3 (2018): 1052-1059. (Editor reviewed).
5. **Nazita Lajevardi**, Mirle Rabinowitz-Bussell, Nicole Rigillo, and James Stauch. “Room to Flourish: Lessons for Canadian Grantmaking Foundations from Sweden, Germany, and the Netherlands.” *Canadian Journal of Nonprofit and Social Economy Research*. 8, no. 2 (2018).
4. **Nazita Lajevardi** and Kassra AR Oskooii. “Old-Fashioned Racism, Modern Racism, and the Isolation of Muslim Americans in the Age of Trump.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 3.1 (2018): 112-152.
3. Loren Collingwood, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Kassra AR Oskooii. “A Change of Heart? Why Individual-Level Public Opinion Shifted against Trump’s Muslim Ban.” *Political Behavior* 40.4 (2018): 1035-1072.
2. Brian Calfano, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Melissa Michelson. “Trumped Up Challenges: Limitations, Opportunities, and the Future of Political Research on Muslim Americans.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities* (2017): 1-11.
1. Zoltan Hajnal, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Lindsay Nielson. “Voter Identification Laws and the Suppression of Minority Votes.” *The Journal of Politics* 79.2 (2017): 363-379.

OTHER WRITINGS

3. **Nazita Lajevardi** and Liesel Spangler. "Evaluating Muslim American Representation." *APSA Legislative Studies Section Newsletter*. (Fall 2020).
2. Adam Butz, Brandy Kennedy, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Matthew Nanes. "Race and Representative Bureaucracy in American Policing: New Data, New Opportunities." *APSA Comparative Politics Newsletter*. 28, no. 1 (2018).
1. **Nazita Lajevardi**, Maria Martinez-Cosio, Mirle Rabinowitz-Bussell, and James Stauch. "From Confusion to Co-Creation: Bridging the Community-Academy Divide in International Research Collaboration." *The Philanthropist* (2017).

BOOK CHAPTERS

4. **Nazita Lajevardi**, Melissa Michelson, and Marianne Yacobian. "The Unbearable Whiteness of Being Middle Eastern: Causes and Effects of the Racialization of Middle Eastern Americans." In Brian Calfano & Nazita Lajevardi (Eds.), *Understanding Muslim Political Life in America: (Contested) Citizenship in the Twenty-First Century* Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2019.
3. Nicole Rigillo, **Nazita Lajevardi**, Mirle Rabinowitz-Bussell, and James Stauch. "Les Dons des Fondations au Canada et aux États-Unis : Une Analyse Comparée des Données." In Jean Marc Fontan & Peter Elson (Eds.), *Les fondations philanthropiques: de nouveaux acteurs politiques?* Montréal: Presses de l'Université du Québec à Montréal, 2017.
2. Wong, Tom K., Michael Nicholson, and **Nazita Lajevardi**. "Immigrants, Citizens, and (Un)Equal Representation: A Randomized Field Experiment." In *The Politics of Immigration: Partisanship, Changing Demographics, and American National Identity*. Tom K. Wong. New York: Oxford University Press, 2016.
1. Steven P. Erie, Vladimir Kogan, **Nazita Lajevardi**, and Scott A. MacKenzie. "Paradise Regained: Nonpartisan Appeals and Special Election Rules in the 2013 Mayoral Race." In Sean D. Foreman & Marcia L. Godwin, (Eds). *The Keys to City Hall*. Routledge, 2014.

EXTERNAL FUNDING

SSRC Rapid-Response Grant on Covid-19 (w/ DB, AB, DC, SR, & KT)	\$4,500	(2020)
SSRC Rapid-Response Grant on Covid-19 (w/ Mackenzie Israel Trummel)	\$4,500	(2020)
Facebook Research Grant (w/ Roya Pakzad & Niloufar Salehi).	\$100,000.	(2019)
VR Grant (w/ Kåre Vernby & Moa Mårtensson).	5.2 million SEK (~\$580,000).	(2018)
NSF SES-1661827 (w/ Melissa Michelson & Brian Calfano).	\$49,623.	(2017)
Kayal Fund (w/ Melissa Michelson & Brian Calfano).	\$1,000.	(2017)
APSA Graduate Student Travel Grant.		(2016)
Society for Political Methodology Annual Conf Travel Grant.		(2016)
MPSA Harrell Rodgers Graduate Student Travel Grant.		(2016)

INTERNAL FUNDING

MSU Women's Leadership Institute Fund (w/ Jasmine Jordan)	\$10,000	(2021)
MSU Creating Inclusive Excellence (w/ E Juenke J Cesario & A Sarkissian)	\$8,000	(2019)
UCSD PDEL Graduate Student Research Grant.	\$5,200.	(2016)
UCSD Sanford Lakoff Research Fellowship.	\$2,000.	(2016)
UCSD Graduate Student Association Travel Grant.		(2015)
UCSD Dean of Social Science Travel Fund.		(2014, 2015)
UCSD Academic Senate Intercampus Exchange Program.		(2014, 2015)

HONORS & AWARDS

MSU College of Social Science, Diversity Champion.		(2021)
ISPU Young Scholar Award (2nd place award).		(2019)
APSA Race and Ethnic Politics Award for the Best Paper Presented in 2018.		(2019)
MSU Muslim Studies Program, Faculty Award.		(2019)
APSA Lawrence Longley Award for the Best Article Published in 2017.		(2018)

WPSA Best Dissertation Award. (2018)  
 APSA Urban Politics Section, Susan Clarke Young Scholar Award. (2017)  
 UCSD Jean Fort Dissertation Prize. (2017)  
 UCSD Chancellor's Dissertation Award, Division of Social Sciences. (2017)  
 UCLA Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship. (Declined). (2017)  
 CALI Award for Excellence in International Business Transactions. (2011)  
 CALI Award for Excellence in Evidence. (2010)

TEACHING

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI  
*Instructor* for Minority Politics (undergraduate). Summer 2021  
*Instructor* for Public Opinion and Political Behavior (graduate). Fall 2020  
*Instructor* for Minority Politics (undergraduate). Fall 2020  
*Instructor* for Minority Politics (undergraduate). Spring 2020  
*Instructor* for Political Theory and Research Methods (graduate). Fall 2019  
*Instructor* for Public Opinion and Political Behavior (graduate). Spring 2019  
*Instructor* for Minority Politics (undergraduate). Fall 2020

**Uppsala University**, Uppsala, Sweden  
*Co-Lecturer* for Methods. Dec 2017

**University of California, San Diego**, La Jolla, CA  
*Instructor* for Urban Politics. Fall 2016  
*Instructor* for Introduction to American Politics. Summer 2016  
*Instructor* for Seminar in Constitutional Law: Appellate Advocacy. Spring 2016  
*Discussion section leader* for Introduction to American Politics. Winter 2015

INVITED TALKS,  
 WORKSHOPS,  
 CONFERENCES  
 (LAST 3 YEARS)

London School of Economics, Political Behaviour Seminar Series (invited) 2021  
 University of Pennsylvania, PDRI Immigrant Integration Workshop  
 MPSA Annual Conference (discussant)  
 University of Pennsylvania, CSDP Speaker Series (invited)  
 Junior Americanist Workshop Series (invited)  
 Columbia University, American Politics Speaker Series (invited)  
 Cornell University, PSAC Seminar Series (invited)  
 UCLA (CSIM) & UCSD (CCIS) Joint Migration Workshop (invited)  
 Northwestern University, American Politics Workshop (invited)  
 University of Gothenburg, GEPOP Series (invited)  
 University of Cincinnati, Religion and Politics Workshop (invited)

ARNOVA Conference 2020  
 MSU Muslim Studies Program (invited)  
 CAIR-NY Seminar (invited)  
 Oxford Rothermere American Institute US Election Seminar (invited)  
 US-INPAC US Election Seminar (invited)  
 APSA Annual Conference  
 Durham University, CIPB Seminar Series (invited)  
 University of Toronto Mississauga (invited)  
 UC Riverside, Middle Eastern Student Center (invited)  
 Michigan State Legislature (invited)  
 Uppsala University, Workshop on National Identity (invited)

MSU College of Law (invited) 2019  
 St. Louis PRIEC Meeting  
 Georgetown University, American Politics Speaker Series (invited)

APSA Annual Conference  
 University of Washington, Racial Categories & 2020 Census Conference (keynote)  
 UC Irvine (invited)  
 UC Davis PRIEC Meeting  
 Duke University, Race Workshop (invited)  
 WPSA Annual Conference  
 MPSA Annual Conference  
 MSU, COGS Symposium  
 UC Riverside, Political Behavior Workshop (invited)  
 Boston University, PRIEC Meeting  
 SSN National Leadership Conference (invited)

SERVICE &  
LEADERSHIP

**MSU Departmental and University Service**

Dept of Political Science, Minority Politics Search Committee	AY 2020–2021
Dept of Political Science, American Politics Field Committee	AY 2020–2021
Muslim Studies Program, Faculty Advisory Committee	AY 2020–2021
University Committee on Faculty Affairs, College of Social Science Rep	AY 2019–2021
University Committee on Faculty Affairs, Budget Subcommittee	AY 2019–2021
University Committee on Faculty Affairs, DEI Subcommittee	AY 2020–2021
University Committee on Faculty Affairs, Code of Conduct Subcommittee	AY 2020–2021
Dept of Political Science, Spring Graduation Representative	AY 2018–2019
Dept of Political Science, Minority Politics Search Committee	AY 2018–2019
Dept of Political Science, UDM Postdoc Recruitment Committee	AY 2018–2019
Dept of Political Science, American Politics Field Committee	AY 2018–2019
Dept of Political Science, Diversity Committee	AY 2018–2019

**Leadership Roles in the Discipline**

WPSA Committee Member, Committee on the Status of Women	2020–Present
CMPS 2020, Co-Director of Muslim American Sample	2019–Present
APSA REP Secretary	2019–Present
APSA REP Committee Member, Nominations Committee	2018-2020
WPSA REP Committee Member, Pi Sigma Alpha Award Committee	2019
MPSA REP Section Chair	2019
APSA REP Committee Member, Graduate Student Issues Committee	2015-2017

**Student Advising**

Shree Vallabha, MSU, Master’s Thesis Committee Member	2020–Present
Gerson Guevara, MSU, Advisory Committee Member	2020–Present
Erika Vallejo, MSU, Advisory Committee Member	2020–Present
Mircea Lazar, MSU, Advisory Committee Member	2020–Present
Kesicia Dickinson, MSU, Advisory Committee Member	2019–Present
Shayla Olson, MSU, Advisory Committee Member	2019–2020
Alexis Straka, University of Cincinnati, Dissertation Committee Member	2017–2020

**Mentorship**

Marissa Rivera, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 Jasmine Jordan, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 Sophia Lada, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 Alexandra Rodriguez, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 Emily Hatch, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 James Tulppo, MSU, undergraduate student.  
 Karen Eskander, UCSD, undergraduate student.  
 Seulgi Lee, UCSD, undergraduate student.  
 Laura Castro, UCSD, undergraduate student.  
 Elizabeth Flores-Arroyo, UCSD, undergraduate student.

### Hosted Conferences, Workshops, & Symposiums

*Minority Politics Online Seminar Series (MPOSS)*. Co-organizer. June–Present.  
*MSU Muslim Studies Program Annual Conference*. Co-organizer. April 2021.  
*PS Spotlight Symposium*. Co-editor. January 2020.  
*Women in REP Writing Retreat*. Co-organizer. June 2019.  
*MSU Political Economy of Voting Workshop*. Organizer. October 2018.  
*MSU PRIEC Conference*. Co-organizer. April 2018.  
*Politics & Religion Special Issue*. Organizer.  
*Muslim American Workshops*. Co-organizer. December 2016 & December 2017.

### Referee

The Journal of Politics; American Political Science Review; American Journal of Political Science; Political Behavior; British Journal of Political Science; American Politics Research; Urban Affairs Review; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics; Politics, Groups, and Identities; Politics and Policy; Policy Studies; Political Science Research and Methods; Political Research Quarterly; Political Psychology; Social Science Research; Research and Politics; Migration Studies; PlosOne; Perspectives on Politics; Polity; Behavioral Sciences of Terrorism and Political Aggression; Journal of Trust Research; Cambridge University Press; UC Press; Nationalities; Electoral Studies; European Journal of Political Economy; Feminist Criminology; PNAS; and the National Science Foundation.

Editorial Board Member: Political Behavior (2021–Present) and Journal of Race and Ethnic Politics (2018–Present).

SKILLS &  
ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION

**Languages:** Farsi and French.  
**Active Bar Membership:** California.  
**Professional Affiliation:** ISPU Scholar.

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