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## Education

B.A. Sociology, Minor: Political Science, Purdue University. 2007.

B.S. Computer Science and Mathematics, Purdue University. 2007.

## Interest areas

Social movements and collective action, political sociology, information and communications technology, Middle East, social theory

## Publications

### *Conference Papers with Proceedings*

1. Alexander Hanna, B. Sayre, L. Bode, J. Yang, D. Shah. 2011. "Mapping the Political Twitterverse: Candidates and Their Followers in the Midterms." *Proceedings of the Fifth International AAAI Conference on Weblogs and Social Media*, Barcelona, Spain.
2. Alok R. Chaturvedi, S. A. Filatyev, J. P. Gore, A. Hanna, J. Means, A. K. Mellema. 2005. "Integrating Fire, Structure and Agent Models." *International Conference on Computational Science*, 695-702.

### *Conference Papers*

1. (Bryan) Ming Wang, A. Hanna, B. Sayre, J. Yang, M. Mirer, Y. M. Kim, D. Shah. 2011. "Followers, Friends, and Fame: Political Structural Influence on Candidate Twitter Networks." Presented at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC), St. Louis, MO.
2. (Bryan) Ming Wang, A. Hanna, B. Sayre, J. Yang, M. Mirer, Y. M. Kim, D. Shah. 2011. "Who Is Following Me? An Analysis of Candidate Egocentric Networks on Twitter in the 2010 Midterm Elections." Presented at Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL.
3. Alexander Hanna. 2010. "Secular Social Movements and Online Social Media: The April 6th Movement in Egypt." Presented at Communications Crossroads Graduate Conference, Madison, WI.

### *Paper Presentations*

1. Mapping the Political Twitterverse: Candidates and Their Followers in the Midterms Politics, Culture, and Society Training Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison. April 19, 2011.

2. Facebook and the April 6 Movement in Egypt  
Politics, Culture, and Society Training Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison. September 9, 2009.

### *Invited Presentations*

1. Social Media in Elections: Political Behavior and Polarization (with Leticia Bode)  
Principles of Strategic Communication, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 10, 2011.
2. New Media and the Arab Spring  
International Communications, University of Wisconsin-Madison. October 4, 2011.
3. Facebook and the April 6th Movement in Egypt  
The Sociological Enterprise, University of Wisconsin-Madison. November 16, 2010.

### *Session Organizer*

1. Social Movement Organizing on Facebook  
Annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL, March 31 - April 3, 2010.
2. Politics of the Contemporary Student Left  
Left Forum, Pace University, New York, NY. April 17-19, 2009.

## Awards and Honors

UW-Madison Department of Sociology Small Grants Award. 2011.  
Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery Emerging Interfaces Award. 2011.  
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. 2011-Present.  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. 2011. (declined)  
Graduate Student International Field Research Award. Summer 2011.  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship. Summer 2010.  
Honorable Mention, NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program. 2010.  
Best Novel-in-Progress, Purdue Literary Awards. 2007.  
Computer Science Corporate Partners Scholarship. 2003, 2005-2006.  
Mortarboard Leadership Conference Invitee. 2004-2006.  
Emily Mauzy Vogel Leadership Conference. 2004.

## Experience

### *Teaching Assistant*

Survey of Sociology. Spring 2011.  
Ethnic Movements in the United States. Fall 2010.  
Introduction to Computer Science (lab assistant). Fall 2004 - Spring 2007.  
Freshman Resources Seminar. Fall 2006.

### *Social Science Research*

Project Assistant, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2009-2010.

Undergraduate Project Assistant, Department of Political Science, Purdue University. 2006.

### *Computer Science Research*

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Department of Computer Sciences, Purdue University. 2007-2008.

NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates, Center for Reliability Engineering, University of Maryland. Summer 2005.

Programmer, Synthetic Environment for Research and Simulation, Purdue University. 2004-2005.

### *Industry*

Software Developer, Table XI Partners, LLC, Chicago, IL. 2008-2009.

Programmer/Technical Consultant, C-SPAN Archives, West Lafayette, IN. 2007-2008.

Software Development Intern, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA. Summer 2006.

Level 2 Technical Support, Touch Support LLC, Lafayette, IN. 2006-2007.

## Service

### *To the Discipline*

Department of Sociology Website Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2009-Present.

Reviewer for *Social Thought and Research*

### *To the Community*

Co-President, Teaching Assistants' Association, 2010-Present

Executive Board, Teaching Assistants' Association, 2009-Present

## Affiliations

American Sociological Association

Middle East Sociology Working Group

Midwest Sociological Society

Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence

## Personal

US Citizen

Languages - English (native); Arabic (Heritage learner, ACTFL OPI: Intermediate High); French (novice)

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