Nicholas E. Reith نيكولاس ريث

LANGUAGES

Fluent **French** and **Spanish**, Advanced **Modern Standard Arabic** & **Levantine Colloquial Arabic**

PUBLICATIONS

- *Volunteering and the Dimensions of Religiosity: A Cross-National Analysis*. Pamela Paxton, Nicholas Reith, and Jennifer Glanville. (Currently under review)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- August 2013: **The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP) International Population Conference, Busan, Korea**: *Tunisia's Jasmine Revolution: Violence and the Demographic Roots of Revolution*. Nicholas Reith.
- August 2013: **The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2013, New York, NY**: *Volunteering and the Dimensions of Religiosity: A Cross-National Analysis*, Pamela Paxton. Nicholas Reith, and Jennifer Glanville.

REVIEWS

- Fall 2012 & Spring 2013 : Article review for the Journal of Information, Communications and Society. Two rounds.
- Fall 2012 : Article review for Politics & Gender, a journal of the Women and Politics Research Section of the American Political Science Association.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Professor Pamela Paxton, The University of Texas at Austin **2012-2013**

Research Assistant, Measuring International Nongovernmental Organizations and World Polity Network Embeddedness, a project funded by the National Science Foundation

- Managed a team of research assistants to finalize data collection
- Performed data merging, cleaning, imputation, and network analysis in STATA and R on a dataset representing the World Polity network of country memberships in INGOs over time from 1950 through 2008.
- Completed complex network analyses in R requiring matrix randomization, use of the UT STAMPEDE supercomputer, and use of existing C++ code to optimize code for speed with big data.

Professor Pamela Paxton, The University of Texas at Austin **2011-2012**

Research Assistant, The Science of Generosity Initiative, a project funded by the Templeton Foundation

- Performed data cleaning and multi-level statistical analysis in STATA of a large dataset composed of individual survey data from five waves of the World Values Survey, combined with other national-level data sources.

Professor Yvonne Y. Haddad, Washington, DC **2003-2004**

Research Assistant, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University

- Researched the history and current state of relations among Christians, Jews and Muslims in America

EDUCATION

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, Austin, TX **2010-Present**

Ph.D. in Sociology

- Currently a fourth-year graduate student in the PhD Program in Sociology, with a focus on political sociology, development, and religion.
- Graduate student trainee at the UT Austin Population Research Center
- Awards – Graduate Recruitment Fellowship (2010-2011), Department Fellowship (Summer 2011)

FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP, Syria **2004-2005**

- *L'Institut français du proche-orient (IFPO), Damascus, Syria*
- Undertook course of study and research on history, society, culture, language and literature of the Arab World, with a particular focus on Modern Syria

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, School of Foreign Service, Washington, DC **2002-2004**

Master of Arts in Arab Studies

- *L'Institut français du proche-orient (IFPO)*, Damascus, Syria (Arabic language study) Summer 2003
- Columbia University, New York, NY (Arabic language study) Summer 2002
- Awards - Foreign Language/Area Studies (FLAS) Award and Sabah Scholarship

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY **1998-2002**

Bachelor of Arts in French and Religious Studies/Spanish, with honors

- *Institut Catholique*, Paris, France (Study Abroad) 2000-2001
- *Instituto Internacional*, Madrid, Spain (Study Abroad) 2002-2002
- Awards - Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa; University Scholarships; French Honor Society; Religious Studies Award

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Columbia University – School of International and Public Affairs/ United Nations Development Programme **2008-2009**

- One-year Virtual Development Academy Certificate, Programme Management Track

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

United Nations Development Programme, New York, NY, USA **2007-Present**

Special Assistant to Regional Director, Regional Bureau for Arab States

United Nations Development Programme, New York, NY, USA **2006-2007**

Researcher, Capacity Development Group, Bureau for Development Policy

United Nations Development Programme, Beirut, Lebanon **2005-2006**

Senior Researcher, Capacity 2015 Programme for Arab States

United Nations Development Programme, Syria **Spring 2005**

Volunteer Research Assistant, Business Development Team (part-time)

UNPUBLISHED RESEARCH

- *Migration and Development in the Arab States: Return and Diaspora Options in Middle Income Countries* – Final Research Project for Columbia University/UNDP Virtual Development Academy and unpublished background piece for UNDP Global Human Development Report 2009 (2009)
- MA Thesis: *The Second Bush Administration and the Middle East: Why is Soft Power So Hard?* (2004)
- BA Honors Thesis: *Les Jeunes Musulmans de la France* – Socio-historical study of issues of assimilation and integration of third and fourth generation descendants of North-African migrants to France (2001)
- "New Technology and Politics in Syria and Lebanon," (Research Paper – 2004)
- "A Tale of Two Moroccos: To Modernize Islam or Islamize Modernity?" (Research Paper – 2004)
- "Islam and the Public Space," (Translated article by Dr. Rabia Bekkar – French-to-English – 2004)
- "Truman and the Creation of Israel: Conflicting Accounts," (Research Paper – 2003)
- "Factors in Israel's Unilateral 1984 Withdrawal to Southern Lebanon," (Research Paper – 2003)
- "Comparative Authoritarianism: The Cases of Syria and Peru," (Research Paper – 2003)
- "Poli-tricks from Below: Subalterns and Non-Elite Politics in the Arab World," (Research Paper – 2003)
- "Cookie-Cutter Culture: Culture, Art and Politics in Ba'athi Iraq," (Research Paper – 2003)
- "The Arab State: In or Out?" (Research Paper – 2003)
- "North Africa and its Post 9/11 Significance for U.S. Foreign Policy," (Research Paper – 2003)
- *"La discrimination au travail : L'intégration écono-professionnelle des immigrés maghrébins en France et en Espagne"* (Research Paper – 2003)
- "The Arab World as a System : Post-Positivism and Beyond," (Research Paper – 2002)

SKILLS/PERSONAL

- **Computers:** Statistical and Network Analysis, R, STATA, UCINET, PAJEK, GEPHI, NODEXL, LISREL, Microsoft Office, Basic Graphic & Web Design and Maintenance

Volunteer Activities and Memberships include:

- Co-organized soccer tournament for International Volunteers Day to benefit the Lebanese Down Syndrome Association (2006)
- Co-organized a film screening at the United Nations of the documentary "Home," by French Filmmaker, Yann Arthus-Bertrand, in order to raise awareness about environmental and climate change issues in the run-up to the Copenhagen Climate Change Summit (November 2009)
- Volunteer mentor for graduate and undergraduate students from NYU, Georgetown and UT Austin
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa, NYU, Georgetown University, and Fulbright Alumni Associations