

## ABDURRAOUF ELAKDER

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### RESEARCH ASSISTANT / TEACHING ASSISTANT

Analytical, performance-driven professional with expertise in researching critical information on political issues. Robust competencies in conducting research in comparative politics and international politics. Capable of teaching different topics of comparative politics as well as international politics to undergraduate/graduate students. Demonstrated skills in collecting, analyzing, and presenting social science data and information, as well as conducting literature reviews and preparing materials/modules for submission to foundations, especially about the middle eastern region. Progressive knowledge in qualitative research in social science and using descriptive statistical techniques. Adept at preparing analyses and reports on all the assigned topics, developing innovative instructional methods, and improving students' academic progress. Equipped with effective interpersonal, communication, and problem-solving skills with the aptitude to establish positive relationships with students, management, and colleagues.

### CORE SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Academic Research & Teaching | Student Performance Evaluation | Cross-functional Collaboration

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Volunteering at the Communication Department Office - Brevard County, Florida**

Assistant, 2015

Provided quality assistance to the director of the Communication Department Office of Brevard County, FL. Attended the country commissioner's weekly meeting for learning and experience.

#### **Department of Political Science at University of Tripoli – Tripoli, Libya**

Coordinator, Fall 2008

Acted as an assistant to the department director & created effective communication and provided teaching support to improve the learning experience.

Establish effective communication and support to students in the registration phase and guide them on the sequencing system of study materials and coordination regarding the scheduling of exams and their dates.

#### **Department of Political Science at University of Tripoli – Tripoli, Libya**

Public Administration Instructor, Spring 2009

Taught the Principles of Public Administration to undergraduate students for another semester.

Prepared and delivered lectures to undergraduate students on various topics in political science.

Kept abreast of developments in the field by reading current literature and participating in two professional conferences.

#### **Volunteering at the African Popular Conference in Tripoli, 2008**

Assisted the Somali Delegation During the Conference

## EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Claremont Graduate University – Claremont, California  
Ph.D. in international politics and political science | 2023

Claremont Graduate University – Claremont, California  
Masters in political science and international Politics | 2019

Southern Illinois University (Transferred to Claremont Graduate University) - Carbondale Illinois  
Ph.D. Student in Comparative Politics and Public Administration | 2016 – 2017

Western Illinois University - Macomb, Illinois  
Masters in political science | 2014

The University of Tripoli - Tripoli, Libya  
Bachelor in political science (First Rank Student) | 2007

## CERTIFICATIONS

US Institute of Diplomacy | Washington, DC  
Human Rights certificate in human rights consulting  
| 2021

CESL Institute SIUC – Carbondale, Illinois  
English for Graduate Studies & American Culture  
| 2015

WESL Institute WIU – Macomb, Illinois  
Completing Advanced English Language Level  
| 2011

## TRAINING and SKILLS

- Comparative Research Methods
- Case Studies Comparison
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Descriptive Statistics
- Survey Analysis
- Student Affairs
- Human Rights Consulting

## NOTABLE PROJECTS

- Geopolitics and Political Instability in Libya; From the Middle Ages to the Modern Era. | In Progress Spring 2024
- The Effect of Bureaucracy on the Inflow of Foreign Direct Investment: A Comparative Study Between Libya and the United Arab Emirates. Ph.D. Dissertation | Summer 2023
- Research: Power Transition Theory and the Third Libyan Civil War of 2019. ISA Annual Convention | April 2021
- Sanctions and the Salvation of the Authoritarian Regimes. Libya, Eritrea, and Iraq. ProQuest | January 2015

## ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Joined the American Political Science Association (APSA). Summer 2023
- Attended the CGU's Research Symposium on Realizing Equity & Justice as a presenter. Virtual: Spring 2021
- Attended as a presenter at the International Studies Association ISA. Virtual: Spring 2021
- Attended the Illinois Economic Association Annual Conference at DePaul University. Chicago: Fall 2014
- Attended as the Guest Keynote Speaker at the MENA Conference at Westminster College in Fulton. Missouri: Spring 2014
- Attended the Students' Scientific Competition of Universities and Higher institutes as a competitor. Sabha: Summer 2008

## REWORDS

- Obtained reward for running up the first research project in political science at the level of Libya's institutions of higher education: Sabha: 2008.
- Obtained reward of the first rank research project in political science at the level of Tripoli's higher education institutions in the Outstanding Students Competition: Tripoli: 2008.
- Obtained reward of the First Rank student at the undergraduate level at University of Tripoli, Political Science Department: 2007.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative Politics | International Politics | Political Economy

## REGIONAL EXPERTISE

Africa | Middle East | United States