Razan Bayan

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EDUCATION

2024-Present Ph.D. Student, Peace Studies and History, *University of Notre Dame*
2024 Certificate in Classical Arabic, *Qalam Seminary*
2023 B.A. Human Rights; History, *Southern Methodist University*
Minors in Arabic; African/Middle Eastern Studies; Math
magna cum laude with Honors, Distinction in Human Rights

RESEARCH INTERESTS

War on Terror and securitization; state violence against Muslims; US militarism and imperialism; memory studies; carceral studies; decolonial theory; Islamophobia studies

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

(in progress) "Anything But Cages: Carceral Torture During the War on Terror in US Carceral History"

2024 "Muslim youth collective amnesia of US government-inflicted violence against Muslims in the War on Terror." *Ethnicities*, 25(3), 358-381. https://doi.org/10.1177/14687968241288915.

MEDIA

Opinion Pieces:

2025 "Bush Lawyers' Legal Arguments for Guantánamo Bay Paved the Way for CECOT" *Truthout.org*. August 1st, 2025
2024 "What Does Collective Amnesia of State Violence Mean For Young Muslims?" *Cage.ngo*. December 3rd, 2024

Interviews and Media Mentions:

2025 *Middle East in Focus* interview with Razan Bayan. August 3rd, 2025
2022 "Razan Bayan and Being Muslim and Gen Z." *Interfaith Encounters* interview with Razan Bayan. September 27th, 2022.
2021 "'A Little Target On My Back': SMU Student Shares Experience Growing Up Muslim Post 9/11." *KERANews.org*. September 9th, 2021.

PRESENTATIONS

2026 "Distance or Defense? Rhetoric and the Question of Occupation in Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib, 2001–2006" at the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH *(June 25-27)*

2026 "Prisons, Policing, and the Case of Abu Ghraib in the US Development and Reconstruction Project in Iraq" at the American Political History Conference, Notre Dame, IN *(June 4-6)*

2025	"Anything But Cages: Carceral Torture During the War on Terror as a Historian's Endeavor" at the University of Notre Dame History Department First-Year Conference, Notre Dame, IN *(May 6-7)*
2025	"Carceral Torture During the War on Terror as a Historian's Endeavor" at the Boston University American Political History Institute Graduate Student Conference, Boston, MA *(March 21-22)*
2023	"Our Collective Amnesia: The Muslim Youth's Perception of US Government-Inflicted Violence Against Muslims" at the Southern Methodist University Undergraduate Poster Session, Dallas, TX *(March 21)*
2021	"Capitalism, Socialism, and Islam: The Islamic Struggle for Economic Justice in the US" at the Cooper-McElvaney Peace & Justice Fellowship Presentation, Dallas, TX *(November 4)*
2021	"Capitalism, Socialism, and Islam: The Islamic Struggle for Economic Justice in the US" at the Southern Methodist University Fall Research Symposium, Dallas, TX *(October 27)*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2026	*Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, University of Notre Dame – "Terrorism in American History"
2026	*Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, University of Notre Dame – "History, Memory, and Violence in the Middle East"
2025	*Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, University of Notre Dame – "The United States' Gilded Age and Progressive Era"
2025	*Teaching Assistant*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame – "Introduction to Peace Studies"
2024	*Teaching Assistant*, Human Rights Program, Southern Methodist University – "Ethics and Human Rights"

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND DISTINCTIONS

2026	Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Conference Grant - $1,214.90
2026	Graduate Student Government Conference Presentation Grant - $247
2026	Franco Family Institute Event Co-Sponshorship Grant - $8,276.67
2025	Duke University Rubenstein Library Human Rights Travel Grant - $1,000
2025	Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Summer Funding - $2,500
2025	Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies Conference Grant - $1,500
2025	Graduate Student Government Conference Presentation Grant - $219
2024	Notebaert Professional Development Fund - $2,000
2024-Present	Kellogg Institute for International Studies Doctoral Affiliation
2022-2023	SMU Human Rights Fellowship
2022-2023	Richter Fellowship - $4,500
2021	Cooper-McElvaney Peace & Justice Fellowship - $2,000

2020-2023 SMU President's Scholarship - ~$70,000 yearly
2020-2023 SMU Campus Community Award - ~$17,000 yearly
2020-2022 Honor Roll with High Distinction

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2026-Present *Research Assistant*, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, Notre Dame, IN
2025-Present *Editorial Assistant*, American Quarterly, Notre Dame, IN
2022-2023 *Student Office Coordinator*, Office of the Chaplain and Religious Life, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
2021 *Governmental Affairs Intern*, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Dallas, TX

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

2024-Present *Research Volunteer*, Moreau College Initiative, Notre Dame, IN
2023-Present *Co-Founder and Volunteer Coordinator*, 2ndhand Souk: Modest Clothes Thrift Pop-Up, Dallas, TX
2022-2023 *Education Chair*, Muslim Student Association, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
2021-2024 *Quiz Bowl Coach*, Islamic School of Irving, Irving, TX
2021-2023 *Volunteer Group Leader*, Human Rights Youth Summit, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
2020-2021 *General Body Member*, Amnesty International, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Arabic, Levant Colloquial Dialect (near native)
Arabic, Modern Standard and Classical/Quranic (Advanced)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Qualtrics
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CITI Human Subject Research Training