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Specializations in Comparative politics, Middle East Politics, Socio-legal studies, Gender and Politics, Feminist Theory.

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**University of Connecticut (Fall 2019-Present)** Assistant Professor in Political Science and Arab Language, Culture, and Literature.

**Brandies University (2018 – 2019)** Harold Grinspoon Junior Research Fellow, The Crown Center for Middle East Studies

**Harvard University (2017 – 2018)** Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School.

**University of Washington (2008-2017)** Graduate Student Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science.

## EDUCATION

### Ph. D. Political Science, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

*Winner of the "Best Dissertation in the field of Gender and Politics" from the American Political Science Association's Women and Politics Research Section (2019) and "Best Fieldwork" award from the American Political Science Association's Comparative Democratization*

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*Section (2019).* 2018

Post-graduate Diploma in Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington, Seattle WA

Master of Arts (Political Science), University of Washington, Seattle WA

Master of Arts (Political Science and Gender Studies), The American University in Cairo, 2012

Cairo, Egypt 2008

BA (Political Science), Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt 2002

## PUBLICATIONS

### SOLE AUTHORED BOOKS

2012. [Law as a Tool for Empowering Women within Marital Relations: A Case Study of Paternity Lawsuits in Egypt](#). Cairo, Cairo Papers in Social Science Series 31(2): the American University in Cairo Press.

### PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2028. "Subversive Self-censorship: Feminist Knowledge Production Under Authoritarianism in Contemporary Egypt" *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 25(1). (Forthcoming).

2025. "[Veiled Transgressions: Revisiting Tunisia's Secular/Religious Binary through the Afterlives of the Hijab ban.](#)" *International Feminist Journal of Politics* (Published Online June 24, 2025).

2023. "Perilous Pedagogy: Teaching Gender and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa." *Politics and Gender* 19(1): 272-278. (With Marwa Shalaby and Nermin Allam).

2022. "The New Feminist Movement Against Sexual Violence in Egypt 2011-2021." *Rowaq Arabi* 27(1): 43-61. (Originally Published in Arabic).

2018. "Resisting and Redefining State Violence: The Gendered Politics of Transitional Justice in Tunisia." *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 9(4): 359-377.

2017. "Law, Culture, And Mobilization in Egypt: Legal Pluralism as a Resource for Women's rights." *Muslim World Journal of Human Rights* 14 (1):1-25.

2015. “El Sissi’s women? Shifting Gender Discourses in Egypt and the Limits of State Feminism”, *Egypte/Monde Arabe* 3(13): 35-52.

2012. “After the Revolution: Sovereign Respect and the Rule of Law in Egypt.” *Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law*, Volume 16 (2010-2011), Brill Academic Publishers. (With Ellis Goldberg).

### PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

2022. “Sexual Violence in Public in the Middle East and North Africa” In *Routledge Handbook on Middle East Women*, Souad Joseph and Zeina Zaatri (Eds), London: Routledge.

### BOOK REVIEWS

2023. “Tunisia’s Modern Woman: Nation-Building and State Feminism in the Global 1960’s” by Amy Aisan Kallandar, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 2021, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. Published online by Cambridge University Press: 30 August 2023.

2020. “Limited Statehood in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia: Citizenship, Economy, and Security” by Ruth Hanu Santini, London, Palgrave Macmillan, 2018, *Mediterranean Politics* 3(4): 191-192.

### POLICY REPORTS

2021. “After Covid 19: Mitigating Domestic Gender-based Violence-in Times of Emergency” in *Social Protection in Egypt: Mitigating the Socio-Economic Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Vulnerable Employment*, The American University in Egypt.

### PUBLIC FACING SCHOLARSHIP

2024. “Gendering the Study of State Authority in the MENA region: The Case of Tunisia” American Political Science Association - MENA Newsletter, Fall 2024.

2022. “Transgredir los limites sexuales y politicos” Afkar/Ideas 65. (Originally Written in English and published in French, Italian, and Spanish).

2022. “The Tunisian Public and the Rise of Kais Saied” Crown Conversation”, The Crown Center for Middle East Studies.

2021. “How Egyptian Women have Broken the Stigma Around Sexual Violence”, Mada Masr.

2019. “Why did Women’s Rights Expand in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia?” *Middle East Briefs* No 131, The Crown Center for Middle East Studies.

2017. “The Politics of the Truth and Dignity Commission in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia: Gender Justice as a threat to Democratic transition?” *Project on Middle East Political Science Studies* 19. 38-41.

2016. “Tunisia uncovered a history of state sexual violence. Can it do anything?”, *Washington Post, Monkey Cage*.

2014. “Women as Fair Game in the public sphere: A critical introduction for Understanding Sexual and Violence Methods of Resistance, *Jadaliyya*. (Originally in Arabic).

### WORKS IN PROGRESS

**Solo Authored Books** *Gendering Sovereignty: Feminist Politics, Law, and Violence in Egypt and Tunisia*. (Under Contract with University of Pennsylvania Press).

#### Journal Articles

“Geographies of Piety: The Spatial/Social Nexus of Unveiling in Contemporary Egypt.” (With Nermin Allam) (Under Review).

“The Roots of Male Hostility to Women in Politics in the Middle East: The case of Egypt.” (With Nimah Mazaheri, Kelly Greenhill, and Alexandra McAuliffe) (In preparation).

“Gender Trouble: The Veil and Space in Turkey” (With Ipek Buldog) (In preparation).

“A Feminist Counter Public turned Public: The Movement Against Gender-based Violence in Egypt” (In preparation).

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- American Political Association 2024 APSA Summer Centennial Center Research Grant, *The Politics of Unveiling in Contemporary Egypt and Beyond* (\$2500), 2024.
- Tufts University, Faculty Research Fund Grant, Fall 2023 (Co-PIs: Nimah Mazaheri, Kelly Greenhill, and Alexandra McAuliff). Research Project: *Male Attitudes About Gender-Quotas and Women in Politics in Egypt* (\$7500), 2023.
- University of Connecticut, College of Arts and Sciences (CLAS) Summer 2023 Funding Initiative for research project: *The Politics of Unveiling in Contemporary Egypt* (\$7500), 2023.
- University of Connecticut Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, 2022-2023 (Salary plus benefits with teaching release).
- American Political Science Association Middle East Studies Section- APSA MENA Collaborative Grant (Co-PI: Nermin Allam/Rutgers University) (\$6000), 2019.
- Arab Political Science Network Collaborative Workshop Grant (Co-PI: Nermin Allam/Rutgers University, Marwa Shalaby/University of Wisconsin Madison) (\$3000), 2020.
- Best Fieldwork Award, American Political Science Association (\$300), 2019.
- Best Dissertation in the field of Women and Politics, American Political Science Association (\$600), 2019.
- Open Society Foundations' Civil Society Scholar Award (\$7,000), 2017.
- American Association of University Women International Fellowship (\$20,000) (*Alternate*), 2017.
- University of Washington Comparative Law and Society Studies Fellow, 2011-14.
- Research Support Grant, Arab Reform Initiative (\$10,000), 2013.
- Chester A. Fritz Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship (\$6000), 2013.
- Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) TRE Grant (\$3000), 2012.

## SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**Political Science Department Seminar Series, John Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, April 2026.** Presenter: Gendering Sovereignty: Feminist Politics, Affect and Violence in Egypt and Tunisia.

**Women's and Gender Studies (WGS) Symposium at Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, March 2026.**

Presenter: Researching Gender and Politics in the Middle East in the Aftermath of Ongoing War.

**Project on Middle East Political Science (POMPES) Workshop, Gainesville, FL, February 2026.**

Presenter: Gendering the study of state's authority/power in the MENA region: The Case of the Tunisian Feminist Movement 2011-2021.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC.** November 2025.

Presenter: Public Spectacles of Sexual Violence in Egypt: Reinstating State Sovereignty Over Women's Bodies.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual, November 2024.**

Presenter: Veiled Transgressions: Afterlives of the Hijab Ban and the Paradoxes of State Feminism in Tunisia.

**Arab Council for Social Sciences Special Meeting on Safeguarding Knowledge in the Arab World, Istanbul, Turkey, October 2024.**

Presenter: Subversive (Self) Censorship: Feminist Knowledge Production Under Authoritarianism in Contemporary Egypt.

**American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, September 2024**

Presenter: Round Table on Field Research and Its Challenges in the MENA Region.

**Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa (CODESERIA) 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, December 2023.**

Presenter: Mitigating Domestic Violence After Covid: Lessons from Egypt.

**American Political Science Association, LA, CA, August 2023.**

Presenter: The Rapist is you: Mobilizing Against State-sanctioned Gendered violence in Post-revolutionary Tunisia.

**Arab Council for Social Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon, May 2023.**

Presenter: Against the Grain: Feminist Knowledge Production and its Discontents in Egypt.

**Harvard University, Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World at Harvard Law School, CA, MA, May 2023.**

Presenter: Veiled Transgressions: Afterlives of the Hijab Ban and the Paradoxes of State Feminism in Tunisia.

**University of Connecticut Humanities Center, Storrs, CT, February 2023 Book Talk: Gendered Sovereignty: Feminist Politics, Law, and Violence in Egypt and Tunisia (2011-2017).**

**Cambridge Studies in Law and Society Early Career Manuscript Workshop, Virtual, June 2021.**

Presenter, Book Manuscript: The Price of Inclusion: State Feminism and Legal Mobilization in the Shadow of the Arab Spring.

**Duke University, Durham, NC, April 2022. Conference Co-organizer: Body, Medicine, and Feminism: The Life Work of Nawal El Saadawi.**

**Cambridge Studies in Law and Society Early Career Manuscript Workshop**, Virtual, June 2021.

Presenter, Book Manuscript: *The Price of Inclusion: State Feminism and Legal Mobilization in the Shadow of the Arab Spring*.

**Duke University**, Durham, NC, April 2022.

Conference Co-organizer: *Body, Medicine, and Feminism: The Life Work of Nawal El Saadawi*.

**University of Madison, International Conference: Who is Afraid of Democracy in the Middle East and North Africa**, Madison, WI, March 2022.

Presenter: Egypt's #me too Movement and the Politicization of Women's Rights Amid Authoritarian Politics.

**Agha Khan University, Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations**, London, United Kingdom, October 2022.

Presenter: *Sisters in Resilience: Women's Movements in Muslim Countries: Egypt and Tunisia as Case Studies*.

**Drexel University**, Philadelphia, PA, May 2022.

Invited Presentation: *Democracy and Gender Equality in the Middle East and North Africa.*"

**Yale University and the University of Connecticut, International Teach-In: The Egyptian Revolution Ten Years Onwards**, Online Event, February 2021

Co-Organizer and Presenter: *The Egyptian Feminist Movement Ten years after the 2011 Uprising*.

**Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School**, Boston, MA, May 2019.

Organizer and Presenter: *Feminisms in the Middle East and North Africa: Old/New Directions?*

**Brookings Institution/Crown Center for Middle East Studies**, Washington D.C, October 2019:

Presenter: *The Future of Tunisian Democracy*.

**Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting**, New Orleans, LA, November 2019.

Presenter: *Challenges in the Study of Gender in the Context of the Arab Spring.*"

**Global Symposium on the #Me too Movement, University of Kentucky**, Lexington, KY, April 2019. Presenter:  
*Before #Me Too: How the Egyptian Women's Rights Movement Combated Sexual Harassment*.

**Department of Political Science, University of Connecticut**, Storrs, CT, February 2019.

Presenter: *The Price of Inclusion: Paradoxes of State Feminism in Post-revolutionary Tunisia*.

**Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Wisconsin**, Madison, WI, December 2018. Presenter:

*In the Shadow of the State: Gender Based-Violence in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt*. **Middle East Initiative**

**Fellows Talk Series, Harvard University**, Cambridge, MA, April 2018.

Lecture: *In the Shadow of the State: Gender Contestations in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt*.

**Department of Political Science, University of Concordia**, Montreal, Canada, May 2017.

Presenter: *Legacies of Women's Rights: Paradoxes of State Feminism in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia*.

## **PUBLIC FACING PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS**

**Friedrich Eibert Stiftung**. "Post-Covid Webinar Series: Gender-based Violence in the MENA region." May 28, 2022.

**Al-Hiwar Al Motamden Online Platform**. "The Legacy of Nawal El Saadawi." June 7, 2021.

**Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Conversations**. "Women's Mobilization in Post-revolutionary Tunisia.", March 10, 2016.

**Seattle Town Hall and Jackson School for International Studies, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Washington in Seattle**. "The Changing Middle East: Egypt After the Arab Spring." May 11, 2011.

## **ACADMIC SERVICE AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT**

Interim Head of Arabic Section, Department of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages (LCL):  
Fall 2021 to the Spring 2024.

PhD Candidate Main Advisor :(Seyedeh Taebi).

PhD Student Qualifying Examinations Committees (N=13). (AY 2021-2022, AY 2023-2024,  
and AY 2024-2025).

Graduate Admission Committee Member: AY 2020-2021.

Search Committee Member, Arabic Studies/LCL: (Fall 2023 and Spring 2024).

Pi Sigma Alpha Academic Advisor: Fall 2023-Present.

Merit Committee Member-: AY 2024-2025.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Association for Middle East Women Studies (AMEWS): Elected Board Member at Large (2020-2025), Co-Chair of  
AMEWS Human Rights Taskforce, and Book Award Committee Member (2020-2024).

American Political Science Association Section for Women and Political Research: Best Dissertation Award  
Committee Member (2019-2020).

Reviewer (Politics and Gender/Comparative Political Studies/ Journal of Middle East Women's Studies/Feminist  
Media Studies/Mediterranean Politics/ American Academy in Berlin/American Political Science Review/Gender  
and Society, International Journal of Middle East Studies, International Security, Feminist Review).