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Employment and Education

Current Position

Fall 2021- *Term Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, Barnard College. New York City

Past Positions

2020-2021 *Affiliate Faculty*, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Media Studies and *Affiliate Researcher*, Palestine Land Studies Center, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon

2011-2020 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, American University (AU), Washington, DC.

2011-2015 *Director of Arab World Studies Program*, AU
Founded Program and BA in Arab World Studies

2009-2011 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, American University of Beirut

Education

Ph.D. 2009 Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY

Dissertation Chair, Charles Tilly (until passing in 2008), Committee: Gil Eyal (sponsor 2008-2009), Herbert Gans, Saskia Sassen, Rashid Khalidi, and Lila Abu-Lughod. "*Suspended Community: An Ethnographic Study of Palestinian-Americans in New York and New Jersey*"

M.Phil. 2005 "*Honor Crimes in Lebanon: A Textual Analysis of Court Transcripts*"

M.A. 2004 "*Is "refugee-ness" intrinsically antithetical to nationalism?: The Case of Palestinian Refugees in Lebanon*"

2001-2002 Department of Sociology, Graduate Faculty, New School University, New York, NY (one year of graduate courses)

M.A. 1998 Department of Sociology, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada

B.A. 1994 *High Distinction*, Sociology, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Publications

Serhan, R. *Assimilation Suspended: The Making of Palestinian Americans*. Stanford University Press. Under contract. 2021.

Serhan, R. *Neither Thugs nor Terrorists: Black-Palestinian Solidarity Movements in the United States (Activists' stories)*. Washington, DC.: Academica Press. Under contract.

Edited Volume

Chowkwanyun, Merlin and Randa Serhan (editors). (2011, paperback 2013). *American Democracy and the Pursuit of Equality*.

Book Chapters

Serhan, R. 2021. "Ethnographic Research Methods," and "Analyzing Qualitative Data" in Sirhan, B. *Qualitative Social Research Methods* [In Arabic]. Doha, Qatar: Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies.

Serhan, R. 2017. "Ethnic Weddings: Reinventing the Nation in Exile," in Ernesto Castaneda (Ed), *Immigration and Categorical Inequality: Migration to the City and the Birth of Race and Ethnicity*. Routledge.

Serhan, R. 2014. "Muslim Immigration to America," in Haddad, Yvonne and Jane Smith (editors). *The Oxford Handbook of American Islam*. Oxford University Press (page numbers forthcoming).

Serhan, R. 2011. "Palestinian and Jordanian Immigrants," in Bayer, Ronald (editor). *Multicultural America: An Encyclopedia of the Newest Americans*. California: ABC-CLIO Publishers, pp. 1695-1730.

Peer-reviewed Articles

Serhan, R. 2008. "Palestinian Weddings: The Invention of Palestine in New Jersey," in *Journal for Palestine Studies*, 37 (4), pp. 21-37. UC-Berkeley Press.

Encyclopedia Entries

Serhan, R. 2005. "Virginity: Arab States," in Joseph, Suad (editor). *Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures, Volume 3: Family, Body, Sexuality and Health*. The Netherlands: Brill Publishing, pp. 457-458.

Book Reviews

Serhan, R. (November 2016). Review of *Palestinian Commemoration in Israel*, by Tamir Sorek, *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, vol. 45, no. 6. (pp. 971-793).

Serhan, R. (Summer 2016). Review of *Strangers in the West: The Syrian Colony of New York City, 1880-1900*, by Linda K. Jacobs, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, vol. 38, no. 3. (625-628).

Serhan, R. (March 2016). Review of *Jerusalem: The Spatial Politics of a Divided Metropolis*, by Anne B. Shlay & Gillad Rosen, *City and Community*, vol. 15, no. 1. (pp. 85-87).

Serhan, R. (Winter 2013). Review of *Citizenship and Crisis: Arab Detroit after 9/11*, by Wayne Baker, Sally Howell, Amaney Jamal, et al. *Arab Studies Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 1. (pp. 79-82).

Serhan, R. (Winter 2013). Review of *On Being Lebanese in Australia: Identity, Racism, and the Ethnic Field Beirut, Lebanon*, by Paul Tabar, Greg Noble, and Scott Poynting, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 1. (pp. 76-79).

Works in Progress:

“Dome of the Rock in the Lives and Imaginations of Palestinian Americans,” *Hau: Journal of Ethnographic Theory*. (Abstract accepted April 2021).

“Leveraging fellahi [peasant] identity in metropolitan American.” (Article)

“Re-imagining Muslim Americans as a Community,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam in North America*. (Invited chapter. 2021).

Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

2020	Nominated for the Faculty and Staff Collaboration Award for Persons of Color Affinity Group, American University
2017-2018	Named most influential professor by graduating senior, American University Alumni Association and Center for Diversity and Inclusion
2014	Research Grant, <i>Phase Two: Palestinian American National Research Project</i> . New World Research Institute, Washington, DC (USD 29,050)
2013-2014	Voted Favorite Professor by Graduating Senior, American University

Scholarships, awards, honors continued...

2013	Office of Merit Awards Acknowledgement for mentoring Edward Dioguardi to Fulbright finalist
2013-2014	<i>Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys</i> Grant, National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association. Joint with Mary Mintz, Associate Librarian, Bender Library, AU. (USD 3,500)
2012-2013	<i>Muslim Journeys Bookshelf Award</i> . National Endowment for the Humanities and the American Library Association. Joint with Mary Mintz, Associate Librarian, Bender Library, AU. (Award: 25 books, 6 DVDs, and a subscription to an Oxford University Press database about Muslim culture)
2007-2009	Cordier Fellow, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY. (USD 44,000)
2002-2007	Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY (tuition, fees, stipend, ~USD 250,000)
2005-2006	Research Grant, Palestinian-American Research Center, Villanova University (USD 3,000)
2003-2006	Summer Research Grants, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY (USD, 3,000 each summer)
2003-2004	Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY
2001-2002	Graduate Faculty Scholarship, New School University (USD 8,000)
2001-2002	Saeed Khoury Scholarship (USD 40,000)
Summer 1999	Swedish Government Grant, International Summer School in Forced Migration, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University (GBP 5,000 / ~USD 8,130)
1996-1997	Qattan Foundation Grant, London, UK (USD 15,000)
1996-1997	International Student Fee Waiver, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada (CDN \$ 7,000/ ~USD 4,600)
1995-1996	Abdulaziz Shakhshir Grant (USD 20,000)
1994-1995	Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Windsor, Ontario, Canada (CDN \$ 5,000/ ~USD 3,300)
1992-1994	Undergraduate Scholarship, American University of Beirut, Lebanon (\$6400)
1991-1994	Dean's Honor List (six semesters)
1994	BA with High Distinction

Research Experience and Employment

2020-Present	Oral histories. American University of Beirut. Black and Palestinian activists in current solidarity movements.
2018-Present	Qualitative Research. American University. Oral histories with Black and Palestinian activists (active 1970-80s and current).

Research Experience and employment continued...

- 2012-2019 Field research. American University. "Arab-Brooklyn Community Responses to NYPD Surveillance: Coalition Building and Internal Disruption." New York City. (intermittent) (2014, 2015, 2017, 2018-2019).
- 2014- 2015 Team leader, Palestinian American National Research Project. Designed Focus Group Interviews and National Online Survey. Trained and supervised 3 research assistants.
- 2003-2008 Ethnographic Field research. Columbia University. "Palestinian-American communities and the second generation." New Jersey and New York.
- 2001-2002 Ethnographic Field research. New School University. "Arab-American Adolescent Females in Search of their own Space." New Jersey.
- 2001 Researcher. "Socioeconomic Feasibility Study for Construction of a Marina in Tyr (Lebanon): The Impact of Local Fishermen." Dar al-Handasah Consultants (Architecture), Beirut, Lebanon.
- 1998-2001 Research Assistant. Worked with Professor Samir Khalaf, director. Center for Behavioral Research. American University of Beirut.
- 1998-1999 Interview and analysis. 60 in-depth interviews of families with civil war casualties. "Mental and Physical Health in Postwar Lebanon: Phase 3: PTSD and Coping Mechanisms." School of Public Health, American University of Beirut. Funded by the European Economic Commission.
- 1999 Researcher. Preparatory research and interviews for documentary. David Ridgen, "On the Borders of Gardens." Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.
- 1995-1997 Archival Research. University of Windsor. "Honor Crimes." Collected and translated court transcripts on honor crimes in Lebanon.

Conferences and Presentations

Peer-reviewed Conferences

- 2019 “The construction of a fellahi identity in the diaspora: Peasant identities in metropolitan America” Cities of the Arab World: Theory, Investigation, Critique Conference. Journal of Urban Affairs Association. *Michigan State University*. February 14-16, 2019.
- 2018 “Palestinian-Americans: Transforming an ethnicity into a social movement,” Panelist at "Commemorating Charles Tilly. Dynamics of Contention, Global History, and Comparative Sociology.” *Social Science History Association Conference*. Phoenix, AZ. November 9, 2018
- 2015 "The Limits of Humanitarianism: Syrian Refugees in the era of humanitarian intervention primacy," Panelist at The Migrant Crisis and the Transformation of Europe, The Center for the History of New America and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies, *University of Maryland*. Scope: Local. Non-Refereed. (October 28, 2015).
 “Disruption as a way of life: Palestinian Americans Managing a Stigmatized Identity,” Paper presented at the Center on Health, Risk, and Society Lecture Series, *American University*. (October 7, 2015).
 “Negotiating Arab American Identity,” Race and Ethnicity Section. *American Sociological Association*. Annual Meeting. 2015.
- 2014 “Arab Americans: Then and Now.” Presentation for Arab Heritage Month. Department of Justice, Washington, DC.
 “Arab American Identity: Often Challenged, Rarely Affirmed.” Paper presented at the *Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies*. Doha, Qatar.
- 2013 “Building Uninhabited Villages and Strong Ties: U.S. Remittances to West Bank Villages.” Panel: The Effects of Migration and Remittances on Areas of Origin. XXVIII International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP). *International Population Conference*. Busan, South Korea (schedule conflict with first week of Fall semester, did not attend).
- 2012 “The American Dream’s Ethnic Boundaries.” International Migration Section Roundtable: Socioeconomic Adaption. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.
- 2009 “Remittances and Monetary Transfers.” The Role of the State in Social Development; Arab Regional Experts’ Meeting. *United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization*. Beirut, Lebanon.

Conferences and Presentations continued...

- 2009 “Horizontal Solidarities through Monetary Transactions: Palestinian-Americans’ Socialization of Money.” 6th Annual Graduate Student Ethnography Conference *SUNY-Stony Brook University*. New York, NY.
- 2007 “Local Versus National Identification Among Palestinian Americans.” Regional Spotlight Session. Middle Eastern/Muslim Americans in Metropolitan New York after 9/11. *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.
- 2007 “Where have all the Demonstrations Gone? Palestinian-American withdrawal from the Public Sphere after 9/11.” Panel: Post 9/11 Research on the Middle Eastern Americans. *Eastern Sociological Association*. Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2006 “Second-Generation Palestinian-Americans: At the intersection of ethnicity and nationalism.” International Migration Section Roundtable: Nationalism, Ethnic Identities, and Diasporas. *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2006 “The Practice of Citizenship in a Transnational World: The Case of Palestinian Americans.” Panel: Arabs/Muslims/Middle Easterners in the US. *Second World Congress for Middle East Studies*. Amman, Jordan.
- 2006 “Arab-American Women in Post-9/11 America.” Mapping Arab Diasporas Conference. The Center for Arab American Studies. *University of Michigan, Dearborn*.
- 2005 “Palestinian-American between Ethnicity and Nationalism.” Mapping Global Landscapes: Emerging Spaces and Subjectivities Conference. *University of Chicago*.
- 2005 “Second Generation Palestinians Living in the United States:
- 2005 “The Disaggregation of Nationalism and Citizenship among Immigrants in the United States: The Case of Palestinian Americans.” Regular Session: Arab Americans. *Middle East Studies Association*. Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.
- 2002 “Honor Crimes in the Lebanese Penal Code.” International Women’s Day Conference. Graduate Faculty. *New School University*.
- 2000 “Honor Crimes in Lebanon: The Significance of a Change in Legal Stipulations.” Sexuality in the Middle East Conference. *St. Antony’s College. University of Oxford, UK*.

Conferences Organized

- 2021 Organizer. Regular Session on Arab and Arab Americans. “Arab and Muslim American coping and resistance to racialization,” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*.

Conferences and Presentations continued...

- 2008 Co-organizer. "Urban Kaleidoscope: Honoring the Life and Work of Herbert Gans." *Columbia University*, New York, NY
- 2006 Organizing Committee Member and paper selection. "Power in Thought and Practice: A Conference Marking the 50 Years of C. Wright Mills." *Columbia University*, New York, NY
- 2005 Organizing Committee and paper selection. "Categories Conference." *Columbia University*, New York, NY
- 2002 Organizing Committee. "History Matters." *New School University*, New York, NY
- 1998 Co-Organizer and report writer. "Status of NGOs Working in the Palestinian Community in Lebanon." *Welfare Association*. Beirut, Lebanon.

Discussant/Moderator

- 2018 Moderator. "The Arab Population in Israel 1948 to Today," Center for Israel Studies, *Washington Law School*, American University.
- 2017 Discussant. "After Aleppo: Finding Paths to Peace for Syrians." Middle East Studies at *American University*, Washington, DC.
- 2016 Discussant. Section on Nations and Nationalism. "Minorities in Developing Nations." *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.
- 2013 Discussant. Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict. "Militaries, Peace Movements and the Arab Spring." *American Sociological Association (ASA)*. Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- 2013 Moderator and presenter. "Muslim Journeys Bookshelf." Bender Library, *American University*, 3 sessions.
- 2013 Discussant. "From the Balkans to North Africa: Comparing Revolutionary Change and Transitioning Nations." *American University*, Washington, DC.
- 2012 Discussant and moderator. "1/2 Revolution" Documentary screening and panel with filmmaker. 13th Human Rights Film Festival, Washington Law, *American University*. Washington, DC
- 2012 Panelist and discussant. "UAE Film Festival." Screening of documentaries and panel with filmmakers. School of Communication and Embassy of the United Arab Emirates. *American University*. Washington, DC
- 2012 Discussion Participant. "Negotiating Afghanistan: The Future of Gender Equality." *American University*, Washington, DC.
- 2011 Panel Chair. "Losing Control: Causes." Cedars, Roses, and Jasmine: Revolutionary Change in the MENA Region and Eastern Europe (1980-2011). *Universite Saint-Joseph Campus des Sciences Humaines*, Beirut, Lebanon.

Conferences and Presentations continued...

- 2011 Organizer and discussant. "Social Inclusion Through Capoeira." *American University of Beirut*, Lebanon.
- 2009 Panel Chair and discussant. "Social Mobilization." Beirut Media Forum 2009: The mobilization stage. Image of reality and truth of the image. *Institut français du Proche-orient*. Co-sponsored by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung and Orient Insitut Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon.
- 2005-2007 Referee and discussant. Sociology Undergraduate Theses. Department of Sociology, *Columbia University*. Refereed three years, 2005, 2006, 2007

Invited Talks

- 2021 Reviewer and participant. "Understanding the impact of displacement on adolescents' mental health: A cross-sector initiative." Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London. June 22, 2021.
- 2021 Panelist. "Researching Adolescent Mental Health in Contexts of Force Displacement," Institute for Global Prosperity, University College London, May 11, 2021.
- 2021 Panelist. "Parasitic Swallows: Doing Research with Vulnerable People in Humanitarian Settings," Research for Health in Conflict; Cambridge University Department of Sociology, March 25, 2021.
- 2020 Presenter. "Negotiating Gender as the "Other": Arab-American Women Living Against Western Feminism. Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Media Studies at *American University of Beirut*. November 25, 2020.
- 2018 Panelist. "Palestinian New Yorkers and the State of Israel," *Israel Today Conference*. Center for Israel Studies. American University, Washington, DC. October 28-29, 2018.
- 2017 Panelist. "Muslim Americans after the 2016 Elections," *Teach, Organize, Engage*. American University, Washington, DC
- 2017 Panelist. "Trump's recycling and reviving of failed 9/11 policies," *Social Justice Colloquium*, American University
- 2015 Panelist. "The Limits of Humanitarianism: Syria Refugees in the era of humanitarian intervention primacy," *2015: The Migrant Crisis and the Transformation of Europe*. The Center for the History of New America and The Nathan and Jeanette Miller Center for Historical Studies at University of Maryland.
- 2014 Speaker. "Arab Americans: Old and New, Then and Now." U.S. Department of Justice, Arlington, VA.
- 2014 Speaker. "Arab American Identity: Often Challenged, Rarely Affirmed." Arab Center and Research and Policy Studies, Doha, Qatar.

- 2013 Speaker. "Arab Gulf Culture and Expatriate Living." International Business Management. Kogod School of Business. American University, Washington, DC.
- 2013 Speaker. "Syrian Nationalism, Opposition, and External Intervention." Diagnostic of the Syrian Civil War. Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University.

Guest Lecturer

- 2015, 2017 "Ethnography in Vulnerable Communities," School of International Service, American University- Professor Susan Shepler.
- Fall 2013 "Muslim Journeys: American Stories." Book Series. Bender Library. American University. NEH and ALA funded. Adult and community learning. 5 books/ 5 sessions/ 2 hours each.

Previous Teaching Positions

- 2009-2011 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon
Coordinator, Introductory Sociology Courses
- 2007-2009 Cordier Fellow, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, New York, NY
- Summer 2008 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Summer 2007 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Summer 2005 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1998-2001 Halftime Faculty, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Courses Taught

American University, Washington, DC

- 2019-2020 CORE-170-35. Who's watching you now? (u, 19 students), Classical Social Theory (u, 25 s), Social Theory (g, 6 s), Urban Lives (u, 27 s)
- 2018-2019 CORE-170-35. Who's watching you now? (u, 18 students), Classical Social Theory (u, 29 s), Social Theory (g, 11s), Urban Lives (u, 25s)

2017-2018	EDU-296 AU Experience II (u, 16 students), Social Theory (g, 7s) EDU-196 AU Experience I (u, 13s), US Society (u, 35s), Classical Social Theory (u, 28s), Racial Trauma on a White Campus (g, 1s)
2016-2017	Urban Lives (Community based learning, u, 25s), Social Theory (g, 8s), Black Student Success at American University (g, 1s)
2015- 2016	Arab Societies (u, Fall 37s, Spring 21s), Urban Lives (u, 18s), Social Theory (g, 8s) , Arab Family Relations (u 1s), Politics of the Arab Family (u 1s)
2014- 2015	Power, Politics, and Society (u, 19s); State formation in Saudi Arabia (g, 1s)
2013-2014	Intro. to the Arab World (u, 19s), Power, Politics & Society (u, 19s)
2012-2013	Arab Societies (u, Fall 31s, Spring 44s), Urban Lives (u, 15s), Arab Women Writers (u, 1s), Latino Music as Identity (u, 1s), Middle Eastern Urban Politics (u, 1s)
2011- 2012	Arab Societies (u, Fall 40s, Spring 45s), Classical Sociological Theory (u, 16s)

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

2010-2011	Freshman Sociology (u), Sociological Theory (u), Social Movements (u/g), Introduction to Sociology (g), Democratization and Nation State Building (g), Political Sociology (u)
2009-2010	Freshman Sociology (u), Introduction to Sociology (u), Sociology of Exclusion: Racism, Classism, and Sexism (u), Sociological Theory (u), Social Movements (g)
1998- 2001	Introduction to Sociology (2 sections per semester, 35 students/class)

School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University

Fall 2008	Conceptual Foundations of International Politics (co-taught) supervised by Professor Stephen Sestanovich (g)
Fall 2007	Conceptual Foundations of International Politics (co-taught) supervised by Dean Lisa Anderson (g)

Department of Sociology, Columbia University

Summers 2007, 2008	Immigrant Experience: Old & New(u), Sociological Imagination (u)
Summer 2005	Sociological Imagination (u)

Teaching Assistantships

Columbia University, New York, NY

Spring 2006	Sociological Imagination
Fall 2006	Evaluation of Evidence
Spring 2005	Seminar on Race and Ethnicity

Fall 2005 Seminar on Race and Ethnicity
 Fall 2003 Social Theory and the City (graduate) with weekly tutorials for undergraduates
Barnard College
 Fall 2004 Gender and Sexuality with weekly tutorials

Supervision and Advising

Thesis Committees, and Student Research

2021 External Reader. Ph.D. Committee. Afaf Al-Khoshman, “Arab Families in Southern Brooklyn, NYC: Literacy as Means to Civic and Political Inclusion.” Teachers College at Columbia University.

American University, Washington, DC

2020 Capstone Advisor and independent study, Emi Hughes, “Oral Histories as a Methodology for Queer Forced Migrants.” Completed.

2019 Ph.D. Dissertation, Committee member. Mohammed Loutfy, Anthropology Department. “Different Bodies, Different Lives: The Experience of Disability in Lebanon.” Defended.

MA Project, Chair. Sociology Department. Benjamin Pollock. “Trump’s Leadership in Historical Context.” Completed.

2018 MA Project, Chair. Sociology Department. Aleshia Faust. “Black Trauma, White Campus.” Completed.

MA Project, Second Reader. Sociology Department. Rachel McLeod, “One Pulse?: Impacts at the intersections of difference for survivors of a mass shooting.” Completed.

2017 MA Project Chair. Sociology Department. Kenya Goods, “The Talented Tenth.” Kenya Goods. Completed.

PhD Dissertation, Second Reader. Anthropology Department. Mysara Abu-Hashem, “Arab American Politicians: Party or Ethnic Politics.” Completed.

2016. MA Thesis, Second Reader. Sociology Department. Maggie Tibus, “Presbyterian Policy on Same-Sex Marriage.” Completed.

2015 MA Thesis, Chair. Sociology Department. Ahmed Alowfi, “From Warriors to Administrators.” Completed.

Supervision and Advising continued...

- 2012 Dissertation Committee Member. Anthropology Department. Anoosh Khan, "Contesting Subjectivities: Identity Formation, Reformation, and Transformation of Pukhtoon Women." Completed.
- 2014 Capstone Thesis, Second Reader. School of International Service, AU. Edward Dioguardi. "Urban Planning and Development: Politicization of the Ashweyyat: Revolutionary Discourse in Excluded Cairene Communities." Completed.
- 2013-2014 Fulbright Faculty Advisor. Edward Dioguardi. SIS. "Urban Planning and Development: Politicization of the Ashweyyat: Revolutionary Discourse in Excluded Cairene Communities."
- 2012 Faculty Consultant. MA Capstone, Masters in International Affairs, School for International and Public Affairs, Columbia University. "Risk Assessment in Jordan."
- 2012-2013 Faculty Advisor. Independent Major: Arab, Middle Eastern and North Africa. CAS. Jessica Therriault.
- 2011-2013 Faculty Advisor. Interdisciplinary Major: Middle East Studies. CAS. Madeline Wolfson.
- 2011 Faculty Consultant. Group Project. "Entrepreneurship in a Conflict Zone: Iraq." Peace Through Commerce, Kogod Business School, American University.

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

MA Thesis committees

- 2010-2012 Thesis Committee Chair (till June 2011, reader till defense in May 2012). "What's Love got to do with it? An Exploratory Study of Relationship Formation and Romantic Love Among American University of Beirut Students." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology). Defended 2012.
- 2009-2011 Thesis Committee Chair. John Hess. "The Lebanese Way: A Cultural Propensity toward Entrepreneurship." Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES). American University of Beirut. Defended in 2011.

Supervision and advising continued...

- 2009-2011 Thesis Committee Member. Sarah Mallat. "More than just a Pretty Face? Understanding Motivations for Plastic Surgery among Lebanese Female Youth." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology). Defended 2011.
- 2010-2011 Thesis Committee Member. Tim Yousaf. "A History of the Muslim Brotherhood in Lebanon (Al-Jama'ah al-Islamiyyah) 1948-2000." Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES). Defended 2011.
- 2009-2011 Thesis Committee Chair. Ariela Gross. "Reaching Wa'y: Mobilization and Recruitment in Hizb al-Tahrir al-Islami." Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES). Defended 2011. Published: Berlin: Klaus Schwartz Verlag. 2012.
- 2010-2011 Thesis Committee Member. Angelina Nassar. "Scratch the Past-this is our soundtrack: Hip-hop in Lebanon." Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES). Defended 2011.
- 2009-2010 Thesis Committee Member. Samia El-Osta. "Sexual Graffiti and Changing Sexual Morality: Bathrooms as Uncensored Settings." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology). Defended 2010.
- 2009-2011 Thesis Committee Chair. Youssef Khoury. "Military Sociology & Israeli Army-Society Symbiosis." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology). Defended Proposal 2011.
- 2010-2011 Thesis Committee Member. Minou Hexpoor. "Self-Concept and Social Suffering: Noncustodial Mothers in Lebanon." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology). Defended Proposal 2011.
- 2010-2011 Thesis Committee Chair. Nada Zanhour. "The Lebanese Civil War and Collective Memory." Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences (sociology).
- 2011 Thesis Committee Member. Mac Skelton. "Young Evangelicals in Beirut." Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES).

Student Advising/Mentorship*American University, Washington, DC*

2011-2015	Academic Advisor as Director of Arab (World) Studies. Arab Studies Minor and Certificate. Arab World Studies Major.
2012-2013	Faculty Mentor. Model Arab League. AU Delegation Representing Saudi Arabia: Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority.
2012-2013	Faculty Mentor. Delta Phi Epsilon Professional Foreign Service Sorority. SIS.
2012-2016	Faculty Mentor. Arab Student Association.

American University of Beirut, Lebanon

2010-2011	Faculty Academic Advisor. Freshman Class. 33 students.
Spring 2011	Directed Study. "Palestinian Refugee Experiences in Lebanon." Carina Aoun. Sociology Undergraduate.
Fall 2010	Thesis Tutorial. "Military Sociology & Israeli Army-Society Symbiosis." Youssef Houry. Sociology Graduate.

Service*American University, Washington, DC*Internal ServiceAdministrative Assignment

2011-2015	Director, Arab World Studies Outreach, event planning, student advising, course design, curriculum design, supervising standardized course, coordinating adjunct instructors
2012-2014	Interim Director of MES@au (Middle East Studies at American University). Co-director regularly (2011-2017) Outreach, event planning, community-building

Curriculum Development

2015-2018	New Course. SOCY 369 Urban Lives (Approved 2016), Who's Watching you now? (Approved for Complex Problems 2018)
2014-2015	Taskforce, Critical Race, Gender, and Culture Studies Program
2011-2014	Developed and proposed curriculum for BA in Arab World Studies (approved May 2013)

Applied for program status for Arab World Studies (Board of Trustees approved May 2013)
 Restructured foundation course for Arab Studies (SOCY 225 Arab Societies). Standardized, co-taught course
 Wildcard Gned 130 turned into AWST 115, regular course
 Developed new freshman course (Gned 130) Introduction to Arab World (core course for majors and Gned area 3), wildcard

Departmental (Sociology)

2016-2020	Events Committee, Theory Series Coordinator
2016-2019	Undergraduate Committee
2014-2016	Graduate Committee, Events Committee
Summer 2014	Term Faculty Search Committee
2011-2014	AKD, Events Committee
2011-2013	Undergraduate Committee, Undergraduate Assessment
2011, 2013	Faculty member, Graduate Student Orientation
November 2013	Graduate Committee, Workshop on Research Requirements

University

2019-2020	Reviewer and panelist, <i>Boren Panel</i>
2018-2019	Reviewer and panelist, <i>Fulbright Panel</i>
2017-2018	AUX [Core curriculum] Advisory Board
2012, 2013	Reviewer and panelist. <i>Boren Scholarship Panel</i>
2011, 2012	Reviewer and panelist. <i>Rhodes Scholarship Panel</i>
2011	Reviewer and panelist, <i>Fulbright Panel</i>
2011-2012	External Search Committee Member, History Department Search Committee, Islamic World Position

External Service

2019	Evaluated EHLS [English for Heritage Language Speakers]. Applications. Georgetown Language Program
2014	Evaluated MA Program in Sociology. The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Doha, Qatar

Editorial Position

2004-2007	Student Editor. Editorial Board, Contexts Magazine. American Sociological Association
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Book Proposal Review

2013	Oxford University Press
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Journal Manuscript Review

Social Movements Studies; Ethnic and Racial Studies; City and Community; American Journal of Sociology; British Journal of Industrial Relations; Arab Studies Quarterly, Journal of Palestine Studies; Journal of Communication; Violence Against Women, Special Ed, Gender Based Violence in the Middle East and North Africa

Grant Review 2012 USAID, Washington DC

Media Appearances and Interviews

- September 2020 Associated Press, Interviewed by Isabel Debre (phone). Topic: Cultural Significance of Weddings for Arab families during pandemic.
- November 2016 Al-Jazeera, TV Interview. "Social Movements after Trump's Election."
- June 2014 Al-Arabiya, TV, Dubai. Interviewed by Paul Crompton (phone and email). Topic: Female Genital Mutilation in U.S.
- November 2013 Al-Arabiya, TV, Dubai. Interviewed by Paul Crompton (phone). Topic: FEMEN, feminist protests in the Arab World
- July 2013 Wall Street Journal. Interviewed by Ahmed Fetaha (phone) Topic: Living arrangements and migration patterns of Egyptians in New York
- February 2012 Laurel Leader, MD, Newspaper. Interviewed by Clara Vaughn. Topic: "Parachute children," Asian minors being left in the US
- December 2011. The National, Newspaper, Dubai. Interviewed by Omar Karmi Topic: Newt Gringrich's statement on Palestinians being an invented people and significance to American politics
- September 2011 The National, Newspaper, Dubai. Interviewed by Omar Karmi. Topic: Lives forged in the flames of 9/11.

Consultancies and Contracts

- 2007-2008 Assistant Director of Information. Gulf 2000 Project. School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University
- 2001 Associate Producer and on-screen translator. "Waiting to go" (documentary on Palestinian refugees residing in Lebanon). TVE, UK. Aired on BBC World

- 1999 Assessment and Evaluation of program. Researcher. "Follow-up Report on Graduate's Occupational Status 1998-1999." Vocational and Technical Training Association, Beirut, Lebanon
- 1998 Assessment and evaluation assistant of recipient organizations. "Scholarship Fund for Palestinian Refugee Women in Lebanon." International Development Research Center (IDRC), Canada.

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- 2021-Present Asian American Studies Association
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-Section Race and Ethnicity
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| Arabs and Arab Americans | Cosmopolitanism and Refugees |

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