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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs
Associate Professor (2020-present)

University of Georgia, School of Public and International Affairs
Assistant Professor (2014-2020)

Harvard University, Harvard Kennedy School
Middle East Initiative Research Fellow (2018-2019)

University of Pennsylvania, Herbert D. Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies
Visiting Fellow (2017)

Harvard University, Harvard Divinity School (2013-2014)
Research Associate and Visiting Assistant Professor in Women's Studies and Religion and
Society

EDUCATION

Yale University, Political Science Department
Ph.D. Political Science, May 2012

M.Phil Political Science, 2009

M.A. Political Science, 2008

Princeton University, 2002-2006
B.A. Near Eastern Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Women and the Holy City: The Struggle over Jerusalem's Sacred Space.
Cambridge University Press, 2020.

Righteous Transgressions: Women's Activism on the Israeli and Palestinian Religious Right.
Princeton University Press, 2015.

Articles

"Pinkwashing the Radical Right" (with Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler and Julia Elad-Strenger).
forthcoming at *European Journal of Political Research*.

"Gilead in Palestine." *APSA MENA Politics Newsletter* Vol.3, Issue 2, Fall 2020.

"So, How Many Settlements are There? Counting, tracking, and normalizing Jewish settlements
in the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics (CBS) Yearbook, 1967 to the present." (with
Sivan Hirsch-Hoefler). *POMEPS STUDIES* 41, 2020.

"The Decline of Democracy in Israel's Sovereignty Discourse." (with Meirav Jones). *APSA
MENA Politics Newsletter* Vol.3, Issue 1, Spring 2020.

"Gender Differences in Support for Direct and Indirect Political Aggression in the Context of
Protracted Conflict." *Journal of Peace Research*. Vol. 54 issue 6, 2017 (with Sivan
Hirsch-Hoefler and Julia Elad-Strenger).

"Gender and the (In)Divisibility of Contested Sacred Places: The Case of Women for the
Temple." *Politics & Religion*. Vol. 10, Issue 4, 2017.

"Authenticating Representation: Women's Quotas and Islamist Parties." *Politics & Gender* Vol.
12, Issue 4, 2016.

"Women, Freedom, and Agency in Religious-Political Movements: Reflections from Women
Activists in Shas and the Islamic Movement in Israel." *Journal of Middle East Women's
Studies*. Vol. 9 Issue 3, 2013.

Book Chapters

"Women of the Wall, Temple Mount Activism, and the Dilemmas of Jewish Feminism in an
Occupied Space." In Cooper, Julie and Sam Brody eds. *Political Ramifications:
Expanding Jewish Political Thought*. University of Pennsylvania Press (forthcoming).

"Religion and Gender Constructions across Muslim and Jewish Contexts." In Larbi Sadiki ed.
Handbook of Middle East Politics, Routledge, 2020.

"The Politics of De-Radicalization in Israel/Palestine." In Hansen SJ and Lid S. eds. *The
Routledge Handbook of De-radicalization*. Routledge, 2020.

"Intersectionality Theory and Working with 'Both Sides'." In Janine Clark and Francesco
Cavatorta eds. *Doing Political Science Research in the Middle East and North Africa:
Methodological and Ethical Challenges*. Oxford University Press, 2018.

"State-Sponsored Terrorism" (with Joshua Freeman) in Fathali M. Moghaddam ed., *The SAGE
Encyclopedia of Political Behavior*. 2017.

- “Practicing Conversation: Feminist Research on Conservative Women.” In Cantice Greene ed., *Teaching Women’s Studies in Conservative Contexts*. Routledge Research in Gender and Society Series, 2016.
- “The Time of the Activist? The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in a Changing Middle East.” (with Mahmoud Jaraba) in Intissar Fakir ed., *The Middle East Unbalanced: Analysis from a Region in Turmoil*. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2016.
- “Activism and Civil War in Libya.” (with Intissar Rajabany). In Lina Khatib and Ellen Lust eds., *Taking to the Streets: Activism, Arab Uprisings, and Democratization*. Johns Hopkins University Press 2013.
- “Religion, Society and Politics in the Middle East.” In Ellen Lust ed., *The Middle East*, 13th edition & updated chapters for the 14th and 15th editions, Congressional Quarterly, 2013-2019 (with Robert Lee).
- “Israel.” In Ellen Lust ed., *The Middle East*, 13th edition & updated chapters for the 14th and 15th editions. Congressional Quarterly, 2013-2019.

Book Reviews

- “Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocracies Adopt Women’s Rights by Aili Mari Tripp.” *Perspectives on Politics*. Vol. 18, Issue 3, 2020.
- “Review of Gender, War, and World Order: A Study of Public Opinion by Richard C. Eichenberg.” *Political Science Quarterly* Vol. 135, Issue 4, 2020.
- “New Research on Palestinian Women’s Activism: A Thematic Review.” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*, 2020.
- “Review of Women’s Political Activism in Palestine: Peacebuilding, Resistance, and Survival by Sophie Richter Devroe.” *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 2019.
- “Featured Review Exchange: Jewish Radical Ultra-Orthodoxy Confronts Modernity, Zionism and Women’s Equality, by Motti Inbari.” *Politics & Religion*, 2017.
- “Featured Review Exchange: Response to Motti Inbari: The Question of Women’s Agency in Patriarchal Religious-Political Movements.” *Politics & Religion*, 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RECONITIONS

- Luce/ACLS Religion, International Affairs & Journalism Fellowship (2019-2020)
- Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Fellowship (2018-2019)
- SPIA Seed Grant, University of Georgia (2018)
- Finalist, Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program (nominated by UGA President) (2018)
- Ivan and Nina Ross Family Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania (2017)
- The Israel Institute, Research Grant (2016)
- American Council of Learned Societies Collaborative Research Fellowship (Alternate Selection, 2015)
- Sarah Moss Fellowship, UGA (2015)
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and North Africa, Research Grant (2015)
- The Israel Institute, Monograph Award (2015)

- Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Junior Scholar Book Workshop Selection (2014)
- Colorado Scholar, Women's Studies in Religion Program, Harvard University (2013-2014)
- The Kathryn Davis Peace Fellowship (2012)
- Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2009-2010)
- Yale University Dissertation Fellowship (2008-2010)
- University of Chicago, Visiting Scholar (2008-2009)
- MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (2008)
- The Smith Richardson Foundation Fellowship, International Security Studies (2007)
- Davis Scholar, Princeton University (2002-2006)
- Near Eastern Studies Department Research Fellowship, Princeton University (2005)
- Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Fellowship (2004)
- Fred Fox Summer Award, Princeton University (2004)
- Middlebury College Arabic Language Fellowship (2003)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2011: Middle East Studies Seminar, Yale University
- 2012: Center for the Study of Narrative and Conflict Resolution, George Mason University
- 2013: WSRP workshop, Harvard Divinity School;
The Program on Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies, Middlebury College;
The Middle East Seminar Lecture Series, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University
- 2014: HDS Public Lecture, Harvard Divinity School;
Qualitative Methods Workshop, Political Science, MIT;
Council on Middle East Studies, MacMillan Center, Yale University;
Cosmopolitan Club, NYC
- 2015: Qualitative Methods Workshop, Political Science, MIT;
Harvard Women's Studies in Religion Program, Colorado Steering Committee;
Al-Quds University, Arabic Language Program, Jerusalem
- 2016: Moore College Honors Program, UGA;
Peace Research and Education Seminar, Notre Dame University;
Agnes Scott College, Middle East Series;
Interdisciplinary Lecture Series, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley;
The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, History Department

- 2017: University of Pennsylvania, Katz Center Seminar;
Institute for Middle East Studies, George Washington University;
Middle East Peace-building Seminar, George Washington University;
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Pennsylvania;
Center for International Security, Laval University
- 2018: Smith College, Jewish Studies;
Georgia Southern University, Political Science;
Harvard Law School, Gender, Law and Society Series;
Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Seminar;
Christopher Newport University, Annual Israeli-Palestinian Borgenicht
Fellowship Prize Lecture, Reiff Center for Human Rights and Conflict
Resolution
- 2019: Brandeis University, Crown Center for Middle East Studies;
Harvard Kennedy School, the Belfer Center's MEI Research Fellows Seminar
Series;
MIT, Political Science, Comparative Politics and International Relations of the
Middle East Seminar (missed due to flight delays);
University of New Hampshire, Political Science;
Harvard Kennedy School, Middle East Initiative Seminar;
Moore College Honors Program, UGA;
- 2020 International Plotters, Athens Country Club
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UGA (virtual)
Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Seminar, UGA in Washington (virtual)
Feminism and Religion Seminar, Hebrew University (virtual)

Conference Presentations:

- 2013: Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting
- 2015: Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA) Annual Conference;
Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting
- 2016: Program on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS), Women and Gender
in the Aftermath of the Arab Uprisings, George Washington University;
International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Conference;
Israel Institute Summit, Jerusalem;
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference
- 2017: Association of Jewish Studies Annual Conference
- 2018: International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference;

American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference

2019: Feminisms in the MENA conference, Harvard Kennedy School;
American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Conference;
Israel Workshop, George Washington University;
POMEPS Book Workshop GWU and Harvard Kennedy School;
Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference

2020: International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference (virtual);
Contested Sacred Sites Conference, University of Virginia (postponed);
Orthodox Politics Project, UCLA (virtual);
APSA-MENA Workshop, University of Colorado (virtual)

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

- Middle Eastern Political Systems
- Religion & International Affairs
- Comparative Democracy & Democratization
- Introduction to Comparative Politics

Graduate Courses

- Comparative Politics of the Middle East
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Women, Gender, and Politics

Previous Teaching

Harvard Divinity School, Harvard University, Fall 2013
Women, Religion, and Political Activism in the Contemporary Middle East

Political Science Department, DePaul University, Fall 2012- Winter 2013
Women and Politics
Middle East Politics
Introduction to International Relations