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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor of History Fall, 2005-present
School of History, Technology and Society, Georgia Institute of Technology,

EDUCATION

New York University

PhD in History and Middle East Studies, 2006.
General Examination Fields: Modern Middle Eastern History, Modern European History.

University of Chicago

MA in Middle East Studies, 1995.

Tufts University

BA, *magno con honore in thesi*, 1992. Concentration: English Literature and Political Science.
Year abroad at American University in Cairo.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Dean’s Small Research Grants	2011
Thank a Teacher Award, Georgia Tech	2008
ISERF Fellowship, Georgia Tech	2007, 2010
Georgia Tech Class of 1969 Teaching Fellowship	2006
New York University Dean’s Dissertation Grant	2002
NYU International Center for Advanced Studies Mellon Dissertation Grant	2001
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (Egypt)	2000
USIA Fulbright Grant (Egypt)	1999
Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS)	1997, 98

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Revolutionary Womanhood: Feminisms, Modernity and the State in Nasser’s Egypt (Forthcoming from Stanford University Press, September, 2011).

“The Family is a Factory: Gender, Citizenship and the Regulation of Reproduction in Post-War Egypt” *Feminist Studies*, 36:2 (Summer, 2010).

“Feminism, Solidarity and Identity in the Age of Bandung: Third World Women in the Egyptian Women’s Press” in *Making a World After Empire: The Bandung Moment and its Political Afterlives* (Ohio University Press, 2010).

“From Birth Control to Family Planning: Population, Gender, and the Politics of Reproduction in Egypt” in *Family in the Middle East: Ideational Change in Egypt, Iran, and Tunisia* edited by Katherine Yount and Hoda Rashad (New York: Routledge , 2008).

Modernity and the Other Woman: Depictions of Foreign Women in the Egyptian Women’s press, 1952-1967.” *Gender and History* Spring 2004.

UNREFEREED PUBLICATIONS

Review of Cathlyn Mariscotti, *Gender and Class in the Egyptian Women’s Movement in The International Journal of Middle East Studies* (Winter 2010).

Review of Elie Podeh and Onn Winckler (eds), *Rethinking Nasserism: Revolution and Historical Memory in Modern Egypt* in *The International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 39 (2007)

Review of Hind and Nadia Wassif, *Daughters of the Nile* in *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* Fall 2006 .

“The Emperor Has No Clothes: Class, Color and Transgression in the Films of Ahmed Zaki” in *Artenews* April 2006.

Review of Latifa Zayyat, *The Search in Hawwa* June, 2004.

Review of Nadje al-Ali, *Secularism, Gender and the State in the Middle East* in the *Arab Studies Journal*, Spring, 2003.

Review of Selma Botman, *Engendering Citizenship in Egypt in Civil Society*, March, 2000.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

“The Historical Roots Of Middle Eastern Conflicts: How the Middle East became “The Middle East” Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA, Sept. 14, 2009

“Recent Methodological and Theoretical Trends in the Production of Academic Knowledge on the Middle East” SSRC Workshop on The Production of Knowledge on World Regions: Internationalization, Inter-Disciplinarity and Boundary Crossing in Middle East, Russia/Eurasia and South Asia Studies on U.S. Campuses. CUNY Graduate Center, New York, June 14, 2007.

“Women and Organized Violence: Ambiguities, Dilemmas and Challenges: The Middle East” Workshop on Feminist Contestations on Gender and Political Violence, The New School for Social Research Graduate Faculty, March 9, 2004.

“Women in Egypt After the 1952 Revolution” Delivered at Nassau Community College, Feb. 7, 2002

Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

“Secularism and Intimacy: Gender, Law and Citizenship in 20th century Egypt” Delivered at the World Conference of Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain, July 19-24 2010.

“Gender and Secularism: Debating Family Law in 20th-century Egypt” Seminar on “The Decline of Secularism in Egypt” Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, BC Aug. 11-13, 2008.

“Gendering Rights in Nasser's Egypt: State Feminism and the Politics of Inclusion” Paper presented to the seminar “Gendered Rights and Human Rights,” Berkshire Conference for the History of Women, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, June 12-15, 2008.

“Recasting Secularism: Personal Status Debates in Nasser’s Egypt” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, Nov. 18-21, 2007.

“State Feminism and Decolonization: Egyptian Women and the Gender Politics of Nasserist Rule” Presented at seminar “Decolonization in the 20th Century” sponsored by the National History Center, Washington, D.C. July 6-Aug. 2, 2007

“Doctors, Dayas and Volunteers: Negotiating Family Planning in Egypt” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 2-5, 2006

“Socialism as Re-veiling: Creating a Post-colonial Public Sphere in Nasser’s Egypt” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC Nov, 2005.

“Family, Citizenship and the Politics of Reproduction in Egypt” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women June 2-5, 2005 at Scripps College, Claremont, CA.

“From Birth Control to Family Planning: Gender, Citizenship and the Politics of Reproduction in Egypt” Delivered at the Annual Middle East Studies Association Meeting (MESA), Washington, DC, Nov. 24, 2002.

“From Birth Control to Family Planning: Gender, Family and Nation in Nasserist Egypt” Delivered at workshop entitled: “Institutions, Ideology and Agency: Changing Family Life in the Middle East and Diaspora” sponsored by the University Center for International Studies at the University of Carolina, Chapel Hill, April 10-13, 2002.

“Our Sisters in Struggle: Non-Alignment, Afro-Asian Solidarity and National Identity in the Egyptian Women’s Press: 1952-1967” Presented at the International Center for Advanced Studies, New York University, March 22, 2002.

“Modernity and the Other Woman: Depictions of Foreign Women in the Egyptian Women’s press, 1952-1967” Delivered at the European Social Science History Conference, The Hague, Netherlands, Feb. 28, 2002.

“Prostitution and the Marriage Crisis: Bachelors and Competing Masculinities in 1930’s Egypt” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 18, 2001.

“From Mothers of the Nation to Daughters of the State: Gender, Citizenship and the National Family in Egypt.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Orlando, FL. Nov. 19, 2000.

“Gender and Citizenship in Egypt During the Nasser Period.” Presented at workshop entitled “New Approaches to History and Historiography” sponsored by the Working Group on Islam and Modernity, Wissenschaft Kolleg, Berlin, Germany. Sept. 24, 2000.

“National Liberation and the (Un)making of Women.” Presented at workshop entitled “Citizenship and its Discontents” sponsored by the University of Chicago and New York University, New York City, New York, May 21, 1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses Taught

History of Global Societies

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Spring, 2009; Summer 2009)

History of the Modern Middle East

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Fall 2005 and 2007; Spring 2006, 2010 Summer, 2010)
York College, Queens, NY (Fall, 2002)

Women and the Politics of Gender in the Middle East

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Fall 2005 and 2006; Spring 2008)

History of Islamic Societies

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Spring 2008)

Through Each other's Eyes: Narratives of Travel and Cultural Exchange in the Middle East an the Islamic World

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Fall 2007, 2010)

History of Women and Gender in the United States

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Spring 2007, 2008, Fall 2010)

Graduate Courses Taught

Topics in Global History

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Spring 2010)

History of Gender and Sexuality in Comparative Perspective

School of HTS, Georgia Tech (Fall 2008)

Problems in Middle East History

School of HTS, Georgia Tech, (Spring 2006)

Undergraduate Research Projects Supervised

“Women’s Issues in Contemporary Pakistan: Legacies and Challenges” Spring 2007

“Feminism, Islam and Modernity: An Annotated Bibliography” Fall 2006.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Grant Application Evaluator

The Department of Education, Fulbright Hays Group Projects Abroad: Near East and Eurasia Competition. 2007, 2008, 2010.

Consultant

The Middle East and North Africa Program, Social Science Research Council
June 2004-2005.

Researcher

Project on The Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures under supervision of Suad Joseph (Univ. of California-Davis) and Seteney Shami (Social Science Research Center). Feb, 2003 to 2005.

New York University

Graduate Student Mentor. Fall, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association,
Association of Middle East Women's Studies
The American Historical Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Modern Standard Arabic
Egyptian Colloquial Arabic
French (Reading)