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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2012 - Assistant Professor (tenure track)
Department of Women's and Gender Studies
Affiliated Faculty with the Middle East Studies, LGBT Studies Program and Native
American Studies Program
Syracuse University
- 2011 – 2012 Ruth Wynn Woodward Junior Chair and Assistant Professor (1 year, non-tenure
track)
Department of Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies
Simon Fraser University
- 2008 – 2011 Assistant Professor (three years, non-tenure track)
Department of Gender Studies and Arab Studies Program
Queen's University

EDUCATION

- 2009 PhD, English Literature, Queen's University
Dissertation Title: *The Politics of Legibility: Writing and Reading Contemporary Arab
American Women's Literature*
- 2003 MA, English Literature, Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Dissertation Title: *Reading Palestinian Women's Literature: The Self, the Nation and Its
Causes*
- 2001 BA, English Language and Literature, La Roche College, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1998 BA, English Literature, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan
(transfer to La Roche College)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming

“On Assumptive Solidarities in Comparative Settler Colonialisms.” *Feral Feminisms*.

“Introductory Pedagogies: Suggestions, Provocations, and Challenges for Teaching Women’s and Gender Studies Courses.” (with Beverly Guy-Sheftall, AnaLouise Keating, and Catherine Orr). *Atlantis: Critical Studies in Gender, Culture, and Social Justice*.

2013 “Gendered Violence, Cultural Otherness, and Honour Crimes in Canadian National Logics.” *Canadian Journal of Sociology*. 38. 4: 533-555.

2012 “From Jerusalem to the Grand River, Our Struggle are One’: Challenging Canadian and Israeli Settler Colonialism.” (with Mike Krebs). *The Journal of Settler and Colonial Studies*. 2. 2: 138-164.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Forthcoming

“On Community Accountability, Domestic Violence, and the Honor Crime” (with Harsha Walia). *Honor/Shame Related Violence in Canada*. Toronto: Pomegranate Tree Group.

2014 “Pedagogies of Solidarity in Suheir Hammad’s ‘First Writing Since’” in Zine, Jasmin and Lisa Taylor, eds. *Muslim Women, Transnational Feminism and the Ethics of Pedagogy: Contested Imaginaries in post-9/11 Cultural Practice*. New York: Routledge. 110-130.

“‘No Place in Canada’: Triumphant Discourses, Murdered Women, and the ‘Honor Crime’” in Gill, Aisha, Karl Roberts, and Carolyn Strange, eds. *In the Name of ‘Honor’: Responding to Violence Against Women From Socio-legal and Policing Perspectives*. London: Palgrave MacMillan. 218-236.

Review

2013 Review of Zakia Salime’s *Between Feminism and Islam: Human Rights and Sharia Law in Morocco. Societies Without Borders*. 8.1 (2013): 163-168.

Works in Progress

Traveling Discourses: Gender Violence and the Representational Politics of the ‘Honor Crime.’ (Book Manuscript; active interest from university press).

“Sexual Divestments from Empire: Women’s Studies, Institutional Feeling and the ‘Odious’ Machine.” (with Anna M. Agathangelou, Heather M. Turcotte, and Tamara L. Spira). Under Review at *Feminist Formations*.

“Knowledge Formations, Gendered Pedagogies, and Radical Imaginaries” (with Carol Fadda-Conrey). Abstract accepted to the *Journal of Islamophobia*. Full article manuscript due in March 2015.

“Palestine in American Studies: A Forum.” Invited Co-Convener and Co-Editor (with Rabab Abdulhadi). *American Quarterly*. December 2015.

Other Publications

Forthcoming

Decolonizing Funding for Indigenous Women’s Organizations: A Report Submitted to the Association for Women’s Rights in Development. (with Tamara Lea Spira; 65pgs)

2012 “Reframing the Discussion: Concluding Thought on the Forum on Muslim Feminisms.” (with Sophia Azeb). *The Feminist Wire*. August 5, 2012. <http://thefeministwire.com/2012/08/reframing-the-discussion-concluding-thoughts-on-the-forum-on-muslim-feminisms/>.

“Muslim Feminisms Forum: An Introduction.” (with Sophia Azeb; equal authors). *The Feminist Wire*. August 1, 2012. <http://thefeministwire.com/2012/08/muslim-feminisms-forum-an-introduction/>.

2010 “The Unfairness of Bill 94 Unveiled.” *Rabble*. May 12, 2010. <http://rabble.ca/news/2010/05/unfairness-bill-94-unveiled>.

HONORS, GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS

2014 - 2015 Palestinian American Research Council Fellowship
2014 Transnationalizing the LGBT Curriculum Grant
2014 Lillian Robinson Scholar Award, Simone de Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University
2011 – 2014 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
Research/Creation Grant
2011 Research Initiation Grant, Simon Fraser University
2011 Future of Minority Studies Post-Doctoral Fellow
2011 The Department of Gender Studies Teaching Award
Queen’s University
Syracuse University, Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
2010 – 2012 Teagle Feminist Civic Engagement Fellow, National Women Studies Association

2009 Research Initiation Grant, Queen’s University
2009 W. J. Barnes Teaching Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, Arts and
Science Undergraduate Society, Queen’s University
2007 – 2008 Society for Graduate and Professional Students Dean’s Award, Queen’s University
2007 The Graduate Dean’s Travel Grant, Queen’s University
2003 – 2008 Graduate Student Award, Queen’s University
2001 – 2003 *Pacem in Terris* Scholarship Award, Georgetown University
2001 Distinguished Graduated Award, La Roche College
1999 – 2001 *Pacem in Terris* Scholarship Award, La Roche College

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conferences

Forthcoming

Panelist, “The Stories we Tell/The Stories We Are: Examining Settler/Indigenous Artistic Collaborations” at The Ethics of Storytelling and the Experience of History in Contemporary Art Conference. Co-Panel Presenters: Dorit Naaman, Livia Alexander, Carla Taunton, and Heather Igloliorte. University of Tuku, Finland: June 4-6.

- 2014 Panelist and Panel Organizer, “Freedom for My Sisters’: Honor Killings, Transnational Solidarity, and the Politics of Resistance.” Co-panel presenters: Carol Fadda-Conrey, and Neelika Jayawardane. National Women Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico. November 15.

Panelist and Moderator, “Democratizing Knowledge, Collaborative Scholarship, and Anti-Colonial Struggles.” Co-panel presenters: Linda Carty, Hayley Cavino, Carol Fadda-Conrey, and Chandra Talpade Mohanty. National Women’s Studies Association Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico: November 15.

Panelist, “Emergent Solidarities, Feminist Investments, and the “Question” of Palestine.” Co-panel presenters: Robin Riley, Shaista Patel, Vanina Sztainbok. International Studies Association Conference. Toronto, Ontario: March 29.

Panelist, “Rethinking Alliance and Diasporic Indigenities.” Co-panel presenters: Scott Morgensen, Joanne Barker, Kent Lebsack, and Nada Elia. Transnational American Studies Conference, American University of Beirut. Beirut, Lebanon: January 6-9.

- 2013 Panelist, “Mobilizing Against Settler Colonialism: Idle No More and Allied Dissent.” Co-panel presenters: Lisa Hall, Mishauna Goeman, and Scott Morgensen. American Studies Association Conference. Washington, DC: November 21-24.

Panelist and Panel Organizer, “Rioting the Right: Examining the Mobilizations of White Settler Colonialisms.” Co-panel presenters: Aruna Boodram, Mike Krebs, and Shaista Patel. Critical Ethnic Studies Conference. Chicago, Illinois: September 21-23.

Panelist, “Rethinking ‘Universal Compassion’: Code Pink, Feminist Solidarity, and the Turn to Palestine.” Sex, Gender, and Empire Workshop. Liu Institute, University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia: March 18.

- 2012 Panelist, “The Politics of Dis/Counting Murdered Women in Canada.” Co-panel presenters: Heather Turcotte, Kim Miller, and Tamara Spira. National Women Studies Association Conference. Oakland, California: November 11.

Panelist, “Teaching the Middle East: Arab Uprisings, Global Alterations, and Radical Pedagogies” (with Carol Fadda-Conrey). Future Minority Studies Conference. Atlanta, Georgia: September 14.

Panelist, “The Honor Killing Industry.” Panel Title: “Anti Muslim Racisms.” Co-panel presenters: Sherene Razack and Sunera Thobani. Congress 2012 of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Waterloo, Ontario: May 28.

Panelist, “The Politics of Teaching Palestine.” Co-panel presenters: Abigail Bakan, Sheryl Nestel, and Mary-Jo Nadeau. Congress 2012 of the Humanities and Social Sciences. Waterloo, Ontario: May 30.

- 2011 Panelist, “A Breach in the Wall? Teaching Women’s and Gender Studies through a Transnational Lens.” National Women Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, Georgia: November 11.

Panelist, “Bodies that Matter in Death: Honor Killings and Canadian Racial Logics.” Ruth Wynn Woodward Lecture Series: Rethinking Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies. Department of Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies. Vancouver, British Columbia: March 17.

Panelist, “Turtle Island and Palestine: Forging Alliances Against Settler Colonialism.” Co-panel presenters: Andrea Smith, Nada Elia, and Scott Morgensen. Critical Ethnic Studies Association Conference, University of California, Riverside. Los Angeles, California: March 10. (in absentia)

Invited Academic Presentations

Forthcoming

Invited Panelist, “Linking Struggles Across Borders from Palestine to U.S.” To be presented on a panel on “Conflict in the Middle East: Religions, Politics, and Why Americans Should Care.” Al-Hindi Talk Series at Le Moyne College: April 16.

- 2014 Panelist, “Radical Pedagogies and the Gender Studies Curriculum.” Co-panel presenters: Beverly Guy-Sheftall, AnnaLouise Keating, Catherine M. Orr. National Women’s Studies Association Curriculum Institute. Cincinnati, Ohio: June 26-27.

Panelist, “Transnational Challenges to Global Empire: Cultivating Ethical Feminist Praxis.” Co-panel presenters: Amina Mama, Susy Zepeda, Paula Johnson, Chandra Talpade Mohanty, Linda Carty. Social Justice Initiative, University of California Davis. Davis, California: May 16.

Panelist and Facilitator, “Gendering Democracy.” Co-panel presenter: Chandra Talpade Mohanty. Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University: April 3.

- Panelist and Organizer, “Comparative Settler Colonialisms.” Co-panel presenters: Scott Morgensen, Jodi Byrd, and Hayley Calvino. Democratizing Knowledge Collective, Syracuse University: March 17
- Panelist, “‘Before she was murdered, she wasn’t alive’: Confronting Honor-Based Violence in Occupied Territories.” Simone De Beauvoir Institute, Concordia University. Montreal, Quebec: March 11.
- 2013 Panelist, “Listening to Scorched: Women, War and Resistance.” Co-panel presenters: Carol-Fadda Conrey, Neelika Jayawardane, Aisha Musa. Syracuse Stage. Syracuse, New York: October 26.
- Facilitator, “A Workshop on Challenges of Feminist Research.” Women’s Studies Center, University of Jordan. Amman, Jordan: July 31.
- Panelist and Organizer, “Islam in the Academy: Challenging Orientalism.” Co-panel presenters: Carol Fadda-Conrey, Amy Kallander, and Farhana Sultana. Democratizing Knowledge. Syracuse University: April 19.
- Panelist, “Feminist Perspectives on Living a Rhetorical Life in a Transnational World.” Co-panel presenters: Rebecca Dingo, Timothy Dougherty, Anna Hensley, and Eileen Schell. Composition and Cultural Rhetoric Graduate Circle. Composition and Cultural Rhetorics Department, Syracuse University: March 22.
- Invited Presenter, “Beyond Rescue: Murdered Muslim Women, Gendered Violence, and Transnational Linkages.” Muslim Societies, Global Perspectives Initiative and Cultural Studies Program. Queen’s University. Kingston, Ontario: February 6.
- 2012 Invited Presenter, “Mapping the Strange and the Familiar in the Shafia ‘Honor Killing’ Trial” Center for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies. Simon Fraser University. Burnaby, British Columbia: March 7.
- Panelist, “Settler Colonialism and Regimes of Sexual and Gendered Violence.” Co-panel participants: Glen Coulthard and Mike Krebs. Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, British Columbia: March 5.
- Panelist and Organizer, “Gendered Colonialisms and the Politics of the Honor Crime.” Panel on Gendered Colonialisms: Violence and the Canadian State. Co-panel participants: Jasmin Zine, Denise Nadeau, and Nadia Fadil. Simon Fraser University. Burnaby, British Columbia: Feb 3.
- Panelist, “Muslim Feminisms: Reflections on Muslim Feminist Theory and the State of Women’s Rights.” Rhizome Café. Vancouver, British Columbia: January 20.
- Panelist, “Sex-Gender Liberation Panel Discussion.” Co-panel participants: Silvia Federici, Anastasia Gaisenok, Alex Mah & Downtown Eastside Power of Women Group. Tragedy of the Market: From Crisis to Commons Burnaby, British Columbia: January 5.

2011 Invited Presenter, “Killed in Canada; Remembered in Israel: Mapping the Geopolitics of the ‘Aqsa Parvez Memorial Grove’”. Centre for Race, Autobiography, Gender, and Age. The University of British Columbia. Vancouver, British Columbia: November 1.

Panelist, “New Tricks, Old Hat: Pinkwashing, Islamophobia, and the Honor Crime Industry.” Thinking about 9/11 Ten Years After: First Annual Middle East and Beyond Symposium. Le Moyne College. Syracuse, New York: September 22.

Panelist, “Between Honor Killings and ‘Culturally Driven’ Violence: The Racial Logics of Canadian Multicultural Discourses.” Co-panel presenters: Carol Fadda-Conrey and Leila Farah. Future of Minority Studies Symposium. Department of Women and Gender Studies, Syracuse University. Syracuse, New York: April 12.

Invited Presenter, “Bodies that Matter in Death: Honor Killings and Canadian Racial Logics.” Ruth Wynn Woodward Lecture Series: Rethinking Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies. Vancouver, British Columbia: March 17.

2010 Invited Presenter, “Feminist Solidarity and the Question of Palestine.” Gender Studies Brown Bag. Queen’s University. Kingston, Ontario: September 24.

Panelist and Organizer, “Thinking Through Bill 94.” Co-panel presenters: Beverly Baines and Mona Rahman. The Kingston Coalition Against Bill 94. Frontenac Public Library. Kingston, Ontario: April 27.

Panelist, “Transnational Popular Resistance for Palestine.” Co-panel participants: Dorit Naaman and Gabriel Ash. Queen’s University. Kingston, Ontario: March 3, 2010.

TEACHING

Syracuse University

Undergraduate

Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies

Transnational Feminist Studies

Feminist Inquiries

Gender, Sexuality, and Islam

Feminisms, Sexualities, and Human Rights in Middle Eastern Societies

Feminist Theory

Women and Gender in the Arab World

Graduate

Gender, Sexuality, and Islam

Practices of Transnational Feminism

Feminist Theory

Simon Fraser University

Undergraduate

Mapping Homes and Homelands
Debates on Feminism and Islam
Theoretical Issues in Women's Studies

Graduate

Feminist Theory

Queen's University

Undergraduate

Contemporary Women's Fictions
Contemporary Feminist Thought
Gender, Diaspora and the Arts

Graduate

Transnational Theories of Race, Gender, and Sexuality

STUDENT ADVISING AND MENTORING

Undergraduate Senior Graduate Project Supervisor

Ben Aaron, Women's and Gender Studies, Syracuse University

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Reader

Meredith Jeffers, English Textual Studies and Women's and Gender Studies, Syracuse University
Rebecca Waghorne, Women's and Gender Studies, Syracuse University

Ph.D. Dissertation Committee Member

Nicole Ngyuen, Cultural Foundations of Education, Syracuse University (Filed 03/14)
Sarah Barkin, Department of English, Syracuse University
Mohammed Abdo, Cultural Studies, Queen's University

MA Dissertation Committee Member

Ayca Tomac, Department of Gender Studies, Queen's University (Filed 09/11)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Syracuse University

University Level Service

2015-2017 Elected Member, Faculty Senate
2015 Elected Member, Middle East Studies Program Governing Committee
2013- Member, Democratizing Knowledge Collective
2014-2015 Representative for Women's and Gender Studies, Humanities Council

2013-2015 Representative for Middle East Studies Program, Humanities Council
2013-2014 Member, Chair Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences
2013-2014 Lower Division Faculty Advisor, College of Arts and Science

Department Level Service

2015 Member, Ad-Hoc Governance Committee
2013-2015 Member, Undergraduate Curricular Committee
2013-2014 Member, WGS Graduate Student Essay Prize
2013-2014 Member, WGS Job Search Committee
2012-2013 Member, Awards Committee
2012-2013 Member, Teaching Associate Selection Committee

Queen's University

University Level Service

2008-2011 Program Advisor, Arabic Language
2008-2011 Member, Queen's Faculty Coalition Against Racism
2008-2010 Member, Languages Minor Committee, Faculty of Arts and Science
2008-2011 Faculty-Student Mentor, Faculty-Student Mentorship Program for Self Identified Racialized Students
2010-2011 Member, Senate Library Committee

Department Level Service

2008-2011 Member, Academic Planning Committee
2008-2011 Member, Department Committee
2008-2011 Member, Curriculum Committee
2008-2011 Member, Oslo-Exchange Committee
2008-2011 Member, Ad-Hoc Sexual and Gender Diversity Curriculum Review Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Review

Wilfred Laurier University Press

Journal Review

Journal of Diverse Sexualities
The Canadian Geographer
Tulsa Journal in Women's Literature
Social Inclusion
The Minnesota Review
Antipode: A Journal of Radical Geography
Gender and Society
Mosaic: A Journal for the Interdisciplinary Study of Literature

Reviewer for Grant Application

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Insight Grant

Conference Reviewer

National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference

Book Endorsement

Min Fami: Arab Feminist Reflections on Identity, Space, and Resistance. Toronto: Inanna Publishing, 2014.

RESEARCH AND NON-GOVERNMENT POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Consultant and Independent Researcher, Association for Women's Rights in Development (Toronto, Canada), conduct research on the status of funding for indigenous women's organizations, prepare report on findings and present research questions at the International Funders for Indigenous People's World Summit on Indigenous Philanthropy, 2014.

Consultant, National Women's Studies Association (Maryland, USA), conduct and lead workshop and national institute on feminist pedagogies, advise on the women's and gender studies curriculum, assist with course syllabi construction, 2014.

Gender Consultant, American Bar Association (Amman, Jordan), conducting research on women's and gender studies departments in Jordan, produced report on status of the Center for Women's Studies at the University of Jordan and the Princess Basma Center for Women Studies at Yarmouk University, lead faculty and student seminars on feminist research and methodologies, 2013 and 2014

UN Women (New York, USA), Fund for Gender Equality, Translator, translated applications for the Arab States grant-cycle for \$68 million fund supporting women's NGOs worldwide), 2011–2012

MEDIA & PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Radio Interviews

2013 Interview with Hana Kawwas for *Voice of Palestine on Vancouver Cooperative Radio*:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW6XINFOQqA>.

2012 "Canada and Israel Part II" on *Indigenous Politics: From Native New England and Beyond with J Kēhaulani Kauanui*: <http://www.indigenouspolitics.com/?p=64>.

2011 "Bodies that Matter: Honor Killings and Canadian Racial Logics on *Latin Waves with Silvia and Stuart Richardson*":
<http://previous.ncra.ca/exchange/dspProgramDetail.cfm?programID=118417>.

2010 "Dana Olwan on Quebec's Bill 94" on *Caravan with Sama Elibyari for CKUT News*:
<https://ckutnews.wordpress.com/2010/05/>.