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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Political Science

Wayne State University, Michigan

February 2019: Master of Arts, MA

Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (MESAAS)

Columbia University in the City of New York, New York

April 2015: Master of Public Administration and Policy, MPA

The University of Michigan, Michigan

April 2003: Dual Bachelor of Arts in Political Science & Sociology, Concentration in International Relations

The University of Michigan, Michigan

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

- A competent and dedicated intellectual with advanced knowledge in the field of Political Science and Middle Eastern Studies grounded in social theory and moral philosophy. A sensible educator in search for a College Lecturer position espousing a pragmatic and interdisciplinary approach with an exemplary work track record and myriad expertise in teaching, organizational management, and optimizing community relations.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| ✓ Critical Thinker & Superb Lecturer | ✓ Outstanding Technical Leadership & Conflict Resolutions Skills |
| ✓ Excellent Research Qualifications | ✓ Strong Administrative and Strategic Planning Skills |
| ✓ Substantive Expertise in Course and Program Development | ✓ Program Assessment Performance Measures |
| ✓ Detailed Oriented & Progressively Responsible | ✓ Knowledge in Financial and Budget Supervision |
| ✓ Substantive Expertise in non-for-profit Program Development | ✓ Mastery in Grant Writing |
| ✓ Exceptional Communication and Community Relation Qualifications | ✓ Proficient Staff Recruitment and Training Abilities |
| | ✓ Multi-Cultural Background |
| | ✓ Bilingual (Arabic & English) |

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. | August, 2003 to Present

- Reader/Grader

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Columbia University, New York, NY. | September 2016 to May 2018

- Mentored undergraduate students in various social science disciplines
- Provided student support, conflict resolution, and leadership across diverse departmental programs
- Reader/Grader
- Fostered relations with academia, research institutes, and non-for-profit organizations to sustain grass-root knowledge of relevant issues concerning the Middle East
- Managed and reviewed research data including statistical analysis
- MESAAS Academic Conference Organizer

Executive Director, Arab American Heritage Council, Flint, Mich. | April 2007 to August 2016

- Represented the Arab-American and other minority communities on both local and national levels
- Developed and implemented educational and cultural programs that address emerging community needs
- Advanced community partnerships and established sound working relationships with community organizations, educational institutions, and business
- Successfully implemented the organization's set goals and mission
- Conducted several cultural sensitivity training programs and workshops
- Conducted a community needs assessment study and implementation proposal
- Developed both long and short-term organizational strategic plans
- Developed program assessment measures and produced comprehensive reports identifying strengths and weaknesses for the Board of Director's review
- Maintained official records and legal documents and ensured compliance with federal, state, and local regulations
- Mobilized and coordinated resources across multiple programs and community partners
- Ensured the financial stability and growth of the organization through various fund development methods such as fundraising, grant writing, and the cultivation of individual donors
- Equally promoted positive perception and participation of community members in the organization's established programs and advocacy efforts/events
- Participated in policy dialogue with government officials and stake holders across the nation
- Issued several press releases and conducted interviews with various media outlets

Internship, Congressman Dale Kildee, Flint, Mich. | December 2002 to June 2003

- Interviewed constituents and worked on immigration casework
- Communicated with US Embassies and Government Offices on behalf of constituents

SELECTED COURSE WORK AND PUBLICATIONS

Relevant Course Work

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| ✓ History of Social Thought | ✓ The History of the Modern Middle East |
| ✓ Contemporary Political Ideologies | ✓ Postcolonial Theory |
| ✓ American National Government & Politics | ✓ Nationalism in the Middle East |
| ✓ Civil Liberties & the Constitution | ✓ Rethinking Middle East Politics |
| ✓ Law & Administrative Process | ✓ Readings in Modern Islamic Texts |
| ✓ International Relations & Human Rights Law | ✓ Political & Global Economy |
| ✓ Comparative World Politics | ✓ Theory and Methods |
| ✓ Race & Ethnic Relations | ✓ Practicum in Research Design & Applied Research |
| ✓ Revolutions: Future Past? | ✓ Philosophic Problems of Social and Political Inquiry |
| ✓ Civil War & Conflict Processes | ✓ Psychoanalysis, Identity and Culture |

Published Works in Scholarly Refereed Journals

- Mona Tareh-Sahouri. *On the Violence of Self-Determination: The Palestinian Refugee as the Ontological Other*. Published in Arab Studies Quarterly, January 2020

Additional Academic Works

- *Narrative Fragmentations: Illusions of Representational Rights*, Wayne State University (2021)

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- *Mapping the Path to the South Sudanese Independence: On the Colonial Roots of Socio-Political and Economic Grievances*, Wayne State University (2020)
 - *Contemporary Revolutions In the Arab World: Between Anti-Colonial Past and “Post-Colonial” Present*, Columbia University (2019)
 - *On the Meaning of Self-Determination: The Reaches and Limitations of International Law*, Columbia University (2019)
 - *Rethinking Economic Development in Middle East Politics: Egypt as a Case Study*, Columbia University (2017)
 - *Revolutionary Islam: A Re-Invention of Arab Nationalism?* Columbia University (2017)
 - *The Iranian Revolution: Between Tradition and Modernity*, Columbia University (2016)
 - *Arab and Muslim Americans and the Flint Water Crisis: A Case Study*, The Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (2016), Research Participant
 - *From Palestine to America: Making the Case for African Americans As Political Prisoners Under International Law*, The University of Michigan (2015)
 - *Organizational Ethics and Technological Rationality: An Archeology*, The University of Michigan (2014)
 - *On the Administration and Procurement Policies of Grants*, The University of Michigan (2014)
 - *Politics, Policy, and Public Administration: Problematizing Equal Access to Education*, The University of Michigan (2014)
 - *Privatizing Prisons: Between the Abstract and the Real*, The University of Michigan (2013)
 - *The State and Transnational Networks: Winners and Losers in Global Economy*, The University of Michigan (2013)
 - *The Hidden Crisis: Improving the Life Chances of Genesee County’s Vulnerable Youth*, The Community Foundation of Greater Flint, Mich (2011), Research Participant

EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Lectures and Public Speaking Engagements

- *Question Framing: Setter Colonialism vs. Apartheid*, On-Line Presentation, Clubhouse (2021)
- *Seeing Like the State*, On-Line Presentation, Wayne State University (2020)
- *South meets North: On Women and Girl Empowerment. The African American Women Association, Flint, Mich (2016), International Women’s Day Event, Keynote Speaker*
- *America in Comparative World Perspective*, The University of Michigan, Flint, Mich (2016), Guest Lecturer
- *Women in Power Conference*, Flint’s Community Development Corporation P.A.P.A.S, Flint, Mich (2016), Keynote Speaker
- *Phenom Fire: Womanism and Female Fusion, An International Cross-Cultural Symposium*, the University of Michigan-Flint, Mich (2015), Keynote Speaker
- *The Role of Language in Identity Formation and Narration*, The University of Michigan-Flint, Mich (2015), Guest Lecturer
- *Reimagining Women in Diversity*, The University of Michigan, Flint (2015), Guest Lecturer
- *On the Racial Profiling of Arab Americans Post 9/11*, Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust, Flint, Mich (2014), Keynote Speaker
- *Intercultural Leadership Seminar*, the International Center at the University of Michigan, Flint, Mich (2014), Panelist
- *Arab Americans and the War on Terror: What Civil Libraries?* The University of Michigan-Flint, Mich (2013), Guest Lecturer
- *Hate Crime and Community Tensions Symposium*, The University of Michigan-Flint, Mich (2013), Keynote Speaker
- *Transformative Leadership, Development Training Program for Undergraduate Students*, Flint Rotary Club (2012-2015), Program Chair and Mentor

Program Development and Administration

- *Syria and the Rise of ISIS with Professor and Historian Juan Cole*, The Arab American Heritage Council and the University of Michigan-Flint Thompson Library, Flint, Mich (2016)

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- *The National Arab-American Advocacy Week*, The National Network for Arab American Communities, Washington, D.C. (2008-2016)
 - *The Arab-American Summit: From Marginalized to Organized*, The National Network for Arab American Communities, Dearborn, MI (2015)
 - *Honoring Our Heritage: The Co-Created Histories of Flint's Arab American Community*, the Arab American Heritage Council Flint, Mich and the Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, Mich (2015-2016)
 - *Immigration Reform Workshop. A collaboration with Congressman Dan Kildee*, The Arab American Heritage Council, Flint, Mich (2014)
 - *The General's Son: Journey of an Israeli in Palestine*. Speaking and Book Signing Event, the University of Michigan-Flint's Thompson Library, Flint, Mich (2013)
 - *Affordable Health Care Workshop: Understanding the New Changes*, Flint, Mich (2013)
 - *The Role of Media in the Arab Spring with Journalist Zeina Awad of Al Jazeera English*, Mott Community College and the University of Michigan-Flint, Mich (2012)
 - *Health Fair: Real Health for a Whole Community*, the Arab American Heritage Council & Mott Community College, Flint, Mich (2011-2014)
 - *Annual Arab Art and Film Series*, the Arab American Heritage Council, Flint, Mich (2011-2016)
 - *Annual Diversity Summer Camp*, the Arab American Heritage Council, Flint, Mich (2012-2015),
 - *Annual Arab American Service Day*, the Arab American Heritage Council, Flint, Mich (2009-2016)

SELECT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- The Arab American Heritage Council, Vice President
- The University of Michigan - Flint Chancellor's Citizens Advisory Committee, Member
- The University of Michigan- Flint, Go Blue on the Bricks Organizing Committee, Member
- The National Network for Arab American Communities (NNAAC), Advisory Board Chair
- #TakeOnHate National Campaign (a NNAAC initiative), Founding Member
- The National Arab American Advocacy Week, Organizing Member and Participant, Washington, DC, (2010-2015)
- Center for Arab American Philanthropy, Outreach Committee Member
- McLaren-Flint, Foundation Board Member
- Mott Community College, Ballenger Lecture Series Committee, Member
- Flint's Mayor Office, Hate Crime Task Force Committee, Member
- United Way of Genesee County, Strengthening Families Steering Committee, Member
- 2010 Census, Complete Count Committee, Member
- Genesee County Medical Society, Legislative Chairperson
- Organized and hosted multiple fundraising events with community leaders and key policy makers

INTERVIEWS

- *Settling In*, PBS Documentary (Premiered on 2/28/15)
- *Islam Refined, a published interview*, My City Magazine, Flint, Mich. (2015)
- *Cover Page Interview*, Courageous Woman Magazine (2015), *Q & A with the Executive Director of the Arab American Heritage Council*, Flint, Mich

CERTIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Immigration Legal Resource Center, Certificate in Immigration Law (2015)
- United States Department of Justice, Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA), Accredited Representative (2015-2016)

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- Advanced Leadership and Not-For-Profit Education Training, Program Certificate (2015)
 - Rotary Club, Flint, MI, Member
 - Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society, Member
 - Phi Alpha Theta, History Honor Society, Member

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2015 Recipient of the Michigan's Campus Compact Heart and Soul Award
- 2015 Recipient of University of Michigan-Flint Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL) Award
- 2015 Flint's Community Development Corporation P.A.P.A.S. Women In Power (WIP) Award
- 2011 The University of Michigan- Flint Distinguished Alumni Award
- 2011 YWCA Women of Achievement Award

REFERENCES

Available upon request