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Department of Political Science
College of the Holy Cross

Employment, College of the Holy Cross

Director, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies concentration (2021-2023)

Chair, Political Science Department, 2015-8

Associate Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 2005 – present

Assistant Professor of Political Science, College of the Holy Cross, 1998 – 2004

Director, Peace and Conflict Studies Program, Holy Cross, 2003-5, 2007-11, 2012-13

Education

Columbia University, New York City, NY

Ph.D. in Political Science, February 2000

Dissertation: "Religious Nationalism 101: How State Educational Systems Strengthened Religious Nationalist Movements in Colonial-Era Egypt, North India, and Indonesia"

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo, 1989-1990
(intensive year-long, non-degree Arabic program)

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

B.A. in Political Science, 1989

Publications

"The Changing Face of Women's Political Participation in the Middle East," The Monkey Cage blog, with Marc Lynch and Lauren Baker, *Washington Post*, May 10, 2016

“Why Egyptians Have Mobilized Against Public Sexual Violence,” The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, April 6, 2016

“Women’s Rights Movements During Political Transitions: Activism Against Public Sexual Violence in Egypt,” (contribution to the roundtable “After the ‘Spring’: New Patterns of Grassroots Politics?”), *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 47, January 2015

“Arab Youth Activism for Gender Equality,” The Monkey Cage blog, *Washington Post*, November 10, 2014

“Labor Movements and Organizations,” chapter in *The Arab Uprisings Explained: New Contentious Politics in the Middle East*, ed. Marc Lynch, (Columbia University Press, September 2014)

“New President, Old Patterns of Sexual Violence,” Middle East Report Online, July 7, 2014

“Political Science,” Amaney Jamal and Vickie Langohr, *Encyclopedia of Woman and Islamic Cultures: Disciplinary Paradigms and Approaches, 2003-2013*, ed. Suad Joseph, (Brill: Leiden, 2013), 269-281

“This is Our Square: Fighting Sexual Assaults at Cairo Protests,” *Middle East Report*, Vol. 13, Fall 2013

“The Improvement of Women’s Rights in the Arab World: The Importance of Governing Authorities,” Vickie Langohr and Amaney Jamal, in *Governance in the Middle East and North Africa: A Handbook*, ed. Abbas Kadhim, (Routledge, 2012)

“Strong NGOs Are Vital to Protect Women,” (commentary on protection of women’s rights in the draft Egyptian constitution), *Egypt Independent*, November 26, 2012

“The Muslim Brotherhood and Girls’ and Women’s Rights in Egypt,” in *Islam: Islamist Movements and Democracy in the Middle East*, eds. Rajeev Kumar and Navaz Nizar, (New Delhi: Global Vision Publishing House, 2012)

Conferences and Presentations

“Factors Affecting State Action on Public Sexual Harassment: Egypt in Comparative Perspective & Theory-Building,” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Montreal, November 2-5, 2023

“Conditions for Fighting Violence Against Women: The Case of Sexual Harassment in Egypt,” American Political Science Association annual conference, August 28-31, 2023 (panel held online rather than in-person in Los Angeles in compliance with the request made to APSA by striking UNITE HERE hotel workers to move the conference to another city or online). I organized the panel on which this paper appeared, titled “Activism Against, and Accountability for, Sexual Violence in the Global South”

“The Brave Woman and The Protective State: Egyptian TV Narratives on Criminal Prosecution of Sexual Harassment,” Institute of Women’s Studies ninth annual conference, Bir Zeit University (West Bank, Palestine), June 17, 2023

“The Brave Woman and The Protective State: Egyptian TV Narratives on Criminal Prosecution of Sexual Harassment,” Gender, Law and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa, conference sponsored by the Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World, Harvard Law School, May 3, 2023

“Gendering the Run-Up to Revolution: Anti-Harassment Activism in Egypt in the Last Years of Mubarak,” Middle East Studies Association annual conference (online due to COVID), October 16, 2020

“Fighting Violence Against Women: The Role of New Youth Activists and Established Feminist Organizations in Fighting Sexual Harassment in Egypt and Tunisia,” Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November 15-18, 2019

“Media Openings in Political Transitions and Women’s Rights: The Case of Egypt,” American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, August 31-September 4, 2016

“Constrained but Continuous: Social Activism Under Sisi,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 18-20, 2016

Co-organized, with Marc Lynch, “Women in the Middle East Political Sphere After the Uprisings” workshop, March 10, 2016, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. The proceedings were published as Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Studies No. 19, “Women and Gender in Middle East Politics”

Talks

“Feminist Activism During Political Transitions: Fighting Sexual Harassment in Post-Mubarak Egypt,” Providence College, November 2, 2016

“Women’s Rights After the Arab Uprisings,” at the workshop “The Arab Uprisings Explained: A Half-Day Conference,” George Washington University, October 3, 2014
“Sexual Assault, Activism, and the Cairo Protests,” Sidore Lecture Series, Center for the Humanities, University of New Hampshire, September 29, 2014

“Women, Revolution, and War: A Conversation on Upheaval in the Arab World” panel discussion, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, April 24, 2014

"Complicating the Question of Women's Rights in the Middle East," as part of the New Hampshire International Seminar series at the University of New Hampshire, November 18, 2010

“How Secularizing Colonial Education Systems Helped Spread Religious Movements – If Not Always Their Beliefs – in Egypt and North India,” Seminar Series on Islam in the Modern World organized by the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, February 26, 2008

Courses Taught

Social Lives of Muslim Youth

U.S. Policy in the Muslim World (also titled “U.S. Policy at Home & Abroad”)

Middle East Politics

Democratization and Women’s Rights, as a seminar and a lecture course

Honors Seminar: Political and Social Life in the Muslim World

Introduction to Comparative Politics

Democratization

Politics of the Middle East
Religion and Politics: Middle East
Nationalism
Religion and Politics
Honors Seminar: Religion and Nationalism

Service to the Profession

Member of the Middle East Studies Association Committee on Academic Freedom, North America wing (responds to violations of the academic freedom of faculty teaching on the Middle East in the U.S. and Canada), November 2023-present

Member of the board of directors, *Middle East Report*, February 2019 – present

Member of the steering committee of the Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS). POMEPS, based at George Washington University, seeks to increase the influence of academic studies of Middle East politics on U.S. policymaking and to strengthen the study of Middle East politics; it is funded by grants from foundations including the Carnegie Corporation and the Henry Luce Foundation. Fall 2014-2017.

Member of the Committee on Academic Freedom of the Middle East Studies Association, 2013 - November 2019 (researching and writing letters to governments on human rights abuses against academics, particularly in Egypt)

Discussant, American Political Science Association – Middle East and North Africa Political Science Research and Publication Conference (discussing and shepherding to publication work by graduate students and early career Ph.D.s in political science, largely from the MENA region), Tunis, July 25- 27, 2017

