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**Education:**

B.S.- Foreign Service, Georgetown University, May, 1984  
Major: International Economics; Certificate in German Studies  
M.S.- Agricultural Economics, University of California, Davis, Dec. 1988  
Ph.D.- Economics, University of California, Davis, Feb, 1994  
Fields: Labor, Development, Operations Research  
Dissertation Title: "Family Investment in Human Capital -  
Education and Migration among Bethlehem Area Palestinians"  
Committee: Robert Triest, J.Edward Taylor, Peter Lindert

**Professional Employment:**

2017 – present Founder and Co-Director of the Social Impact Semester, Drew U. Madison NJ  
2012 – present Professor of Economics  
Director of Middle East Studies  
2013 – 2014 Gender Advisor, UN Population Fund (UNFPA) New York, NY  
Major Contributor to UNFPA Strategic Plan development  
Implemented Gender Equality Marker (GEM) within UN System Wide Action Plan (SWAP)  
Produced GEM Guidance Note  
Advanced Work on the Cost of Inaction  
Expert Meeting Organized  
Panel Organized for International Association for Feminist Economics IAFPE  
2008 – 2012 Chair, Dept of Economics, Drew University, Madison, NJ  
2004 – 2012 Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Drew University, Madison, NJ  
2003 - 2004 Associate Professor, Dept. of Econ., Sonoma State U., Rohnert Park, CA  
2000 - 2003 Visiting Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics, Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA  
1998 - 2000 Economist, US Dept. Of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Washington, DC  
1997 - 1998 Visiting Asst. Professor, Dept. of Women's Studies, U. of California, Riverside, CA  
1996 - 1997 Visiting Asst. Professor, Dept. of Economics, American University, Washington, DC  
1993 - 1997 Assistant Professor, Dept. of Economics, University of Michigan, Flint, MI  
1990 - 1993 Research Fellow, Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation, Davis, CA  
1985 - 1990 Teaching/Research Assistant, University of California, Davis, CA  
1988 Researcher, Arab Studies Society, Jerusalem

**Languages:**

English (Native), German (High Intermediate Spoken and Written), Italian (High Intermediate Spoken and Written), French (Intermediate Spoken and Written), Arabic (Intermediate Spoken, some Written)

### Consultancies:

- 2014 to present UN Women, New York, NY  
Lead consultant on roll-out of Gender Equality Marker (GEM) as part the UN's System Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (SWAP)  
2023 - GEM adoption of the 7<sup>th</sup> Data Standard by the UN System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB)  
Major contributor - High Level Task Force Report on Financial Tracking  
Background paper on financial tracking and financial targets  
Gender Equality Marker Coding Guidance  
Staff Survey and Exit Interview
- 2018 to 2020 UN Development Program (UNDP)  
Lead author on analysis of livelihoods component of the Syria response – see below.  
Interviewed UN and NGO staff about gender and livelihoods challenges and opportunities related to the Syria response.
- 2015 to 2020 ESCWA, Beirut, Lebanon  
Major contributor to report on gender and ITC – see below.  
Major contributor to report on child marriage – see below.  
Background paper on gender and conflict in Arab region  
Background paper on child marriage and conflict in Arab region
- 2018 to 2019 Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung  
Feminist Critique of Neoliberalism in the MENA Region
- 2014 UNFPA, New York, NY  
Gender analysis of SG Synthesis report on Post-2015  
Conceptual framework - gender, employment and SRHR
- 2009 – 2013 UNDP, New York, NY  
Household structure, gender and poverty for four Arab countries  
Adapted Gender Economics Master's curriculum to Arab region
- 2003, 2004 World Bank, Washington DC
- 1997 - 1998 RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, CA

### Other Short Term Appointments:

- 2006 - 2011 Instructor in International Affairs, New School U., New York, NY  
(Graduate courses taught in Summers of 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011)
- 2010 Advisor/Peer Reviewer, World Bank, Washington DC
- 2008 – 2010 Advisor, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York, NY
- 1996 - 1997 Visiting Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Inst., Wash., DC

### Field Research Experience:

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|---|--------------|
| Interviews w/Syria response policy makers & service providers, Jordan, Lebanon      | 2018/2019    |
| Designed and implemented survey of Arab women in computing project                  | 2015/2016    |
| Qualitative interviews with Arab women in computing                                 | 2015 to 2019 |
| Assisted in design and implementation of self-employment survey in Iran             | Summer 2011  |
| Carried out in-depth, open-ended interviews with Palestinians in the Bethlehem area | Summer 2005  |
| Collected secondary data and interviewed Egyptian government officials              | 1996/1997    |
| Carried out in-depth, open-ended interviews with women in Bethlehem region-         | Summer 1994  |
| Designed and carried out household survey in the Occupied Territories               | 1990/1991    |

### Grants And Awards:

Periclean Faculty Leadership grant.  
American Center of Oriental Research  
Social Entrepreneurship NY Semester  
Carnegie Corporation  
Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA)  
Periclean Faculty Leadership grant.  
Gender Economic Research and Policy Analysis (GERPA)  
Center for Arab Women Training and Research  
Palestinian American Research Council (PARC)  
Economic Research Forum (ERF)  
Economic Research Service, US Dept. of Agriculture  
University of Michigan  
University of Michigan  
U. of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) -  
Course development grant 2024  
Research Grant - 2018  
Program development grant - 2016  
Workshop Grant - 2011  
Research Grant - 2010  
Course development grant - 2010  
Pre-proposal Grant - 2009  
Paper Selected for Award - 2005  
Research Grant - 2004-2005  
Research Grant - 2004-2006  
Research Assistant Support - 1999  
Faculty Development Grant - 1995  
Faculty Development Grant - 1994  
MacArthur Fellowship - 1992/1993  
Dissertation Fellowship - 1991/1992  
International Fellowship - 1990/1991

### Journal Articles:

US Militarism and Sisyphean “Aid” to Israel/Palestine, *Review of Radical Political Economics*. 2025.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/04866134251334443>

Class grievances before and after the Arab uprisings. With Bassam Yousif. *Third World Quarterly*, 45(13):1981–2000. 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01436597.2024.2401870>

Care labor, intergenerational equity, and (social) sustainability, *Review of Social Economy*, 82(1):51-75. 2024. DOI: [10.1080/00346764.2021.1964586](https://doi.org/10.1080/00346764.2021.1964586)

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Gendered Economic Well-being in Post-Conflict Contexts. with Caitlin Killian. *Review of Radical Political Economics* 55(1): 147–165. 2023.  
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/04866134221127728?journalCode=rrpa>

Gendered Socio-Economic Integration: Lessons From the Syria Response. With Caitlin Killian. *Journal of Peacebuilding & Development*, 18(3), 341-346. 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15423166231201121>

Mandated Benefits and Gendered Wage Gaps: Evidence from Israel, with Edward Sayre, *Feminist Economics*, 2022. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13545701.2022.2044499>

Introduction: Gender, Economics and Muslim Communities, with Elora Shehabuddin and Ebru Kongar, Special issue of *Feminist Economics*, 20(4):1-32, 2014.

Choice and Constraint in Paid Work: Women From Low-Income Households in Iran, with Roksana Bahramitash, *Feminist Economics*, 20(4):260-280, 2014.

Motivated migrants: (Re)framing Arab women's experiences, with Caitlin Killian and Alexis Doyle (former student), *Women's Studies International Forum*, 35(6):432–446, 2012.

Norms, Economic Conditions and Household Formation: A Case Study of the Arab World, *History of the Family*, 16(4): 401-415, 2011.

Post-Oslo Palestinian (Un)Employment: A Gender, Class, and Age Cohort Analysis, *Economics of Peace and Security Journal*, 3(2):33-38, 2008.

Gender, Aging and the Evolving Arab Patriarchal Contract, *Feminist Economics* 11(2):53-78, 2005  
Reprinted in *Warm Hands in a Cold Age: Gender and Aging*, edited by Nancy Folbre, Lois Shaw and Irene van Staveren, Routledge, 2006

Is Paid Work The (Only) Answer? Neoliberalism, Arab Women's Well-Being, and the Social Contract, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 2(1): 112-139, 2005 Translated into Arabic and reprinted as: "Hal al-'Amal al-Majur Huwa al-'Ijaba (al-Wahida)? Al-Libraliyya al-Jadida, Rafah al-Mar'at al-'Arabiyya wa al-'Aqd al-Ijtima'i", in *Nahw Dirasat al-Nuw`fi al-'Ulum al-Siyyasiyya* (Gender and Political Science Reader), Cairo: al-Mar'at wa al-Thakira, 2010.

Induced Wage Effects of Changes in Food Prices in Egypt, with Gaurav Datt, *Journal of Development Studies*, 40(4): 137-66, April, 2004.

Assessing Religion's Impact on Gender Status – A comment on 'The Extra Burden of Moslem Wives: Clues from Israeli Women's Labor Supply,' *Feminist Economics*, 8(3): 99-111, November 2002.

Skills, Flexible Manufacturing Technology, and Work Organization, with H. Frederick Gale, Jr. and Timothy Wojan, *Industrial Relations*, 41(1): 48-79, January, 2002.

Welfare and Food Assistance at the State and Sub-State Level: A Framework for Evaluating Economic and Programmatic Changes, with M. Kilkenny, H. Jensen and S. Garasky, *American J. of Agricultural Economics*, 83(3): 649-655, August 2000.

Telling Palestinian Women's Economic Stories, *Feminist Economics*, 3(2):141-151, 1997.

Women 'Manufacture' Economic Spaces In Bethlehem, *World Development*, 24(12):1829-1840, 1996

Where has all the Gender Gone? – A Comment on 'Debating Markets,' with Lynn Duggan, *Feminist Economics*, 2(1): 86-89, Spring 1996.

#### **Book Chapters:**

Power, food (in)security and (non)state actors in Southwest Asia and North Africa: case studies on Egypt, Iran, and Palestine (Gaza), *Food Security And Islamic Ethics*, edited by Ray Jureidini, Said Fares Hassan, and Dalal Aassouli, Elgar, 2025. Open Access: <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollbook-0a/book/9781035333585/9781035333585.xml>

Gendered Socioeconomic Consequences of Armed Conflict in the Middle East; Chapter 45 in the *Routledge Handbook on Women in the Middle East*, editors, Suad Joseph and Zeina Zaatari, Routledge, 2023. <https://www.routledge.com/Routledge-Handbook-on-Women-in-the-Middle-East/Joseph-Zaatari/p/book/9781138056602>

Gendered coping strategies and armed conflict in the Middle East. Chapter 22 in *Routledge Handbook on the Middle East Economy*, Editor, Hassan Hakimian, 2021. <https://www.routledge.com/The-Routledge-Handbook-on-the-Middle-East-Economy/Hakimian/p/book/9781138099777>

[https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=JIUuEAAAQBAJ&pg=PR7&source=gbs\\_selected\\_pages&cad=2#v=onepage&q&f=false](https://books.google.co.uk/books?id=JIUuEAAAQBAJ&pg=PR7&source=gbs_selected_pages&cad=2#v=onepage&q&f=false)

Gender and Globalization: The Iranian Experience, in *Globalization, Islamism and Women in Iran*, edited by R. Bahramitash and H. Esfahani, Syracuse U. Press 2011

La géographie importe-t-elle ou doit-elle importer en économie? French translation of "Does/Should Geography Matter for the Discipline of Economics?" in *Les sciences sociales en voyage: le Moyen-Orient et l'Afrique du Nord vus d'Europe, d'Amerique et de l'interieur*, edited by Eberhard Kienle, Paris, Editions Karthala / IREMAM 2009

(Revisiting) The Question of Gender, Education, Employment and Fertility in MENA, (in Spanish) in *Población y Desarrollo en el Mediterráneo: Transiciones demográficas y Desigualdades socio-económicas*, Edited by Tomás Jiménez Araya, IEMED and UNFPA joint project, Editorial ICARIA, Barcelona, 2009

The Myth of the Borderless World – Resisting (Post)colonial Economic Hegemony in Palestine, in M. Murphy and S. Dayal, *Global Babel: Questions of Discourse and Communication in a Time of Globalization*, pp. 229-248, Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, 2007.

'Globalization' Denied: Gender and Poverty in Iraq and Palestine, in *The Wages of Empire: Neoliberal Policies, Armed Repression, and Women's Poverty*, edited by Amalia Cabezas, Ellen Reese, and Marguerite Waller, pp. 178-233, Paradigm, Boulder, Colorado, 2007.

*Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures, Volume IV (Economics, Education, Mobility, and Space)*, edited by Suad Joseph, et al., Brill, 2007.

a. Social And Welfare Policies: Central Arab States And North Africa

[https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/economics-social-and-welfare-policies-central-arab-states-and-north-africa-EWICCOM\\_0245a](https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/economics-social-and-welfare-policies-central-arab-states-and-north-africa-EWICCOM_0245a)

b. Women, Gender and Labor Profiles: Arab States

[https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/economics-labor-profiles-arab-states-EWICCOM\\_0237b?s.num=0&s.f.s2\\_parent=s.f.book.encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures&s.q=Olmsted](https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/economics-labor-profiles-arab-states-EWICCOM_0237b?s.num=0&s.f.s2_parent=s.f.book.encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures&s.q=Olmsted)

c. Development Discourses and Practices: Arab States (excepting Sudan)

[https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/development-discourses-and-practices-arab-states-excepting-sudan-EWICCOM\\_0219b?s.num=5&s.f.s2\\_parent=s.f.book.encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures&s.q=Olmsted](https://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures/development-discourses-and-practices-arab-states-excepting-sudan-EWICCOM_0219b?s.num=5&s.f.s2_parent=s.f.book.encyclopedia-of-women-and-islamic-cultures&s.q=Olmsted)

Introduction, *Gender Impact of Trade Liberalization in the MENA [Middle East and North Africa] Region*, pp. 8-13, Center of Arab Women for Training and Research (CAWTAR), Tunis, Tunisia, 2006. Structuring a Pension Scheme for a Future Palestinian State, with Edward Sayre in *Economic Policy for Palestine*, edited by David Cobham and Nu'man Kanafani, pp. 143-171, Routledge, London 2004.

Orientalism and Economic Methods - (Re)reading Feminist Economic Texts, in *Postcolonialism Meets Economics*, edited by Eiman Zein-Elabdin and S. Charusheela, pp. 162-182, Routledge, London, 2004.

Reexamining the Fertility Puzzle in the Middle East and North Africa, in *Women and Globalization in the Arab Middle East: Gender, Economy and Society*, edited by Eleanor Doumato and Marsha Pripstein-Posusney, pp. 73-92, Lynne Rienner, Boulder, CO, 2003.

Politics, Economics and (Virtual) Water: A Discursive Analysis of Water Policies in the Middle East and North Africa, with J. A. Allan, in *Food and Agriculture in the Middle East and North Africa*, Hans Lofgren (Ed.), Vol. 5 of *Research in Middle East Economics*, pp. 53-78, JAI/Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2003.

*Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures Vol 1: Methodologies, Paradigms and Sources*, edited by Suad Joseph, et al., Brill 2003.

Men's Work/Women's Work: Employment, Wages and Occupational Segregation in Bethlehem, in *The Economics of Women and Work in the Middle East and North Africa*, E. Mine Cinar (Ed.), Vol. 4 of *Research in Middle East Economics*, pp. 151-174, JAI/Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2001.

Economic History: Middle East and North Africa, in *The Elgar Companion to Feminist Economics*, edited by Janice Peterson and Margaret Lewis, pp. 219-226, Elgar, Cheltenham, UK, 1999.

#### Special Issue Editor:

Guest Editor with Elora Shehabuddin and Ebru Kongar, Special issue of *Feminist Economics*, titled 'Gender, Economics and Muslim Communities,' Volume 20, Issue 4, 2014.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rfec20/20/4#.VJJBSSen219>. Reprinted as edited volume with Routledge, 2018. <https://www.routledge.com/Gender-and-Economics-in-Muslim-Communities-Critical-Feminist-and-Postcolonial/Kongar-Olmsted-Shehabuddin/p/book/9780415783873>

#### Short Articles, Comments and Book Reviews:

Unpacking the Gender 'Paradox' Behind Arab Women in Tech. 2025. *Middle East Report*. With Fida Adely and Sana Odeh In: 314 (Spring) <https://merip.org/2025/06/unpacking-the-gender-paradox-behind-arab-women-in-tech/>

Locked in, Locked out of Work, *Middle East Report*, No. 253, Vol. 39, Issue 4, Winter 2009. Pp. 28-31.

The Physical and Economic Devastation of Gaza, *Dollars and Sense*, July 2009.  
<http://dollarsandsense.org/archives/2009/0609olmsted.html>

Review of *Feminist Economics and the World Bank: History, Theory and Policy*, in *Feminist Economics*, 14(2):160-163, 2008.

Gendered Occupation and Resistance in Palestine, with Tarek Maassarani, *Middle East Women's Studies (MEWS) Review*, 19(1/2), Spring./Summer 2004. pp. 1-4.

Pros and Cons of a Minimum Wage, *Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, 8/30/2004, Sect. D (Bus.), p. 1-2

Separation Unviable – A Comment on 'Good Fences for a Bad Neighborhood: The Case for Unilateral Israeli Disengagement,' by Dan Shueftan, *Middle East Insight*, Nov-Dec 2001, pp. 68-70.

Improving Worker Skills Key to Wage Gains, *Rural Conditions and Trends*, 11(2), 2000, pp. 56-61.

Economics of Palestinian Return Migration, with Edward Sayre, *Middle East Report*, No. 212, Vol. 29, No. 3, Fall, 1999, p. 8-9.

Review of *The Palestinian Economy: Between Imposed Integration and Voluntary Separation*, in the *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 33(1), Summer, 1999.

Field Code Changed

Review of *Gender and Development in the Arab World: Women's Economic Participation: Patterns and Policies*, in the *MEWS Review*, 13(1), Spring, 1998.

Teaching with Literature and Films in Undergraduate Courses Across Disciplines Workshop, with Marilyn Booth, Eleanor Doumato, Sondra Hale and Sherifa Zuhur, *MEWS Review*, 12(4), 1998, pp. 1-7.

Thwarting Palestinian Development, *Middle East Report*, No. 201, Vol. 26, No. 4, Fall, 1996.

On the Perils of (Academic) Migration, a review of *Dollar, Dove and Eagle: One Hundred Years of Palestinian Migration to Honduras*, in the *AMEWS Newsletter*, May, 1995.

#### **Policy and Technical Reports:**

Women and Work: Improving Gender Integration in the Livelihoods Response to the Syrian crisis, with Caitlin Killian, UNDP, 2021. <https://www.arabstates.undp.org/content/rbas/en/home/library/crisis-response0/women-and-work--improving-gender-integration-in-the-livelihoods-.html>

Propelling Women into Entrepreneurship in the Arab Region: The Role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), with Rouba Arja and Sarah Copland. ESCWA. June 2021. <https://www.unescwa.org/sites/default/files/pubs/pdf/propelling-women-entrepreneurship-arab-region-english.pdf>

Feminist critique of neoliberalism in the MENA region, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2020 <http://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/beirut/16019-20200422.pdf>

Guidance Note on Coding Definitions for Gender Equality Markers, UN Women, Jan. 2018. [https://unsceb.org/sites/default/files/imported\\_files/Guidance%20Note%20on%20Coding%20Definitions%20for%20GEMs%20-%20for%20dissemination.pdf](https://unsceb.org/sites/default/files/imported_files/Guidance%20Note%20on%20Coding%20Definitions%20for%20GEMs%20-%20for%20dissemination.pdf)

"Does/Should Geography Matter for the Discipline of Economics?" Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting Montecatini Terme, Italy, March 2005, Aix-en-Provence, March 2006, SSRN, NY, NY, June 2007, [https://s3.amazonaws.com/ssrc-cdn1/crmuploads/new\\_publication\\_3/does-should-geography-matter-for-the-discipline-of-economics.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/ssrc-cdn1/crmuploads/new_publication_3/does-should-geography-matter-for-the-discipline-of-economics.pdf)

*The WIC Program: Background, Trends, and Issues*, with Vic Oliveira, Elizabeth Racine, and Linda Ghelfi, Economic Research Service (ERS/USDA) Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Report No. 27 (FANRR27), 2002, <https://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/pub-details/?pubid=46659>

*Tracing the Impacts of Food Assistance Programs on Agriculture and Consumers: A Computable General Equilibrium Model*, with K. Hanson, E. Golan, and S. Vogel, ERS/USDA Food Assistance and Nutrition Research Report No. 18 (FANRR18), 2002, [https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/46522/31473\\_fanrr18\\_002.pdf?v=593.9](https://www.ers.usda.gov/webdocs/publications/46522/31473_fanrr18_002.pdf?v=593.9)

*Agricultural Wages and Food Prices in Egypt: A Governorate-Level Analysis for 1976-1993*, with Gaurav Datt, FCND Discussion Paper 53. Washington, DC: Int'l Food Policy Research Inst. 1997. <https://ebrary.ifpri.org/utils/getfile/collection/p15738coll2/id/125668/filename/125699.pdf>

#### **Unpublished Technical, Discussion, Working and Background Papers:**

Background paper for the High Level Task Force on Financing Gender Equality, UN Women, Feb. 2019

Child Marriage and Conflict in the Arab Countries, background paper for UN ESCWA, August 2015

Gender and Conflict in the Arab World, background paper for UN ESCWA, August 2015.

Household structure, gender and poverty for four Arab countries, UNDP background paper, Fall, 2010.

Linking Fertility, Economic Policies and Gender in the Middle East And North Africa: A Case Study of Fertility Patterns among Bethlehem Area Palestinians, Economic Research Forum, Cairo, 1999.

Labor Markets, Education and Fertility Patterns in the Arab World, for RAND, 1998.

**On-going research projects/articles in preparation:**

Book manuscripts:

1. *Challenges and Opportunities Facing Arab Women in Tech*, with Fida Adely and Sana Odeh
2. *The Palestinian Globalization Experience*, with Omar Odeh

Journal articles:

1. (Women) Refugees Caught Between Patriarchy, Nationalism, and Capitalism, with Caitlin Killian
2. Pressuring Israel: An Analysis of Boycott, Divest, Sanctions

**Editorial Experience:**

Guest Editor, Special Issue on Gender, Islam and Economics, *Feminist Economics*, Fall 2009 to 2014

Editor, *Middle East Women's Studies Review (MEWS Review)*, Fall 1998 to 2004.

Editor, Egypt Gender Assessment Report, World Bank, 2003.

Series Editor, *Research in Middle East Economics*, JAI/Elsevier, Fall 1999 to 2005.

Vol. 6: *Middle East Finance: Missed-opportunities or Future Prospects*,

Volume editors: Simon Neaime and Nora Ann Colton, 2005.

Vol. 5: *The Economics of Agriculture in the MENA*, Volume editor: H. Lofgren, 2003.

Vol. 4: *The Economics of Women and Work in the MENA*, Volume editor: E. Cinar, 2001.

Editor, *Middle East Economics Association Newsletter*, Fall 1997 to Winter 1998.

**Conference Organizing Experience:**

Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS) Conference organizer Summer 2022

As AMEWS president I led a team of colleagues who mobilized over \$67,000 to fully fund 80 participants for a 3 day conference that was held jointly at the American University of Beirut and the Lebanese American University.

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Conference organizer July 2002

Local host of the IAFFE summer conference while employed at Occidental College – negotiated with the university, identified housing options/planned the program including a tour and a number of meals



### Invited Speaking Engagements:

Social entrepreneurship and the nonprofit sector, Travelers Aid International Annual Conference, Sept. 2021, New York, NY.

Financial targets, UN System Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality (Gender SWAP) Sept. 2021.

Financial tracking, UN System Wide Action Plan on Gender Equality (Gender SWAP) Sept. 2020.

Suad Joseph Inaugural Lecture, Lebanese American University Nov 2018

Palestinian Globalization: Forced and Voluntary Migration, Yarmouk University, October, 2018

STEM Gender Gap Symposium, NYU Abu Dhabi, April 2018

Guest Instructor: *Economic Realities, Social Justice & Faith Traditions*, University Centre Saint Ignatius Antwerp, One week graduate summer school, August 2017

Keynote address: Various Forms of Discrimination Facing Arab Women in Computing, Arab Women in Computing (ArabWIC) conference, Beirut, Lebanon, July 2017

Keynote address: Women's History Month, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, March 2017

The Impact of Wars and Conflicts on Arab Families, Second Annual Conference on Family Research and Policy, Doha International Family Institute, Oct. 2016

Global Life Stories Reflection Meeting and In-depth Research Workshop, Musawah, Rabat, Morocco, October, 2016

Workshop Participant: International Center for Research on Women, Feminist Future for the UN, Washington DC, August 2016

Gendered Violence: Old Problems and New Challenges, Princeton University, April 2016

Towards Gender Equality in MENA: Challenges, Opportunities and Next Steps, Debating Development conference, The New School, April 2016

Keynote Address: Career opportunities and Challenges facing Arab Women in Computing – ArabWIC conference, Algiers, Algeria, March 2016

Happiness and Gender Equality in the new 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, United Nations, March 2016

Inequalities in Perspective, Rutgers U. Bloustein Sch. of Planning and Public Policy, Sept. 2015

Gender and Conflict in the Arab World, ESCWA, Cairo, Egypt, Spring 2015

Research project on women in Academia, Industry, and Entrepreneurship in the Arab world, ArabWIC, Abu Dhabi, May, 2015

Bergen 2014

Georgetown University Center for International and Regional Studies (CIRS) and Silatech Working Group on *Youth in the Middle East*, Georgetown U., Washington, DC, November, 2014

Keynote Speaker, Uncertainties - Gender, Politics and Economics: The final conference of the NUFU-project "Enabling Local Voices," Bergen, November 2nd and 3rd, 2012

Contorted Globalization –The Economics of Gender and Class in Occupied Palestine, Hebron University, Nov. 2011 and at the University of Bergen, Norway, April 19 and 20, 2012

Gender and Economic Policy Management-Arab States (GEPMI-AS) Expert Group Meeting, Manama, Bahrain, UNDP, March 2012

Norms, Economic Conditions and Household Formation: A Case Study of the Arab World, Utrecht, October, 2010

Women's Entrepreneurship in Iran, GERPA, Chicago, IL, October, 2010

Gendering of Employment in Post-Oslo Palestine, How Conflict Changes Gender Roles: The Other Side of Gender, Part III, US Institute for Peace, Washington DC, May 2010

Gender and Economic Isolation in an Era of Globalization, Woodrow Wilson Center, April 2010

Turgut Ozal First Internat'l Conference On Economics & Politics, Malatya, Turkey, April 2010

Workshop participant: Societal Dynamics & Fragility, World Bank, Washington DC, March & May 2010

9th GEM-IWG International Conference on Gender, Macroeconomics, and International

Participant: Producing Knowledge on World Regions, SSRIC, New York, May 2009

Economics: Gender and the Global Economic Crisis, United Nations Headquarters, New York, July 2009

Georgetown University, April, 2009, University of Verona, March 2009  
 Participant: Working Group on Security Aspects of the Economic Crisis, Economists for Peace and Security, (EPS) Sept. 2009  
 Women, Gender and Globalization Project, Yale University, Nov. 2008  
 Panelist: Gender and Conflict in the Islamic World, U. of Southern Miss., Nov. 2008  
 IEMED/UNFPA First Mediterranean Population Forum, Barcelona, Spain, Dec, 2007.  
 Participant: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII), sponsored by National Science Foundation, Amman, Jordan, Sept. 2005  
 Participant: Workshop on Inequality and Armed Conflict, sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, Bogota, Colombia, April 2005  
 Speaker: Second Annual Workshop on Devastated Economies, UCLA, Feb. 2005.  
 Guest Lecture: Franklin & Marshall College, Lancaster, PA, November 2004  
 Participant: Food and Eating Consequences of Time-Use Decisions, USDA- Economic Research Service, Washington, DC, July 2004  
 Participant: First Annual Rebuilding Devastating Economies Workshop, UCLA, May 2004  
 Speaker: Visions for Development in the Arab World, Georgetown U, Washington, April 2004  
 Keynote Speaker, Women's History Month, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire, March 2002  
 Speaker: Middle East Distinguished Lecturer Series, University of Michigan, January 2000  
 Speaker: Economic Transformation: The Debate, Arab World 2000: Transformations and Challenges Symposium, Georgetown University, Washington, March, 2000

#### **Papers Presented at Professional Conferences:**

(Women) Refugees Caught Between Patriarchy, Nationalism, and Capitalism, International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, On-line conference. Aug 2022.  
 Rethinking social sustainability in the context of COVID-19, Geneva, Switzerland, IAFFE, June, 2022.  
 Food Security, (Non)State Actors and Muslim Communities, Center for Islamic Legislation and Ethics (CILE), On-line Seminar, May 2021.  
 Gender, Armed Conflict and Social Sustainability: Theoretical and Empirical Links, Jan 2019 ASSA  
 The Trump Legacy: Gender, Race and Security, Jan 2018 ASSA  
 Gender, Globalization and Arab Tech Women's Employment Nov 2017 MESA and Summer 2018 IAFFE  
 'Development,' Charity and the Social Contract,' MESA 2015  
 Theorizing Gendered Impacts of Armed Conflict, IAFFE, Berlin, Germany, June 2015  
 "Analyzing the Intersection between Islam, Feminism and Economy" 12th Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Montecatini Terme, Italy, March 2011  
 "Pressuring Israel: An Analysis of Boycott, Divest, Sanctions", Middle East Studies Assoc. (MESA), San Diego, CA 2010  
 "Gender and Globalization: The Iranian Experience," International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE), Boston, June, 2009  
 "Middle East Studies— Exploring the Factors Shaping Post 9/11 Knowledge Production," paper given that the Title VI 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, Washington DC, March 2009.  
 Post-Oslo Palestinian (Un)Employment: A Gender, Class, and Age Cohort Analysis," Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) Meetings, Jan. 2009  
 "Gender, Conflict and the Palestinian Economy," MESA, Washington, DC, Nov. 2008  
 "Gender and Military Occupation in Iraq and Palestine," ASSA meetings, January 2007.  
 "Does/Should Geography Matter for the Discipline of Economics?" Sixth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting Montecatini Terme, Italy, March 2005, Aix-en-Provence, March 2006.  
 "Time Use and Well-being: What Can Previous Research Tell Us?" Eastern Economics Association (EEA) meetings, Washington DC, Feb. 2004  
 "Gender, Aging and the Evolving Patriarchal Contract," MESA meetings, Anchorage, Alaska, Nov. 2003

"Labor Market Disruptions and Wage Differences: A Natural Experiment from Israel," IAFFE meetings, U. of the West Indies, Barbados (July 2003) "Can/Should Postcolonial Theory Influence 'Development' Policy?" American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA) meetings, San Marcos, CA, March 2003  
 "What Factors Shape Attitudes about Gender and Education? Evidence from Palestine," ASSA Meetings, Washington, DC, Jan. 2003  
 "Women's Employment in a Global Economy: The Case of Palestinian Textiles Workers," Social Science History Association (SSHA) St. Louis, (Oct. 2002) and MESA, Washington DC, Nov. 2002  
 "Have Israeli Closure Policies Exacerbated Income Differences In the Occupied Territories?" Globalization, Labor and Inequality Within and Across Borders Conf., CSU Los Angeles, May 2002  
 "Is There a Feminization of Poverty in Palestine?" ASSA, Atlanta, GA, Jan. 2002  
 "Gendered Social Safety Nets in a Period of Demographic Transition: A Focus on the MENA Region," Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence, March 2001  
 "Reformed but Time Poor: Toward A Discussion of Welfare Reform and Mothers' Time," ASSA, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 2001  
 "Can Economics Move Beyond an Orientalist Approach to Islam?" ASSA, New Orleans, Jan. 2001  
 "Technological Adoption, Work Organization and Gender: A Look at US Manufacturing Workers," IAFFE, Ottawa, Canada, (June, 1999) and Iowa State University, Oct. 1999  
 "Gendered Construction(s) of Occupation(al) Segregation in Palestine," MESA, Chicago, Dec. 1998  
 "Modeling Palestinian Fertility," Western Economics Assoc. (WEA) Meetings, Tahoe, June, 1998  
 "Reexamining the Fertility Puzzle in the Middle East," for "Economic Restructuring and Women in the Middle East: Gender, Jobs and Activist Organizations" workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI, (April, 1998), WEA Meetings, Tahoe, CA, June, 1998  
 "Women: Invisible Palestinian Migrants," ASSA, Chicago, IL., Jan. 1998  
 "Agricultural Wages and Food Prices in Egypt: A Governorate-Level Analysis for 1976-1993," MESA, San Francisco, CA, November, 1997  
 "Critiquing Economic Constructs of Self," ASSA, New Orleans, LA, Jan. 1997  
 "Thwarting Palestinian Development," MESA, Providence, RI, Nov. 1996  
 "Listening to Women's Stories: A Feminist Economist's Field Experience" IAFFE, France, July 1995  
 "What would your Father Think? Family Attitudes and Bethlehem Area Women's Labor Decisions," UC Riverside, 1998, U. Conn., Storrs, (November, 1995), ASSA, Washington, D.C. January, 1995, UW, Madison, 1994, U. of Calabria, Italy and the U. of Verona, Italy. June 1994  
 "Women 'Manufacture' Spaces in Bethlehem," MESA, Phoenix, AZ., November, 1994  
 "An Economic Analysis of Palestinian Migration," Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, Jerusalem. Aug. 1994  
 "Gender and Education in a Palestinian State," Symposium on Women in the Middle East, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Mar. 1994  
 "Commonalities and Differences of Local and Diaspora Palestinians," with Sulayman al-Qudsi, ASSA, Anaheim, CA., Jan. 1993  
 "Where do they work now? Changing Economic Choices for Bethlehem Area Palestinians," MESA, Portland, OR., Oct. 1992  
 "Education and Migration in the West Bank," IGCC Conference, San Diego, CA., Nov. 1990

**Courses Taught:****Immersive Experiences**

Social Impact (previously called Social Entrepreneurship) program (8 credit New York City based immersive learning experience – Cross-listed between Economics and Political Science)  
Global Business Strategies in Northern Italy (2-4 credit Italy based immersive learning experience)  
Morocco: Globalization and Migration (4 credit Morocco/France based immersive learning experience)  
Resistance, Empowerment and Cultural Production

**First year seminars**

Culture and Economy (have solo and team taught with an English professor)  
Comic Economics  
Gender, Race and STE(A)M

**Economics (Econ)**

Global Economy  
Industrial Organization  
Labor Economics (Grad and Undergrad)  
Microeconomics - Principles and Intermediate  
Political Economy of Non-Profits (civic engagement course)  
Urban Economics

**Cross-listed Seminars**

Gender and Globalization (Cross-listed btw Econ and WGST - Grad and Undergrad)  
Gender, Globalization, and Arab/Middle Eastern Communities (Team-taught with Sociology professor - Cross-listed WGST/ECON/Middle East Studies)  
Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa (Cross-listed btw Econ and Middle East Studies – Grad and Undergrad)  
Political Economy of Israel/Palestine (Cross-listed btw Econ/Poli Sci and Middle East Studies)  
Political Economy of War and Peace (Cross-listed between ECON and Political Science)  
Sustainable Development and the United Nations (cross-listed btw ECON and Environmental Studies)

**Women and Gender Studies (WGST)**

Feminist Theory  
Gender and Sexuality  
Global Feminisms  
Women and Religion

**Pedagogical Development:**

Social Entrepreneurship Semester experiential NY semester developed - 2016  
Drew University Global Studies Curriculum Development Committee 2012  
Development of Civic Engagement/service learning course 2012  
Community Based Learning workshop, May 2010  
Developing Moodle/Blackboard/web page for teaching purposes. 1997- present  
“Enhancing Lecture/Discussion Classes in Economics,” workshop, Pomona College, CA, Oct. 2001.  
Participant in collective design of Introduction to Gender Studies course, U.M. Flint. Spring 1995  
“Improving Introductory Economics by Integrating the Latest Scholarship on the Economics of Race and Gender,” NSF conference, Wellesley, MA. June, 1995  
“Core Ideas and Critical Thinking in Teaching Economics,” Fourth Economics Teaching Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, April, 1995  
“Equity Within the Classroom V: Graduating Minority Students” conference, Lansing, MI, Mar. 1995

### University Service:

Director of Middle East Studies: Fall 2008 to present

Director of Arabic: 2015 to 2023

Civic Engagement Faculty Advisory Committee – 2021 to 2023

Dean's Council – Fall 2017 to Spring 2020

Chair, Association for American University Professors (AAUP): Fall 2016 to Spring 2018

Chair, Department of Economics: Fall 2008 to Spring 2012

Committee Service:

Compensation Monitoring Committee 2024 to present

Dean of Libraries Search (2016)

Arabic Instructor Search Committee (2011)

Chair of Economics Search – (2008, 2010, 2017)

Middle East Studies (Drew – 2004 – present)

Compensation Monitoring Committee (Chair) (2006 – 2008)

Honors Thesis Committee (Drew – 2005/6)

Provost Search Committee (Drew – 2005/6)

President's Faculty Study Group on Liberal Arts Education (Drew – 2005/6)

Economics Search member Flint – 1994, Drew – 2005 (2), 2006 (2)

Women's Studies (Flint – 1993 – 1996)

International Studies (Flint – 1993 – 1996)

Students' Publication Board (Flint – 1994 – 1995)

Dorothy Wyatt Award Selection Committee (Flint - 1995)

### Thesis and Dissertation Committees:

Joseph Rojek, BA Thesis, Economics, 2025

Marianela Pina Del a Hoz, BA Thesis, Economics/Political Science, 2025

Nia Zeikidze, BA Thesis, Economics, 2024

Muhammad Mir, BS Thesis, Mathematics/Middle East Studies, 2024

Julia Sinatra, BA Thesis, Business, Drew U. 2022

Renata Primmer, BA Thesis, Business, Drew U. 2022

Krystal Palmer, BA Thesis, Economics, Drew U. 2021

Amber Frikkee, BA Thesis, International Relations, Drew U. 2021

Courtney Trzasko, BS Thesis, Business Studies, Drew U. 2017

Omaru Washington, BS Thesis, Economics, Drew U, 2015

Laura Mulholland, BS Thesis, Anthropology, Drew U, 2015

Kishan Patel, BS Thesis, Political Science, Drew U, 2015

Fatou Diallo, BS Thesis, Economics, Drew U, 2013

Smita Ramnarain, PhD Dissertation, U. Massachusetts, Amherst, 2011

Melanie Robbins, BA Thesis, Political Science, Drew U. 2011

Melissa Seligman, MS Thesis, International Studies, New School, 2011

Fatima Koura, MA Thesis, Women's Studies, Drew U, 2009

Alys Wilman-Navarro, PhD candidate, Economics, New School U, 2008

Tracy Verrier, BA Thesis, Economics, Drew U. 2008

Weihong Li, MBA Thesis, Sonoma State University, 2004

Eleanor Godfrey, BA Thesis, Women's Studies, Occidental College, 2003

Rene Hernandez, BA Thesis - History, Occidental College, 2001

Hend el-Sheikh, PhD Thesis - Economics, American University, 1997

Bonnie Kincaid, MS Thesis – Public Administration, U.M.Flint, 1995

**Service on Professional Boards:**

President: Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS) – 2021-2023

President Elect: AMEWS 2019-2021

Editorial Advisory Boards:

*Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 2005 to 2015

Routledge Series on the Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa, 2003 to present

*International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2005 to 2009

Appointed Member at Large: Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) 2004 to 2017

Elected Member at Large: International Association for Feminist Economics: 2001 to 2004, 2005 to 2008

Chair, Research Grants Committee PARC 2005

Editor, Association for Middle East Women's Studies - 1998 to 2004

Book Series Editor, Middle East Economics Association - 1997 to 2005

Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2004

United Nations Representative, IAFFE, 2004 to 2010

Member, International/Travel Grant Committee, IAFFE - 2000 to 2010

**Grant Reviewer:**

National Science Foundation (NSF)

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

USDA Economic Research Service (ERS)

Palestinian American Research Council (PARC)

The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII)

**Research reviewer for Presses and Research Institutes:**

*Contemporary Economic Policy*, *Feminist Economics*, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, *International Journal for Middle East Studies*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of the Community Development Society*, *Middle East Journal*, *Peace and Change*, *Research in Middle East Economics*, *Review of Regional Studies*, *Social Forces*, *World Development*, Economic Research Forum for the Arab Countries, Iran and Turkey (ERF), University of Michigan Press, Routledge, International Food Policy Research Institute, World Bank, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

**Conference, Panel and Workshop Organizing:**

Roundtable organized titled: Gender and the UN: Current Priorities, Opportunities and Challenges, IAFFE, Dublin, Ireland, Summer 2016.

Roundtable organized titled: The Cost of Inaction, Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights and Feminist Economics, IAFFE, Accra Ghana, Summer 2014.

Organizer of panel titled: Post 2015 Policies at the Intersection of Feminist Theology and Feminist Economics, UNFPA, New York, 2014

Organizer of one day workshop on the Cost of Inaction, UNFPA, New York, 2013

Organizer of one day conference on Gender, Social Justice and Islam, Drew University (funded by grant from Carnegie Corp.) Nov. 2011

Organizer of panel on HIV-AIDs for 2009 United Nations Committee on the Status of Women (UN-CSW), NY, NY, March 2009

Co-organizer of double panel honoring Rosemary and Yusuf Sayigh, MESA, 2008

Co-organizer and host of IAFFE annual meeting at Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, July 2002.

Co-organizer of workshop titled "Demography, the Social Contract and Intergenerational Relations in the Middle East and North Africa." for the Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting of the European University Institute, Florence, Mar. 2001.

Planner, organizer and fund-raiser for series of events at U.M. Flint, titled "Celebrating Arab American Culture: Gibran to the Present," which included a concert, poetry readings, a photo exhibit and a seminar series. Fall, 1995

"Kahlil Gibran Centennial Concert & Poetry Reading" Detroit Institute of Arts. 1995

#### **Talks Given to Community/Activist/Educational Groups:**

Women, Globalization & the Middle East, Old Guard, Summit, NJ 2015 and Kent School, NJ, March 2008

Gender & Development in the Middle East, Unitarian Church Workshop, Morristown, NJ, Mar. 2006

Muslim Women and US Policy, American Assoc. for University Women, Fullerton, CA, Oct. 2003

Teach-in on the Iraq War, Eagle Rock HS and Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA, April 2003

Women, Islam and Globalization, League of Women's Voters, Fullerton, CA, Jan. 2003

The Emerging Global Economy: Can Market Forces Foster Social Justice? Unitarian Universalist Community Church Panel Discussion, Santa Monica, CA, May 2002

"Trade, Globalization: Impacts," League of Women's Voters Panel Discussion, Los Angeles, CA, Jan. 2002, and Camarillo, CA, Feb. 2002

"Sex, Lies and the Global Economy" Teaching workshop - UCLA, July 2001

"Reforming Welfare Reform," St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Los Angeles, CA, May, 2001

"Economic Connections btw the Arab World and the US" Teaching workshop - Michigan SU, 1995

"The Economics of Equality: Creating A Peace Culture," Women's International League for Peace and Freedom Panel Discussion, Ann Arbor, MI, Mar. 1995

#### **Academic Round Table Discussions/Class Lectures:**

Guest Lecture, University of Pittsburgh, Sept. 2009

Participant, Thematic Conversation (Round Table) Publics in Crisis: Academia and Activism in Middle East Studies, Middle East Studies Association, Nov. 2005

Guest Lecturer, Graduate Women's Studies/Humanities Class, Drew U., Nov. 2005

Guest Lecturer, Graduate Women's Studies Class, Rutgers University, Nov. 2005

Guest Lecturer, Social Entrepreneurship (MBA), Sonoma State University, Nov. 2004

Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Economics class, Glendale Community College, Feb. 2001

Round table Participant - Participant in round table discussion (E-mail and conference) titled

"Insiders/Outsiders-Emic/Etic Study of Women and Gender in the New Millennium," MESA, 2000

Participant in workshop titled, "Teaching About Society and Culture with Literature and Films in Undergraduate Courses Across Disciplines," MESA, San Francisco, Ca. Nov. 1997

Invited participant in Conference on Reproductive Health and Infectious Disease in the Middle East, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1997

Guest lecturer, Washington Semester, American University, Nov. 1996

Participant in Teach-in on Welfare Reform, U.M.Flint, Spring 1996

Lecturer, "Gender Issues in Higher Education" Brown bag - U.M. Flint. September, 1995

Guest Lecturer, Peace Studies class, California State University, Fullerton, 1994

Guest Lecturer, Contemporary World History class, California State U., Stanislaus, March, 1992

#### **Other:**

Panel Organizer for: ASSA meetings in 2009, 2001, 1995; MESA meetings in 2010, 2008, 1999, 1997, 1996, 1994, IAFPE meetings in 1999.

Newsletter Contributions: IAFPE, Women and Gender Studies Newsletter, U.M. Flint

TV and Radio Interviews

Santa Rosa Public Radio Station, August 2004

CNN International - State of Palestinian Economy, May 2003

Flint, MI TV - Current Middle East policies, 1996, On Raising the Minimum Wage, 1995, Labor relations and unions, 1994

Pacifica Radio, NY, NY- Palestinian labor markets, 1995

**Professional Memberships:**

American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS)

Association for Middle East Women's Studies (AMEWS)

Economists for Peace and Security (EPS)

International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE)

Middle East Economics Association (MEEA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Palestinian American Research Center (PARC)



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