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EDUCATION

New York University

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

American University in Cairo (Center for Arabic Studies Abroad)

June 1998-June 1999. Advanced study of Modern Standard Arabic and Egyptian Colloquial Arabic.

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.

DISSERTATION

From Mothers of the Nation to Daughters of the State: Gender, Citizenship and the Politics of Inclusion in Egypt, 1945-1967

Advisor: Professor Zachary Lockman

TEACHING

Georgia Institute of Technology, Assistant Professor of History: Fall, 2005-present

Courses Taught:

Surveys

History of the Modern Middle East (Fall 2005; Spring 2006, 2007)

US Women's History (Spring 2007)

Upper Level Undergraduate

Women and the Politics of Gender in the Middle East (Fall 2005, 2006)

Undergraduate Seminars

History of Travel and Cultural Exchange in the Middle East (Spring 2007)

Graduate Seminar

Problems in Middle East History (Spring 2006)

York College, Adjunct: Fall, 2002

Courses Taught

History and Culture of the Middle East

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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
American Research Center in Egypt Research Grant (declined)	1998

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journals

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

"The Subject of Family Planning: Gender, Citizenship and Reproductive Agency in Socialist Egypt" *Feminist Studies* (under review)

Chapters in Edited Collections

"Feminism, Solidarity and Identity in the Age of Bandung: Third World Women in the Egyptian Women's Press" in *Bandung and Beyond': Rethinking Afro-Asian Connections during the Twentieth Century* edited by Christopher Lee. (Forthcoming from Ohio State University Press).

"Gender, Family and Nation in Nasserist Egypt: The Politics of Reproduction" in *Family Ties and Ideals: Portraits of Continuity and Change in Egypt, Iran, and Tunisia* edited by Katherine Yount and Hoda Rashad (under review)

Book Reviews

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* (forthcoming)

Review of Hind and Nadia Wassif, *Daughters of the Nile* in *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* Fall 2006 (forthcoming)

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

Review of Nadjé 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* 9:99 (March, 2000)

Encyclopedia Entries

Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures

Vol. I "Women, Gender and Islamic Cultures: Arab States 1900-2000" (4,500 words)

Vol II

“Revolutionary Movements: Egypt” (800 words)
“Family Law in Egypt: 18th century to present” (1600 words)

A Historical Companion to Postcolonial Literature in English

“Nasser” (500 words)

Selected Additional Publications

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

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Panelist: “Women and Organized Violence: Ambiguities, Dilemmas and Challenges” 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

“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.

“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 MESA, 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 MESA, Orlando, FL. Nov. 19, 2000.

Workshops

“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.

“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.

Panel Organizer

“Crisis and Criminality: Contesting the Social and Political Order in Modern Egypt.” Delivered at the Annual Meeting of MESA, San Francisco, CA, Nov. 18, 2001.

Panel Chair

“Representations of Citizenship in Egypt, Turkey, Israel and Mexico” Annual MESA meeting, Orlando, FL. Nov. 19, 2000.

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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.

Research Assistant

Project on “Gender, Family and the State in Egypt and Turkey” under supervision of Professor Lisa Pollard (University of North Carolina at Willmington) and Professor Sarah Shields (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).

New York University

Graduate Student Mentor. Fall, 2001.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Social Science History Association
Middle East Studies Association,
The American Historical Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Modern Standard Arabic
Egyptian Colloquial Arabic
French (Reading)