

Curriculum Vitae
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Political Science (m/c 276)
University of Illinois at Chicago
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Degrees Ph.D., Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, January, 1990
M.A., Political Science, Johns Hopkins University, May, 1985
B.A., cum laude, Independent Study Scholar, Amherst College, May, 1980

Dissertation "Speaking Through the Mask: The Construction of the Body in
the Political Narratives of Hannah Arendt"
Advisors: Richard Flathman, Liliane Weissberg
Committee: Judith Butler, Neil Herz

Education Johns Hopkins University, 1982-1990
Emphasis in Political Theory and Feminist Theory
Subfields in Comparative Politics and American Politics
Master's Thesis: "The Enigmatic Spectator: The Problem of Hannah Arendt"

Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, Guest Student, 1981-1982
(Munich, Germany)
Research Director: Friedrich Friedmann

Amherst College, 1976-1980
Independent Study Scholar in English and Political Science
Thesis: "An American Life: Robert Frost and the Poetry of Liberalism"
Readers: Elizabeth Bruss, George Kateb, William Pritchard

Publications

Books *Speaking through the Mask: Hannah Arendt and the Politics of Social Identity*,
(Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2000)
2002 Gradiva Award, Best Book: Social Theory
National Association for the Advancement of Psychoanalysis

Videos *Collecting Stories from Exile: Chicago Palestinians Remember 1948* (educational documentary video)
Arab-American Oral History Project (member, Advisory Board and Working Group),
available for distribution Fall, 1999

Articles "From Parvenu to Pariah: Hannah Arendt's *Rahel Varnhagen*" in
Samuel Fleischacker, ed., *Heidegger's Jewish Followers* Duquesne Press, forthcoming 2008

Norma Claire Moruzzi and Fatemeh Sadeghi,
"Out of the Frying Pan, Into the Fire: Young Iranian Women Today"
Middle East Report, Winter 2006, No. 241, 22-28

"Strange Bedfellows: The Question of Lawrence Oliphant's Christian Zionism"
Modern Judaism, Vol. 26, no. 1 (February 2006), 55-73

"Cutting through Culture: The Feminist Discourse on Female Circumcision" in
Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies, Vol. 14, no. 2 (Summer 2005), 203-220

"Women in Iran: Notes on Film and from the Field" in
Feminist Studies, 27/1, Spring 2001, 89-100

Reprint of "Asking the Questions/Telling a Story: Writing on Hannah Arendt" in
The German Quarterly, no. 73.2 (Fall 2000), 179-184

"The Question of Feminism in the Islamic Republic" in the Iranian journal
Goft-O-Gu (Dialogue), issue on political society, no. 26, Summer 2000, 131-44

"Women's Space/Cinema Space: Representations of Public and Private in Iranian Films" in
MERIP, special issue on Iran, no. 212 (October, 1999), 52-55

Translation and Reprint of "Veiled Agents: Political Action and the Feminine in
The Battle of Algiers" in the Swedish journal *glänta*, "film och filosofi" issue, 2/1997, 81-91

"Asking the Questions/Telling a Story: Writing on Hannah Arendt" in Scott Denham, Irene Kacandes,
and Jonathan Petropoulos, eds., *A User's Guide to German Cultural Studies*
(Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 1997), 127-135

"A Problem with Headscarves: Contemporary Complexities of Political and Social Identity" in
Political Theory, November, 1994, 653-672, response 678-679

"Veiled Agents: Political Action and the Feminine in The Battle of Algiers" in
Sue Fisher and Kathy Davis, eds., *Negotiating at the Margins: The Gendered Discourses of Power and
Resistance* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1993), 255-277

"National Subjects: Julia Kristeva on the Process of Political Self-Identification" in
Kelly Oliver, ed., *Ethics, Politics, and Difference in Julia Kristeva's Writings* (New York: Routledge,
1993), 135-149

"Re-Placing the Margin: (Non)Representations of Colonialism in Hannah Arendt's
The Origins of Totalitarianism" in *Tulsa Studies in Women's Literature*,
"Redefining Marginality" issue, Spring, 1991, 109-120

Reviews

Review of Henrick Chapman and Laura L. Frader, *Race in France:
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Politics of Difference* (New York: Berghahn Books, 2004), in
The European Legacy: Toward New Paradigms, Vol. 11, No. 6, 2006, 701.

Review of Janet Afary and Kevin B. Anderson, *Foucault and the Iranian Revolution:
Gender and the Seductions of Islamism* (Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2005), in
International Journal of Middle East Studies, Vol. 38 (2006), 492-493

Review of Camron Michael Amin, *The Making of the Modern Iranian Woman: Gender, State Policy,
and Popular Culture, 1865-1946* (Gainesville, University Press of Florida, 2002), in
H-Net Middle East (web-based scholarly journal), posted Spring 2005

Review of Kimberly Curtis, *Our Sense of the Real: Aesthetic Experience and Arendtian Politics*
(Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1999), in
International Studies in Philosophy, XXXV/2, 2003, 137-138.

Review of John McGowan, *Hannah Arendt: An Introduction* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota
Press, 1998); Jennifer Ring, *The Political Consequences of Thinking: Gender and Judaism in the Work
of Hannah Arendt* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1997), in
Women and Politics, vol. 23, no. 3, 2001, 105-108

Review of Fred Dallmayr, *Beyond Orientalism: Essays on Cross-Cultural Encounter* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1996) in *American Political Science Review*, vol. 91, no 4 (December, 1997), 941-942

Review Essay of Kathleen Jones, *Compassionate Authority: Democracy and the Representation of Women* (New York: Routledge, 1993) in *Political Theory*, August, 1996, 549-555

Review of Drucilla Cornell, *Transformations: Recollective Imagination and Sexual Difference* (New York: Routledge, 1993) in *International Studies in Philosophy*, vol. XXVIII/2, 1996, 120-121

Review of Rose Laub Coser, *In Defense of Modernity* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1991); Anne Phillips, *Engendering Democracy* (University Park, Pennsylvania: The Pennsylvania State University Press, 1991); Sonia Kruks, Rayna Rapp, Marilyn Young, eds., *Promissory Notes* (New York: Monthly Review Press, 1989) in *Signs*, Winter, 1994, 515-519

Review of Joan Cocks, *The Oppositional Imagination: Feminism, Critique, and Political Theory* (New York: Routledge, 1989) in *Ethics*, Volume 101, No. 3 (April 1991), 675

Work
in Progress

Currently working on issues of social identity that involve gender, religion, and nationality, especially in intercultural contexts. Projects include a long-term field work project on Iranian women's cultural and political transformations since the 1979 Revolution, an edited collection of essays dealing with cross-cultural gender issues, and an archival study of Benjamin Disraeli's involvement with early plans for a Jewish state in Palestine.

Grants and
Fellowships

Humanities Institute 2005-2006 Faculty Fellowship (UIC internal fellowship)

Advisor, MENA International Collaborative Research Grant, SSRC
Reconceptualizing Public Spheres: "Authority and Public Space in Iran and Turkey," 2001-2003

Center for Research on Women and Gender Seed Grant (UIC internal grant), Spring 2000 (\$9,000)
"The Question of an Islamic Feminism: Iran"

OVCR-AAH Award (UIC internal grant), Spring 2000 (\$8,000)
"The Question of an Islamic Feminism: Iran"

NEH Summer Stipend, Summer 1999 (\$4,000)
"Imagining a Jewish Homeland: Benjamin Disraeli, British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism"

OVCR-AAH Award (UIC internal grant), Summer 1999 (\$8,000)
"Imagining a Jewish Homeland: Benjamin Disraeli, British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism"

Towson State University Faculty Development Grant, Fall, 1991 (\$400)

Lectures and
Conference
Papers

"Mutual Lessons of Destruction: Imperialism in Hannah Arendt's *The Origins of Totalitarianism*"
Panel on Hannah Arendt and the Question of Violence: Can It Be Political?
2007 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Aug. 30, 2007, Chicago

“Being a Public Women: Dress as Self-Presentation in the Islamic Republic of Iran”
Panel on The Politics of Public Sphere in Contemporary Iran
Middle East Studies Association, 2006 Annual Meeting, Boston, November 17-21, 2006

“Trying to Look Different: Hejab as the Self-Presentation of Social Distinction,” Panel on
Young Women in Public: Representation, Negotiation, and Frustration in Contemporary Tehran
International Society for Iranian Studies, August 3-5, 2006, SOAS, London, England

“Citizenship and Participation: Iranian Women’s Public Presence”
Weissberg Chair in International Affairs Colloquium on Women’s Rights in the Middle East
Beloit College, April 22, 2006

“Citizenship and Participation: Iranian Women’s Public Presence”
Democracy in Iran, Middle East and Central Asia: Past Traditions and Future Prospects
Commemoration of the Centennial of the 1906 Iranian Constitutional Revolution
Northeastern Illinois University, April 5, 2006

“Women and the (Religious) State: Legal Rights, Feminist Activism, and Practical Change”
Conference on Religion in Our Time: Fundamentalisms, Democracy, and Global Politics,
University of Illinois at Chicago, April 1, 2005, UIC

“Hannah Arendt’s Rahel Varnhagen,” Conference on Heidegger’s Jewish Students
University of Illinois at Chicago, November 4, 2004,

Roundtable Participant, “HIV/AIDs in the MENA Region,”
2004 Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Nov. 18, 2004, San Francisco

“The Dark Heart of the Liberal Project: *Imperialism* in Hannah Arendt’s *The Origin of Totalitarianism*”
Panel on Pluralism, Privacy, and Representation
2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 2, 2004, Chicago

Discussant, Panel on Return of the Leviathan: Paranoid Styles and Global Politics
2004 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Sept. 4, 2004, Chicago

“Cutting through Culture: The Feminist Discourse on Female Circumcision”
Annual Symposium of *Critique: Critical Middle Eastern Studies*
Hamline University, April 23, 24, 2004

“A House Divided: Iranian Americans and Islam”
Conference on American Islams
University of Illinois at Chicago, April 15, 2004

“Creating a Feminist Space and a Feminist Voice: The Iranian Women’s Magazine *Zanan*”
Workshop on Authority and Public Spaces in Iran and Turkey
Istanbul Bilgi University, Turkey, September 9-10, 2003
(SSRC MENA ICR Grant)

“Imagining a Jewish Homeland: Benjamin Disraeli, Lawrence Oliphant,
British Imperial Policy, and the Origins of Zionism”
Symposium on Christian Zionism: Historical and Contemporary Intersections of
Religion, Politics, and Policy
University of Illinois at Chicago, April 10, 2003

“Tracking Public Participation: Methodologies and Conceptual Frameworks”
Workshop on Authority and Public Space in Iran and Turkey
Tehran, Iran, March 19-20, 2003
(SSRC MENA ICR Grant)

“Speech and Power: Historical and Contemporary Concepts of Dialogue in Political Thought,”
Presenter and Discussant, Conference on Dialogue of Civilizations and Political Thought,
Center for Dialogue Between Civilizations, Tehran, Iran, May 5-6, 2002

“The Dark Heart of the Liberal Project:
The Problem of *Imperialism* in *The Origins of Totalitarianism*,”
Presenter and Discussant, Midwest Faculty Seminar: Hannah Arendt’s *The Origins of Totalitarianism*
University of Chicago, January 17-19, 2002

Public Forum: Intellectuals Respond to a World after 9/11
Center for Public Intellectuals, Harold Washington Library, Chicago, November 12, 2001

“The Status of Women in the Islamic Republic of Iran”
Colloquium on Contemporary Middle East Politics
Northwestern University, November 9, 2001

Roundtable, Conference on Eichmann in Jerusalem: Forty Years After
DePaul University, May 2001

Discussant, Panel on Narrative, Materiality, Knowledge
Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, 2001

“Feminism and Citizenship: Iranian Contradictions”
Workshop on Cities and Citizenship II: Questions of Comparison (Iran Initiative)
SSRC and CERMOC (Social Science Research Council and Centre d’Etudes et de Recherches sur le
Moyen-Orient Contemporain), Beirut, February 2001

“Caught in Between: Women, National Identity, and Colonial Policy”
Lake Forest College, October, 2000

“Western Feminism in Relation to Iran”
Center for Dialogue Between Civilizations, Tehran, July, 2000

"Women's Space/Cinema Space: Representations of Public and Private in Iranian Films"
Middle East Studies Association, December, 1998

"Recovering German Jewish Identity"
Symposium on Jewish Identity in Contemporary Germany and Austria, UIC, November, 1998

"The Discourse on Female Circumcision: Cultural Problems"
Social Movements Study Group, UIC, March, 1998

"Audience Expectations of the Representations of Women in Iranian Cinema,"
Chicago Film Center panel, October, 1997

"Feminist Attitudes Towards Female Circumcision: A Cultural Problem"

Conference on The Politics of Religion in North Africa: The Case of Women
University of Rochester, February, 1997

"Making the Present by Writing the Past: Hannah Arendt's Rahel Varnhagen"
Invited Speaker, Conference on German Studies as Cultural Studies,
Davison College and the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Foundation), March, 1995

"Making the Present by Writing the Past: Hannah Arendt's Rahel Varnhagen"
German Studies Association, October, 1994

"Making the Present by Writing the Past: Hannah Arendt's Inquiry of Nineteenth Century
European Jewish Lives," Colloquium on Voice and Autobiography
Northwestern University, April, 1994

Keynote Speaker, "Crossing the Boundaries II: An Interdisciplinary
Graduate Student Conference on Power and Resistance," November, 1993

Discussant, Roundtable on "Teaching Feminist Political Theory"
American Political Science Association, August, 1992

Chair, Panel on "Postmodernism and Political Theory"
Discussant, Roundtable on "Teaching Feminist Political Theory"
Northeastern Political Science Association, November, 1991

"The Headscarf Scandal: Immigration, Secularism, and Politics in France"
The Johns Hopkins University conference on
"Gender, Voice, and Representation," November, 1991

"Abjection and the Nation-State: Julia Kristeva on the Process of Political Self-Identification"
International Association for Philosophy and Literature conference on
"Change: Arts/Politics/Sciences," May, 1991

Juror (Long Feature), Baltimore Independent Film and Video Awards, Summer, 1990

Guest Lecturer for Film Series, Office of Cultural Affairs, Summer 1988, 1989, 1990, Fall 1988

"Re-Placing the Margin: (Non)Representations of Colonialism in
Hannah Arendt's The Origins of Totalitarianism"
University of Tulsa conference on "Redefining Marginality," March 1989

"Beginning as Word or Deed: Heidegger's 'The Origin of the Work of Art'"
Northeastern Political Science Association, April, 1984

"Meaning and Truth in the World of Appearance: Hannah Arendt and The Life of the Mind"
American Political Science Association, 1984 Annual Meeting

"An American Life: Robert Frost and the Poetry of Liberalism"
Northeastern Political Science Association, November, 1983

Conducted
Workshops

"Food in a Social Context"
Two-day workshop presented to university faculty, graduate students, and UNICEF researchers,
the University of Tehran School of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, May 13-14, 2007

“Review of Recent Studies on Iranian Women Published Outside Iran”

Two-day workshop presented to University of Tehran faculty, graduate students, and members of the Women’s Independent Research Group, University of Tehran, Iran, September 14-15, 2005
Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center Middle East Section

“Research Approaches and Methods for Gender and Women’s Issues”

Four-session workshop presented to members of the Women’s Cultural Center NGO (Tehran, Iran), an independent feminist research and activist center, July, August 2005

“Using Qualitative Methods for Research on Women and Gender”

Three-day workshop presented to University of Tehran faculty, graduate students, and members of the Women’s Independent Research Group, University of Tehran, Iran, December 23, 24, 25 2003
Sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center Middle East Section

Teaching
Experience

Associate Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1999-present

Graduate Seminar Visiting Instructor, course on
“The Political Philosophy of Hannah Arendt”
Iranian Institute of Philosophy, Tehran, Iran
Spring 2007

Summer Graduate School Visiting Instructor, course on
“The Market and the City: Commercialization and Urban Restructuring—In Theory and the Field”
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
July 3-14, 2006

Summer Graduate School Visiting Instructor, course on
“Transnational Flows, Structures, Agents, and the Idea of Development”
Central European University, Budapest, Hungary
July 4-18, 2004 and July 3-17, 2005

UIC Teaching Recognition Award, 1997

Assistant Professor of Political Science and Gender and Women’s Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago, 1992-1999

Visiting Professor in Political Science and Women’s Studies
University of California at San Diego, Winter 1992

“Women in Perspective,” Towson State University, 1989-90, 1990-91, Summer, Fall 1991
Lecturer for multiple sections of the introductory, interdisciplinary course in the Women’s Studies Program; involved in Program’s curricular revision of the Women’s Studies introductory course.

“The Politics of Gender,” Spring 1988

Graduate Fellowship to originate and teach an interdisciplinary seminar course sponsored by the departments of Political Science, Anthropology, and the Humanities Center/JHU

“Introduction to American Politics,” Fall 1983, 1984, 1985
Department Teaching Assistant/JHU (two sections in Fall 1985)

"Introduction to Comparative Politics," Spring 1983, 1984
Department Teaching Assistant/JHU

Teaching
Interests

Political Theory, Feminist Theory and Gender Studies:
Contemporary Social Theory
History of Political Thought (Ancient-Modern)
Psychoanalytic Theory
Film Studies

Comparative Politics:
Comparative Women's Movements (International and Transnational)
Middle Eastern Women
Colonial and Postcolonial Feminisms

Graduate
Fellowships
and
Internships

Film Series Coordinator, Office of Cultural Affairs/JHU: Summer 1990

Research Assistant, Women's Studies Program/JHU: 1989-90

Humanities Intern, Office of Cultural Affairs/JHU: 1988-9

James Hart Dissertation Fellowship: 1987-8

Charles Singleton Center/Villa Spelman Fellowship: Spring 1987
(declined due to change in research)

Amherst College Memorial Fellow: 1986-7, 1985-6

Political Science Department Travel Grant/JHU: 1986 Summer Research

Political Science Teaching Assistantship/JHU: 1985-6, 1984-5, 1983-4

Johns Hopkins Departmental Fellowship: 1986-7, 1982-3

Johns Hopkins Tuition Fellowship: 1982-90

University
and Community
Involvement

Member, Gender and Women's Studies Committee: UIC, 1992-present

Associate Head, Political Science, 2006-2008

Member, Humanities Institute Executive Committee, 2006-2008

Director of Graduate Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, 2002-2007

GWS Coordinator and Member, Interdisciplinary Program Joint Ph.D. Planning Committee, 2004-2005

Member, Prize Committee, Gender and Women's Studies, 2004-2005

Member, Political Science Department Advisory Committee,
2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2007-2008

Member, OVCR-AAH Awards Committee, 2000-2005

Member, LAS International Studies Committee: 1993-present

Member, Jewish Studies Program Faculty Committee, 2002–2004

Board Member, Broadway Community Development Association, 2002-2004

Member, LAS Middle East Studies Initiative, 1998-2001

Board Member, Friends of the Iranian Film Festival, Chicago 1998-2001

Member, Arab-American Oral History Project Advisory Board:
American Friends Service Committee and Arab-American Action Network, Chicago 1997-2001

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Gender and Women's Studies, 1997-2001

Chair, Jeri Parker Scholarship Committee: UIC, 1995-2001

Co-Chair, Gender and Women's Studies Search Committee, Fall 2000

Member, Political Science Department Head Search Committee, Fall 2000

Member, German Department Search Committee, Winter 2000

Member, Catholic Studies Chair Search Committee, Fall 1999

Member, Advisory Committee for the Office of Women's Affairs, 1994–1999

Member, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Women, 1995-1996

Member, Political Science Department Undergraduate Committee, 1993-1994

Member, UIC Campus Committee on Diversity, 1993

Member, Political Science Department Executive Committee, 1992-1993

Founding Member, Coalition for Women at Hopkins/Johns Hopkins Women's Center: 1985-1990

Graduate Member of the President's Task Force on the Human Climate,
Homewood Campus/JHU: Spring-Fall 1987

Graduate Member of Dean's Committee on Women and Other Minorities at Hopkins Homewood
Campus/JHU: Fall 1986

Departmental Representative on the Johns Hopkins Graduate Representative Organization, Homewood
Campus/JHU: 1983-1984

Member of Political Science Graduate Steering Committee/JHU: 1983-1984

Languages

German: good (speaking, reading)

French: good (speaking, reading)

Persian: fair (speaking, reading)

Travel/Living
Abroad

Iran (research): multiple trips, 1999-present
Hungary (teaching): July 2004, July 2005
Turkey (research workshops): June 1999, September 2003
Lebanon (research workshop): February 2001
England (archival research): Summer 1999, March 2001
Israel and the West Bank (research and travel): December 1997
Germany and Eastern Europe (travel): June 1993
Iran and Italy (research and travel): April-June 1992
Germany and Hungary (travel): Summer 1990
Italy (research): Summer 1986
Germany (study and research): Summer 1984, September-June 1981-1982
Israel (work and travel): Summer 1977, September-June 1975-1976