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Research Interests: Islam in America and Europe, secularism and religious minorities, religion and urban culture, race and ethnicity, gender and feminist theory, urban anthropology

Education

- Ph.D.** 2012, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, Portfolio in Women and Gender Studies
- M.A.** 2005, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, Portfolio in Women and Gender Studies
- B.A.** 1996, English, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT

Fellowships/Awards (Selected)

- 2010 Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholar Award, for dissertation completion
- 2010 University of Texas at Austin Continuing Fellowship, for dissertation completion
- 2008 National Science Foundation Dissertation Award, for fieldwork in Hamtramck, MI
- 2008 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Award, for fieldwork in Hamtramck, MI
- 2007 Bruton Graduate Fellowship, UT Austin Office of Graduate Studies, for study in Hamtramck, MI
- 2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, UT Austin Middle Eastern Studies, for Arabic
- 2004 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, UT Austin Middle Eastern Studies, for Arabic
- 2003 Fulbright IIE, US Department of Education, for study in Morocco
- 2003 American Institute for Maghreb Studies Research Grant, for fieldwork in Morocco
- 2002 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, UT Austin Middle Eastern Studies, for Arabic
- 2002 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant, UT Austin Middle Eastern Studies, for summer Arabic study in Morocco
- 2001 Career Development Grant, American Association for University Women, for graduate study

Publications (Selected)

- 2012 "From the Mosque to the Municipality: The Ethics of Muslim Space in a Midwestern City," Ph.D. Dissertation, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, December 2012, 468 pages.
- 2009 "Negotiating Alliances: Muslims, Gay Rights and the Christian Right in a Polish-American City." *Anthropology Today*, 26(2) pp. 19-24.
- 2005 "Family, Gender, and Islamic Discourses in Canada." *The Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures (EWIC)*. Koninklijke Brill.
- 2005 "Dutiful Daughters of Morocco: Education Empowerment, and the Father-Daughter Bond in Two Moroccan Families." MA Thesis, Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, December 2005, 102 pages.
- 2004 " 'A Man is like a Diamond': The *Mudawwana* Reforms and the Problem of Moroccan Masculinity." *Al Raida*, 21, pp. 99-104.

- 2003 "Three Non-Arab Woman Ethnographers of Morocco: Kapchan, Pandolfo and Fernea." *Al Raida*, 20, pp. 36-40.
- 2002 "Veil of Tradition, Veil of Resistance: Two Ethnographic Studies of Contemporary Egyptian Dress." *Text, Practice, Performance*, 4, pp. 65-84.

Presentations (Selected)

- 2012 "The Tumult of Muslim Citizenship in a Midwestern City," for the panel "Citizenship Against the Grain." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2012 "Negotiating Diasporic Sound in a Midwestern City," Texas South Asia Conference, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2011 "The Call to Prayer and the Question of Cultural Citizenship in a Michigan City." Guest Lecture for "South Asian Migration to the US" course, Center for Asian America Studies, UT Austin.
- 2011 Co-chair and panelist for "Queer Feminist Futures: Temporalities of Sex, Gender and Justice in an Age of Neoliberal Risk and (In)security" panel for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Paper presented: "Assimilation to a Queer Nation: Intersecting Futures of Muslim and GLBT Visibilities in the West."
- 2010 Co-organizer and panelist for "Muslim Circuits, Western Spaces," panel for the American Anthropological Association Annual meeting. Paper presented: "Islam in Interfaith Circuits: Liberal and Illiberal Brotherhoods in a Changing Civic Sphere."
- 2005 "Development and Ambivalence: The 2004 Moroccan Family Code Reforms and the Question of Women's Equal Rights." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2005 "Is There a Crisis of Marriage in Morocco? Pre-Marital Sexuality, Marriage Delay, and the 2004 Family Reforms." Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- 2005 "Who is the 'Non-Feminist Other'? Feminist Ethnographic Approaches to Studying Arab Families." Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Conference, UT Austin.
- 2004 "Dutiful Daughters of Morocco: Refiguring the *Wali* in the 2004 Family Law Reforms." Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- 2004 "The 2004 *Mudawanna* Reforms: Gender, Citizenship and Social Change." Maghrebi Area Studies Symposium. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2003 "Feminist Ethnopoetics: Recent Approaches to Women's Sentiment in the Middle East." Center for Women's and Gender Studies Annual Conference, UT Austin.

Teaching/Experience (Selected)

- 2013 Lecturer, "Muslims in America: Community, Nation, Representation." Upper division course, Center for Asian American Studies, UT Austin.
- 2012 *Current*. Graduate Research Assistant, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin. Grants and program development.
- 2012 Assistant Instructor, "Muslims in America: Community, Nation, Representation." Center for Asian American Studies, UT Austin.
- 2007 Teaching Assistant, "Introduction to Cultural Anthropology," Anthropology Dept., UT Austin.
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, "Expressive Culture," Anthropology Dept., UT Austin.
- 2003-2005 Writing Instructor, Speech and Rhetoric Dept., UT Austin.