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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. - Political Science/Planning, Governance & Globalization

December 2014

School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VT), Blacksburg and Alexandria, VA

- **Dissertation:** “An Elusive Victory – Egyptian Workers Challenge the Regime” (2006-2012)

Recipient of the 2014 Richard E. Zody Award for Outstanding Dissertation in Planning, Governance, and Globalization (PGG) – Governance and Globalization (GG) track.

M.A. – International Relations

1984

Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

- **Concentration:** International Relations, Politics, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy

B.S. -- Foreign Service

1982

School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

- **Concentration:** International Economics: Finance and Commerce
- **Certificate:** Arab Studies and Language, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies

Instructional Systems Development

1995

University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION:

Democratization, Authoritarian Regimes and Transitions, Civil Society and Global Social Movements, Arabic Language and Culture, and the Labor Movement in the Middle East

AREAS OF CONCENTRATION:

International Relations, Global Social Movements, Islam and Politics, Comparative Politics, Governments and Politics of the Middle East and North Africa, Arabic Language, Society, and Culture

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Assistant Professor (Term), School of Policy, Government and International Affairs (SPGIA)

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

Fall 2014-Present

Adjunct Faculty, Public and International Affairs (PIA) George Mason University, Fairfax, VA	Fall 2013-2014
Adjunct Graduate Faculty , Center for Democracy and Civil Society Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.	2013-Present
Instructor of Record/Graduate Teaching Assistant Virginia Tech (VT), Blacksburg, VA	2011-2012
Visiting Professor Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Lexington, VA	2010-2011

TEACHING:

GOVT 544: Role of Civil Society and Social Movements in democratization – a global survey – Fall 2014 (Georgetown University)

GOVT 540: International Relations – Fall 2014, Spring 2015 and Summer 2015

GOVT 444: Israeli-Palestinian Politics – Spring 2016

GOVT 322: International Relations Theory – Fall 2014, Spring 2015

GOVT 345: Islam and Politics – Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

GOVT 332: Politics of the Middle East – Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016

GOVT 731: Politics and Society of the Middle East – Spring 2014

GOVT 733: Islam and Politics – Fall 2015

GOVT 542: Role of Civil Society in Transitioning and Democratizing Countries – Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2016 (Georgetown University)

GOVT 901: Independent Study/Tutorial on Global Social Movements – Fall 2013

PSCI 4984: Politics of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Region – Fall 2011, Spring 2012

PO 374: Politics and International Relations in MENA – Fall 2010, Spring 2011

AR 316: Egyptian Arabic Conversation and a Survey of the Arabic Media – Fall 2010, Spring 2011

PO 471-01: The Arab World: Society, Culture and the State – Spring 2011

AR 470-01: Modern Arabic Short Stories – Spring 2012

AR 316-01: Historical and Contemporary Survey of Leadership in the Arab World – Spring 2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Consultant International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) Cairo, Egypt	July-Sep 2011
Regional Program Director Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Team The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (The Solidarity Center), Washington, D.C.	August 2004-2011
Deputy Regional Director Middle East and North Africa (MENA) Team The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) Washington, D.C.	2001-2004
Resident Representative in Lebanon The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) Beirut, Lebanon	2001-2002
Regional Representative for the Middle East and North Africa The American Center for International Labor Solidarity (The Solidarity Center) Based in Cairo from 1997-2000, Washington, D.C.	1994-2000
Senior Program Officer – Romania Desk officer Free Trade Union Institute (FTUI), AFL-CIO Washington, D.C.	1987-1994
Research Associate Research Department, Seafarers International Union, AFL-CIO Camp Springs, MD	1986-1987
Executive Assistant to the President The United Federation of Teachers (UFT), Local 2 of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO New York City, N.Y.	1985-1986
Assistant to the Director Frontlash, Inc. (AFL-CIO Youth Organization) Washington, D.C.	1983-1985

PUBLICATIONS:

Books

Senior Editor and Project Manager, *The Struggle for Worker Rights in Egypt*, The Solidarity Center, February 2010.

Book Chapters

“The Role of the Labor Sector,” in Godson, Roy (editor). *Towards Democratic Transitions: The Case of North Africa*. National Strategy Information Center (NSIC); First edition (November 17, 2013).

Peer-Reviewed Essays

“The Egyptian Peasant—The Hero of the Past, the Hope for the Future” – a review of Timothy Mitchell’s *Rules of Experts—Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity*. *SPECTRA: The ASPECT Journal*, Volume 2, Number 1, November 2012.

“Crisis, Context, Modernity, Myth” <http://spectrajournal.org/current-issue/>

Editor of Al-Raida publication of the Lebanese American University’s Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World - No. 97-98, Spring–Summer 2002 Arab Women in Civil Society.

Journalism & Multimedia

“Where Were the Egyptian Workers in the June 2013 People’s Coup Revolution?”
<http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/13125/where-were-the-egyptian-workers-in-the-june-2013-p>

“Should Egyptians Believe Morsi?” <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/12479/should-egyptians-believe-morsi>

Egyptians Who Protest Worker Rights Abuses are Labeled "Terrorists", Posted by Heba F. El-Shazli on September 9, 2013 <http://shankerblog.org/?p=8794>

Red Card for Morsi – Posted on June 3, 2013 <http://shankerblog.org/?p=8454>

Egypt's Islamist Government Reaches for Control of the Unions - Posted on December 12, 2012
<http://shankerblog.org/?p=7304>

The New Middle East: Democratic Accountability and the Role of Trade Unions --Posted on August 10, 2012 <http://shankerblog.org/?p=6476>

An Update From The Independent Labor Movement In Egypt Posted March 7, 2011
<http://shankerblog.org/?p=2055>

Bahrain: Workers Lead The Way Posted February 25, 2011 <http://shankerblog.org/?p=1998>

A Very Happy Egyptian-American Posted February 11, 2011 <http://shankerblog.org/?p=1878>

Egypt In Crisis: Independent Unions Emerge As Leaders Posted February 7, 2011
<http://shankerblog.org/?p=1823>

PRESENTATIONS:

Panelist: “The Politics of Translation: Everyday Life in Iraq and the Middle East,” Panel Discussion, held on 2nd February 2016, Hosted by Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here 2016 Festival, <https://www.facebook.com/events/1134562096576045/>

“Tunisia’s Political, Social and Economic Promise and Potential – Tunisian Civil Society.” Tunisia Roundtable sponsored by the Languages and Global Studies Departments, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, April 2014.

“Workers’ Revolt at the workplace and in Public Spaces: now workers used their workplaces and public spaces to protest authoritarian rule, economic re-structuring, and globalization” International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada, February 2014.

“Fostering Positive Political Change in North Africa - The Role of the Labor Sector.” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA), Washington, D.C., November 2013.

“Workers in crisis ... Outlook on Egypt’s Independent Trade Unions and their Political Role.” The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC. August 2013.

“The Role of Egypt’s Labor Movement in June 2013 Uprising.” Briefing for the Executive Council of the Jewish Labor Committee. New York City, July 2013.

Moderator, Film and discussion of “Nazrah: A Muslim Woman’s Perspective.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. April, 2012.

Moderator, “Workshop: De-mystifying the Middle East and its People – a frank discussion.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. April 2012

Moderator, “We Are Egypt” -- Film and discussion with Lillie Paquette (film director). Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. October 2011

Moderator, Film and Discussion: “Inside Islam: What a Billion Muslims Really Think.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. March 2012

Panelist, “Careers in International Affairs.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. February 2012

Panelist, “Arab Spring Movements.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. February 2012

Panelist, “Panel Discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian Question.” Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA. November 2011

Panelist, “Have you been wondering what exactly is going on in Egypt? Is the military going to relinquish control? What is Mubarak going to do now?” Washington-Lee University, Lexington, VA. February 2011.

Moderator, “The Future of Egypt.” East Meets West Conference at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Lexington, VA. March 2011

Moderator, Film and Discussion: “The Birds of Darkness”, dealing with political and social issues around the rise of the Moslem Brotherhood’s influence in the Egyptian judiciary. VMI, Lexington, VA. April 2011.

Panelist, “International Efforts to Combat Labor Trafficking” Academy for Educational Development (AED), Washington, D.C. June 2010

Interview on the radio show “Kan Ya Makan” on CKLN 88.1FM about the situation and struggles of migrant workers in the Arab world, July, 2008.

Panelist, panel discussion at the Global Forum on Migrant Workers in Abu Dhabi, January 2008 (<http://www.ameinfo.com/144577.html> and <http://www.ameinfo.com/144719.html>)

Panelist, “Worker rights are human rights”. Conference on Islam in America – Center for Global Peace, American University, Washington, DC, July 2008

Panelist, “Modern Day Slavery in the Middle East – the plight of migrant workers in the GCC and Yemen.” University of Michigan Law School, Middle East Law Student Association (MELSA) monthly meeting, Ann Arbor, Michigan, April, 2008

Panelist, “Egypt’s Elections 2005.” VOA’s On-the-Line television program, Washington, D.C. September 2005 [<http://www.voanews.com/uspolicy/archive/2005-09/2005-09-16-voa2.cfm>]

Member of the Regional Advisors Committee for Freedom House’s publication/report Women’s Rights in the Middle East, Washington, D.C. 2005

Quoted in Washington Post article, “Unions Around World to Protest Iran’s Treatment of Bus Workers” By Nora Boustany, Wednesday, February 15, 2006; A18

Moderator, “Ensuring Democracy in an Age of Economic Transition.” Fourth Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy gathering, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2006.

Guest Speaker, “Building Blocks of Democracy” on NPR’s Talk of the Nation, Washington, D.C. March 3, 2003.

Participated in a 14-member assessment mission to Iraq organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI) between June 27 and July 6, 2003

Panelist, presentation titled “Important role of civil society organizations in promoting development and democracy in the Middle East.” World Bank’s Mediterranean Development Forum (MDF), Amman, Jordan in October 2002.

Presentation on Strategies to increase Women’s Global Leadership II in a course at the American University’s Women & Politics Institute, Women World Leaders, GOVT 580.02, Spring 2004.

SERVICE:

2015-2016 academic year: Faculty Advisor to two on-campus student organizations; mentor for three undergraduate research program students; and mentor for one OSCAR undergraduate student. In addition, advisor and mentor for two graduate student masters’ thesis projects.

Nominated for two awards at George Mason University: 1) for mentoring students in independent study and other academic endeavors (I currently have four independent study students); and 2) for the Career Connection Faculty Award which celebrates Mason faculty who have made a positive impact on students’ career goals, employment plans or graduate school preparation.

Faculty Advisor, *Journal of Democracy and Society*, bi-annual print journal published by the Center for Democracy and Civil Society, Georgetown University, Fall 2013.

Taught class at Politics & Prose bookstore titled: Understanding Middle East Politics through Literature. September 2013 to the present.

Member of SEIU – Local 500 Adjunct Faculty Union at Georgetown University and member of the contract ratification committee <http://www.seiu500.org/category/divisions/higher-ed/>

Member of the organizing and implementing committee for VMI’s East Meets West Conference: 711-2011. Work on the conference included: development of the agenda, themes, selection of

speakers, contacting speakers and encouraging their participation, selection of the musical and artistic aspects of the conference. 23-25th March, 2011

Organized the participation of VMI cadets in the Southeast Model Arab League program held at Converse College in Spartansburg, South Carolina. 11-13 March, 2011

Organized VMI student participation in the American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies 28th Annual Conference held at the College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA. 8-9 April, 2011

Presentation for the VMI students, faculty, staff and Lexington community on developments in Egypt and the 25th January revolution; 120+ persons attended. 3rd February 2011

Organized and leader of a study trip to Egypt (logistics, program of meetings in-country, and travel details) for VMI cadets, faculty and friends of VMI to Egypt: Cairo, Alexandria, Aswan and Luxor. 26 December 2010 – 7 January 2011

Moderator of a discussion between VMI cadets participating in the Egyptian Arabic pilot conversation/dialogue project with counterpart students at Cairo University. 2 December 2010

Organizer, lecture by author, David Finkel, at the Center for Leadership and Ethics (CLE) at the Virginia Military Institute (VMI), Lexington, VA. Mr. Finkel is a Pulitzer Prize winning author, editor and writer for The Washington Post. He discussed his recent book, *The Good Soldiers*. 19th November 2010

Organizer, field trip for 32 VMI cadets to Washington, DC for briefings and meetings at the Department of State and at the Council on Foreign Relations with focus on Middle East issues. 17 November 2010

Presentation: "The evolution of the MENA region from a historical perspective." VMI, Lexington, VA. 15 November 2010

Presentation: "The Three Faces of Cairo" VMI in Lexington, VA. 26 October 2010

Organized the participation of VMI cadets in the 19th Annual Policy Makers Conference – of the National Council on US-Arab Relations titled: *Where do we go from here?* Washington, D.C. 20 – 22 October 2010

Invited and organized program for guest speaker: Dr. Marina Ottaway, Director of Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The presentation was titled: "Nation-Building and Democracy Promotion: Lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan." Lexington, VA. 14 October 2010

Led a delegation of Iraqi trade union women on their first-ever visit to Turkey to celebrate International Women's Day with their Turkish counterparts. Istanbul, Turkey, March 2009.

Organized and participated in historic first meetings that led to the signing of a memorandum of understanding for cooperation with the Qatari National Human Rights Committee. June 10, 2008

Arabic voice and managed the production/editing of the Arabic version of a 9-minute video film titled: *Strengthening Women's Political Participation in Jordan and Morocco*, March 2004.

I taught a series of NGO workshops for the Public Affairs Office of the US Embassy in Syria and Lebanon on the topic of improving communications skills and building relations with the media (1999 and 2000).

Conducted a twelve-week training program to prepare practitioners in the human resources field in Egypt to take the test for Professional Human Resource Manager sponsored by the Society for Human Resources Management (SHRM) (January – April 2000).

Advisor to the Consultative Council on Gender for the MENA region at the World Bank, Washington, D.C. June 2000

Taught a 4-day workshop at the International Labor Organization's (ILO) Training Center in Turin, Italy on planning an advocacy campaign for women's business associations in the Arab countries. I conducted the course in Arabic. October 2000

Participated in the second assembly of the World Movement for Democracy held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, 12-15 November 2000. I participated in three different workshops and helped facilitate the meeting of the regional NGOs in the Arab states and Turkey. I also served on the coordinating committee to set-up a network/resource organization to serve the NGOs in the Arab states and Turkey.

Participated as a speaker on a panel entitled: "Civil Society and Globalization" and the Mediterranean Development Forum (MDF 4) held in Amman, Jordan, 6 - 9 October 2002.

Participated in "Mediterranean Development Forum II" where I was a commentator on a paper presented on "Vocational Training: a private and public partnership" (1998).

Participated in the World Bank's "Mediterranean Development Forum" (MDF I) held in Marrakech, Morocco where I organized two workshops under the theme: "Labor Market Policies and Labor Unions." I presented a paper entitled, "Partnerships in the Education of Future Workers" (1997)

CERTIFICATIONS:

Recipient of the French Language Studies Certificate 1979
Dijon University, Dijon, France

LANGUAGES:

Arabic and English – Bilingual/Fluent and Excellent Translation Skills

French -- Strong

Spanish and Romanian -- Working Knowledge/Conversational

Farsi -- Basic conversational, reading and writing knowledge

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Member of the Council on Foreign Relations (www.cfr.org)

Member of the American Political Science Association (APSA)

Member of the International Studies Association (ISA)

member of the AEL Graduate Honor Society at VI (2012 to the present)

Member of the Middle East Institute (MEI) (www.mei.org)

Member of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA).

Founding member of the American Egyptian Association (AEA)