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ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Stonehill College (August 2020-)

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Stonehill College (August 2019- May 2020)

Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science and International Studies, Stonehill College (August 2018- May 2019)

Visiting Scholar, The Middle East Institute, Columbia University (November 2017 – August 2018).

UN Security Council Monitor, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) (August-November 2017)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Political Science, 6/29/2018
Department of Political Science
University of Cincinnati (UC)

Dissertation title: Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt

Committee members: Dr. Laura Dudley Jenkins, Dr. Anne Sisson Runyan, and Dr. Rina Verma Williams

Research Interest: Feminist international relations and security studies, democratization, governance and institutions, civil society and activism, political Islam, Middle East, gender politics, social movements, and regime change.

MA in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, 2013
Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS)
University of Cincinnati (UC)

MA Project: Women's Political Participation in Egypt's Arab Spring Uprising: "Bargaining with Patriarchy" and the Deployment of Feminine Identities

Committee members: Dr. Anne Sisson Runyan, Dr. Amy C. Lind & Dr. Laura Dudley Jenkins

Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Sciences (B.Med Lab Sc), 2011
College of Medical Science

Ben Gurion University, Israel

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Professional Development Grant (2020) (\$3000)
The American Political Science Association (APSA) Travel Award (2019) (\$400)
Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience (2019) (\$3000)
International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Award (2018) (\$670)
Graduate Student Government Association Travel Award (2018) (\$500)
UC Department of Political Science Travel Award (2018) (\$610)
Graduate Student Government Association Outstanding International Student Excellence Award in the non-STEM field (2018) (\$200).
International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Grant (2017) (\$480)
UC Department of Political Science Enhancement Award (2017) (\$1500)
The Jane Addams Peace Association (2017) (\$500)
UC WGSS President's Transformation Fund Award (2017) (\$500)
UC Graduate School Dean's Fellowship (2017-2018) in support of the last year of my dissertation work (\$20,000)
UC Department of Political Science Enhancement Award (2016) (\$1000)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Enrichment Award (2016) in support of my field work in Turkey (\$743)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Graduate Student Travel Grant (2016) in support of presenting my research at the National Women's Studies Association Conference (\$500)
International Studies Association (ISA) Travel Award (2016) in support of attending ISA Annual Conference in Baltimore in Feb. 2017 (\$280)
National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Conference Registration Scholarship (2016) (\$100)
UC Graduate School Graduate Student Fellow Award (2016-2018) (\$2000 per year)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Dissertation Fellowship (8/2016-6/2017) in support of my doctoral research (\$17,500)
UC Graduate Students Governance Association Conference Travel Award (2016) in support of presenting my research at MPSA Annual Convention (\$319)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Graduate Student Travel Grant (2016) in support of presenting my research at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference (\$500)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Enrichment Award (2016) in support of attending the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (\$1756)
UC Graduate Students Governance Association Conference Travel Award (2014) in support of presenting my research at ISA Annual Convention (\$400)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Graduate Student Travel Grant (2014) in support of presenting my research at ISA Annual Convention (\$500)
UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Enrichment Award (2014) in support of my summer research (\$2500)
UC University Graduate Scholarship (2013-2016) – Full tuition & fees
UC University Graduate Scholarship (2011-2013) – Full tuition & fees

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Article

Mhajne, Anwar and Rasmus Brandt. "Rights, Democracy and Islamist Women's Activism in Tunisia and Egypt." *Religion and Politics*, October 2020.

Niven, David, Anwar Mhajne, and Alexis Straka. "Who Reveals, Who Conceals? Gender and Candidate Communication Styles," *Political Research Quarterly*, March 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar, and Crystal Whetstone. "The Use of Political Motherhood in Egypt's Arab Spring Uprising and Aftermath." *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, October 2017.

DOI:10.1080/14616742.2017.1371624.

Book Chapters

Calfano, Brian and Anwar Mhajne. "Muslim Women in the US: Pathways and Perceptions" in Brian Robert Calfano, Nazita Lejarvardi, and Melissa Michelson, ed. *Understanding Muslim Political Life in America: (Contested) Citizenship in the Trump Era*, Temple University, May 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar and Crystal Whetstone. "Troubling Conceptions of Motherhood: State Feminism and Political Agency of Women in the Global South" in Laura J. Shepherd, ed. *Troubling Motherhood: Maternity and the State*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Political Opportunities for Islamist Women in Morocco and Egypt" in Hanane Darhour and Drupe Dahlerup, ed. *An Age of Uncertainty: The Double-Edged Politics of Empowering and Sidelining Women in the MENA Region*, Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2019.

Encyclopedic Book Chapter

Runyan, Anne Sisson, Anwar Mhajne, Crystal Whetstone, and Rina Verma Williams. "Feminisms in Comparative Perspective" in Nancy Naples, ed. *Companion to Feminist Studies*. New York: Wiley Blackwell, forthcoming 2021.

Book Reviews

Mhajne, Anwar. Review of *Polarized and Demobilized: Legacies of Authoritarianism in Palestine* by Dana El Kurd. *AlMuntaqa* 3, no. 1 (2020): 91-93. Accessed July 22, 2020. doi:10.31430/almuntaqa.3.1.0091.

Mhajne, Anwar. Review of *Jane Freedman, Zeynep Kivilcim and Nurcan Özgür Baklacioğlu, A Gendered Approach to the Syrian Refugee Crisis* in *Political Studies Review* (2019).

Mhajne, Anwar. Review of Sylvester, Christine. *War as Experience: Contributions from International Relations and Feminist Analysis* in *International Feminist Journal of Politics* 17, no. 1 (2015): 187-189.

Mhajne, Anwar. Review of Dal, Mikala Hyldig, *Cairo: Images of Transition - Perspectives on Visuality in Egypt, 2011-2013* in *H-War, H-Net Reviews*. March 2016.

Film Reviews

Mhajne, Anwar. "Film Review: My So-called Enemy." *Teaching Sociology* 46(1), 92–94. (2017).

Professional Association Essay

Mhajne, Anwar. "Middle East Studies Through a Feminist Lens." *The Middle East and North Africa Workshops of the American Political Science Association* (11, 2018)

Mhajne, Anwar. "Women in International Relations: From the Margins to the Center?" *International History and Politics- An Organized Section of the American Political Science Association* 2 (November 4, 2016): 8-10.

Works in Progress

Books

Mhajne, Anwar. *Becoming Governing Bodies: Political Opportunity Structures and Strategic Choices of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt* (to be reviewed by Syracuse University Press).

Papers

Mhajne, Anwar and Crystal Whetstone. *Combative Civil Society: Contesting Political Leaders' Power Grabs in Crises.*"

Mhajne, Anwar and Gregory Saxton. "Gender Egalitarian Attitudes and Support for Islamist Parties in the Middle East." Presented at APSA 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Gendered Local Voices in Counterterrorism Policies." Presented at the Consortium on Gender, Security & Human Rights 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar and Crystal Whetstone. "From Syria to the US: the US Refugee Resettlement Program and Shifting Gender Dynamics."

Other Publications

Mhajne, Anwar. and Crystal Whetstone. "The Rise of the COVID Dictatorships." *Foreign Policy*. October 18, 2020.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Donald Trump Wants to Revoke My Citizenship. Because I'm an Arab." *Haaretz*. February 12, 2020.

Mhajne, Anwar. "A Netanyahu-Joint List Standoff." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. January 23, 2020.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Gun Violence in Israel's Palestinian Community." *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*. October 30, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "How to increase Arab participation in Israeli elections." The Jerusalem Post. August 19, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "How Israel's blockade exacerbates violence against women in Gaza." +972 Magazine. May 17, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar, David Niven and Alexis Straka. "Women candidates in the US are running better campaigns than men." LSE Blogs. May 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Weak UN resolution exposes conflict between sexual violence survivors' needs and political ideology." The Defense Post. April 30, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "LGBTQ Refugees from Syria: A Catch 22." Disrupted Journal: The Migration Issue. March 8, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "It is a Disaster for Palestinians in Israel to Boycott the Elections." Haaretz. March 11, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Only Five Arab Women Have Ever Served in Israel's Knesset. And It's Not Getting Any Better." Haaretz. February 7, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Surveillance, Political Threats, Daily Discrimination: What It's Like to Be a Palestinian Citizen in Israel." Haaretz. January 30, 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "The Marginalization of Women in Counterterrorism Work." Center for Progressive Security. February 2019.

Mhajne, Anwar. "The many costs Palestinian women pay to fight oppression." +972 Magazine. December 12, 2018.

- Published also in *Times of Israel*.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Traveling the world as a Palestinian on an Israeli Passport." +972 Magazine. October 22, 2018.

- Published also in *Quartz* and *Times of Israel*.

Mhajne, Anwar. "The Future of Feminist Foreign Policy: Towards a More Inclusive Understanding of Women (and men's) Security." Disrupted Journal: The Post-Colonial Issue. Center for Feminist Foreign Policy. July 4, 2018.

Mhajne, Anwar. "As the election of Ennahda's Souad Abderrahim in Tunisia shows, an Islamist party's rise to power does not necessarily come at the cost of gender equality." Middle East Eye. July 18, 2018.

Mhajne, Anwar. "How the Muslim Brotherhood's women activists stepped up in Egypt." Middle East Eye. January 15, 2018.

Mhajne, Anwar, and Crystal Whetstone. "Lessons from Egypt on the role of women in fighting for democracy." The Conversation. October 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Political Space for Israel's Palestinians?" Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. September 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "National Action on Women, Peace and Security: A Year in Review." Peace Women. December 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar, and Alexandra Rojas. "United Nations Monitoring: Year In Review." Peace Women. December 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Canada Launches its Second National Action Plan for the Period of 2017-2022." Peace Women. November 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "Index of Statements made during the General Debate of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly (19-25 September 2017)." Peace Women. October 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "#UNGA72: Where Do We Stand on Conflict Prevention and Feminist Peace?" Peace Women. September 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "NAP Update: Are Member States Prepared for the UNSCR1325 Anniversary?" Peace Women. August 2017.

Mhajne, Anwar. "CSW61 Reflections: Banning Women Does Not Solve Problems." Peace Women. April 2017.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

"Gender Egalitarian Attitudes and Support for Islamist Parties in the Middle East," The American Political Science Association Annual Conference, DC, in August 2019.

"Future Trajectories for Transnational Feminist Projects on Middle East Politics," The National Women's Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, in November 2018.

"How Women Run for Mayor: Gender Dynamics and Candidate Communication," American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, August 2018.

"Troubling Conceptions of Motherhood: State Feminism and Political Agency of Women in the Global South," International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

“Troubling Conceptions of Motherhood: State Feminism and Political Agency of Women in the Global South,” International Feminist Journal of Politics, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

“Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt,” Arab Graduate Student Conference, Doha, Qatar, March 2018.

“Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices: The Case of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt,” International Conference on Gender and Politics, Ouarzazate, Morocco, October 2017.

“The Sisters’ Activism and Political Opportunity Structure in Egypt a Year before the Revolution,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

“The Sisters’ Activism and Political Opportunity Structure in Egypt a Year before the Revolution,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices: The Case of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt,” Humanities NOW Graduate Student Conference, Cincinnati, OH, February 2016.

“Women’s Political Participation in Egypt’s Arab Spring Uprising and its Aftermath: ‘Bargaining with Patriarchy’ and the Deployment of Traditional Motherhood,” National Women’s Studies Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, November 2016.

“Women’s Political Participation in Egypt’s Arab Spring Uprising: ‘Bargaining with Patriarchy’ and the Deployment of Traditional Motherhood,” International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 2016.

“Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices: The Case of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2016.

“The Muslim Sisterhood: Activism and Regime Change,” Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2015.

“Women’s Political Participation in Egypt’s Arab Spring Uprising: ‘Bargaining with Patriarchy’ and the Deployment of Feminine Identities,” International Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, February 2015.

“Women’s Movement in Egypt: A Comparison Between the 19th and 21st Century,” Graduate Student History Conference, London, Canada, September 2012.

Chair and Discussant Participation

Organizer and Chair, Women’s Caucus Town Hall Meeting, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

Participant, "Taking Stock: Women's Organizations and Activism in Political Science" panel, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, April 2018.

Discussant, "Micro Studies of Political Conflict and Violence" panel, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2017.

Chair, "NGOs as Key Stakeholders in Human Rights Promotion" panel, International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

Discussant, "Women's Identities and Agencies in Turkish and Israeli Politics" panel, International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH, May 2016.

Invited Presentations & Talks

"The impact of the Arab Spring on Israel." The Institute of National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University, November 2020.

"*COVID's impact on the Middle East.*" The Institute of National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University, August 2020.

"*Gendered Local Voices in Counterterrorism Policies,*" Consortium on Gender, Security and Human Rights, University of Massachusetts Boston, November 2019.

"*Red Sea Security.*" The Paul Pratt Memorial Library, Cohasset, Massachusetts, April 2020.

"*Palestinian-Israelis in a Jewish State,*" Webinar, Progressive Israel, May 2019.

"*What Does it Mean to be a Palestinian Citizen of Israel,*" Workshop, Tufts University, Medford, MA, April 2019.

"*What Does it Mean to be a Palestinian Citizen of Israel,*" University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, April 2019.

"*Islamophobia,*" Stonehill College, Easton, MA, February 2019.

"*Political Opportunities and Strategic Choices of the Muslim Sisterhood in Egypt,*" Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA, April 2018.

"*Women, Islam, and the Trump Administration,*" Miami University, Oxford, OH, April 2017.

"*Women, Migration, and Protest,*" University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, March 2017.

"*The Future of Women's, Gender, and sexuality Studies (WGSS),*" University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, March 2017.

"*Refugee Women and Gender Based Violence,*" University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH,

November 2016.

“*Women’s Political Participation in Egypt’s Arab Spring Uprising: ‘Bargaining with Patriarchy’ and the Deployment of Feminine Identities,*” Amnesty International Midwest Regional Conference, Cincinnati, OH, November 2013.

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience

Mentor (May 2019- August 2019)

Served as a research mentor for an undergraduate student. Introduced the student to research ethics, methods, and procedures. Guided the mentee throughout the various stages of research such as literature review and data collection.

Graduate Summer Undergraduate Mentoring Program (GSUM/SUMR-UC)

Graduate Summer Research Mentor (June 2015-August 2015)

Served as a research mentor for an undergraduate student. Introduced the student to research ethics, methods, and procedures. Guided the mentee throughout the various stages of research such as literature review and data collection.

TEACHING

Department of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College

Assistant Professor (August 2020-)

Cyber Security, Global Security, International Politics, Methods in Political Science, US Foreign Policy, and Politics of “Fake News.”

Department of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College

Visiting Assistant Professor (August 2019-December 2019)

Taught Global Security studies, International Politics, and Terror, State, and Society.

Department of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College

Teaching Postdoctoral Fellow (August 2018-May 2019)

Taught Global Security Studies, Research Methods in Political Science, Political Islam, and American Foreign Policy.

ONLINE TEACHING

Department of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College

Primary Instructor (May 2019-July 2019)

Served as an instructor for International Politics (POL145)

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Primary Instructor (July 2018-August 2018)

Served as an instructor for Citizenship and Terrorism (POL3043).

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Primary Instructor (May 2016-July 2016)

Served as an instructor for Introduction to International Relations (POL1080).

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Primary Instructor (May 2016-July 2016)

Served as an instructor for Citizenship and Terrorism (POL3043).

SPECIAL TRAINING

Attended the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR). Syracuse University.
June 12-24, 2016

Online Education Seminar. Stonehill College. January 1st -March 30th, 2019.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, and English.

LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Member (2020-2022)

Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section-Women's Caucus

Member-at-large (2020-2022)

International Studies Association-Women's Caucus

Member-at-large (2019-2021)

Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs

Member of Carnegie New Leaders Program (2017-now)

International Studies Association-Women's Caucus

WCIS Graduate Student Representative (2016-2018)

Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Delegate to the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (March 12-19, 2016)

The Steering Committee for the Diversity and Inclusion Initiative at the University of Cincinnati

Graduate Student Representative (February 2016- August 2016)

Worked with faculty and staff on developing a curriculum to advance racial and cultural awareness of faculty and students at UC.

Graduate Student Government Association Excellence Awards Review Committee

Reviewer (February 2016)

Women in Political Science

Member (February 2016-May 2016)

Organized and scheduled monthly lunches for women in the Department of Political Science.

Political Science Graduate Student Association (PSGSA)

President (August 2014-August 2015)

Served as the primary representative for PSGSA at the Graduate Student Governance Association. Organized both academic and social activities throughout the academic year to enrich the environment and experience of graduate students in the department. Attended departmental functions and meetings.

Amnesty International USA

Ohio Student Activist Coordinator (August 2013-August 2014)

Served as an advisor to student and youth groups in Ohio on group activities, campaign opportunities and policy-related issues; acted as a liaison between AI groups, staff and other volunteer leaders; promoted area-wide initiatives; and acted as a spokesperson for AI where appropriate. Served on the planning committee for Amnesty International Midwest Regional Conference. Helped invite speakers, recruit volunteers, advertise and plan conference sessions.

University of Cincinnati Amnesty International

President (August 2012-August 2013)

Raised awareness about key international human rights issues through petitions and donations; brought survivors of torture to speak on campus; planned and coordinate campus-wide campaigns. Coordinated a trip for a cohort of students to attend a regional conference to heighten engagement and deepen knowledge about Amnesty's global initiatives.

Racial Awareness Program (RAPP)

Participant (August 2012-April 2013)

Accepted into the 9-month intensive program, which provides a forum for students to challenge, debate, and educate each other on issues of social justice. Enhanced my ability to communicate, deepened knowledge about oppression, and further developed skills to create inclusive communities.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Research Assistant (June 2018)

Worked with Dr. Anne Session Runyan on research related to the implementation of CEDAW in the city of Cincinnati. My research was presented to the City Council.

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Graduate Research Assistant (January 2016-May 2016)

Worked with Dr. Niven on a research project addressing social media, leadership, and crisis communication.

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Graduate Research Assistant (June 2015-August 2015)

Worked with Dr. Laura Dudley Jenkins and Dr. Rina Verma Williams on a research project entitled “Divergent? Gender and Methodological Diversity in Political Science Dissertations, 2012-14.” The project was presented at the American Political Science Association Conference in San Francisco (September 2015). My main role in the project was to analyze and present the data with SPSS.

Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati

Graduate Research Assistant (August 2013-May 2014)

Worked with Dr. Rebecca Sanders on research projects related to surveillance and anti-human rights movements.

Department of Africana Studies at the University of Cincinnati

Graduate Research Assistant (January-May 2013)

Worked with Dr. Carollette Norwood on a study examining the spatial clustering of HIV/AIDS prevalence in Cincinnati metropolitan area.

Hebrew Union College

Graduate Research Assistant (January-June 2012)

Conducted an archival research project entitled “*Religious Ritual, the Family Unit, and Inclusiveness in Reform Judaism 1975-Present.*”

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Political Science Association (APSA)
International Studies Association (ISA)
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
Pi Sigma Alpha - the national political science honor society