

## ANWAR MHAJNE

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### **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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

Board Member and Cofounder, Center for Progressive Security, New York, NY.

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**

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**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**

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*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 60<sup>th</sup> 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**

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### **Peer Reviewed Journal Article**

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.

### **Encyclopedic Book Chapter**

Runyan, Anne Sisson, Anwar Mahajne, Crystal Whetstone, and Rina Verma Williams. "Feminisms in Comparative Perspective" in Nancy Naples, ed. *Companion to Feminist Studies*. New York: Wiley Blackwell, forthcoming 2018.

### **Book Chapters**

Calfano, Brian and Anwar Mahajne. "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.

### **Book Reviews**

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." (2017): 0092055X17743516.

### **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.

### **Under Review**

#### *Book Chapters*

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.

## **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. "Gendered Local Voices in Counterterrorism Policies." To be presented at MPSA in April 2019 and ECPG in July 2019.

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

Mhajne, Anwar and Rasmus Brandt. "Rights, Democracy and Islamist Women's Activism in Tunisia and Egypt."

## **Other Publications**

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**

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### Conference Papers

*"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:

*"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.

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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##### **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.*”

**SPECIAL TRAINING**

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

**LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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Fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, and English.

**TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

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**Department of Political Science and International Studies at Stonehill College**

*Professor (August 2018-December 2018)*

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

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Primary Instructor (July 2018-August 2018)*

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

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (July 2017)*

Helped design the syllabus, grade papers, facilitate and teach some of the sessions for the Human Rights course taught by Dr. Rebecca Sanders.



**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) (online).

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Primary Instructor (May 2016-July 2016)*

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

**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.

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (July 2016)*

Helped design the syllabus, grade papers and facilitate some of the sessions for the Scientific Thinking course taught by Dr. Joel Wolfe.

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (January 2016-April 2016)*

Graded and evaluated students' papers and tests for Politics in America taught by Dr. Kimberly Conger. Taught some of the class session.

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2015-December 2015)*

Graded and evaluated students' papers and tests for Introduction to Comparative Politics class taught by Dr. Joel Wolfe. Conducted review sessions once a week for the class.

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (August 2014-May 2015)*

Graded and evaluated students' papers and tests for Political Inquiry class taught by Dr. Mathew Arbuckle.

**Department of Political Science at the University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Teaching Assistant (January 2013-May 2014)*

Graded and evaluated students' papers and tests for Intro to American Politics class taught by Dr. Emily Hilty.

Graded and evaluated Students' papers for International Human Rights class taught by Dr. Rebecca Sanders.

**University of Cincinnati**

*Graduate Research Assistant (August 2012-December 2012)*

Taught some of the class sessions and graded student papers for Human Sexuality Class taught by Carolyn Peterson.

## **LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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### **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 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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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