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Current Position: Morningstar Family Professor in Jewish Studies and Professor of Government, Smith College

Affiliated Positions: Associate Faculty Member University of Haifa and Bar Ilan University

Education

Ph.D. Columbia University 1971: Political Science
Major Fields: Comparative Politics, Middle East Politics, Political Theory

B.A. Brandeis University 1963: Magna Cum Laude with honors in Politics

Fellowships, Grants, Awards

Organizing Fellow, Kahn Institute for the Liberal Arts 2005-2006
Academic Fellow, Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, 2003-2004
Smith College Grant for Curriculum Development: Multicultural Curriculum Development
Jean Picker Fellowship, 1982-1985
Andrew Mellon Foundation Grants 1978-1980, 1981-1984. Principal Investigator, Smith Research Project on Women and Social Change
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Senior Scholars, 1982-1983
Social Science Research Council Grants, 1978-1979; 1982-1983
Department of State Middle East Scholar in Residence, January 1978
American Association of University Women Fellowship, 1976-1977
Smith College Grants
Israel Government Award, 1967-1968
Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship, 1967-1968
National Defense Foreign Language Fellowships, 1963-1967
Columbia University Grant, 1966-1967
Columbia University Presidential Fellow, 1965-1966
New York State Regents Fellowship for College Teachers, 1964-1965
Columbia University Middle East Scholar, 1964-1965
Woodrow Wilson National Fellow, 1963-1964
Phi Beta Kappa, 1962

Employment

1984-present Professor of Government, Smith College
 1978-1984 Associate Professor of Government, Smith College
 1971-1978 Assistant Professor of Government, Smith College
 1970-1971 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Political Science, City College of the City University of New York

Visiting Appointments

Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, Spring 2002
 Faculty Fellow, Branford College, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 1975-1976
 Faculty Fellow, Davenport College, Department of Political Science, Yale University, 1978
 Associate Fellow, Harry S. Truman Institute for Peace and Research, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, 1979
 Adjunct Member, Department of English, University of Massachusetts, 1991-

Languages

Hebrew, Arabic, French, Turkish, limited German

Professional Memberships

American Political Science Association
 Middle East Studies Association
 Member, Faculty Seminar on the Middle East, Columbia University
 Member, Israel Historical Society
 Member, Society for the Study of Palestinian Society and History
 Founding Member, Association for Israel Studies
 Member, Association for Jewish Studies
 Member, American Historical Association

Selected Publications

Books:

Women Living Change: Cross-Cultural Perspectives. Essays from the Smith College Research Project on Women and Social Change. Edited with Susan C. Bourque. Temple University Press, 1985.
Politics and Society in Ottoman Palestine: The Arab Struggle for Survival and Power. Lynne Rienner, 1994.
Postcolonial Theory and The Arab-Israeli Conflict. Edited with Philip Carl Salzman, Routledge, 2008.
Exiled in the Homeland, University of Texas Press, [forthcoming].

Articles:

- Co-editor of Israel Affairs, Volume 13, No. 3, July 2007
- 'Introduction' Postcolonial Theory and The Arab-Israeli Conflict, Routledge
[forthcoming]
- "Postcolonialism and Its Middle Eastern Discontents," in Postcolonial Theory and The Arab-Israeli Conflict [forthcoming, Routledge]
- "Disinheriting The Jewish People," Judaism [forthcoming]
- "Women And The Zionist Enterprise in Palestine," Israel Studies, Volume 11 No
[Spring 2006]: pp. 204-211.
- "Next Year in Jerusalem: Exiled in Jerusalem," in The Dispossessed: An Anatomy of Exile, University of Massachusetts Press, 2004
- Entries for Yishuv, He-Halutz, Huleh Swamps, Tel-Hai, Yosef Trumpeldor, Yehoshua Sobol, Zelda, A.D. Gordon, Youth Aliyah, Moshe Shamir, Labor Zionism, Menahem Ussishkin, Jewish Agency, Hanoch Levin, Amos Keinan, S. Yizhar, and Albert Suissa for Columbia University's Encyclopedia of the Middle East, revised edition, Macmillan, forthcoming.
- "Exiled In The Homeland," Shofar, [Winter 2003]
- "The Imperialist Ties That Bind: Transjordan and the Yishuv," Israel Affairs, Spring, 2003, pp. 1-30 and reprinted in Israel, The Hashemites, and The Palestinians: The Fateful Triangle, Frank Cass, 2003.
- "Renewing the Zionist Vision," Sh'ma, May 2002.
- "Deconstructing Post-Zionism," Shofar, Volume 19, Number 3 (winter 2001): 129-137.
- "Zionism and the Transformation of Jewish Society," Modern Judaism, Volume 30, Number 3 (October 2000): 257-277.
- "From Civil Society to Sovereign State: The Israeli Experience and the Palestinian Quest," Israel Affairs, Volume 5, Number 4 (Summer 1999): pp. 43-71. Reprinted in Israel's Transition from Community to State, edited by Efraim Karsh, London, 1999.
- "Passage To the Next Fifty Years: The New Zionism," The Hartford Courant, May3, 1998.
- "The Rebirth of Zionism," Sh'ma, April 1996.
- "Caught Between Commitment and Citizenship: The Political Culture of Israeli Arabs," Forum, 1993.
- "Jewish Civilization, The Jewish Historical Experience in a Comparative Perspective: A Symposium," Israel Studies Bulletin, Volume 8 No. 2 (Spring 1993): 20-21.
- Entries on "Jewish Agency," "Aliyah [survey of]," "Arlosoroff, Haim," "Ben Zvi, Yizhak," "Hehalutz," "Huleh Swamps," "Kibbutz Movement," "Nahalal," "Ruppin, Arthur," "Tel Aviv," "Tel-Hai," "Trumpeldor, Yosef," "Weizmann, Chaim," "Yishuv," and "Youth Aliyah" for The Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East, MacMillan Publishing Company, 1997.
- "American Jewish Identity" in Religion and Public Life in America, edited by David Dalin, Ethics and Public Policy Center, 1992.
- Entries on "David Ben Gurion" and "Vladimir Jabotinsky" for The Routledge Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Political Thinkers, 1992.

- "Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: Contested Domains," in Local Communities Against Society, edited by Efraim Ben-Zadok, State University of New York Press, 1994.
- "Middle East Politics" and "The History of The Arab Israeli Dispute," in Middle Eastern History, edited by Guity Nashat, Marcus Wiener, 1988.
- "Palestine in World War I," in Festschrift for J. C. Hurewitz, Columbia University Press, 1990.
- "Political Discourse in Israeli Literature," in Books on Israel, Volume I, State University of New York Press, 1988.
- "The Memoirs of Fadwa Tuqan," translation and introduction in The Female Autograph, edited by Domna Stanton for The New York Literary Forum, 1984. Reprinted by University of Chicago Press, paperback edition, 1987. Reprinted also in Arab Feminist Discourse 1880-1980, edited by Miriam Cooke, Indiana University Press, 1990 and Virago Press in London, translated into German and Dutch. 1991 Chicago Women in Publishing - First Place in the category relevant to women's issues.
- "Introduction: Women and Social Change," in Women Living Change: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, co-authored with Susan C. Bourque, Temple University Press, 1985.
- "Palestinian Arab Women and Their Reveries of Emancipation," in Women Living Change: Cross-Cultural Perspectives, Temple University Press, 1985.
- "The Reagan Peace Initiative," Middle East Annual, Volume II, 1983.
- "A New Version of an Old Zionism," Forum, no. 49, 1984.
- "The 'Seamless Web' Unravelled: Understanding Islamic Culture and Palestinian Political Practice," Review of Politics, Winter 1983.
- "The PLO and Palestinian Political Leadership," Response, 1981.
- "Palestinian Political Leadership in the Coming Decade," paper submitted to the Department of State, Intelligence and Research Division.
- "Unveiling the Mysteries of Islam: The Middle Eastern Women," in Journal of South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, Vol. VII, No. 2, 1984.
- "The Sadat Mission - The Israeli Response: The Language of Diplomacy in the Middle East," New Outlook, March 1979.
- "The Zionist Argument and the Argument over Zionism," Response, Winter 1978-79.
- "The Rites of Nationalism: One Meaning of Egypt's Struggle for Political Independence," Canadian Journal of Nationalist Studies, Vol. VIII.
- "A Political Theory of Bureaucracy," Public Administration, Summer 1979.
- "Approaching the Study of Egyptian Society: An Analysis of the Language of the Social Sciences," Sociological Analysis and Theory, 1977.
- "Zionism: A Rejoinder," Response, 1975.
- "Lebanon, 1975-76: The Meaning of War," paper presented to Policy Study Group on the Middle East.
- "The Dialectics of Palestinian Politics," under Palestinian Society and Politics: Continuities and Changes Under the Impact of Four Regimes, edited by Joel S. Migdal, Princeton University Press, 1980.
- "Political Legitimacy in Israel: How Important is the State," International Journal of Middle East Studies, May 1979. Reprinted in Studies of Israeli Society, Volume 3, Tel Aviv, 1984.
- "Why This War...," International Journal of Middle East Studies, 1976.
- "The Modernization of Israeli Administration," International Journal of Middle East

Studies, 1973.

"The Histadrut as a Model of Resource Allocation," Yavneh Review, 1966.

Professional Activities

A. Papers and Lectures [selected]

"Warring for Heaven and Earth: Muslim and Jewish Activism in the Middle East,"
Denver, January 2006

"Postcolonialism and Its Middle Eastern Discontents," Case Western Reserve, October
2005

"The Arab-Israeli Dispute: How To Teach All Sides Without Taking Sides," Columbia
University, 2005

"Exiled In the Homeland," Harvard University, April 2002.

"Middle East Violence: War for Independence, Liberation or Redemption," University of
Geneva, May 2002.

"The Palestinian Right of Returns: Its Foundation in International Law and Politics,"
University of Connecticut Law School, November 2001.

University of Connecticut, "The Israeli Elections," April 1999.

Williams College, "Zionism and the Transformation of Israel: A Dream Fulfilled or
Denied," October 1998.

Trinity College, "Zionism and the Transformation of Jewish Society," November 1998.

University of California at Berkeley, "Israel Between State and Civil Society,"
September, 1996.

"How High the Wall: American Jewry and the Public Sphere," University of Hartford,
May, 1994.

"The Gulf War," Southern Connecticut State University, April 1991

American Historical Association, "Palestinians and the Young Turk Revolution,"
December, 1989.

Association for Jewish Studies, "The Old and New Yishuv in World War I," December,
1988.

Middle East Studies Association, "Palestine Under The Mandate," November, 23, 1987.

Fordham University, Middle East Studies, "Palestine in World War I," October 31, 1986.

Wesleyan University, "American Policy in the Middle East," April, 1985.

Western New England College, "Peace in the Middle East," with Philip Habib, 1984.

Princeton University, March 1984, Seminar: Shelby Cullom Davis Seminar and Women's
Studies, "Palestinian Arab Women and the Arab Revolt."

Trinity College, Department of Political Science, November 1983, "Friend and Family in
Palestinian Arab Society."

American Historical Association, December 1982, "Palestinian Arab Women and Their
Reveries of Emancipation."

New York University, October 1982, "The Emancipation of Israeli Politics,"

American Political Science Convention, September 1981, "Palestinian Arab Women."

Truman Institute of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 1979, "Palestinian Arab
Women and Their Political and Social Activities."

Yale University, 1978, "Diplomacy in the Middle East."

Harvard University, 1977, "Women in the Muslim Middle East."

St. Anne's College, Oxford, England, 1975, "Social Stratification in Egypt Before the Revolution of 1952."

University of Michigan, 1973, "Palestinian Politics."

University of Michigan, 1973, "The New Middle Class in Egypt."

Harvard University, 1972, "The Nature of Islam."

New England Association of Religious Studies, March 1989, "Palestinians on the West Bank."

American Historical Association, December 1989, "The Young Turk Revolution and Palestine."

Wesleyan University, October 1989, "American Jews and Israel."

B. Other Professional Activities

Invited Conferences (selected):

University of Connecticut School of Law, "Moderator and Speaker on Human Rights and Israeli-Palestinian Conflict," October 2001.

"Israel in Comparative Perspective," sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Haas School of Business at the University of California at Berkeley and the Eshkol Institute at the University of Haifa, September 1997.

"Arab-Jewish Relations," The National Jewish Center for Learning and leadership, June 14 & 15, 1995.

"The PLO and Israel: From Armed Conflict to Political Settlement, 1964-1994," The Truman Institute, Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

Diversity and Polarization in Jewish History." The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, December 1987.

"Anti-Semites of Adversaries? Conceptual Distinctions and Practical Ramifications." The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York, June, 1987.

"The University Teaching of Jewish Civilization." Office of the President of Israel, Jerusalem, 1986.

Referee for: Comparative Politics
Middle East Journal
International Journal of Middle East Studies
British Journal of Middle East Studies
 Princeton University Press
 New York University Press
 Wayne State University Press
 State University of New York Press
 Temple University Press
 Indiana University Press
 West Publishing-helped develop textbook in Comparative Politics
 Columbia University Press
 Collier's Encyclopedia

Reviews for: American Political Science Review

Muslim World
Middle East Studies Association Bulletin
Journal of Politics
Journal of African Studies
Jewish Social Studies
The Annals
Canadian Review of Nationalism
Political Science Quarterly
Middle East Journal
Israel Studies Association Bulletin
Shofar
AJS Review
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Digest of Middle East Studies
The International History Review
Women and Politics

C. Consultancy and Advisory Boards

Advisory Board, Digest of Middle East Studies
 United States Department of State, on Palestinian Arab political leadership and organizations in the coming decade.
 Board of Advisors, Smith College Program in Policy-making, Sloan Foundation.
 United States Department of Education, Fulbright-Hayes Awards for Senior Scholars
 Rockefeller Foundation, Senior Fellowships in the Humanities.
 National Endowment for the Humanities

Field Work

Israel - 1967-1968 - on the Israeli Civil Service.

Egypt - 1973 - on Egyptian social structure-archival, Cairo.

Israel - 1978-1979, 1983, 1986 - on Palestinian Arab Social History - using archival material at the Israel State Archives, Jerusalem. Interviews with Palestinian Arab men and women in various cities of the West Bank.

Israel - 1988 - Old and New Yishuv West Bank Palestinians and Israeli Government

Israel - 1990 - The "Intifada"

Israel - 1993 - The Peace Process

Israel - 1994 - Post-Zionism

Israel - 1997 and 1998- Political Culture

Israel - 1999 - Elections

Israel—2003—counter-terrorism

Administrative Experience

Chair, Middle East Committee, 2002-present
 Chair, Department of Government, 1994-1997
 Chair, Program in Jewish Studies, 1986-87, 1988, 1999.
 Coordinator, Smith College Project on Women and Social Change, 1980-81; 1983-84.

Committees:

Physical Resources - Self Study
 Hewlett Grant Committee
 Committee on Tenure and Promotion, 1994-97; 1998 - 2001
 Committee on Planning and Resources, 1991-92
 Advisory Committee on Resource Allocation, 1991-94
 Faculty Council, 1991- 94
 Faculty Compensation and Development, 1991- 92
 Honorary Degrees (Chair)
 Grievance, 1973, 1977-78 (Chair)
 Educational Policy, 1973-1975
 Honors and Independent Studies, 1976-1978
 Planning and Resources, 1977-1978
 Faculty Offices, 1972-1973, 1973-1974 (Chair)
 House Advisory Committee, 1973-1975
 Government Department Competence Committee, 1973-1975, 1976-1977
 Smith College Representative to Five College Committee on Jewish Studies,
 1980-1981
 Government Department, Director of Honors, 1979-1982

Courses Taught

Seminar on religious activisms and terrorism in the Middle East
 First-year Seminar – Passion and Politics
 History of Israeli Society
 Middle East Politics
 Arab-Israeli Dispute
 Political Development in the Middle East
 Political Development: Political Parties and Participation
 Women and Political Development: Latin America and the Middle East
 Introductory Government (Political Theory and Comparative Government)
 Political Theory (Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries)
 The Politics of Bureaucracy