

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

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#### *Florida International University*

Ph.D.      **International Relations**      **2019**

Defended a dissertation titled:

“Silenced Bodies: (En)gendering Syrian Refugee (in)security in the case of Lebanon”

**Major Field:** Foreign Policy & Security Studies

**Minor Field:** Comparative Area Studies

#### **Graduate Certificates**

Middle East and Central Asian Studies

Women's and Gender Studies

#### *Notre Dame University of Louaize*

M.A.      **International Affairs & Diplomacy**      **2008**

Defended an M.A. Thesis: “The Limitations of the UN Peace Keeping/Enforcing Operation Mechanism: The Case of UNIFIL”

#### *American University of Beirut*

B.A.      **Political Science**      **2004**

### LANGUAGES

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English — Arabic — French — Spanish (speaking, reading, and writing)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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<b>Instructor</b> Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies, Louisiana State University	2022-Present
<b>Visiting Assistant Professor</b> Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Florida International University	2019-Present
<b>Adjunct Instructor</b> Politics & International Relations, Florida International University	2015- 2021
<b>Graduate Assistant</b> Center for Women's and Gender Studies, Florida International University	2015-2017

## NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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**Grants Consultant** August **2021**

THE BARNACLE SOCIETY, INC. – Miami, Florida

- Served as a liaison between the Barnacle Society and Google's funding agency .
- Assisted the Barnacle Society's program efforts to secure the Google Ads Grant.
- Develop the budget for ads promotion in coordination with the Board of Trustees.

**Gender Expert** June-August **2019**

LEBANON REFORESTATION INITIATIVE (LRI) & USAID – Beirut, LEBANON

- Developed and hosted awareness sessions for different stakeholder groups in Northern Lebanon and Rachaiya regions in the purpose of mainstreaming gender and women participation into forestry-related interventions and upward mobility. (e.g., reforestation, fire prevention, forest management, ecotourism, agroforestry business development, forest protection & conservation, among others).
- Managed and administered a \$25,000 field budget for training, logistics, community outreach initiatives, and recruitment of local female entrepreneurs.
- Facilitated train the trainers' workshops to improve institutional capacity in gender-sensitive outreach and mainstreaming gender and women recruitment/participation into forestry-related business interventions.
- Conducted interactive workshop sessions to enhance community engagement strategies and facilitate program development, and execution.
- Published a gender-analysis study and report to tackle the identified gaps and opportunities of different stakeholders in different communities (Local businesses, youth and women organizations, community members, municipal members, etc...).

- Revised the LRI Gender Mainstreaming operations and provided a detailed report identifying future needs and strategies for meeting agency goals and inclusivity of service to community partners, while generating a sustainable funding base for future projects.

## Case Worker

March-June 2019

### COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH SERVICES - Homestead, FL

- Provided case management services and support to undocumented migrant children, foster care parents and families in accordance with Office of Refugee Resettlement licensing standards, contract agreements, agency, and Legal standards.
- Coordinated any identified needs for minor through community-based services.
- Organized, planned, and monitored the minors' educational and legal progress during their stay at the facility.
- Ensured the overall safety and security of children during family reunification transition.
- Maintained the children's legal case file and database accurately and in a timely manner in accordance with government standards to ensure compliance with government policies, procedures, and practices.

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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Transnational Feminist Theories and Political Praxis – Women, Gender & Migration – Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies – Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies – Gender, Conflict and Security – Sex, Power & Politics – International LGBTI Politics & Advocacy – Women, Environment and Development – Women and Gender in Global Health Governance

## PUBLICATIONS

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Reframing Syrian Refugee Insecurity through a Feminist Lens: The Case of Lebanon, Lexington books, 2020.

The Limitations of the United Nations' Peace Keeping Operation Mechanism: The Case of UNIFIL. VDM Verlag, 2009.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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“Queering Syrian Refugee crisis in Lebanon Using Photovoice “ Special Issue in *International Politics*’ (Manuscript in preparation)

“The Organizational Longitudinal Analysis of the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan— (LCRP),” *International Political Sociology*. (Manuscript in preparation)

“Hiding in Plain Sight: Queering Syrian Refugee Security in Lebanon,” (Manuscript in preparation)

“The Gendered Dynamics of Covid-19 in Re-Imagining Borders, Migration and Mobility: A Case of Nepali Women Domestic Workers in Lebanon,” (Manuscript in preparation)

#### CONFERENCES & WORKSHOP PAPERS

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“Connectivity & Collectivity in Times of Crisis: Lebanese Emigrant Women’s perception of Homeland Politics,” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2022, March 28-April 5, to be held in Tennessee, USA

Invisible Tragedies: Media Framing of the Syrian Refugee Crisis in Lebanon during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” presented virtually at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2021.

“Migration, Insecurities and the Human Rights Agenda: Theorizing the case of Nepali Women Domestic Care Migrant Workers in Lebanon,” presented virtually at the International Studies Association Human Rights section, June 2021.

“The Organizational Longitudinal Analysis of Lebanon Crisis Response Plan— (LCRP),” presented at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2019, March 27-30, held in Toronto, Canada.

“In Search of an Identity: Tracing the Lebanese Syrian Rapport and Refugee (In)security Practices,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2018, November 2-3, held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

“Alternative (In)Security: Using Photovoice to Explore Refugee Anxieties in Lebanon,” presented at the Working Group-British International Studies Association (BISA) 2018, April 26, held in Newcastle University, UK.

“Silenced Bodies: The multiple discrimination of Syrian Refugee Women in the case of Lebanon,” presented at the World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES) 2018, July 18, held in Sevilla, Spain.

“The Legal Status of Syrian Refugee Women in Lebanon: Six Years Later,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Global South Studies 2017, December 14, held in Marrakesh, Morocco.

“Beyond security: The Photovoice Case of Syrian Women Refugees in Lebanon,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2017, November 3-4, held in Providence, Rhode Island, USA.

“The Multiple Understandings of Refugee Security: The geopolitical Case of Syrian women Refugees in Lebanon,” presented at the International Studies Association- Intelligence Studies Section (ISSISAC) Annual Conference 2017, October 14, held in Washington, DC, USA.

“Strengthening Accepted Norms: Securitizing Violence Against Women,” presented at the International Studies Association Northeast Annual Conference 2015, November 3, held in Baltimore, Maryland, USA.

“Human trafficking within Europe: The Progressing but Limited Role of the European Union,” presented at the Women & Gender Studies Graduate Student Association (WSGSA) Conference 2014, March, held in Miami, Florida, USA.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### INVITED PANELS, ROUNDTABLES & PRESENTATIONS

Book Talk: “Europe's International Promotion of LGBTI Rights: Promises & Pitfalls,” Steven J Green School of International & Public Affairs, Florida International University, November 2021, Miami, FL.

“Destination Retrograde: A Reflection on Fellow Travelers,” Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy, Florida International University, July 2021, Miami, FL.

“Women's Equality Day,” Academic Student affairs and Social Justice, Florida International University, August 31, 2021, Miami, FL.

“LGBTQ+ Rights Advocacy Under Attack: The Case of Ghana,” Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy, Florida International University, July 2021, Virtual.

“The status of LGBTQ+ rights in Islamic Law: The case of Malaysia,” Center for Strategic and International Studies, Florida International University, May 2021, Miami-Malaysia, FL.

“In Conversation: MARRY ME HOWEVER,” In Eshel, Miami Jewish Film Festival, Florida International University, April 2021, Miami, FL.

“Case study on Lebanon’s policy regulatory reforms and financial and legal frameworks needed to promote small-scale renewable energy technologies and applications in rural areas”, Virtual, 15 April 2021.

“Contemporary Issues in EU-Middle East Relations,” the European Commission, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence & The Mohsin & Fauzia Jaffer Center for Muslim World Studies, Florida International University, March 2021, Miami, FL.

“Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon,” Lecture Visit to the Government Department at St. Lawrence University, NY.

“Reframing LGBTQ+ Rights as Human Rights,” the Václav Havel Program for Human Rights & Diplomacy, Florida International University, November 2020, Miami, FL.

“Reframing Syrian Refugee Insecurity through a Feminist Lens,” Books & Books and Florida International University Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, Ruth K. and Shepard Broad Distinguished Lecture Series, October 2020, Miami, FL.

“The Impact of Covid-19 on Women in the Workplace,” presented at Florida International University’s Women in Student Affairs (WISA) Candid Conversations’ event, October 2020, Miami Florida

“Women Empowerment and Entrepreneurial Development in the Rural Context: The Role of Renewable Energy” National Meeting on REGEND activities at the UN House-ESCWA, July 2019, Beirut, Lebanon.

“Game of Thrones & Life,” Honors College, Florida International University, April 2019, Miami, Florida

“Hearts Honors Hour: Refugee Discrimination,” Honors College, Florida International University, April 2018, Miami, Florida

“Building Bridges: The Role of Woman Studies in Diversity,” Honors College, Florida International University, April 2017, Miami, Florida

#### CONFERENCE SERVICE

Discussant/Chair, “Civil Wars, Agency and Victimization” at the International Studies Association Annual Convention 2019, March 27, Toronto, Canada.

Organizer, Women, Sexuality, and Gender Student Association Conference 2015, November 15, Miami, Florida.

#### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & HONORS

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Paper Honorable Mention Award by Interdisciplinary Studies Section (IDSS) of ISA	2020
Best Dissertation Award by the Department of Politics & International Relations	2019
Center for Women’s and Gender Studies Award for Best Student Mentorship	2018
Service Excellence Award by the Department of Politics & International Relations	2016
Dissertation Year Fellowship	2018

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

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Faculty Mentor: The LGBTQA Mentorship Program, Florida International University (FIU)

Faculty Advisor: Women Gender Sexuality Association, Florida International University (FIU)

Member: TITLE IX Diversity Week Program, Florida International University (FIU)

Volunteer: Kristy house Child Advocacy Center in Miami, Florida

Volunteer: International Rescue Committee, Miami, Florida

## PERTINENT SKILLS

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Proficient in Canvas Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in Adobe Connect Virtual Classroom Software

Proficient in NVIVO Software

Proficient in Turn-It-In Originality Software

Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite

Proficient in G Suite

Proficient in Perusall

Proficient in Miro

Basic Knowledge in SPSS

Basic Knowledge in GIS

## GRANTS

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“Strengthening Regional Strategic Response in Lebanon” Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State, DC, ), (\$2,000,000.00), (Not Funded)

“Self-Sustaining Community-Supported Refugee Societies for Women,” Google.org Impact Challenge for Women and Girls, (\$1,880,521.20), (Not Funded)

“Tomorrow’s Women in STEM Today (TWIST),” Melinda Gates’ investment and incubation company, submitted 07-01-2021, ), (\$2,000,000.00) (Not Funded)

“Alliance for Tomorrow's Women in STEM Today,” Funded by the National Science Foundation (January 1, 2022 - January 1, 2026), (\$8,801,176.18), (Not Funded)

“Self-Sustaining Community-Supported Refugee Societies for Women,” Funded by Google.org Impact Challenge for Women and Girls (January 1, 2022 - January 1, 2025), (\$2,000,000.00), (Not Funded)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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National Women's Studies Association — International Studies Association – American Political Science — Association of Global South Studies

## REFERENCES

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