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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Professor of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, New York (2013-present)
Associate Professor of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, New York (2006-2013)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, Union College, Schenectady, New York (2000-2006)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Politics, Princeton University, 2000
M.P.A. Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, 1995
(n.d.) American University in Cairo, Visiting Student, 1992-1993
B.A. Anthropology and International Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, 1992

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Regime type and regime change in the Middle East and broader Muslim World
Gender and politics in the Middle East and broader Muslim World

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Angrist, Michele Penner, ed. 2013. *Politics and Society in the Contemporary Middle East* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers). 2nd edition.

Angrist, Michele Penner. 2006. *Party Building in the Modern Middle East* (Seattle: University of Washington Press).

Posusney, Marsha Pripstein, and Michele Penner Angrist, eds. 2005. *Authoritarianism in the Middle East: Regimes and Resistance* (Boulder: Lynne Rienner Publishers).

REFEREED ARTICLES

- “Understanding Mass Civic Protest in Tunisia.” *Middle East Journal* Vol. 67 (No. 4) Autumn 2013, pp. 547-564.
- “War, Resisting the West, and Women’s Labor: Toward an Understanding of Arab Exceptionalism.” *Politics & Gender* Vol. 8 (2012), pp. 51-82.
- “Party Systems and Regime Formation in the Modern Middle East: Explaining Turkish Exceptionalism.” *Comparative Politics* Vol. 36, No. 2 (January 2004), pp. 229-249.
- “Hard Times: Turkey during the Great Depression.” *New Perspectives on Turkey* No. 23 (Fall 2000), pp. 147-156.
- “The Expression of Political Dissent in the Middle East: Turkish Democratization and Authoritarian Continuity in Tunisia.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* Vol. 41, No. 4 (October 1999), pp. 730-757.
- “Parties, Parliament, and Political Dissent in Tunisia.” *Journal of North African Studies* Vol. 4, No. 4 (Winter 1999), pp. 89-104.

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER INVITED WORK

- “Morning in Tunisia.” Essay commissioned by *Foreign Affairs* and published on its website in February 2011; also appeared in Council on Foreign Relations’ E-book entitled: *The New Arab Revolt: What Happened, What It Means, and What Comes Next* (May 2011).
- “Is Gender Inequality Responsible for the Prevalence of Dictatorship in the Muslim World?” Contribution to symposium entitled: “Big, Unanswered Questions in Comparative Politics,” *APSA-Comparative Politics Newsletter* Vol. 19, No. 1 (Winter 2008).
- “Whither the Ben Ali Regime in Tunisia?” Chapter in Maddy-Weitzman, Bruce, and Daniel Zisenwine, eds., *The Maghrib in the New Century: Identity, Religion, and Politics* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2007).
- “Tunisia.” In Repucci, Sarah, and Christopher Walker, eds., *Countries at the Crossroads: A Survey of Democratic Governance* [a Freedom House study] (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2005), pp. 593-612.
- “Turkey: Roots of the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict and Prospects for Constructive Reform.” In Amoretti, Ugo M., and Nancy Bermeo, eds., *Federalism and Territorial Cleavages* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), pp. 387-416.
- “Republic of Tunisia.” In Kaple, Deborah A., ed., *World Encyclopedia of Political Systems and Parties*, 3rd edition (New York: Facts on File Publications, 1999), pp. 1116-1120.

BOOK REVIEWS

Steven A. Cook, Ruling But Not Governing: The Military and Political Development in Egypt, Algeria, and Turkey (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2007). Review appeared in the *Journal of North African Studies* 13 (1), March 2008, pp. 127-130.

Eva Bellin, Stalled Democracy: Capital, Labor, and the Paradox of State-Sponsored Development (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2002). Review appeared in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 37, No. 2 (May 2005), pp. 276-277.

Stephen J. King, Liberalization Against Democracy: The Local Politics of Economic Reform in Tunisia (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2003). Review appeared in the *Journal of North African Studies*, Vol. 9, Issue 4 (2004), pp. 154-158.

Barry Rubin and Metin Heper, eds. Political Parties in Turkey (London: Frank Cass, 2002). Review appeared in *Southern European Society and Politics* Vol. 7, No. 1 (Summer 2002), pp. 116-117.

Andrew Borowiec, Modern Tunisia: A Democratic Apprenticeship (Westport: Praeger, 1998). Review appeared in the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 31, No. 4 (November 1999), pp. 684-685.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, and WORKSHOPS

“Islamic Political Parties and the Transition to Democracy: Is it an Oxymoron? – Tunisia.” Invited panelist at conference entitled “Islam and Democratization: Lessons Learned from the Arab Spring,” National Defense University, Washington, DC, June 20, 2012.

“Revolution in Tunisia: Origins and Prospects.” Paper presented at Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 2011.

“Tunisia and the Arab Spring.” Invited talk, Savannah Council on World Affairs, Savannah, GA, November 17, 2011.

Invited presenter and participant, Harvard University Institute for Moroccan Studies Symposium entitled “Popular Protests, Governance, and Political Transitions in the Maghreb: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, and Tunisia.” October 20-21, 2011.

“War, Resisting the West, and Women’s Labor Force Participation.” Paper presented at 5th Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop, Brown University, March 2011.

Invited participant and discussant (for 2 papers), Festschrift for Professor John Waterbury, Princeton University, April 2009.

“What’s Different about the Arab World? Women, Parliaments, and War.” Invited presentation, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, November 2008.

“What’s Different about the Arab World? Women, Parliaments, and War.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston MA, August 2008.

“Why is the Arab World Exceptional in the Percentage of Women Members of Parliament?” Invited talk, Center for International Development, Rockefeller College, SUNY Albany, December 2007.

Discussant on panel entitled, “Islamic Political Parties in Democratic Competition,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.

“The Turkish Party System and Political Islam: A Challenge to the Inclusion-Moderation Hypothesis?” Invited public lecture, UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies Workshop on Islam and Political Regimes, May 2007.

Invited lecturer on democracy and dictatorship in the Middle East, Syracuse University Maxwell School Leaders for Democracy Fellowship Program, February 2007.

“When and How do Single-Party Regimes Become Vulnerable to Rupture?,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Washington DC, September 2005.

Invited participant, Johns Hopkins University/Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies/Center for Strategic Education Teacher’s Workshop, Stowe, VT, June-July 2004.

“The Iraq War in Historical Perspective.” Invited roundtable presentation, Policy History Conference, St. Louis, MO, May 2004.

“A New View of Turkey’s 1950 Transition to Competitive Politics.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 2002.

“Party Systems and the Origins of Democracy and Dictatorship: Explaining Regime Formation in Turkey, Iran, and the Arab World.” Paper presented at workshop on “Bringing the Middle East Back In ... To the Study of Comparative Politics,” Yale University, December 2001.

“Tunisia in the Next Millennium: Whither the Single-Party System?” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2001.

“Defenders and Challengers of the Status Quo: The Effect of Party-System Polarization and Mobilizational Asymmetry on Nascent Democratic Bargains.” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, San Francisco, September 2001.

“State Centralization, Turkish Nationalism, and the Military’s Long Shadow: Roots of the Turkish-Kurdish Conflict and Prospects for Constructive Reform.” Paper presented at conference on Political Institutions and the Management of Territorial Cleavages, Princeton University, September 2000.

“Hard Times: Turkey During the Great Depression.” Panel discussant, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 1999.

“The Absence of Competitive Party Politics in the Muslim Middle East: Turkish Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Atlanta, September 1999.

“Parties, Parliament, and Political Dissent in Tunisia.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Chicago, December 1998.

“Provincial Power, Parliamentary Development, and Political Pluralization: The Case of Turkey, 1800-1950.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, September 1998.

COURSES TAUGHT AT UNION COLLEGE

Women and Politics in the Muslim World
Terrorism and Torture
African Politics
Model United Nations
Introduction to Global Politics
Introduction to International Politics
Introduction to Comparative Politics
Middle East Politics
Islam and Politics
Politics of the Arab-Israeli Conflict
American Foreign Policy

GOVERNANCE and ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Chair, Department of Political Science, 2013-2016
Social Sciences Representative to the Faculty Executive Committee, 2012-2015
Member, Search Committee for Dean of Academic Departments and Programs, 2012-2013
Faculty Review Board (two separate years as a junior member, one year as a tenured member)
External Reviewer, Department of Politics, Fairfield University, 2013-2014

HONORS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

POST-GRADUATE

Faculty Research Fund Grant, Union College, 2010

SUN Network Teaching Load Modification Grant, Union College, 2009

Faculty Research Fund Grant, Union College, 2008

Institute of Turkish Studies publication subvention grant (for *Party Building in the Modern Middle East*), March 2005

Finalist, Gabriel A. Almond Award (for best dissertation in comparative politics), American Political Science Association, June 2001

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute for the Transregional Study of the Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, Princeton University, September-December 2000

GRADUATE

Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation fellowship, 1998-2000

SSRC Middle East States and Societies Summer Dissertation Workshop, Marrakech, 1999

Institute of Turkish Studies Dissertation Writing Grant, 1998-1999

American Research Institute in Turkey dissertation fieldwork award, 1997-1998

Institute of Turkish Studies dissertation fieldwork award, 1997-1998

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 1994-1997

UNDERGRADUATE

Valedictorian, College of Arts and Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, 1992

Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

Rotary Graduate Ambassadorial Scholarship to Cairo, Egypt, 1992-1993

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French: very good reading and speaking abilities

Turkish: moderate reading ability

Arabic: moderate reading ability

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS

World Politics

Comparative Politics

International Journal of Middle East Studies

Politics and Gender

Party Politics

Lynne Rienner Publishers

Rowman & Littlefield Publishers