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EDUCATION

1995 PhD, Sociology, The American University, Washington, DC.
1986 MA, Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.
1983 BA, International Relations, Tufts University, Medford, MA.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2013-Present Professor of Sociology, UCSB.
2015-2016 Director, Center for American Studies and Research, American University of Beirut.
2014-2015 Edward Said Chair of American Studies, American University of Beirut.
2012-2013 Visiting Professor of American Studies, American University of Beirut.
2010-2013 Associate Professor of Sociology, UCSB.
2003-2010 Associate Professor of Law and Society, UCSB.
2001-2003 Assistant Professor of Law and Society, UCSB.
1999-2001 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Morehouse College.
1995-1999 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Swarthmore College.

COURTESY AFFILIATIONS at UCSB

Film and Media, Global Studies, Middle East Studies, Religious Studies

AREAS of RESEARCH and TEACHING EXPERTISE

Sociology of law, human rights, political sociology, law and conflict, international law, torture, war crimes, military courts and occupations, Middle East Studies, American Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Genealogies of Human Rights in the Arab World, coauthor with Omar Dewachi. In progress.

The War in Court: Inside the Long Fight against Torture. University of California Press, 2022.

Torture: A Sociology of Violence and Human Rights. Routledge, 2013.

Human Rights: Critical Concepts in Political Science, Vols. 1-5. Co-edited with Richard Falk and Hilal Elver. Routledge, 2008.

Courting Conflict: The Israeli Military Court System in the West Bank and Gaza. University of California Press, 2005.

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Journal Articles

Guantánamo's Legacy. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 19 (2023).

The Counterterrorism War Paradigm versus International Humanitarian Law: The Legal Contradictions and Global Consequences of the US "War on Terror." *Law & Social Inquiry* 44/4 (2019). * Honorable Mention for Best Article 2020 from ASA Sociology of Human Rights Section.

The Afterlives of Torture: The Global Implications of Reactionary US Politics. *State Crimes* 8/2 (2019).

From *The Manchurian Candidate* to *Zero Dark Thirty*: Reading the CIA's History of Torture through Hollywood Thrillers. *Film and History* 47/2 (Winter 2017).

Wikileaks the Truth about American Unaccountability for Torture. *Societies without Borders* 7 (2012).

Does Torture Work? A Socio-Legal Assessment of the Practice in Historical and Global Perspective. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 5 (2009).

Rights at Risk: Why the Right Not To Be Tortured Is Important to You. *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* 48 (2009).

The World and the Academy: New Directions in Human Rights Scholarship (review essay), *Contemporary Sociology* 38 (January 2009).

International Humanitarian Law and "Wars on Terror": A Comparative Analysis of Israeli and American Doctrines and Policies. *Journal of Palestine Studies* 36 (Autumn 2006).

Chaos as Utopia: International Criminal Prosecution as a Challenge to State Power. *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 31 (2004).

Religion, State Power and Domestic Violence in Muslim Societies: A Framework for Comparative Analysis. *Law and Social Inquiry* 29 (2004).

Law against Order: Human Rights Organizations and the Palestinian Authority. *University of Miami Law Review* 56 (2002).

Human Rights in Israel/Palestine: The History and Politics of a Movement. *Journal of Palestine Studies* 30 (2001).

Sovereign Bodies, Sovereign States, and the Problem of Torture. *Studies in Law, Politics and Society* 21 (2000).

Speaking the Conflict, or How the Druze Became Bi-lingual: A Study of Druze Translators in the Israeli Military Courts. *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 23 (2000).

Cause Lawyering in Transnational Perspective: National Conflict and Human Rights in Israel/Palestine. *Law and Society Review* 31 (1997).

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Book Chapters

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. In Mark Tushnet, Benjamin Liebman, and Madhav Kosla, editors, *Oxford Handbook on Law and Authoritarianism*. Oxford University Press, in progress.

Counterterrorism and the Legacies of the US “War on Terror.” In Omar Dahi and Sami Hermez, editors, *The Beirut School of Critical Security Studies: Perspectives from the Global South*. American University of Cairo Press, in progress.

Israel Is Waging War on Palestinians inside Prisons, coauthored with Basil Farraj. In Ahmet Davutoğlu and Richard Falk, editors, *Genocide in Gaza: Voices of Global Conscience*. Clarity Press, 2025.

Prescience and Principles: Richard Falk’s Contributions to the Study and Practice of Human Rights. In George Andreopoulos and Henry Frank Carey, editors, *Justice and World Order: Reassessing Richard Falk’s Scholarship and Advocacy*. Routledge, 2022.

Cultures of Resistance: The Struggle against Domestic Violence in Arab Societies, coauthored with (undergraduate students) Eduardo Buendia, Patrick Fairbanks, Emma Kuskey, Sasha Misco, and Ada Quevedo. In Ismail Laher, editor, *Handbook of Healthcare in the Arab World*. Springer, 2020.

International Law and Fifty Years of Occupation. In Aaron Hahn Tapper and Mira Sucharov, editors, *Social Justice in Israel/Palestine: Foundational and Contemporary Debates*. University of Toronto Press, 2019.

In Defense of Lawfare: The Value of Litigation in Challenging Torture. In Scott A. Anderson and Martha C. Nussbaum, editors, *Confronting Torture: Essays on the Ethics, Legality, History, and Psychology of Torture Today*. University of Chicago Press, 2018.

Lawfare and Armed Conflict: A Comparative Analysis of Israeli and US Targeted Killing Policies and Legal Challenges against Them. In Lisa Parks and Caren Kaplan, editors, *Life in the Age of Drone Warfare*. Duke University Press, 2017.

Is Targeted Killing War? (chapter) and A Sociological Intervention on Drones and Targeted Killing (chapter). In Bradley Jay Strawser, editor, *Opposing Perspectives on the Drone Debate*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

An Assault on Truth: A Chronology of Torture, Deception and Denial. In Elisabeth Weber and Julie Carlson, editors, *Speaking about Torture*. Fordham University Press, 2012.

The Liberal Ideology of Torture: A Critical Examination of the American Case. In John Arnaldi and Charles Webel, editors, *The Ethics and Efficacy of the Global War on Terrorism: Fighting Terror with Terror*. Palgrave, 2012.

Universal Jurisdiction as Praxis: An Option To Pursue Legal Accountability for Superpower Torturers. In Austin Sarat and Nasser Hussein, editors, *When Governments Break the Law: The Rule of Law and the Prosecution of the Bush Administration*. New York University Press, 2010.

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Book Chapters (continued)

Human Rights Law, Executive Powers, and Torture in the Post-9/11 Era. In Alice Bullard, editor, *Human Rights in Crisis*. Ashgate, 2008.

Towards a Sociology of Human Rights: Critical Globalization Studies, International Law, and the Future of War. In William Robinson and Richard Appelbaum, editors, *Towards a Critical Globalization Studies: Continued Debates, New Directions, Neglected Topics*. Routledge, 2005.

From Nuremberg to Guantánamo: International Law and American Power Politics. In Jeremy Brecher, Jill Cutler and Brendan Smith, editors, *In the Name of Democracy: American War Crimes in Iraq and Beyond*. Metropolitan Books, 2005.

Human Rights. In Austin Sarat, editor, *The Blackwell Companion to Law and Society*. Blackwell Publishers, 2004.

Domestic Violence and *Shari'a*: A Comparative Study of Muslim Societies in the Middle East, Africa and Asia. In Lynn Welchman, editor, *Women's Rights and Islamic Family Law: Perspectives on Reform*. Zed Press, 2004.

From the Fight for Legal Rights to the Promotion of Human Rights: Israeli and Palestinian Cause Lawyers in the Trenches of Globalization. In Austin Sarat and Stuart Scheingold, editors, *Cause Lawyering and the State in a Global Era*. Oxford University Press, 2001.

The Contemporary Sociology of the Middle East: An Assessment. Coauthor with Samih Farsoun. In Hisham Sharabi, editor, *Theory, Politics and the Arab World*. Routledge, 1990.

Encyclopedia Entries

The Israeli Military Court System in the West Bank and Gaza: Arrest, Interrogation and Prosecution of Palestinians. In Cheryl Rubenberg, editor, *Encyclopedia of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict*. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2010.

Family Violence (entry), Torture (entry). In David S. Clark, editor, *Encyclopedia of Law and Society: American and Global Perspectives*. Sage Publications, 2007.

Journalistic Articles and Public-facing Essays

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Israel Is Waging War on Palestinian Prisoners, coauthor with Basil Farraj. *Middle East Report* 312 (Fall 2024).

Rape at Sde Teiman Prison, coauthor Basil Farraj. *MERIP Comment*, August 8, 2024.

Gaza Is a Crime Scene. *Middle East Report* 309 (Winter 2023).

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Journalistic Articles and Public-facing Essays (continued)

Henry and Me: A Fauxbituary for Kissinger. *Jadaliyya*, November 29, 2023.

The Biden Administration's Moment of Truth on Torture Evidence. Coauthors David Luban, Scott Roehm, Claire Finkelstein, Karen Greenberg, Lisa Hajjar, Jonathan Hafetz, Elisa Massimino, and Gabor Rona. *Just Security*, December 1, 2021.

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The World that Al-Haq Made. *Jadaliyya*, June 17, 2021.

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Quick Thoughts: National Security Adviser John Bolton and the International Criminal Court. *Jadaliyya*, September 11, 2018.

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Meir Shamgar's Long Shadow. *Jadaliyya*, June 5, 2017.

A Critical Retrospective on Obama's Rhetoric of New Beginnings. *Jadaliyya*, January 18, 2017.

Making American Torture Great Again. *Jadaliyya*, December 14, 2016.

Bringing Back Waterboarding? Torture Policy in Trump's America. *Open Global Rights*, November 16, 2016.

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Schadenfreude circa 2016. *Jadaliyya*, November 9, 2016.

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Normalizing Extreme Violence: The Israeli Case. *Global Dialogue* 6/2 (2015).

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How the World's Largest Psychological Association Aided the CIA's Torture Program. *The Nation*, May 7, 2015.

The CIA Didn't Just Torture, It Experimented on Human Beings. *The Nation*, January 5, 2015.

Teaching about Human Rights through the Lens of the US "War on Terror." *American Sociological Association Section on Human Rights Quarterly Newsletter*, Winter 2014.

The Long Shadow of the CIA at Guantánamo. *Middle East Report* 273 (Winter 2014).

Comparing Israeli and American Ways of War. *Social Text/Periscope*, June 10, 2014.

After 9/11. *Dawn*, January 5, 2014.

How To Lose Friends and Alienate People: An Update on Drone Warfare. *Jadaliyya*, August 5, 2013.

The Agony and the Irony of Guantánamo's Mass Hunger Strike. *Jadaliyya*, June 20, 2013.

State of the Drones. *Al Jazeera English*, February 13, 2013.

More Heat than Light? A Symposium on the Vexing Complexities of Drones. *3 Quarks Daily*, February 25, 2013.

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Anatomy of the US Targeted Killing Policy. *Middle East Report* 264 (Fall 2012).

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Litigating the New Frontier in the "War on Terror." *Jadaliyya*, August 9, 2012.

CIA: Kubark's Very Long Shadow. *Al Jazeera English*, August 5, 2012.

Roundtable on Targeted Killing. *Jadaliyya*, March 6, 2012.

Lawfare and Targeted Killing: Developments in the Israeli and US Contexts. *Jadaliyya*, January 12, 2012.

Roundtable on Occupation Law: Part of the Conflict or the Solution? *Jadaliyya*, September 22, 2011.

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Roundtable on Anti-Authoritarian Revolution in Egypt. *Jadaliyya*, February 24, 2011.

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What Emergency? The ADL, Academic Freedom, Lawfare and Palestine. *Jadaliyya*, April 1, 2011.

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It's Raining Documents, Hallelujah! *Jadaliyya*, November 28, 2010.

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Tweeting from Guantánamo: Recording History 140 Characters at a Time. *Jadaliyya*, November 3, 2010.

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A Meditation on the Importance of the Perpetrator-Centered Perspective to Theorizing about Justice. *Jadaliyya*, October 20, 2010.

Apologizing for Human Experimentation: Not Finished Yet. *Jadaliyya*, October 15, 2010.

Salaam Salim: A Review of *The Oath*. *Jadaliyya*, September 25, 2010.

Waiting for History: A Meditation on the Trial of Omar Khadr. *Jadaliyya*, September 19, 2010.

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Journalistic Articles and Public-facing Essays (continued)

Presumed Intelligent. *Jadaliyya*, September 3, 2010.

My Great and Terrible Obsession: Torture, *Jadaliyya*, August 26, 2010.

Omar Khadr and the Still-Black Hole of Guantánamo. *Truthout*, July 28, 2010.

Travesty in Progress: Omar Khadr and the US Military Commissions. *Middle East Report Online (MERO)*, July 26, 2010.

Grave Injustice: Maher Arar and Unaccountable America. *MERO*, June 24, 2010.

American Torture: The Price Paid, the Lessons Learned. *Middle East Report* 251 (Summer 2009).

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An Army of Lawyers. *The Nation*, December 26, 2005.

Torture and the Lawless "New Paradigm." *MERO*, December 9, 2005.

Banning Torture Affirms America's Humanity. *Topeka Capital-Journal* (11/19/05), *East Texas Review* (11/24/05), *The Journal-Register* (11/21/05), *Morris Sun Tribune* (11/30/05).

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Torture and the Future. *MERO*, May 9, 2004.

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Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Arab Women, Liberal Feminism, and the Israeli State. *Middle East Report* 207 (Summer 1998).

(Re)Made in the USA: Middle East Studies in the Global Era. Coauthor with Steve Niva. *Middle East Report* 205 (Winter 1997).

Middle East Studies in the Arab World: Interview with Salim Nasr. *Middle East Report* 205 (Winter 1997).

War, Development and Politics in Sudan: Interview with Robert Shaloub. *Middle East Report* 200 (1996).

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Book Reviews

On Wars, Michael Mann (Yale University Press, 2023). *Social Forces* (2024).

Terror Trials: Life and Law in Delhi's Courts, Mayur R. Suresh (Fordham University Press, 2023). *Delhi Journal of Legal Studies* (2024).

Before and After the Arab Uprisings; review of *After the Arab Uprisings: Progress and Stagnation in the Middle East and North Africa*, Shamiran Mako and Valentine Moghadam (Cambridge University Press, 2021). *Critical Sociology* (2023).

The Torture Camp on Paradise Street, Stanislav Aseyev (Harvard Library of Ukrainian Literature, 2023). *Critical Inquiry* (2023).

Reactionary Politics and the Rule of Law; review of *Law's Wars* and *Law's Trials*, Richard Abel (Oxford University Press, 2019). *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* 12 (2020).

Law and Revolution: Legitimacy and Constitutionalism after the Arab Spring, Nimer Sultany (Oxford University Press, 2017). *British Journal of Middle East Studies* 45/3 (2018).

Talking about Torture: How Political Discourse Shapes the Debate, Jared Del Rosso (Columbia University Press, 2015). *Contemporary Sociology* 45/6 (2016).

A Theory of the Drone, Grégoire Chamayou (The New Press, 2015). *SCTIW Review* (Society for Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World), August 2015.

Guantánamo Diary, Mohamedou Ould Slahi, editor Larry Siems (Little Brown and Company, 2015). *Middle East Report* 275 (Summer 2015).

The Rise and Fall of Human Rights: Cynicism and Politics in Occupied Palestine, Lori Allen (Stanford University Press, 2013). *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47 (2015).

The Least of All Possible Evils: Humanitarian Violence from Arendt to Gaza, Eyal Weizman (Verso, 2011). *Arab Studies Journal* 21 (Spring 2013).

Threat: Palestinian Political Prisoners in Israel, Abeer Baker and Anat Matar, eds. (Pluto Press, 2011).

On Torture, eds. Amany Dayif, Katie Hesketh and Jane Rice (Haifa, Israel: Adalah, Physicians for Human Rights – Israel, Al Mezan Centre for Human Rights, 2012).

Militarization and Violence against Women in Conflict Zones in the Middle East: A Palestinian Case Study, Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Cambridge University Press, 2009). *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 7 (2011).

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Beyond Chutzpah: On the Misuse of Anti-Semitism and the Abuse of History, Norman Finkelstein (University of California Press, 2005). *Human Rights Review* 8 (2007).

Torture: A Collection, Sanford Levinson, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2004). *Law, Culture and the Humanities* 2 (2006).

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Book Reviews (continued)

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Law in the Domains of Culture, Austin Sarat and Thomas R. Kearns, eds. (University of Michigan Press, 2000). *Contemporary Sociology* 32 (2003).

The Colonies of Law: Colonialism, Zionism and Law in Early Mandate Palestine, Ronen Shamir (Cambridge University Press, 2000). *American Journal of Sociology* 106 (2001).

Tortured Confessions: Prisons and Public Recantations in Modern Iran, Ervand Abrahamian (University of California Press, 1999). *Middle East Journal* 54 (2000).

Palestinian Citizens in an Ethnic Jewish State: Identities in Conflict, Nadim Rouhana (Yale University Press, 1997). *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology* 6 (2000).

Haifa: Transformation of an Arab Society, 1918-1939, May Seikaly (I.B. Tauris Publishers, 1995). *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 31 (1999).

Feminists, Islam and Nation: Gender and the Making of Modern Egypt, Margot Badran (Princeton University Press, 1995). *American Ethnologist* (1996).

Women and the Israeli Occupation: The Politics of Change, Tamar Mayer, ed. (Routledge, 1994). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 29 (1995).

Behind the Intifada: Labor and Women's Movements in the Occupied Territories, Joost Hiltermann (Princeton University Press, 1991). *Journal of Palestine Studies* 24 (1994).

Published Media Interviews and Lectures

Israel Is Waging War on Palestinian Prisoners (podcast interview). Faculti Network, United Kingdom, October 3, 2024.

The War in Court (podcast interview). New Books Network, February 18, 2023.

The Last Front in the War in Court: Inside the 9/11 Case at Guantánamo, with James Connell and Alka Pradhan (video roundtable). Middle East Policy Forum, George Washington University, February 7, 2023.

The War in Court and the Egyptian Economy (podcast interview). POMPE Middle East Political Science Podcasts, January 26, 2023.

Lisa Hajjar on Torture (podcast interview). Decarceration Nation, January 16, 2023.

Making Governments Respect Human Rights: Conversation with Lisa Hajjar, Hedi Viterbo and Chris Roberts (podcast roundtable). The Annex Sociology Podcast, November 29, 2022.

Litigating Torture (radio interview). Against the Grain, KPFA, November 16, 2022.

Inside the Legal Campaign against Torture (podcast/video interview). Connections, Arab Studies Institute, November 16, 2022.

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Published Media Interviews and Lectures (continued)

Global Carceral States (podcast interview). Security in Context, November 11, 2022.

Inside the Long Fight against Torture (podcast interview). MENA Prison Forum, November 10, 2022.

Lisa Hajjar on her new book, *The War in Court* (radio interview). UpFront KPFA, November 10, 2022.

Author Limelight—Guantánamo: Lisa Hajjar on the Lawyers Who Fought against Torture (print interview). *Lawdragon*, October 28, 2022.

The War in Court: New Texts out Now (print interview). *Jadaliyya*, October 28, 2022.

“Meet the Book Author: *The War in Court*” (print interview). *Journal of Law and Society*, October 19, 2022.

Fighting Guantánamo: On Challenging the Illegal Treatment of Prisoners Captured in the American War on Terror—Lisa Hajjar in Conversation with Andrew Keen (podcast interview). Keen On, Literary Hub, October 17, 2022.

Guantánamo Update (radio interview). No Alibis, KCSB, October 12, 2022.

Guantánamo at 20: What We Haven’t Learned from this Debacle (video lecture). *Jadaliyya*, January 20, 2022.

The Lasting Legacies of US Torture (podcast/video interview). Connections, Arab Studies Institute, September 14, 2021.

Guantánamo Is Sixteen Years Old: A View from the Military Commissions (radio interview). No Alibis KCSB. *Jadaliyya*, January 11, 2018.

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Published an Incriminating Report, Now What? (podcast/video interview). *Status Hour* 2.1 (Winter 2015).

Let’s Go to Guantánamo! (video lecture). *Jadaliyya*, April 25, 2014.

Classified Memories: Trying To Try Terror Suspects Who Were Tortured by the CIA (video lecture). *Jadaliyya*, November 27, 2013.

The Problem with Keeping Torture Secret (print interview). Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, March 5, 2013.

Lawfare and Armed Conflict: Comparing Israeli and American Targeted Killing Policies and Challenges against Them (video lecture). *Jadaliyya*, February 8, 2013.

New Texts Out Now: Lisa Hajjar on Torture: A Sociology of Violence and Human Rights (print interview). *Jadaliyya*, January 9, 2013.

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GRANTS and AWARDS

2025 Academic Senate Distinguished Teaching Award, UCSB.
2023, 2017, 2009 Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, UCSB.
2021 Burdick Global Fellows Program, UCSB.
2016 National Endowment of the Humanities, Research Grant.
2010 American Bar Association, Litigation Research Fund Grant.
2002, 2009 Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research, Research Grant, UCSB.
2008 Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, Faculty Research Grant, UCSB.
2003 Harold J. Plous Distinguished Junior Faculty Award, UCSB.
2002 Academic Senate Junior Faculty Incentive Award, UCSB.
1999 Center for Historical Analysis, Fellowship, Rutgers University (declined).
1995 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award, Middle East Studies Association.
1994 John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Writing Grant.
1993 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Writing Grant.
1993 National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science Program's Global Perspectives on Sociolegal Studies, Dissertation Improvement Grant.
1992 Institute for Intercultural Studies, Dissertation Grant.
1991 American Association of University Women, Dissertation Grant.
1991 Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, Dissertation Grant.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Lectures (since 2013)

Torture in a Time of Genocide. Gaza People's Tribunal, Sarajevo, Bosnia, May 26, 2025.

Carceral Histories of the Global Middle East. Colloquium on Carceralism, History Department, Dartmouth College, September 24, 2024.

When State Crime Is Rife, Who Will Guard the Guards? Ethics in Turbulent Times. Conversations at the Crossroads, La Trobe University, Melbourne, (virtual) September 30, 2024.

The War in Court. Global Human Rights Hub, Arizona State University, December 4, 2023.

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. Political Violence and Its Legacies Consortium, Yale University, November 9, 2023.

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. Mount Holy Cross College, April 26, 2023.

Guantánamo's Legacy: From a Legal Black Hole to a Battleground in the Fight against Torture. Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Amherst College, April 20, 2023.

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Invited Lectures (continued)

Guantánamo's Legacy: Torture and the Law—with interlocutors Baher Azmy and Meg Satterthwaite. Kevorkian Center, New York University, April 18, 2023.

The Last Front in the War in Court: Torture and Law at Guantánamo—with interlocutor David Nevin. Sociology Department and Orfalea Center, UCSB, February 24, 2023.

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. Keynote at “The Political Life of Scale” conference, Rutgers University, March 3, 2023.

The War in Court: Inside the Long Fight against Torture. Queen Mary University of London International State Crime Initiative and School of Politics and International Relations, and Independent Social Research Foundation, Queen Mary University of London, November 23, 2022.

Guantánamo's Legacy: From a Legal Black Hole to a Battleground in the Fight against Torture. Global Justice Academy and Edinburgh Centre for International and Global Law, University of Edinburgh, November 22, 2022.

Guantánamo and the Legal Battle against Torture. Manchester University, November 21, 2022.

Guantánamo's Legacy: From a Legal Black Hole to a Battleground in the Fight against Torture—with interlocutors Ronak Kapadia, Naomi Paik, and Atef Said. Institute for Humanities, University of Illinois – Chicago, November 9, 2022.

Guantánamo's Legacy: From a Legal Black Hole to a Battleground in the Fight against Torture—with interlocutors Cheryl Bormann and Darryl Li. Pozen Family Center for Human Rights, University of Chicago, November 8, 2022.

The War in Court. American Studies Program and Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, November 7, 2022.

Guantánamo at Twenty: What We Haven't Learned from this Debacle. Center for Middle East Studies, UCSB, January 11, 2022.

The 9/11 Case and the Battle for Truth about Torture. Keynote at “Trauma of Torture” conference, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, November 16, 2019.

The Inside Story of the Fight against Torture in the “War on Terror.” University of San Francisco, October 10, 2019.

The Afterlives of Torture: The Global Implications of Domestic Reactionary Politics. Queen Mary University of London, December 13, 2018.

Let's Go to Guantánamo! Roehampton University, London, December 9, 2018.

Putting the US “War on Terror” in Historical and Global Context. Ohio University, November 8, 2017.

International Law and Fifty Years of Israeli Occupation. Duke University, October 20, 2017.

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Invited Lectures (continued)

The Afterlives of Torture: Executive Power versus International Law in the Age of Trump. Presented at multiple venues: Drew University, March 22, 2017; New York University, March 23, 2017; Swarthmore College, March 28, 2017; Princeton University, March 29, 2017; Northwestern University, May 21, 2017.

Owning Up to Torture, or Bringing Back the Waterboard? Scripps College Humanities Center, November 10, 2016.

The “War on Terror” Fifteen Years On. Presented at multiple venues: Inter-American Studies Association (keynote), Santa Barbara, October 6, 2016; University of New Mexico, October 25, 2016; University of Illinois, Chicago, November 3, 2016.

Customizing Extreme Violence: A Critical Assessment of Israel’s War Record in Gaza. Dahrendorf Forum, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, January 20, 2016.

Torture and the Politics of Accountability: Global Torture Regimes and the Role of NGOs. Dignity: Danish Institute against Torture, May 13, 2015.

What Good Is International Law? An Assessment of Palestinian Struggles for Justice and Accountability. Presented at multiple venues: Qatar University, March 22, 2015; University of New South Wales, April 24, 2015; Lund University, May 11, 2015; Copenhagen University, May 14, 2015.

Let’s Go to Guantánamo! An On-the-Ground Perspective on the 9/11 Trial. Presented at multiple venues: University of Richmond, February 24, 2014; Mary Washington University, February 25, 2014; Michigan State University Law School, March 24, 2014; Denison University, March 26, 2014; University of Dayton, March 27, 2014; Mt. Holyoke University, April 1, 2014; University of Southern California, April 2, 2014; University of Arizona, April 11, 2014; Scripps College, April 21, 2014; University of San Diego, April 30, 2014.

Lawfare and Targeted Killing. University of Toledo College of Law, March 25, 2014.

From *The Manchurian Candidate* to *Zero Dark Thirty*. Annual lecture for the Interpretive Theory Program, Swarthmore College, February 17, 2014.

Classified Memories: Trying to Try Terror Suspects Who Were Tortured by the CIA. Presented at multiple venues: University of Arkansas, September 17, 2013; Brown University, October 17, 2013; Wellesley College, October 24, 2013; Rutgers University, October 31, 2013; Columbia University, November 1, 2013; UCLA, November 4, 2013; American University of Beirut, November 15, 2013; George Mason University, November 20, 2013.

Lawfare and Armed Conflict: Comparing Israeli and American Targeted Killing Policies and Challenges against Them. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, January 15, 2013, and The American University of Beirut, February 5, 2013.

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Conference and Symposia Papers (since 2013)

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. Arab Council for the Social Sciences conference, Beirut, May 18, 2025.

“States of Denial about Israeli Crimes in Gaza.” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) (virtual), November 13, 2024.

Critical Sociology of Palestine/Israel. American Sociological Association (ASA), Montreal, August 7 -10, 2024.

The Sui Generis Origins and Global Future of Guantánamo. Law and Society Association (LSA), Denver, June 6 – 9, 2024.

The Guantánamo Phenomenon: Exposing the Fragility of the Rule of Law. MESA, Montreal, November 2 – 5, 2023.

The Guantánamo Phenomenon. Mini-conference on “War and Society,” American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, Philadelphia, August 17, 2023.

Guantánamo Forever: The Unresolved Legacy of the US Torture Policy. Conference on New Perspectives on War in the Middle East (virtual), Tulane University, March 15, 2022.

Academic Freedom: Lessons from the Middle East Studies Association. LSA (virtual), May 26 – 30, 2021.

Torture Is the Nasty Center of the 9/11 Case at Guantánamo. LSA, May 30 – June 1, 2019

Dignity and Lawyering. Plenary session, LSA, June 1, 2019.

The Counterterrorism War Paradigm versus International Humanitarian Law: The Legal Consequences of the US “War on Terror.” ASA, August 11 – 14, 2018.

International Humanitarian Law Versus the Counterterrorism War Paradigm: Analyzing the Contradictions and Consequences of the US “War on Terror.” MESA, November 19 – 21, 2017.

Targeted Killing and Legal Accountability. “One Nation under Drones” conference, Duke University, October 20 – 21, 2017.

Transnational America: Cosmopolitanism and Its Discontents. MESA, November 18 – 20, 2016.

Customizing Extreme Violence: A Critical Assessment of Israel’s War Record in Gaza. SOAS Palestine Society annual conference, London, October 17 – 18, 2015.

Interventions from the Sky: Drone Warfare and the Superpower’s Dilemma. European International Studies Association conference, Sicily, September 23 – 26, 2015.

The Role of Lawyers in America’s Wars. ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict Mini-conference, Berkeley, CA, August 15, 2014.

On Human Rights: Knowledge Production in and about the Arab World. Symposium on “Studying, Researching, Teaching, Representing the Arab Uprisings Three Years On,” George Mason University, April 28, 2014.

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Conference and Symposia Papers (continued)

Comparing American and Israeli Ways of War. American Studies Program annual conference, New York University, March 1, 2014.

From *The Manchurian Candidate* to *Zero Dark Thirty*: Reading Hollywood Thrillers against CIA Realities. American Studies Association, November 21 – 24, 2013.

Public Presentations (since 2013)

Boycott, Divest, and Sanctions. Sociologists for Palestine Teach-in (virtual), September 17, 2024.

Global Resistance to Democratic Backsliding. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association (virtual panel), May 13, 2025.

Eyes on Gaza: The Legal, Geopolitical and Humanitarian Consequences of Israel's War on Palestine. Academics for Justice in Palestine Symposium, UCSB, April 8, 2024.

International Law, Human Rights, and Local Politics in the Israel-Palestine Crisis (virtual panel). Virginia Tech University, November 29, 2023.

International Law and the War on Palestine (virtual panel). Jadaliyya, November 28, 2023.

The War Is Not Over (virtual). Symposium on "Legacies and Aftermaths of the US 'War on Terror.'" Security in Context, September 16, 2021.

The World that Al-Haq Made (virtual panel). Center for Palestine Studies, Brown University, June 15, 2021.

The Mauritanian: A Conversation between Mohamedou Ould Slahi and Lisa Hajjar (virtual). Carsey-Wolf Center, UCSB, May 25, 2021.

Guantánamo Is Still Open – and It's Worse Than You Thought (virtual). Tufts Alumni Association, March 24, 2021.

The Moral and Political Obligation to Resist Torture: From Post-9/11 to the Present. University of Washington Law School, September 26, 2017.

The Legal Obligation to Prevent and Prosecute Torture. Gonzaga University Law School, September 6, 2017.

International Law over Fifty Years of Occupation. "Thinking Palestine" panel, UCSB, April 28, 2017.

Vote of Thanks for Professor Laleh Khalili's Inaugural Lecture, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, March 11, 2015.

Intervening in the Middle East: Redux? Leiden University, December 12, 2014.

Interventionism: The Limits of US Power? Issam Fares Institute, American University of Beirut, October 13, 2014.

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Public Presentations (continued)

Authors Meet Readers for *Torture* (Lisa Hajjar), *Transnational Torture* (Jinee Lokaneeta), and *What Changed When Everything Changed* (Joe Margulies), Law and Society Association meeting, May 29 – 31, 2014.

Understanding the War in Syria. Wellesley College, October 23, 2013.

Torture: A Sociology of Violence and Human Rights, book launch and panel discussion. American University of Beirut, March 26, 2013.

Torture, Drones and Detention: The Vagaries of Liberal Warfare, with Laleh Khalili. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, January 17, 2013.

Discussant (since 2013)

Terror Trials: Life and Law in Delhi's Courts (author meets readers). Law and Society Association meeting, Denver, June 6 – 9, 2024.

The War in Court: Inside the Long Fight against Torture (author [me] meets readers). American Studies Association meeting, Montreal, November 2 – 5, 2023.

Why Humans Fight: The Social Dynamics of Close-range Violence (author meets readers panel). Mini-conference on "War and Society," ASA Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, Philadelphia, August 17, 2023.

The War in Court: Inside the Long Fight against Torture (author [me] meets readers). LSA meeting, San Juan, June 1 – 4, 2023.

Terror Courts (panel) and Prison Control and Resistance (panel). LSA meeting, June 1 – 4, 2023.

20 Years Later: Examining the Legacy of the War in Iraq (virtual panel). Boston University and Middle East Report, April 4, 2023.

Refusal to Eat by Nayan Shah (virtual). Levan Institute Book Chat, University of Southern California, November 2, 2022.

Problematizing Law, Rights and Childhood in Israel/Palestine by Hedi Viterbo (virtual panel). Centre for Law and Society in a Global Context, Queen Mary University of London, December 8, 2021.

The War Lawyers: The United States, Israel, and Juridical Warfare by Craig Jones (virtual panel). Independent Social Research Foundation (London), May 20, 2021.

Advocate (film) (virtual panel). LSA meeting, May 30, 2020.

Richard Abel's *Law's Wars* and *Law's Trials* (author meets readers panel). Political Science West Coast Association meeting, April 19, 2019.

Emergency, Bureaucracy, and the Management of Populations: On *Living Emergency: Israel's Permit Regime in the Occupied West Bank* (author meets readers panel). LSA meeting, June 6 – 10, 2018.

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Law and Revolution: Legitimacy and Constitutionalism after the Arab Spring (author meets readers panel). LSA meeting, June 6 – 10, 2018.

Security, Politics, and the Law: Ethnographic, Critical, and Historical Perspectives (panel). LSA meeting, June 6 – 10, 2018.

Sociolegal Perspectives on Transnational Security Law (panel) and Mobilization from the Margins (panel), LSA meeting, May 29 – 31, 2014.

Transnational American Studies in the Middle East: The Political Dimension, American University of Cairo, April 18, 2013.

Conference Panel and Symposium Organizer

Conference co-organizer, “Engineering Destruction: Militarization and the War Economy.” Cosponsored by Birzeit University, Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Security in Context, and Universidad Pedagogica Nacional (Colombia), June 16 – 17, 2025.

Symposium organizer, Carceral Realities and Freedom Dreams. UCSB Orfalea Center and Middle East Research and Information Project, October 11, 2024.

Conference co-organizer, “War and Society.” American Sociological Association Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, Philadelphia, PA, August 17, 2023.

Conference co-organizer, “Global Carceral States: Violence, Transgressions, and Technologies of Imprisonment” (virtual). UCSB Orfalea Center and Birzeit University, May 28 – 30, 2021.

Symposium co-organizer, “Iraq Front and Center: Fifteen Years On.” UCSB, May 10 – 11, 2018.

Double panel co-organizer, “International Law in the Contemporary Middle East: Impeding or Facilitating Violence?” MESA, November 19 – 21, 2017.

Panel organizer, “Human Rights and Legal Reform in Muslim Societies.” LSA, July 2001.

Panel organizer, “Legal Aspects of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” LSA, June 1999.

Lecture series organizer, “Human Rights in Theory and Practice.” Swarthmore College, 1997-99.

Panel organizer, “Critical Theories and Middle East Studies.” MESA, December 1991.

Panel organizer, “Human Rights and the Middle East: The Question of Universal Standards.” MESA, November 1991.

Panel organizer, “Doing Human Rights Work on the Middle East.” MESA, November 1990.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and EXPERIENCE

- 2024-2025 Member, International Law Chamber, Gaza People's Tribunal.
- 2021 - Advisory Board, Security in Context.
- 2020 - Board of Trustees, Euro-Med Monitor.
- 2018 Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Queen Mary University, London, December.
- 2013-2016 Principle Co-Investigator, Human Rights Research, Advocacy and Public Policy in the Arab World, American University of Beirut and Lund University.
- 2014-2016 Reviewer, American Council of Learned Societies.
- 2010-2012 Advisor, *Law in these Parts*, film by Ra'anana Alexandrowicz and Liran Atzmor.
- 2009-2010 Visiting Scholar, Center for Law and Security, New York University, and Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University.
- 2010 National Science Foundation Advisory Panel for Law and Social Sciences.
- 2007-2009 University of California Initiative for Human Rights.
- 2006-2014 American Civil Liberties Union—Santa Barbara Chapter: Vice-president (2007-2009 and 2010-2012); President (2012-2014).
- 2004 Certificate, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, The American University.
- 2000-2001 Lead Researcher, Islamic Family Law Project, Emory University Law School.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2021-2024 Chair-elect, Chair, Past Chair, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, American Sociological Association (ASA).
- 2023-2024 Chair, Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology.
- 2021 Book Award Committee, Law and Society Association (LSA).
- 2018-2021 Council, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, ASA; Chair, Article Prize (2020), Chair, Book Award (2021).
- 2014-2023 Committee on Academic Freedom, Middle East Studies Association (MESA).
- 2014-2017 Board of Directors, MESA.
- 2015 Ralph Henry Gabriel Dissertation Prize Committee, American Studies Association.
- 2013 Program Committee, LSA.

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SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION (continued)

- 2011-2013 Council, Section on Human Rights, ASA.
- 2011-2014 Vice-president, Sociologists without Borders.
- 2010-2011 Early Career Workshop Committee, LSA.
- 2002-2004 Executive Committee and Board of Trustees, LSA.
- 1998-2000 International Committee, LSA.
- 1996-1998 Committee for Academic Freedom, MESA.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022 - Chair, Sociology Department, UCSB.
- 2025 - Board, Santa Barbara Faculty Association, UCSB.
- 2023 Member, Sociology Department search committee for sociology of culture.
- 2022 - Executive Committee, Center for Middle East Studies, UCSB.
- 2022 Judge, Library Award for Undergraduate Research, UCSB.
- 2021-2022 Vice Chair, Sociology Department.
- 2020-2021 Executive Committee and Diversity Committee, Sociology Department.
- 2021 Nominating Committee for Plous Award, UCSB.
- 2019-2021 Chair, Committee on Committees, Academic Senate, UCSB.
- 2019-2020 Chair, Colloquium and Professional Development Committee, Sociology Department.
- 2019-2021 Board, Santa Barbara Faculty Association, UCSB.
- 2017-2018 Vice Chair, Sociology Department.
- 2017 Search Committee for Conversation Analysis, Sociology Department.
- 2016-2018 Academic Senate Ad-hoc Committee on Academic Freedom, UCSB.
- 2014 Nominating Committee for Plous Award, UCSB.
- 2010-2012, Graduate Program and Admissions Committee, Sociology Department.
- 2013-2014,
- 2016-2017
- 2011-2012 Secretary, Santa Barbara Faculty Association, UCSB.
- 2010-2012 Committee on Diversity and Equity, Academic Senate.
- 2006-2009 Chair, Law and Society Program, UCSB.
- 2007-2009 Co-Chair, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Research Group on Torture, UCSB.

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UNIVERSITY SERVICE (continued)

- 2009 Search Committee for Mellichamp Chair in Global Authority and Governance.
- 2004-2006 UCSB Representative to University of California Committee on Academic Freedom; Vice-chair (2006-07).
- 2004-2006 Social Science Representative, Executive Committee, College of Letters and Science.
- 2003-2007 Council on Faculty Issues and Awards, Academic Senate; Chair (2004-05).
- 2003-2005 Chair, Academic Senate Ad-hoc Committee on the USA PATRIOT Act.
- 2003-2005 Advisory Committee, Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research.
- 2000-2001 Committee on Curriculum and Educational Policy, Morehouse College.
- 1999-2001 Morehouse Representative, International Human Rights Exchange Committee.

EDITORIAL COMMITTEE SERVICE

- 1994-1999, 2001-2007, 2008-2014, 2021-2026 *Middle East Report*; Chair (2003-2007), Co-Chair (2023-2026).
- 2010- *Jadaliyya*.
- 2016-2022 *Social Sciences*.
- 2010-2013 *Societies without Borders: Human Rights and the Social Sciences*.
- 2002-2013 *Journal of Palestine Studies*.
- 2000-2015 *Arab Studies Journal*.
- 2005-2010 *Cultural Anthropology*.
- 2000-2005 *Law and Society Review*.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Law and Society Association

Middle East Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists without Borders