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### EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. (distinction) Columbia University, Department of Political Science  
*Dissertation:* "Taming Leviathan: Constitutionalist Contention in Contemporary Egypt"  
*Committee:* Lisa Anderson, Nathan Brown, Ira Katznelson, Timothy Mitchell, Charles Tilly.
- 2000 M.Phil., Columbia University, Department of Political Science
- 1996 M.A., Columbia University, Department of Political Science
- 1995 B.A., Columbia University, Columbia College, *magna cum laude* with Departmental Honors in Political Science.

### FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- 2006 Middle East Studies Association, Malcolm Kerr Award, Best Dissertation, Social Sciences (2006)
- 1995-2000 President's Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University (tuition & stipend)
- Summer 1996 Columbia University Middle East Institute Mellon Summer Travel Grant (for pre-dissertation field research in Cairo, Egypt)
- 1995 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship

### TEACHING POSITIONS

- 2006- *Assistant Professor*, Barnard College, Department of Political Science  
Teach Introduction to Comparative Politics, Middle East Politics, colloquium on Social Movements, and senior thesis research seminar.

- 2004-2006 **Instructor**, Columbia University, Department of Political Science  
Teach upper-level survey course on Middle East politics, undergraduate seminars on social movements and the state, and graduate colloquium on democratization and de-democratization in the Middle East.
- Fall 2001-  
Fall 2003 **Preceptor**, Columbia University, “Contemporary Civilization”  
Taught flagship Columbia College social and political theory course to 22 sophomores, beginning with Plato and ending with John Rawls.
- Spring 1999-  
Fall 2000 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Hunter College/City University of New York (CUNY)  
Taught undergraduate courses on Middle East politics and introduction to comparative politics.
- Spring 1998 **Adjunct Lecturer**, Brooklyn College/City University of New York (CUNY)  
Taught undergraduate courses on political development and Middle East politics.

## RESEARCH AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- June-September 2003 **Consultant**, International Crisis Group (ICG), Brussels  
Researched and wrote Briefing entitled, “The Challenge of Political Reform: Egypt after the Iraq War,” September 30, 2003.
- May-August 2003 **Consultant**, Transparency International (TI), Berlin  
Researched and wrote Egypt country report for TI’s *Global Corruption Report 2004* (London: Pluto Press, 2004).
- November 1999-  
July 2003 **Reporter**, the *Cairo Times* weekly magazine, Cairo, Egypt  
Wrote on all aspects of Egyptian culture and politics, including profiles of political and literary figures, coverage of political trials, book reviews, and parliament news.
- Summer 1996 **Independent Field Research**, Cairo, Egypt  
Gathered preliminary data on the Egyptian human rights movement; conducted interviews with human rights lawyers and advocates; co-translated the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights’ *1995 Annual Report*.

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer-Reviewed*

- “Constitutionalist Contention in Contemporary Egypt,” *American Behavioral Scientist* 51 (July 2008).

“The Metamorphosis of the Egyptian Muslim Brothers,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37 (2005): 373-395.

Book Reviews in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (forthcoming), *The Journal of Politics* (forthcoming), *The Arab Studies Journal* (Fall 2007/Spring 2008 & Spring 2001), *Journal of International Affairs* (Fall 1998), and *Civil Society* 5:57 (September 1996).

*Other*

“Egypt’s Paradoxical Elections,” *Middle East Report* 238 (Spring 2006).  
<http://www.merip.org/mer/mer238/elghobashy.html>

“Egypt Looks Ahead to Portentous Year,” *Middle East Report Online*, February 2, 2005.  
<http://www.merip.org/mero/mero020205.html>

Translation of *Asafir al-Nil (Nile Sparrows)*, a novel by Ibrahim Aslan (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2004).

“Egypt’s Summer of Discontent,” *Middle East Report Online*, September 18, 2003.  
<http://www.merip.org/mero/mero091803.html>

“The Sociologist and the Egyptian State,” *Review of African Political Economy* 30:96 (June 2003): 329-334.

“Unsettling the Authorities: constitutional reform in Egypt,” *Middle East Report* 226 (March 2003): 28-34.

Dozens of articles in the Cairo-based English-language newsmagazine the *Cairo Times* from November 1999-July 2003.

“Under the Rotunda,” entry on the Egyptian parliament in Paul Ayoub-Geday et al, *Egypt Almanac 2002/3: The Encyclopedia of Modern Egypt* (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2002), pp. 150-155.

“Antinomies of the Saad Eddin Ibrahim Case,” *Middle East Report Online*, August 15, 2002.  
[www.merip.org/mero/mero081502.html](http://www.merip.org/mero/mero081502.html)

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2007                      Elected member (untenured), Barnard College Faculty Governance and Procedures Committee.

2006-                     Appointed member, Middle East Studies Association Committee on Academic Freedom.

- 2004-present            Anonymous referee for *Party Politics*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Ethics & International Affairs*, *Comparative Politics*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Feminist Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Sociology*, *Stanford University Press*, *Oneworld Publications* (UK), *Theory and Society*, Transparency International's *Global Corruption Report*.
- 2002-2003            Graduate student member, Steering Committee on the Core Curriculum, Columbia College.

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- “Expressive Participation in Authoritarian Regimes,” talk delivered at the Council of Middle East Studies, the MacMillan Center, Yale University, February 12, 2008.
- “Why do Opposition Parties Participate in Uncontested Elections?” paper presented at George Washington University, Institute for Middle Eastern Studies Inaugural Research Workshop, November 12, 2007.
- Discussant for a panel on “Judicial Politics in Developing Countries” at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA, Sep. 1, 2006.
- “Egyptian Judges and the 2005 Elections,” Middle East Institute, Columbia University, April 13, 2006.
- “Taming Leviathan: Constitutionalist Contention in Contemporary Egypt,” delivered at *Contentious Politics and the Economic Opportunity Structure*, conference in honor of Charles Tilly, University of Crete, Rethimno, October 17-18, 2003.
- “The broader implications of the Saad Eddin Ibrahim case,” delivered before the Human Rights Committee, National Academy of Sciences, Washington D.C., October 18, 2001.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Political Science Association  
Middle East Studies Association

## **LANGUAGES**

Arabic & English: fluent  
French: good speaking and fluent reading ability.