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POSITIONS

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology/Anthropology
July 2022 – present

EDUCATION

New York University: New York, NY
PhD in Sociology, April 2022

Dissertation: “Beyond Intersectionality: Centering the Sociocultural within the Colonial Using LGBTQ Palestinian Lived Experiences”

New York University: New York, NY
MPhil in Sociology of Education, May 2020

University of Cincinnati: Cincinnati, OH
Master of Arts in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) – May 2016

Ben Gurion University: Beer Sheva, Israel
ESL Teaching Certificate – June 2014

Brown University: Providence, RI
Certificate in Philosophy and American Studies, Fulbright – May 2012

Ben Gurion University: Beer Sheva, Israel
Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Literatures and Linguistics – July 2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

- Global Queer Rights
- LGBTQ Social Movement in the Middle East and North Africa
- Sociological Theory
- Gender and Sexuality
- Transnational Sociology
- Palestine and Israel
- Pinkwashing and homonationalism
- Cultural Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

In Press Journal Articles

El Amoor, Izat. In press. "Mashrou' Leila's Musical Affective Politics: Queer Resistance in the Egyptian Social and Political Uprising," *Journal of Resistance Studies*.

El Amoor, Izat. In press. "Family for Queer Liberation in Palestine: Beyond Decoloniality and Media Representation of Violence," *Gender, Place, Culture*.

El Amoor, Izat. In press. "Marriage Pressure and Conversion Therapy: Queer Experiences in the Palestinian Family." *Gender Issues*.

Published Journal Articles

El Amoor, I. (2024). Queering Genocide: Israel's Pinkwashing Campaign and the Ineptness of International Law in Gaza. *SQS – Journal of Queer Studies in Finland*, 18(3), 1–20.

El Amoor, Izat. "Clashing Anticolonial and Sociocultural Factors: Palestinian Queer Liberation in the Events of Summer 2019". *Journal of Homosexuality*, (2024): 1-23.

El Amoor, Izat. "Closets and Institutions: Queer Teacher Exclusion in the Israeli High School System". *Sexualities* 22, no, 5-6 (2018): 883-900.

Book Chapter

El Almoor, Izat. "Queering Their Honor." In *Negotiating Spiritual Violence in the Queer Community*, pp. 43-50. Information Age Publication, 2019.

Film Review

Elamoor, Izat. "Sick Fantasy of Angels Dreaming of Healing". Film Review of 'Angels in America'. *Qadita Magazine*. November 30, 2010. In Arabic.

Op-Eds

"As Netflix puts gay characters in Arabic show, can pop culture queer representation make LGBT rights more mainstream?". February 2, 2022. [The New Arab](#).

"For Queer Palestinians Like Me, Intersectionality isn't Working." November 11, 2021. [Haaretz](#).

"Queer Palestinian Lives Matter: Sarit Ahmad's Death Must Count." June 14, 2023. [Raseef22 English](#).

"Queer Palestinian Lives Matter: Sarit Ahmad's Death Must Count." June 14, 2023. [Raseef22 Arabic](#).

Works in Progress

2024-25 - Book Project

Anticolonial LGBTQ Intersectionality is Flawed: Constructing a Sociocultural Approach to LGBTQ Liberation in Palestine.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Hendrix College: Department of Sociology/Anthropology

- Courses Taught: People of the Middle East and North Africa
 - Social Theory
 - Social Movements
 - Race and Ethnicity
 - Introduction to Sociology
 - Gender and Sexuality
 - Feminist and Queer Theory
 - Sociological Research Methods
 - Social Statistics
 - Sociology of the Family

New York University: Department of Applied Statistics, Social Science, and Humanities

- Graduate Instructor, New York, August 2016 – 2022
 - Courses Assisted: Global Culture Wars (4 semesters)
 - Introduction to U.S. Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives
 - Political Issues in International Education (graduate level)
 - Comparative Politics, Education, and Conflict (2 semesters)

University of Cincinnati: Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

- Graduate Instructor, Cincinnati, OH, August 2014 – May 2016
 - Courses Assisted: Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
 - Courses Taught: Human Sexuality

Brown University: Center for Language Studies

- Fulbright Visiting Instructor, Providence, RI, August 2011-May 2012
 - Courses Taught: Arabic Level 400
 - Courses Assisted: Arabic Level 300
 - Arabic Level 100

ORT Educational Network: Um Batin High School, Bedouin-Arab Sector, Israel

- English Language Teacher, August 2009-June 2011

ORT Educational Network: Abu Krinat High School, Bedouin-Arab Sector, Israel

- English Language Teacher, August 2012-June 2014
- Program Coordinator, English Access Microscholarship Program, August 2012-June 2014

SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

Student Organization Faculty Advisor – Hendrix College

- Muslim Students Association.
- Middle Eastern Students Association.

Career Services – Hendrix College

- Graduate School Applications – Writing Personal Statement Workshops

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

LGBTQ Liaison – Hendrix College

- LGBTQ advocacy for students and faculty, 2023-present

Faculty Assisting Recruiting Efforts – Hendrix College

- Admissions office, 2023-present

Heart of a Nation

- Advisory Committee Member – November 2021 – present

The Times of Israel

- News Translator and Editor. June 2017 – June 2022

Fulbright Israel

- Fulbright FLTA Program Selection Committee – 2018-2020

University of Cincinnati:

- Center for Community Engagement Graduate Assistant – May 2016
- Action Research Center – Research Assistant, May 2016
- Diversity and Inclusion Plan Board – Research Assistant, June 2016

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2020	Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research Doctoral Dissertation Grant (\$1500)
2020	NYU Global Research Initiatives Fellowship, in support of my dissertation research (\$7000)
2019	International Society for Language Studies Conference Travel Grant (\$1000)
2019	NYU Student Conference Travel Fund (\$500)
2017	ASH Professional Development Fund award (\$500)
2016	UC Graduate School Graduate Student Fellow Award (\$2000)

- 2016 UC Graduate Student Government Association Travel Award (\$500)
- 2015 UC Department of Women’s Gender, and Sexuality Studies Summer Research Fellowship Grant (\$1000)
- 2015 UC Charles Phelps Taft Research Center Enrichment Award (\$2500)
- 2011 Fulbright FLTA (Foreign Language Teaching Assistant) Fellowship, Brown University (\$25,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Mashrou’ Leila’s Musical Affective Politics: Queer Resistance in the Egyptian Social and Political Uprising.” The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2023 “Colonial and Sociocultural - LGBTQ Exclusion in Palestinian Education,” The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2023 “Queering the Future of Palestine: An Examination of the Current LGBTQ Palestinian Context,” The Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore.
- 2022 “Between the Anticolonial and the Sociocultural - A Critique of The Palestinian Queer Movement,” the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, March
- 2019 “Queering Their Honor,” the International Society for Language Studies Conference, Hong Kong, June.
- 2019 “Queers of the Night: Queering the Egyptian and Social and Political Uprising Through Music,” the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Boston, MA, March.
- 2017 “Closets and Institutions: Queering Exclusion in the Israeli High School System,” Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Conference, Atlanta, GA, March.
- 2015 “Homonationalism and Pinkwashing in Israel/Palestine - Queer Tactics of Traversing Colonialism and Gaining Recognition,” National Women’s Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, November.
- 2011 “Teaching All Three: Trilingualism in the Israeli-Arab Sector,” FLTA mid-year conference, Washington DC, December.

PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND MEDIA

- 2024 Photography in Palestine. NOR Film Festival. Guest discussant. Kuala Lumpur. December 8th.
- 2024 “We Remind You: HIV and Palestine.” Guest speaker at CIRCA Festival, Los Angeles. October 12th.
- 2024 “Queer Visions: Capturing Life and Identity in Palestine.” Apogee Journal. October 10th. [Link](#).
- 2024 Protest Held in Conway in Support of Palestine. [Link](#). May 3rd.
- 2024 Palestinian and Queer – Dissidents Podcast [interview](#). In Spanish. April.
- 2024 Alongside Pinkwashing and Homonationalism: Queer Palestine Since October 7th. SUNY New Paltz. [Link](#). April 17.
- 2024 InfoLibre expert [interview](#) on queer Palestine. In Spanish. January.
- 2023 Público expert [interview](#), June 2023.
- 2022 SBS World News Australia televised expert [interview](#), October 2022.
- 2023 LGBTQ Palestinian Activism - Olive Branch Podcast [interview](#) – April 10.
- 2023 LGBTQ Palestinians: Strategies to Interviewing and Recruiting Sexual Minority Interviewees in Conflict Regions – Stonehill College, March.
- 2023 LGBTQ Life and Activism in Palestine – Stonehill College, January.
- 2022 LGBTQ Politics of Education in Israel – New York University, October.
- 2020 “Life in Two Worlds: Palestinians of Israel” – University of South Carolina Aiken, April.
- 2019 “What Does it Mean to be a Palestinian Citizen of Israel” – Workshop, Tufts University, April.
- 2019 “Mirroring Israel’s Homonationalism through Education” – Rutgers University, April.

SPECIAL TRAININGS

- 2023 Writing to Change the World Workshop – The OpEd Project, June.

- 2023 Council of New Student Advisors (CNSA) Training – Hendrix College.
- 2020 Mada al-Carmel Arab Center for Applied Social Research Doctoral Candidate Seminar, Haifa, 2019-2020.
- 2018 Education and Social Reform in South Africa Research Seminar (LGBTQ-Focused), Cape Town and Pretoria, South Africa, July-August.
- 2011 Fulbright Arabic FLTA Pre-Departure Orientation, Istanbul, Turkey, July.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in Arabic, Hebrew, and English.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Israel, Palestine, South Africa.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

International Studies Association (ISA)

REFERENCE CONTACTS

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