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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2024 Arcapita Visiting Assistant Professor at Columbia University’s Middle Eastern,

South Asian & African Studies Program (MESAAS) in the Middle East Institute.

2023-2024 International Affiliate Scholar at The Mario Einaudi Center for International

Studies, Cornell University.

2023 Fall-Term Visiting Scholar at the Centre d'Études et de Documentation

Économiques, Juridiques, et Sociales du Caire (CEDEJ).

2022 Assistant Professor (four-year, non-tenure track appointment)

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Egyptology

American University of Cairo.

2021–2023 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Global Racial Justice

Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies

Cornell University.

2020-2021 Sessional Lecturer

Social Justice Education-OISE

University of Toronto.

**EDUCATION**

2019 Ph.D., Department of Cultural Studies, Queen’s University.

Dissertation: *Islam and Queer Muslims: Identity and Sexuality in the Contemporary World*

Committee: Dr. Adnan Husain, Department of History, Queen’s University (Supervisor)

Dr. Scott Morgensen, Department of Gender Studies, Queen’s University

Dr. Dana Olwan, Department of Gender Studies, Syracuse University

External Examiner: Dr. Wilson Chacko Jacob, Department of History, Concordia University.

2009 M.A., Department of Sociology, Queen’s University.

Thesis: *Anarca-Islam: An Islamic Interpretation of Anarchism & an Anarchic Interpretation of Islam*

Committee: Dr. Richard J.F. Day, Department of Sociology, Queen’s University (Supervisor)

Dr. Sarita Srivastava, Department of Sociology, Queen’s University

2007 B.A. (Honours), Queen’s University, Major: Sociology.

2004 Diploma in Computer & Electrical Engineering, St. Lawrence College.

**TEAHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

**Critical Race Theory; Transnational Feminisms; Indigenous, Black and Queer of Color Studies and Critiques; Abolition; Decolonization; Islamic and South West Asian and North African (SWANA) Studies; Social Movements**

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Books (Refereed/Forthcoming)**

*Islam and Anarchism: Relationships and Resonances* (Forthcoming, Pluto Press, June 2022).

---- **Translated into Italian**, “Anarcha-Islam” (D Editore, Roma, Fall 2023).

*Queer Muslims: Racialized Sexuality, Religion & Politics in the Contemporary* (Under active consideration for publication by Duke University Press).

**Peer Reviewed Journal Articles (Published/Forthcoming)**

“Dunes: Conquistador Settler-colonialism & the Crises of Diasporic Muslim Complicity” in A CollaborativeIssue by The Journal of Political Theology & Settler-Colonial Studies. Guest Eds. Dana Lloyd and Jan Pranger. (Accepted/Forthcoming, January 2024).

“The Revolutionary Wonderings of Queer-Feminist Egyptian and Muslim Souls” in *Feral Feminisms*, Issue 11: Transnational Homonationalism, Ed. Amy Verhaeghe. (June 2022, Published). <https://feralfeminisms.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/3-FF-ISSUE11-Abdou.pdf>

On the Ethics of Disagreements (*Uṣūl al-Ikhtilaf*) and the Ethics of Hospitality (*Uṣūl al-Dhiyafa*) Between Spiritual and non-Spiritual Leftists in the Newest Social Movements, Political Theology, (January 2022, Published), <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/1462317X.2021.2003001>

“Queer-Challenges to Queer Arab, Muslim, and People of Color Liberation” in *The Journal of Settler-Colonial Studies*, 2022. Co-authored with Catherine Chiniara Charrett. (Under Review).

Local, Regional and Transnational Queer-feminist Arab, Muslim, and People of Color Insurgent-Abolitionist Horizons. *Al-Raida Journal*, *45*(1), 28 – 51 (August 2021, Published). <https://doi.org/10.32380/alrj.v45i1.1857>

“The Body of the Condemned, Sally...Paths to Queering Anarca-Islam” in *Anarchist Developments in Cultural Studies* 1 (2010): 217-239. Published. <https://journals.uvic.ca/index.php/adcs/article/view/17102>

**Peer Reviewed Book Chapters (Published/Forthcoming)**

“Islamic Anarchism and the Newest Social Movements of the Middle-East” in *The Handbook of Middle East Politics*, vol. 2. Ed. Larbi Sidiki. Routledge Press. (Forthcoming, 2024).

“Rethinking Queer-feminist Muslim and Arab methodologies – From Egypt to Palestine to Turtle Island” in *Thinking World Politics Otherwise*, Oxford University Press. Co-authored with Catherine Chiniara Charrett. (Accepted/Forthcoming, July 2024).

“To be Condemned to a Clinic: The Birth of the Anarca-Islamic Clinic,” in *Religious Anarchism: New Perspectives.* Ed. Alexandre Christoyannopoulos. London: Cambridge Scholars Publishers, 2012. 249-79. Published.

“Towards a Grassroots Multiculturalism? A Genealogical Analysis of Solidarity Practices in Canadian Activism Today” in *Racism and Justice: Critical Dialogue on the Politics of Identity, Inequality and Change*. Eds. Singh Bolaria, Sean P. Hier, and Daniel Lett. Halifax: Fernwood Press, 2009, 207-224. (Co-authored with Richard J.F. Day and Sean Haberle). Published.

**Public-Facing Scholarship/Non-Refereed publications**

“Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonance – Book Release Overview” in *The Political Theology Network Blog* (August, 2022, Published).

“Let Empire Collapse: Why We Need A Decolonial Revolution” in *ROAR Magazine*, Ed. Kai Heron, November 2nd, 2020. <https://roarmag.org/essays/let-empire-collapse-why-we-need-a-decolonial-revolution/>

“Centrality of Palestine and Feminism to the Concept of Queer in the US/Canada, Egypt, and the SWANA Region” for *The Masaha Collective* and *The* *Centre For Transnational Development & Collaboration*. Ed. Nour Abu-Assab and Nof Nasser-Eddin (Forthcoming, 2022).

“Varieties of Islamic Anarchism: A Brief Introduction,” for *The Anarchist Book Fair* in Stockholm, Sweden. Written by Anthony T. Fiscella. Ed. by Mohamed Abdou and Gabriel Kuhn. 2013.

“Anarca-Islam: Paths to becoming a Muslim Anarchist: A Post-Anarchistic interpretation of Islam.” Published/Distributed through Miasma Publishing Co-op, Kingston, Ontario. 2007.

“Class Privilege and the American University of Cairo.” Arabic article in the Egyptian newspaper, *Al-Ahram Weekly*. August, 1998.

**HONOURS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

2011—2013 SSHRC Award Recipient ($20, 000)

2011 Queen’s Graduate Assistantship ($8, 536)

2010 R.S. McLaughlin Fellowship ($10, 000)

2009 Queen’s Graduate Assistantship ($8, 536)

2008 Queen’s Graduate Assistantship ($8,536)

2007 Queen’s Graduate Assistantship ($5, 455)

**ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

**Academic Conferences & Symposiums**

Author Session, *“Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances – BIPOC Struggles Beyond States (New Book, Pluto Press*).” American Studies Association (ASA) Conference: *The Roof Is on Fire*. Roundtable panelists include Drs. Bonita Lawrence, Sherene Razack, and Nishant Upadhyay with the book author (Mohamed Abdou). November 3-6th, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Panel Session, “*Iran Uprising 2022: What Is To Be Done From The Diaspora?*” American Studies Association (ASA) Conference: *The Roof Is on Fire*. Roundtable panelists include Tahereh Aghdasifar, Roshanak Kheshti, Salar Mameni, Manijeh Moradian, and Ida Yalzadeh. November 3-6th, 2022, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Panelist, “Islam & Anarchism.” Critical Muslim Studies Conference. October 23-25th, 2022. University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. <https://criticalmuslimstudies.co.uk/project/reorienting-the-post-western-1st-international-conference/>

Panelist, “An Islamic Anarchism.” Anarchist Studies Network Conference. August 25th, 2022. In Loughborough, UK.

Panelist, “Non-statist Indigenous and Muslim Conceptualizations of Sovereignty: The Decolonial Inseparability of Race from Religion.” Post-Doctoral Fellow Symposium: *Future Directions in the Study of Migration and Racial Justice*.” Einaudi Center for Global Racial Justice at Cornell University. December 8th, 2021. In Ithaca, New York.

Panelist, “Light of the Fearless: The Transnational Feminist Turn By Queer-feminist Muslims from Sexuality Back to Gender.” National Women’s Studies Association **(**NWSA) Conference: *The Poetics, Politics, and Praxis of Transnational Feminisms*. November 12-15, 2020. In Minneapolis, MN.

Panelist, “The Revolutionary Wonderings of Queer-Feminist Egyptian and Muslim Souls.”TheAmerican Academy of Religion **(**AAR) Conference: *Religion and Crisis*, *Session: Creative Crises – Transforming Misogyny and Toxic Masculinities*. South-West Commission On Religious Studies. March 1st, 2019. In Irving, Texas.

Panelist, “Ethical Knowledge Production/Collaborative Approaches Can Overcome Injustice: The Decolonial Example of Queer Muslims.” Millennium Conference: *Extraction, Expropriation, & Erasure? Knowledge Production In International Relations*, *Session IV: Refusing Pussy Hats and Pink-washing: Queer, Anti-colonial and Black Feminist Resistance to Imperial White Feminism*. October 20th, 2019. In The London School of Economics (LSE), UK.

Panelist, “The Euro-American War on Islam & Queer Muslims: Identity, Sexuality, Religion & Politics in the Contemporary World.” Political Theology Network (PTN) Conference. *Session IV: Illicit behavior: Monastic Orthodoxy, Popular Protest & Queer Sexualities* Panel. October 19th, 2019. In The Union Theological Seminary, New York City, NY.

Panelist, “Islamic Anarchism: Between Settler-colonial U.S./Canada and Franchise-colonial Egypt.” *The First Encounter of Good Living* Conference at the Autonomous University Of Puebla*.* March 17th, 2012. Chiapas, Mexico.

Panelist, “Anarca-Islam: What is it? What is it for?” North American Anarchist Studies(NAAS) Conference. November 4-6th, 2009. In Hartford, Connecticut, US.

Panelist, “An Ethics of Affinity and Aversion: Friendship, Trauma, and ‘Unbridgeable Chasms.’” Presented with Jobb Arnolds and Karl J. Hardy. North American Anarchist Studies(NAAS)Conference. November 4-6th, 2009. In Hartford, Connecticut, US.

Panelist, “Anarca-Islam(s).” *Anarchist Studies Network* (ASN) Conference. Sept. 4-6th, 2008. In Loughborough, England.

**Invited Academic Presentations**

Invited Lecturer, “There Are Only Middles, No Beginnings & No Ends: Between BLM-NoDAPL/INM-Tahrir & Palestine” for Introduction to Visual Studies (Dr. Jolene Rickard), American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program, February 7th, 2022. Cornell University, US.

Invited Lecturer, “Decolonization and the case of queer Nubian and Sudanese-Egyptians” for Decolonial Feminism (Dr. Carole Boyce Davies), Africana Studies, October 13th, 2022. Cornell University, US.

Invited Speaker, “Reflections on Islam & Anarchism” for the Political Science Program, October 7th, 2022. York University, Canada.

Invited Speaker, “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances” for the Department of Religious Studies, October 5th, 2022. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Speaker, “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances,” for Women & Gender Studies (Dr. Jasbir K. Puar’s Graduate Seminar), September 28th, 2022. Rutgers University, US.

Invited Speaker, “Islamic anarchism & Non-statist Indigenous & Muslim Conceptualizations of Sovereignty: The Decolonial Inseparability of Race from Religion and Gender from Sexuality” for SOAN (Sociology & Anthropology) Graduate Program, April 5th, 2022. American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt.

Invited Lecturer, “Decolonization Is *Not* A Metaphor: Islamic Anarchism & Queer Muslims”, *ANTH 2005 – Arab Society: The Representation Of “Arabs” & “Muslims” In Cinema*. February 24th, 2022. American University of Cairo, Cairo, Egypt.

Invited Lecturer, “Queer Muslims: Identity and Sexuality in the Contemporary.” *Hist 456 – Islam and Muslims in (Modern) World History*. November 5th, 2019. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Speaker, “Queer Muslims: Identity, Sexuality, Religion, & Politics in the Contemporary.” Hosted by *Muslim Societies for Global Perspectives (MSGP*). April 3rd, 2019. Kingston, Ontario, Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “Journeys of Resistance.” Hosted by *Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights* *(SPHR)*, March 15th, 2017. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “Muslims in Solidarity with Standing Rock.” Hosted by the *Canadian Council for Muslim Women,* TheWorkers Action Centre. November 26th, 2016. Ottawa, Canada.

Panelist, “Palestinian and Black Solidarity.” Hosted by *Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR)*. November 16th, 2016. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “From Jerusalem to the Grand River, Our Struggles are One: Islam, Anarchism, and the Uprisings of the Middle East in a Palestinian Context.” Hosted by *Solidarity for Palestinian Human Rights (SPHR)*. November 6th, 2015. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Lecturer, “Women in Muslim Societies.” *SOCY 303: Sociology of Gender*. November 21st, 2013. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Lecturer, “Islamic Anarchism & the Orientalized ‘Arab Spring/Islamist Winter.’” *SOCY 225: Sociology of Globalization*. March 6th, 2013. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “On Violence and Egypt, a Year Following the Uprising.” *Cultural Studies and Professional Development Series*. February 14th, 2012. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “Orientalization and Fetishization of Tahrir and The Difference between Non-Violence, Anti-Militarism and Violence.” *(Pre)Occupations: Cultural Studies Speaks Series*. November 2nd, 2011. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “Egypt and the Arab Spring.” *Teach-In and Discussion of Reflections on Egypt, Tunis, the Middle East, and Beyond*. February 17th, 2011. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Lecturer, “On Indigenous Methodologies: After the Guiding Venus.” *DEVS 300: Research Methodologies*. October 30th, 2010. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Invited Speaker, “Anarca-Islam: an anarchic interpretation of Islam and an Islamic interpretation of anarchism.” *Cultural Studies and Professional Development Series*. February 14th, 2010. Queen’s University, Kingston, Canada.

Panelist, “The Necessity for Ethics of Disagreements and Politics of Friendship in the Left.” *Annual Graduate Student Symposium*. April 2009. Queen’s University, Kingston, Ontario.

**TEACHING**

**Columbia University**

2024 Special Topics in MESAAS: *Decolonization & Abolition in the Middle East, South Asia, Africa and Turtle Island*

**Cornell University**

2023 GDEV 4940 (W) Special Topics in Global Development: *The Arab Spring & Global Social Movements*.

2022 Global Research Graduate Fellow Seminar: *Decolonizing Anti-Racism II* (Einaudi Center for International Studies)

2021 GOVT 2274 (F): *Global Studies Gateway*, Co-Taught withRachel Beatty Riedl (Director, Einaudi Center for International Studies, and Professor in Govt Dept)

2021 Global Research Graduate Fellow Seminar: *Decolonizing Anti-Racism I* (Einaudi Center for International Studies)

**The American University of Cairo**

# 2022 SOC 2402 (W): *Family, Kin, & Friends in Egypt:* *The Arab Spring/Islamist Winter Uprisings and The Undoing of Race, Religion, Intimacy, Gender, & Sexuality in the Middle-East-North Africa & Beyond*

2022 SOC 3303/ANTH3020 (W): *War of Dreams: Social* *Movements of the Middle East-North Africa & The World Today & (re)Learning how to Re-Dream Dangerously Again*

2022 SOAN 5202 (W): *Contemporary Social Thought: From Enlightenment to Decolonization*

**Social Justice Education-OISE, University of Toronto**

2020 SJ3917H: *Indigenous Land Education & Black Geographies* (Previously Designed/Taught by Dr. Eve Tuck).

**Course Instructor (Teaching Fellow), Queen’s University**

2016 Development Studies 395 (W): *Arab and Islamic Social Movements:* *War of Dreams: Social Movements Of The Middle East Today & (Re)Imagingings Of A Different World*

2014 Development Studies 395 (W): *Arab and Islamic Social Movements:* *War of Dreams: Social Movements Of The Middle East Today & (Re)Imagingings Of A Different World*

2013 Development Studies 395 (W): *Arab and Islamic Social Movements:* *War of Dreams: Social Movements Of The Middle East Today & (Re)Imagingings Of A Different World*

**Teaching Assistant, Queen’s University**

2013 Development Studies 300 (W): Theories of Development

2012 Development Studies 300 (F): Research Methodologies

2011 Development Studies 300 (W): Theories of Development

2010 Development Studies 300 (F): Research Methodologies

2010 Development Studies 300 (W): Theories of Development

2009 Development Studies 230 (F): The Global Political Economy of Development

2008 Sociology 226/227 (FW): The Development of Social Theory

2007 Sociology 122 (FW): Introduction to Sociology

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

**Cornell University**

2023 Principal Organizer, Graduate Fellow Symposium, “*Decolonial Love: Learning to Redream Dangerously Again*.” Two-day symposium featured: Drs. Mariana Mora, Erica Violet Lee, Alaina Roberts, Billy-Ray Belcourt, Kristen Bos, Enrique Salmón, Maria Rodriquez Beltran, and (Afro-)Indigenous activists like Amber Starks, Shakara Taylor, and Valeen Jules (<https://events.cornell.edu/event/decolonial_love_symposium>)

2022 Principal Investigator for SSRC Proposal Grant: *New Interdisciplinary Projects in the Social Sciences*. For “Decolonizing Imaginations,” Grad Fellow Symposium for Cornell’s Einaudi Center.

2022 Principal Organizer, Graduate Fellow Symposium, “*Decolonizing Futurities*.” Two-day symposium featured: Drs. Oumar Ba, Durba Ghosh, Reggie Jackson, Sarah Radcliff, Jonathan Cohen, Zayd Minty, and James Chase Sanchez & more (<https://events.cornell.edu/event/decolonizing_futurities_a_global_racial_justice_symposium>)

2021-2022 Principal Organizer, *Global Anti-Racism Roundtable Panels*. Guest Speakers include scholar-activist Harsha Walia and Drs. Jodi Byrd, Juliana Hu Pegues, Jasbir K. Puar, Katherine McKittrick, Chanda Prescod-Weinstein, Bonita Lawrence, Dana Olwan & more for Cornell’s Einaudi Center.

**American University of Cairo**

2022 Sociology, Egyptology, and Anthropology (SEA) Graduate Admission and Fellowship Committee.

**STUDENT ADVISING & MENTORING**

**Ph.D. Supervisor/Dissertation Committee Member**

Cynthia Hernández González, PhD., *El Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social* (CIESAS), “De La (Des)colonización De Los Cuerpos, Los Géneros Y Las Sexualidades De Las Y Los Latinomusulmanes De Los Ángeles, California” [On the (De)colonization Of Bodies, Genders and Sexualities of Latin-Muslim People in Los Angeles, California]. Department of Global Studies in Anthropology, Mexico City, Mexico. September 2021.

**RESEARCH POSITIONS**

2009 – 2011 Research Assistant to Dr. Richard J.F. Day, Department of Sociology, Queen’s University. Conducted and transcribed audio & video interviews with Egyptian social movement activists in Cairo, Egypt and Indigenous Zapatista movement in Chiapas and Oaxaca, Mexico for a forthcoming book/documentary titled “Equations of Insurrections” (2023, AK & Pluto Press).

2009 – 2010 Research Assistant to Dr. Villia Jefremovas, Global Development Studies, Queen’s University.

2005 – 2008 Research Assistant to Dr. Richard J.F. Day, for *The Affinity Project.* Conducted & transcribed interviews with grassroots activists throughout North America, including Ashanti Alston (former Black Panther and member of Black Liberation Army) and anarchist intellectual Peter Lamborn Wilson (a.k.a. Hakim Bey).

**INTERVIEWS**

Podcast Interview, *Coffee with Comrades* with Dr. Pearson Bolt on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” October 12th, 2022.

Podcast Interview, *The Final Straw* with Dr. Scott Branson on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” September 27th, 2022. <https://www.sjbranson.com/thefinalstrawradio>

Podcast Interview, *Last Born in the Wilderness* with Patrick Farnsworth on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” September 19th, 2022.

<https://www.lastborninthewilderness.com>

Podcast Interview, *New Books Network* with Dr. Shobhana Xavier, on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” September 16th, 2022. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/islam-and-anarchism>

Article Interview, *Badapple Magazine*, with Nora Zeigler on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” September 15th, 2022. <https://badapplemagazine.wordpress.com>

Podcast Interview, *The Majlis*, with Dr. Adnan Husain on “Islam & Anarchism: Relationships & Resonances (New Book Release),” September 8th, 2022.

<https://anchor.fm/the-majlis/episodes/Welcome-to-the-MSGP-Podcast-ekkju5>

Radio Interview on Chicago Radio show *This Is Hell!* regarding my article “Let It all Fall-Genocidal Past, Homicidal Present & Suicidal Future: Towards a Decolonial Revolution - *Roar Magazine Article*,” November, 9th, 2020

<https://thisishell.com/episodes/1257>

Radio Interview for *Right of Reply* on “The Egyptian Uprising,” September 17th, 2012 <http://rightofreply.podomatic.com/entry/2012-09-17T21_00_10-07_00>

Featured in the Documentary, *Capitalism is the Crises*, 2011. Directed by Michael Truscello and featuring Chris Hedges, Derrick Jensen, Michael Hardt, Peter Gelderloos, Leo Panitch, David McNally, Richard JF Day, Imre Szeman, Wayne Price. <http://capitalismisthecrisis.net/>

Radio Interview with *Thought-Crime Radio* at Queen’s University’s CFRC101.9 FM. on “Anarca-Islam.” Nov. 5th, 2007. <http://thoughtcrimeradio.wordpress.com/resource-archives/>

**LANGUAGES**

Arabic (reading/writing/speaking proficiency)

English (reading/writing/speaking proficiency)

French (reading/writing/speaking proficiency)

Spanish (reading/writing/speaking proficiency)