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**Research interests:** Political Psychology, Global conflict, Multi-ethnic conflict, Religion and Politics, Public policy and Role of Non-Governmental Organizations, and Civil Society Actors in good governance, peace, and security.

**Education:**

Ph.D. Political Science; University of California, Irvine 2000

M.A. Political Studies and Public Administration; American University of Beirut 1988

B.A. International Affairs; (BUC) Lebanese American University 1982

**Teaching Experience:**

American University of Beirut, Lebanon, fall 2010-present

Lebanese American University Lebanon, spring 2016-present

University of CA, Irvine CA USA, 2000-2011

Chapman University, CA USA, 2001-2010 and current

**Research in Progress:**

Surviving on-going conflicts: Narratives of Syrian refugees displaced in Lebanon and Jordan. Utilizing in-depth interviews with Syrian refugees living in Lebanon and Jordan, I will analyze their stories, as they describe their life in Syria, their road to displacement, and their experience in the host countries. I will compare with stories of successful individuals who survived past conflicts. I expect this study to highlight the significance of resilience as a human foundation for peace.

**Publications:**

“Living with Ongoing Political Trauma: The Prevalence and Impact of PTSD among Syrian Refugees residing in Lebanon.” *Psychology Research*; Vol. 6. # 10, Oct 2106 with M. Kreidie & H. Attassi

“The Role of NGOs in Tackling Extremism: Case study Lebanon”, *Middle East Review of Public Administration (MERPA)*; Spring 2016, Vol. (2) 1. With Hussein Itani

“The Rise of Iran: An Identity Fight to Challenge the Existing Power Establishment Contesting US Hegemony, Israeli, and Sunni Powers in the Middle East.” *International Journal of Social Science*, December 2013.

“Religion and Identity: Deciphering the Construal of Islamic Fundamentalism” in *The Future of Identity*, edited by Kenneth R. Hoover, Spring 2005.

“The Psychological Dimension of Ethnic Conflict: How identity Constrained the Choice and Worked to Turn Ordinary People into Perpetrators of Ethnic Violence during the Lebanese Civil War.” *International*

Journal of Politics, Culture and Society. Summer 2002. Co-authored with Kristen Monroe.

“The Cognitive World view of Islamic Fundamentalists”, PhD Thesis, University of California Irvine, 2000

“The Social and Economic Correlates of Islamic Religiosity.” World Affairs. Fall 2001. Co-authored with Hilal Khashan. American University of Beirut

“The Perspective of Islamic Fundamentalism and the Limits of Rational Choice Theory.” Political Psychology Journal, Vol. 18 No.1. Co-authored with Kristen Monroe.1996.

“Political Socialization in Lebanon” MA Thesis, American University of Beirut Lebanon

### **Academic & Professional Experiences**

***Fellow- Jerome and Hazel Tobis; the Interdisciplinary Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality; University of CA, Irvine:*** Research that highlights how PTSD affects the individuals’ memory of the incident; their level of bias to the other, their perceptions of themselves and the other, and how emotions- not only at time of crisis but way after the trauma- supersede reasoning and is conducive to conflictive behavior. August 2015-present

***Vice Chair, Dean’s International Council of University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy, Chicago USA:*** To Expand the school global reaches by identifying international opportunities and networks that position the school as the leader in public policy training and research. 2012- present

***Advisor to Prime Minister of Lebanon Mr. Najib Mikati,*** Initiated political consults, researched and prepared political strategic plans, public policy recommendations, and formed working groups, and workshops on matters related political and socio-developmental issues in Lebanon. 2011-2013

***Political Expert, Middle East Prospect Forum (MEPF),*** Beirut Lebanon, Current: MEPF is an Independent non- profit organization engaged in research and advocacy on public policy issues.2012-2014

***Director, Middle East Prospect Forum*** Beirut Lebanon 2011-2013

***Co-Founder- director. Middle East studies Major Initiative at The University of CA, Irvine.*** I played a crucial role in turning the interest in establishing a Major in Middle East Studies at U, Irvine into a reality. 2007-2011

***Co-Founding member,*** Islamic Studies program at Claremont graduate School of Religion: As a board member of the Islamic Council of Southern California, I helped plan, promote, and gather funds to set the foundation of the first Islamic Studies graduate program in California. 2002-2009

***Member,*** Ford Foundation difficult dialogue work group: In coordination with the University Vice chancellor and the Dean of students at the University of California Irvine; I helped organize mediation workshops and panels to help resolve conflicts between students on campus. 2007

***Member,*** University of California Irvine interdisciplinary Center for the Scientific Study of Ethics and Morality 2001-2003

### **Conference and public talk presentations:**

“Drivers of Violent Extremism in context: what about Islamic Fundamentalism?” Institute for Social Justice and Conflict Resolution, Lebanese American University, February 28, 2017

“Drivers of Violent Extremism in Lebanese context.” Institute for Strategic Dialogue; Municipality of Saida, South of Lebanon. January 25, 2017

“Surviving on going conflicts and Wars: PTSD among Syrian Refugees living in Lebanon.” ISPP. Warsaw July 2016

“PTSD and Syrian refugees Crisis in Lebanon.” Global Alliance conference: Beirut Lebanon April 15, 2015

“The impact of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder on social and political behavior: case study Lebanon.” National Arab Psychiatric Association. Beirut Lebanon Nov 2014

“Innovation-Education and Post Conflict reconstruction in the Levant.” Bosphorus 5<sup>th</sup> Summit: international Cooperation Platform. Changing Scenarios of Tomorrow: Capturing Complexities and Cultivating Dialogues. December 12, 2014

“Lebanon NGOS A different take on war on Terror: a case study of good governance” AMEPPA. American University of Beirut November 2014.

“ The Role of Non-Governmental Organizations in tackling divisiveness and sectarianism in Lebanon. MEPF, Crown Plaza Hotel, September 1, 2014

“Legitimacy of Political Regimes in the Arab World is shared between Civil Law, Al-Sharia and Popular Manifestations.” LAF\_ RSSC, April 9-12, 2014 Monroe Hotel Beirut Lebanon

“ Perspectives on Lebanese Sectarianism” The Psychology Student Society, Bathish Auditorium, West Hall, April 30 2014

“The Rise of Iran: An Identity Fight to Challenge the Existing Power Establishment: Contesting US Hegemony, Israeli, and Sunni Powers in the Middle East.” Northeastern Political Science Association 2011 Annual Meeting

“The Role of Narratives in the Reconstruction of collective identities in multiethnic countries” ISPP conference, San Francisco, Ca summer 2010

“Challenges to Consensual Dialogue in Multi-ethnic and Religious Countries: Lebanese narrative and Collective identity.” Provost Seminars. AUB Spring 2010

“Regional Forces: Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, “Wither the Levant, the crisis of the nation-state”, conference University of ca, Irvine. Jan 31 2009

“Women in Politics: Basic skills: How to Get Appointed to a Local Board or Commission.” National Women’s Political Caucus; February 2009

“The Obama Mania: The Emerging Activism and Enthusiasm of American youth for Barack Obama.” The Democratic Club of Orange County May 2008

“Should The United States maintain military presence in Iraq until security has been achieved through minimizing sectarian violence.” Hot Topics: Your Professors Debate Your Issues. Debate with Professor Patrick Morgan on The School of Social Sciences. Dean’s Ambassadors Council January 2008

“The New Middle East: What is next?” University of Ca, Irvine Fall 2006

“Hizbullah: the challenge of United States Policy in its war on terrorism.” Policy paper presented to the United States chair Ed Royce and congressional subcommittee on terrorism. Fall 2006

“Middle East: Facts and challenges.” KSR/ Global Connect; UCI spring 2004

Consequences of the War in Iraq, Paper presented at the International Studies Colloquium at UC, Irvine; April 24, 2003

“Iraq after Saddam: Perceptions and Realities, Round table discussion”. UROP conference, University of CA, Irvine; May 10, 2003

“Israeli- Arab conflict: who is in the right?” Moderator, Ayan Rand society, University of CA, Irvine. April 22, 2003

“Hizbullah: The Challenges of Democracy and Secularism.” Paper presented at the Department of History workshop: Socio-Religious Movements and the Transformation of Political Community: Israel, Palestine and Beyond. University of California, Irvine. 2003

“The Psychological Dimension of Ethnic Conflict: How identity Constrained the Choice and Worked to Turn Ordinary People into Perpetrators of Ethnic Violence during the Lebanese Civil War.” Paper presented at the Symposium: Crimes against Humanity. University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario. January 25-6, 2002

“America and Muslims: The Experience of living in the United States after September 11. Al Mustaqbal. December 30, 2001

“The incoherence of incoherence: Islam and the West.” Paper presented at the Political Science Series. Chapman University. Jan 28, 2002.

“The Psychological Dimensions of Ethnic Conflict: A study of Perpetrators in the Lebanese Civil War.” Paper presented at the ISPP conference, Curnavaca, Mexico. July 15-18, 2001. With Kristen Monroe

“The Psychological Dimensions of Ethnic Conflict: A study of Perpetrators in the Lebanese Civil War.” Paper presented at the Comparative Social Analysis workshop, University of California, Los Angeles October 11, 2001. With Kristen Monroe

“The Origins of Collective Violence.” Conference on the origins and prevention of genocide, mass killing and other collective violence; International Studies Program at the University of Ca, Irvine. Feb 20 -21, 2001.

“Islamic Fundamentalists and the West. After Sept 11: possibilities and Probabilities. ”Orange Coast College: Academic Senate. Oct 18, 2001

“Deciphering the Construal of Islamic Fundamentalism.” Colloquium:

UC, Irvine. California. Fall 2000. “Hizbullah in Lebanon.” Religion and Politics Seminar. UC, Irvine. California. Fall 2000

“Women and Politics”. Lebanese Ladies Cultural Society; March 1997

“The Worldview of Islamic Fundamentalists: A Cognitive Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. Chicago 1996. With Kristen Monroe.

“A New Perspective of Islamic Fundamentalists.” Political Psychology Colloquium, UCI. Spring 1999”

Political Socialization in Lebanon” MA thesis American University of Beirut

Spring 1988.

**Courses taught:**

Fall 1999-present:

**Conflict management and regulation:** The purpose of this course is to provide a comprehensive examination of conflict generated by politicization of ethnicity with special attention to its international dimensions. Using various case studies, it focuses on modes of conflict regulation and peacemaking.

***Political Psychology in International Conflict:*** This class focuses on theories of psychology of international conflict. Students learn about the individual as a political actor: who can perceive and reason differently at different circumstances, and whose emotions guide interactions and actions in the social world. They also learn theories about individual and social identity, and constructivist theories. They learn psychological dimensions of ethnic, religious or other group conflicts, personality theories and their effect on foreign policy making and crisis behavior, the perceptions and misperceptions behind nation’s decision to go to war.

***Policy Analysis:*** The fundamental objective of this course is to introduce students to public policy as an academic discipline and as a systematic method of thinking about the design, development and assessment of public sector policies. Throughout this course, students discuss policy debates and controversies that are important in different public policy sectors. Students follow the issues, examine the rhetoric, and begin their own analyses of these current policy problems.

***Contemporary Middle East Politics:*** This course is mainly an overview of basic issues that shape the politics of the Middle East and North Africa. The class reviews relevant historical events and themes that help in interpreting and understanding Middle East Politics. Some of the themes covered are: The interplay between colonialism and identity formation and reformation, the role of religion in shaping Middle East politics, the politics of oil, modernity attempts in the Middle East.

***Democracy in the Middle East:*** Students learn theories of democracy and democratization and their applicability to the Middle East region. This course examines the underlying causes for why Arab states continue to be considered ‘holdouts’ from the spread of democracy and modernity. In this context, we also examine what this means for relations between the Arab World and the West as well as democracy promotion efforts.

***Iran Past and Present:*** This course introduces students to the political changes in terms of historical, economic, socio-psychological factors that shaped Iran’s politics and government. Students research and discuss critically the role of Iran in regional and international politics.

***Islam and the West:*** This class focuses on the Islamic fundamentalists’ world view versus the Western Post enlightenment world view, possibilities for bridging the gap between the West and Islam, and the impact of globalization, including migration to the West and the construction of new Islamic identity.

***Lebanese Politics:*** This course focuses on the history of the creation of the State of Lebanon; Regional and international factors that shape its social economic and political canvas, The role of culture, religion and identity in drawing the lines and colors of the Lebanese social and political Kaleidoscope.

***Research and Methodology in Social Science:*** This course introduces the student to the logic of inquiry in the social sciences. Participants learn how to ask a researchable question, how to transform concrete observations into an abstraction, how to create a conceptual framework and operationalize it. Students

will learn the basics of writing a scientific report, and will get an opportunity to involve themselves in a simple research exercise. In addition to the above, graduate students taking this course will be able to conduct research using both quantitative and qualitative analysis to underscore the psychological dimensions of different political issues.

**Global Issues:** This course introduces students to a range of contemporary global issues and institutions. Students discuss critically the competing trends of global integration and fragmentation. Institutions covered in this course include Inter-Governmental Organizations, Non-Governmental Organizations, Transnational Corporations, Governments or states, the media, and other international groups.

### **Awards**

- 2017 Fulbright scholar award. (CIES) 2018
- 2015 International Cooperation Platform Award. Istanbul Turkey
- 2014 International Cooperation Platform Award. Istanbul Turkey
- 2009 Best student advisor award, Middle East Studies Students, UC, Irvine
- 2008 Faculty leadership award, School of social sciences, UC, Irvine
- 2001 Alice Paul Award: nomination for outstanding Doctoral dissertation.
- 2000 Kimball Romney: nomination for outstanding graduate paper.
- 1998 Outstanding teaching assistant nomination UCI

### **Academic and community Memberships:**

- Member, International Society of Political Psychology current
- Member, National Women Political Caucus, CA USA 2000-2008
- Co-founder and Board Member, Lebanese American Foundation, CA USA 1999-2011
- Member, Los Angeles Beirut Sister City, 2010-present

### **Media Interviews and Articles:**

- The prevalence, and impact of posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) on social, and political behavior in Lebanon. Future TV. Lebanon 2016
- Identity and Politics: Who we are determines our Narrative: Qadaya, Nahar News paper. November 2009
- Neoconservatives: A Paradigm Shift and American politics in the Middle East. Annahar Newspaper September 2008
- The Hizbullah Israeli war in Lebanon: Orange County Register: 2006
- The Impact of Zarqawi's assassination on Iraqi Politics. Los Angeles Times: Arab Americans Role in U.S. Politics. Al Mustaqbal News paper 2005
- Transition to Democracy in Iraq National Public Radio: 2005 Impact of Muslim American community on primary elections: The Orange County Register Feb 2004

Impact of Arab American Community on US Election: Arab TV News.

2004 Iraqi perceptions of America after the American military success NPR:

May 2003

How do Iraqis perceive the Evangelical mission in Iraq? NPR 2003

Bridging the Gap between Islam and the West: Interview with Cox  
network TV. Thursday Sept 27, 2001

Clash of Civilization: High tech Vs. Medieval Tech TechTV

Crusades and Bin Laden Channel 9 News Oct 2001

Why do they hate us: Islamic Fundamentalists and the West? KTLA

Sept 2001

Talking Terrorism: Radio National's Weekly Investigative Documentary. ABC News. Oct 25, 2001