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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Northwestern University, Sociology, expected Spring 2020

- Dissertation: "The True Color of Police Violence: How Activists produce knowledge about racialized policing in colorblind France"

M.A. Northwestern University, Sociology, 2015

- Thesis: "Place and tactical innovation: The Emergence of Egypt's Anti-harassment Groups"
 - Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Graduate Student Best Second Year Paper
- Certificate in Middle East and North African Studies

M.A. King's College London, Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2008

- Thesis: "Anti-Social Behavior Orders: Are the Needs of Young People Addressed?"
 - Criminal Policy Research Prize for Best Dissertation, King's College London

L.L.B. English and French Law, King's College London & Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne, 2007

- Clifford Chance Prize for Best Overall Aggregate, Université Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne

RESEARCH AREAS

Law & Society, Social movements, Criminology, Race, Gender & Class

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles

(Forthcoming) "Les mobilisations face à l'opacité de l'action policière en France", forthcoming in *Lien Social et Politiques*, special issue "Police et Démocratie", spring 2020.

2018. "A multi-dimensional view of legal cynicism: Perceptions of the Police Among Anti-harassment Teams in Egypt", *Law & Society Review*, Volume 52, Issue 2, pp. 368-400.

2017. "Place and Tactical Innovation in Social Movements: The Emergence of Egypt's Anti-Harassment Groups", *Theory and Society* Volume 46, Issue 6, pp. 543-575.

2017. "Enjeux de la sécurité dans un espace révolutionnaire autonome: Les équipes d'intervention contre les agressions sexuelles place Tahrir", *Mouvements* 2007/3, No 92.

Book chapters

2010. "Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child in Egypt" in Abiad, N. and Zia Mansoor, F. *Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child in Muslim States: A Comparative and Analytical Perspective*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London.

2009 (with Sébastien Roché and Guillaume Roux). "Public Insecurities and Confidence in Justice in France" in Jokinen et al. (ed.) *JUSTIS Project Working Papers Review of Need: Indicators of Public Confidence in Criminal Justice for Policy Assessment*, European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, Publication Series No. 59, Helsinki.

In preparation

"Antiracism without races: Exposing racialized policing in colorblind France"

"Contesting policing practices in French courts, and the fragmentation of violence and discrimination claims"

Collaborative research project: "Violences policières en France: Groupe d'enquêtes sur les mobilisations, la médiatisation, et les suites judiciaires" (*Police violence in France: Collective project on mobilizations, media coverage, and judicial outcomes*), with Anthony Pregnolato and Paul Le Derff, <https://viopol.hypotheses.org/>

Other scholarly publications

2019. Permis de Tuer (book review of Codaccioni 2018, *Légitime Défense : Homicides sécuritaires, crimes racistes et violences policières*). *La Vie des Idées*.

2018. La police et les indésirables, *La Vie des Idées*.

Selected human rights reports

2011. Martyrs Behind Bars, Killings and Torture of Prisoners during Egypt's Revolution, *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights*.

2010. Law Combating Trafficking in Persons: A Welcome Step that Requires Careful Implementation, *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights*.

2009 (with Soha Abdelaty and Dalia Abdelhameed). Supplementary Information on Egypt Presented to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, *Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights and Center for Reproductive Rights* (New York) (co-author).

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2018-2020. Buffett Institute Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017. Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellowship, Northwestern University.
- 2016-2017. Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant, Northwestern University.
2015. Buffett Institute Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, Northwestern University.
2015. Arab Research Support Program, Round II, Arab Research Initiative (declined).
2014. Buffett Institute Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, Northwestern University.
2014. Hans E. Panofsky Pre-Dissertation Award, Program of African Studies at Northwestern University.
- 2013-2018. Mellon Cluster Fellowship in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Northwestern University.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Academic conferences:

- 2019 (upcoming). Combating racial profiling in a colorblind society: From the Anglo-American "racial profiling" to the French "appearance-based stops", *European Society of Criminology Meeting*, Ghent, September 2019.
2019. L'opacité organisée de l'action policière : une stratégie de démobilisation, *Journée d'Études Démobiliser les quartiers populaires : Répression, disqualification et cooptation comme stratégies de gouvernement*, ANR EODIPAR, January 19, 2019, Lille.
2018. Mobilizing the law to challenge policing practices in France: why are violence claims and discrimination claims separate?, *Law and Society Association*, June 2018, Toronto. (Also participated in the LSA Junior Scholars Workshop, 2018).
2018. Mobiliser le droit pour lutter contre les violences et discriminations policières, *Journée d'Études des doctorant·e-s en sociologie du droit et de la justice*, Réseau Thématique « Sociologie du droit et de la justice » (RT13) de l'Association française de sociologie, CRESSPA-CSU, March 26, 2018.
2017. Contesting policing practices through the law: Expert-led and victim-led mobilization models, *Junior Scholar's Conference in Law and Society*, December 11 & 12, 2017, Paris.
2016. L'émergence de nouvelles stratégies collectives anti-harcèlement en Égypte: Étude comparative de cinq "groupes d'intervention", *Journée d'Études "Les situations (post)révolutionnaires à l'aune du genre et des sexualités"*, Centre Maurice Halbwachs, Paris, November 18, 2016.

2015. Place and Tactical Innovation: The Emergence of Egypt's Anti-harassment Groups, *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, August 24, 2015.

2014. Tahrir Square Anti-Harassment Groups, *Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association*, Toronto, November 7, 2014.

Invited talks:

2016. Assessing the Physical, Psychological, and Emotional Costs of Conducting Research on the Security Apparatus in Egypt, *After Tahrir Conference*, University of California Santa Barbara, January 25, 2016.

2015. Human Rights Work and Academic Research in Egypt, *Global Café*, International Studies Program at Northwestern University, April 22, 2015.

2015. Legal cynicism and collective action: How Egypt's anti-harassment groups negotiate their relationship with legal institutions, *Law and Society in Egypt: 2011-2015*, Law and Society Research Unit at the American University in Cairo, November 29, 2015.

2014. Crime and Revolution, the Case of Egypt, invited speaker in John Hagan's *Crime, Politics and Society* course, Northwestern University, November 18, 2014.

2012. Transitional Justice and Security Sector Reform in Egypt, *Regional Consultation on Transitional Justice Developments in the Middle East and North Africa region*, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and the United Nations Development Program, Cairo, November 8, 2012.

2012. Security Sector Reform in Egypt, *Third Annual Conference on Security Transformation in North Africa and the Middle East*, United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC, May 10, 2012.

2010. Children and the Criminal Justice System in Egypt', *Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child Workshop*, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, London, June 29, 2010.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of record

2019 (summer). *Law & Society*, Northwestern University, School of Professional Studies

2019 (spring). *Sociological Analysis*, Cook County Department of Corrections (Northwestern Prison Education Program)

2017 (winter) Fieldwork supervisor for the qualitative methods course *l'Expérience Migratoire: enquête collective en partenariat avec le « Collectif parisien de soutien aux exilé.e.s»*, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Teaching assistant

2016 (spring). *Law and Society*, Northwestern University

2016 (winter). *Global Capitalism*, Northwestern University

2015 (fall). *Law and Society*, Northwestern University

2015 (spring). *Introduction to Sociology*, Northwestern University

2015 (winter). *Gangs*, Northwestern University

2014 (fall). *Crime, Politics and Society*, Northwestern University

2014 (spring). *Introduction to Sociology*, Northwestern University

- **Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching Assistant** (honorable mention), Northwestern University, Sociology Department, 2015-2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011 – 2013, **Director, Criminal Justice Reform Unit, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (NGO)**, Egypt

- Established the unit; managed a team of three researchers and two lawyers working on issues of security sector reform, police violence, prisoner's rights, criminal investigations and penal policies.
- Supervised research, litigation and case management; coordinated campaigns; represented the organization in advocacy meetings with national and international stakeholders; communicated with the media; coordinated with other civil society organizations and grassroots movements.
- Trained field researchers within the organization on documentation and research, including investigative research, triangulation, interviewing skills and ethical considerations.

2009-2011, **Researcher, Violence and Bodily Integrity Program, Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights (NGO)**, Egypt

- Designed and implemented research projects on state services to sexual violence victims, anti-trafficking laws, children in conflict with the law, the ethics of crime reporting, and human rights violations against detainees.
- Coordinated the organization's advocacy activities on issues related to sexual violence, nationally by leading work on law reform within a coalition of 24 NGOs, and internationally by participation in sessions of the UN Human Rights Council's session of Egypt's review by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in 2010.

Research Consultancies & Research Assistant

2014. Research Assistant to Professor Kristen Stilt on animal rights movements in Egypt. Northwestern University.

- 2010-2011. Arab Council for Childhood and Development (Egypt), Participated in research design, and wrote a country report on Algeria, for a book on the rights-based approach to child rights in the MENA region.
2010. World Health Organization (Switzerland), Co-authored a review of laws and case law related to sexuality and sexual health in 13 countries in the MENA region for the project "Sexual Health, Human Rights and the Law".
- 2008-2009. Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France), Co-authored the France country reports for the European Union "JUSTIS" project on the elaboration of indicators of public confidence in justice, fear of crime and insecurities.
- 2008-2009. Save the Children UK (Egypt), Co-authored the 2009 Child Rights Situation Analysis. Conducted focus groups with school children and drafted the sections on education and violence against children.
2008. Institute for Criminal Policy Research, King's College London (UK), Provided research assistance for the report "Differential Treatment in the Youth Justice System". Interviewed young offenders and key youth justice professionals, and entered data on SPSS.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2019-2020. Director of the Cook County Jail Partnership, Northwestern Prison Education Program.
- 2018-2019. Volunteer at the Northwestern Prison Education Program. Peer-to-peer mentoring of incarcerated students at Stateville Penitentiary.
2014. Volunteer at the Center on Wrongful Convictions, Bluhm Legal Clinic, Northwestern University.
- 2006-2007. Volunteer at GENEPI, a student-led association for the reintegration of prisoners, France. Conducted weekly workshops with groups of juvenile and adult prisoners.
2007. Volunteer at Cimade, an association promoting the rights of migrants, France. Helpline advisor for migrants on legal issues.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2018-2019. Member of the Graduate Student Advisory Committee of the Northwestern Prison Education Program.
- 2018-2019. Student coordinator of the Crime, Law, & Society Workshop at Northwestern University.
- 2018-2019. Member of the Organizing Committee for the Chicago Ethnography Conference, 2019.
2017. Co-organizer of the Young Scholars' Conference on Law and Society in Paris, 11-12 December 2017, bringing together American and French scholars, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales.

2016. Participated in establishing a new workshop at Northwestern's sociology department on Crime, Law & Society.

2014-2015. Middle East and North Africa Graduate Students Group co-chair, Northwestern University.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIPS

Reviewer, *Law & Society Review*

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, Law & Society Association

Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies, Northwestern University

Graduate Student Affiliate at the Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University

Cluster Fellow in Middle East and North African Studies, Northwestern University

LANGUAGES

French, English, Arabic – fluent

German, Spanish – intermediate

REFERENCES

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