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EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego (expected)
Dissertation: “Leveraging Sovereignty: Syrian Refugees and the Jordanian State”
Dissertation committee members: David FitzGerald (chair), Gershon Shafir, John Skrentny, Isaac Martin, Michael Provence (History, UCSD), and Yen Espiritu (Ethnic Studies, UCSD)
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
- 2010 M.A., Women’s and Gender Studies, University of Texas, Austin
Supplemental Coursework in Conflict Resolution at University of Jordan
- 2008 B.A., Sociology at University of Texas, San Antonio, *Magna Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International migration, refugee studies, inequality, race and ethnicity, law, political sociology, cultural sociology, gender, human rights, conflict and post-conflict societies

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Arar, Rawan. “The New Grand Compromise: How Syrian Refugees Changed the Stakes in the Global Refugee Assistance Regime.” Forthcoming. *Journal of Middle East Law and Governance*.

Arar, Rawan. 2017. “International Solidarity and Ethnic Boundaries: Using the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict to Strengthen Ethno-National Claims in Northern Ireland.” *Nations and Nationalism* 23(4): 856-877.

- Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the Political Sociology Section of the ASA, 2017

FitzGerald, David, David Cook Martín, Angela Garcia, and **Rawan Arar.** 2017. “Can You Become One of Us? The Legal Selection of “Assimilable” Immigrants.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2017.1313106

Arar, Rawan. 2016. “How political migrant networks differ from those of economic migrants: ‘strategic anonymity’ among Iraqi refugees in Jordan.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 42(3): 519-535.

Panoyan, Lucy, Shuko Lee, **Rawan Arar**, Hanna E. Abboud, Nedal Arar. 2008. “The Informed Consent Process in Genetic Family Studies.” *Genomics, Society and Policy* 4(2):11-20.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

FitzGerald, David and **Rawan Arar.** “The Sociology of Refugee Migration.” Under review at *Annual Review of Sociology* Vol. 44.

FitzGerald, David and **Rawan Arar.** *The Sociology of Forced Migration.* Under development with Polity Books.

Arar, Rawan. “Who Controls the Refugee Story? How Immigration Policies Drive the Refugee Narrative.” In preparation.

Arar, Rawan. “Mental Health Interventions in Primary Care Medicine among Palestinian Refugees in Gaza” In preparation for United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), for internal review of best practices.

Arar, Rawan. “Painting Displacement: How Refugee Artwork is Commissioned, Curated, and Used to Solicit International Aid.” In preparation.

Fee, Molly and **Rawan Arar.** “What Happens When Western States Stop Taking in Refugees?” In preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Arar, Rawan. 2017. “Leveraging Sovereignty: The Case of Jordan and the International Refugee Regime” in *Refugees and Migration Movements in the Middle East* edited by Marc Lynch and Laurie Brand. *The Project on Middle East Political Science*, March 2017 <https://pomeps.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/POMEPS_Studies_25_Refugees_Web.pdf>

Arar, Rawan. 2017. “Bearing Witness to the Refugee Crisis: Western Audiences and Jordanian Humanitarian Workers.” *Middle East Institute*, February 14, 2017 <<http://www.mei.edu/content/map/bearing-witness-refugee-crisis>>

Arar, Rawan. 2017. “National Challenges in Today’s Global Refugee Crisis.” Scholars Strategy Network <<http://www.scholarsstrategynetwork.org/brief/national-challenges-todays-global-refugee-crisis>>

FitzGerald, David and **Rawan Arar.** 2016. “What drives refugee migration?” Summer 2016. Newsletter of the American Political Science Association (APSA) Section on Migration and Citizenship. Vol. 4, No. 2.

Arar, Rawan, Lisel Hintz, and Kelsey Norman. 2016. “The real refugee crisis is in the Middle East, not Europe.” *The Washington Post’s* Monkey Cage Blog, May 14, 2016 <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/05/14/the-real-refugee-crisis-is-in-the-middle-east-not-europe/>>

Arar, Rawan. 2016. Book Review in *Ethnic and Racial Studies* of Keith Feldman’s *A Shadow over Palestine: The Imperial Life of Race in America* (University of Minnesota Press 2015)10.1080/01419870.2015.1131321

Higgins, Clair and **Rawan Arar**. 2015. “Refugees and an avalanche of numbers: Syrian refugees on the Jordan border have a less than one per cent chance of resettlement through pre-arranged quotas with countries such as Australia. What happens to the 99 per cent?” *Asia and the Pacific Policy Society*, December 2015, <<http://www.policyforum.net/refugees-and-an-avalanche-of-numbers/>>

Arar, Rawan. 2015. “Sharing the Burden: Solidarity Through a Recognition of Injustice” in *The Map is Not the Territory*, edited by J. Health. Boulder, Colorado: Baksun Books & Art.

Arar, Rawan. 2013. “Conkey, Margaret.” Pp.406-409 in *The Multimedia Encyclopedia of Women in Today’s World*, edited by M. Stange, C. Oyster, & J. Sloan. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

Arar, Rawan. 2010. “Citizenship, Gender, and the Arab World.” *Al Raida*. Spring/Summer 2010 (129): 60-63.

Arar, Rawan. 2010. “Letter from Rawan.” Pp. 23-29 in *Letters from Palestine*, edited by K. Ring & Ghassan Abdullah. Tuscan: Weatmark.

Arar, Rawan. 2009. Book Review in *Ethnic and Third World Literature* of Julia Droeber’s *Dreaming of Change: Young Middle-Class Women and Social Transformation in Jordan* (2005). Koninklijke Brill NV.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

Marye Anne Fox Endowed Fellowship Fund, Dissertation Year Fellowship

American Center for Oriental Research – Council of American Overseas Research Centers

UCSD Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program

Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the Political Sociology Section of the ASA

- 2011-2016 UCSD Sociology Department Award
- 2016 UCSD Graduate Student Association - Travel Grant
- Philanthropic Educational Opportunities (PEO) International Scholar Award
- UCSD Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program
- UCSD Department of Sociology Summer Research Grant
- 2015 UCSD Dean of Social Sciences Travel Fund Award
- UCSD Graduate Student Association- Travel Grant
- Middle East Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2010 Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship
- 2008 Congressman Bill Archer Fellowship, University of Texas System
- Carlos and Malu Alvarez Special Opportunities Fund, University of Texas, San Antonio (awarded twice)
- Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Intern Scholarship
- Awarded *Most Outstanding Senior* at the University of Texas, San Antonio for scholarship, leadership, and public service

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2013- 2016 Research assistant to Prof. David FitzGerald on refugees and asylum seekers; UCSD
- 2016 In-depth interviews conducted in Arabic with refugee populations in Jordan; UCSD
- In-depth interviews and focus groups conducted in Arabic with refugee populations in Gaza, Palestine; UCSD and UNRWA
- 2015 Archival research and interviews conducted regarding refugee and asylum policies in Australia as research assistant for Prof. David FitzGerald, UCSD

- 2014 Institute of International Education (IIE) funded research on Syrian refugees and higher education in Lebanon, contributing to Watenpaugh et al. 2014's "The War Follows Them: Syrian University Students and Scholars in Lebanon;" UC Davis
- 2012-2013 Research assistant to Prof. Gershon Shafir, University of California Human Rights Collaborative; UC System
- 2012 Research assistant to Prof. John Skrentny on international immigration; UCSD
- 2011 Archival research on nuclear disarmament, ethnic and sectarian divisions in Northern Ireland; Trinity College Dublin in Belfast
- 2009- 2010 In-depth interviews with Iraqi refugees in Jordan; University of Texas, Austin

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2014-2017 Critical Refugee Studies Working Group, co-organizer
- 2016-2017 Scholars Strategy Network (SSN), San Diego Chapter
- 2016 Invited expert on anti-xenophobia for the Global Forum for Migration and Development (GFMD) [Invitation declined]
- Consulted for World Bank representative on refugee resettlement in developed states (David Sussman)
- 2015- 2016 Global Mental Health Initiative in the Middle East
- Gender and Global Migration Working Group, co-organizer
- 2015 Consulted for US State Department representative on investment strategies for refugee reception in Middle East (Rita Stephan)

AFFILIATIONS

- 2016-2017 United Nations Relief and Works Agency, Consulting Researcher
- 2011 Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin
- 2009- 2010 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar
- 2008 Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Intern; Office of the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

PRESENTATIONS

“Shouldering the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” Middle Eastern Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C., Nov. 18- 21, 2017

“Displacement and Resilience: Sociological Reflections on Syrian Refugees in Jordan,” Philanthropic Educational Opportunities’ Convention of International Chapter, Charlotte, North Carolina, Sept. 28, 2017

- Selected to represent all P.E.O. Scholar Award recipients to an audience of over 3,000 attendees from across the US and Canada

“How refugees and citizens co-construct displacement: Ethnographic observations from Jordan,” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference, Montreal, Canada, Aug. 11-13, 2017

“Shouldering the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” American Sociological Association annual conference, Montreal, Canada, Aug. 12-13, 2017

“Shouldering the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” The Global Refugee Crisis, UCLA, Los Angeles, California, April 7-8, 2017

“Shouldering the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Refugees and Migration Movements in the Middle East, USC, Los Angeles, California, Feb. 3, 2017

“Shouldering the ‘Refugee Burden’: Jordan and the Contemporary Global Refugee Crisis” Social Science History Association annual conference, Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 17-20, 2016

“Unpacking the Refugee Crisis: How Can Students Begin to Think About Refugees?” The Syrian Refugee Crisis in International Perspective, UCSD, San Diego, California, Sept. 27, 2016

“Shouldering the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” Global Politics of Migration and Refuge, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa, Sept. 6, 2016

“How do Major Refugee Receiving States Maintain Sovereignty?” International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Poznań, Poland July 15, 2016

“Mapping the changing rhetoric of refugee reception in the Global North and the prominent role of Jordan in the global debate,” Refugees, Security and Sustainable Development in the Middle East: The Need for North-South Dialogue, Yarmouk University, Amman, Jordan, Mar. 16, 2016

“Perspectives on Refugee Resettlement in San Diego,” International House, UCSD, San Diego, California, Feb. 16, 2016

“Refugee displacement and reception in the age of Islamophobia,” Pacific Beach Christian Church, San Diego, California, Feb. 9, 2016

“Placing the Refugee Burden: Jordan and the Global Refugee Crisis,” Comparative Responses to Asylum Seeking in Europe, Australia, the U.S. and the Middle East, UCSD, San Diego, California, Nov. 30, 2015

“Placing the Refugee Burden: Refugee Immigration Policy in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon” Middle Eastern Studies Association annual conference, Denver, CO, Nov. 21 - 24, 2015

“Can you Become one of us? The Legal Selection of ‘Assimilable’ Immigrants” Social Science History Association annual conference, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 12 - 15, 2015

“Variation among Refugee Camps in Jordan,” Public Forum on Global Refugee Crisis, University of San Diego, San Diego, California, Nov. 4, 2015

“Can you Become one of us? The Legal Selection of ‘Assimilable’ Immigrants” American Sociological Association Conference annual conference, Chicago, Illinois, Aug. 22-25, 2015

“The Refugee is not an Anomaly,” CCIS Graduate Student Workshop, San Diego, California, May 15, 2015

“Refugees, International Immigration, and Human Rights: Placing the Refugee Burden,” Army War College, San Diego, California, Feb. 12, 2015

“Borrowed Legitimacy: Ethnic Boundaries and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Northern Ireland” American Sociological Association Conference annual conference, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 16 - 19, 2014

“Refugee Camps as a Means of Controlling Immigration in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey” University of California Human Rights Collective, Davis, CA May 9 - 11, 2014

“Adversarial Allegiances: Appropriating the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Northern Ireland” Middle Eastern Studies Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA, Oct. 10 -13, 2013

“Using the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict in Post-Peace Northern Ireland” American Sociological Association Conference annual conference, New York, NY, Aug. 10 - 13, 2013

“Toward a New Theory of Bodily Labor” UCSD Sociology Graduate Student Conference, San Diego, California, May 2013

“How the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict Deepens Divisions in Northern Ireland” University of California Human Rights Collective, San Diego, CA, 2013

“Iraqi Refugee Networks in Jordan” American Sociological Association Conference annual conference, Denver, CO, Aug. 17 - 20, 2012

“Iraqi Refugees and Social Networks in Jordan” UCSD Sociology Graduate Student Conference, San Diego, California, May 2012

“Refugee Vacation: Visitor Status and its Influence on Economic Conditions Among Iraqi Refugee Women in Jordan” Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California, March 22 – 25, 2012

“The Westernization of Women in Jordan” Honorarium speaker for Women’s History Month, UTSA, San Antonio, Texas, March 3, 2011

“Gendered Expectations of Muslim Women” Guest lecturer at the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, May 2010

“Reflections of Race and Gender: Using Gloria Anzaldúa to Explore Arab American Masculinity and Identity” El Mundo Zurdo: An International Conference on the life and work of Gloria E. Anzaldúa, San Antonio, Texas, May 16, 2009

Over 65 presentations at Rotary Clubs and universities addressing refugees, human rights, and gender; presentations given throughout the Middle East, Europe, and the U.S., 2008-2011

INVITED INTERVIEWS

- Sept. 9, 2016 Rosenfield Symposium Features Immigration Experts
<http://www.thesandb.com/news/rosenfield-symposium-features-immigration-experts.html>
- May 6, 2016 EUROMED Migration IV
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH-KpjPN2Yo&feature=youtu.be>
- Nov. 11, 2015 KPBS Midday Edition with Maureen Cavanaugh Radio Interview
<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2015/nov/04/san-diego-forum-global-refugee-crisis/>
- Nov. 11, 2015 KPBS Evening Edition, TV appearance with Amita Sharma
<http://www.kpbs.org/audioclips/25761/#transcript>

SERVICE

- 2015-2016 UCSD Sociology Department, graduate diversity committee

2014- 2015 City Heights CDC Tutoring Program Co-organizer
tutoring program connecting graduate and high school students in underserved neighborhood

2011-2012 Representative, Graduate Student Association, UCSD

TEACHING AND READERSHIPS

Living Newspaper Project, UT Austin, 2009
Sociology of Food, UCSD, Fall 2016
Sociology of Suicide, UCSD, Winter 2017
Social Inequality and Public Policy, UCSD, Spring 2017

JOURNAL REVIEWER:

American Journal of Sociology; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; International Journal of Intercultural Relations

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English; Heritage speaker in Arabic; Basic Spanish

REFERENCES

David FitzGerald
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