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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Masters of Arts in Global and International Studies	Graduate: December 2016 UCSB GPA: 3.92
California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) Bachelors of Arts in Religious Studies Bachelors of Arts in Political Science	Graduated: June 2014 CSUB GPA: 3.98 <i>summa cum laude</i>

LANGUAGE & STUDY ABROAD

Modern Standard Arabic:	General Professional Proficiency
Colloquial Arabic:	Native Speaker
Qasid Arabic Institute, Jordan	August 2015—December 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded through the David L. Boren Fellowship• Placed via a written and oral exams into Level 6 Advance Arabic• Completed courses in Arabic Literature and Media Arabic• Prepared and presented final oral presentations in Arabic on graduate research project and on an Arabic literary work	
Ali Baba Language Center, Jordan	June 2011—July 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Funded through the Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) whose key objectives are “critical language development and cultural immersion”• Completed courses in Arabic Level 3 Grammar and Language and in Middle Eastern Politics• Conducted research and interviews in Arabic on Jordanians’ public opinion of the United States and the, at the time, unfolding Arab Spring demonstrations	

WORK EXPERIENCE

Student Assistant Department of Political Science	CSU Bakersfield December 2013—June 2014 September 2012—June 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided office support including typing, data entry, copying, faxing, and filing• Responsible for organizing and maintaining sensitive student and staff files• Maintained student and staff confidentiality at all times• Organized and helped raise the funds for an all expense paid trip for 20 students to President Obama’s 2013 inauguration and the Washington Center Presidential Inauguration Seminar• Promoted to temporary administrative coordinator when coordinator was on leave	
Administrative Coordinator Department of Political Science	CSU Bakersfield July 2013—December 2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaborated regularly with other department coordinators and deans’ offices• Welcomed and provided academic advising for incoming and returning political science students ensuring they were on track to graduate• Provided support for both students and professors• Organized departmental meetings and maintained sensitive student and staff records	
Religious Studies Tutor School of Arts and Humanities	CSU Bakersfield September 2012—June 2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tutored students in both upper division and lower division religious studies courses• Reviewed exams and term papers providing students with greater study tools and improved writing skills• Was the sole religious studies tutor and therefore responsible for all religious studies courses• Rehired after the end of a year-long contract due to positive student evaluations	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Departments of Global Studies & Sociology

UC Santa Barbara

September 2014—June 2015
January 2016—Present

- Responsible for 75 to 100 students per quarter
- Taught three sections of classes per quarter
- Prepared and delivered lectures on Yemeni politics and history
- Responsible for mentoring, teaching, and grading students' work and exams
- Maintained students' records and assigned final grades
- Consistently received 'Outstanding' teaching evaluations (written and survey responses available)
- Nominated for the UC Santa Barbara Excellence in Teaching Award

Courses Taught

Global Studies 158: American Foreign Policy	Summer 2016
Global Studies 124: Global Conflict	Spring 2016
Global Studies 1: History, Culture, and Ideology	Winter 2016
Sociology 108G Research and Methods	Spring 2015
Global Studies 1: History, Culture, and Ideology	Winter 2015
Global Studies 110: Culture and Global Ethics	Fall 2014

Teaching Assistant

Departments of Religious Studies & Political Science

CSU Bakersfield

September 2012—June 2014

- Organized and lead study sessions to prepare for upcoming exams
- Held office hours to assist students in writing term papers and studying for exams
- Responsible for maintain students grades
- Assisted professor with classroom instruction, exam proctoring, and lecture preparation
- Prepared and delivered lecture on the American two party system and election process
- Received positive evaluations from professors and asked to repeatedly TA for future courses

Courses Taught

Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics	Spring 2014
Religious Studies 378: The Holocaust and Its Impact	Winter 2014
Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2013
Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics	Spring 2013
Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics	Winter 2013
Political Science 101: Introduction to American Politics	Fall 2012

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Global and International Studies Masters Thesis

Topic: Seven Years, Three Yemens: The Empowerment and Disenfranchisement of Yemeni Women from 1989-1995

UC Santa Barbara

Fall 2014—Spring 2016

Religious Studies Undergraduate Thesis

Topic: Liberating the Veiled Women of the Desert: Western Feminism and the Muslim Woman

CSU Bakersfield

Winter 2014

Honors Undergraduate Thesis

Topic: The Yemeni-American Females' Experience in Education

CSU Bakersfield

Fall 2013—Spring 2014

Sally Casa Nova Summer Graduate Research Internship

Topic: The Yemeni-American Females' Experience in Education

USC

Summer 2013

IC-CAE Research Grant Recipient Field Work

Topic: Arab Public Opinion of the United States

Amman, Jordan

Summer 2011

RESEARCH CONFERENCES, PRESENTATIONS, & AWARDS

Topic: Seven Years, Three Yemens: The Empowerment & Disenfranchisement of Yemeni Women

Presenter. Boren FED Talks. Boren Awards Symposium. Washington D.C. September 2016.

Finalist, Annual Grad Slam Competition. UCSB Graduate Division. Santa Barbara, California.
May 2016.

Topic: Daughters of Sojourners: The Yemeni-American Female's Experience in Education

Best Graduate Paper Award. 39th Annual Student Research Conference. Social Science Research and Instructional Center. Fullerton, California. May 2014.

Second Place Winner. Fifteenth Annual CSU State Student Research Competition. Hayward, California. May 2014.

The Michael Flachmann Outstanding Presentation Award. 2014 CSU Honors Consortium Conference. Fullerton, California. May 2014.

Presenter. CSU Bakersfield Gender Matters Colloquium. Bakersfield, California. May 2014.

Presenter. Annual Psi Chi Honors Research Conference. Bakersfield, California. May 2014.

Outstanding Oral Presentation. 35th Annual Central California Research Symposium. Fresno, California. April 2014.

First Place Winner. Fifteenth Annual CSU Bakersfield Student Research Competition. Bakersfield, California. March 2014.

Topic: Liberating the Veiled Women of the Desert: Western Feminism and the Muslim Woman

Presenter. Annual Philosophy and Religious Studies Conference. Bakersfield, California. May 2014.

Topic: Arab Public Opinion of the United States: 2001-2011

Presenter. Annual Psi Chi Honors Research Conference. Bakersfield, California. April 2013.

Presenter. Annual McNair Research Conference. Bakersfield, California. June 2012.

Presenter. Thirteenth Annual CSU Bakersfield Student Research Competition. March 2012.

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

National Security Education Program David L. Boren Fellowship	2015—2016
Kendra Chiota Payne Memorial Internship Award Recipient	2015—2016
Orfalea Endowment Fellowship	2014—2015
Outstanding Graduate in the School of Arts and Humanities	Class of 2014
Outstanding Graduate in Religious Studies	Class of 2014
Outstanding Graduate in Political Science	Class of 2014
Outstanding Undergraduate Paper in Political Science	Class of 2014
Sally Casa Nova Pre-Doctoral Program Scholar	2013—2014
Ronald E. McNair Scholar	2012—2014
Intelligence Community Centers for Academic Excellence (IC-CAE) Scholar	2010—2012
IC-CAE Summer Study Abroad Grant Recipient. Amman, Jordan	Summer 2011
Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society	Spring 2013
The Washington Center Presidential Inauguration Seminar. Washington D.C.	January 2013
Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society	Spring 2011
Maddy Institute Intern, Congressman Jim Costa District Office	2011—2012
Dell Scholar, Michael & Susan Dell Foundation Scholar	2009—2014

COMMUNITY & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Research Mentorship Program (RMP) Mentored high achieving high school students on methods and applications of graduate level research in social science	UC Santa Barbara Summer 2016
Board Member, Institute for Religion, Education, and Public Policy Organized forums, panels, lectures, and workshops on religion, ethics, politics, education, and public life	CSU Bakersfield Fall 2013—Spring 2014
Organizer and Participant, Elder College Participated in and organized an annual weeklong seminar where students prepared debates on a broad range of political topics	CSU Bakersfield Fall 2010—Spring 2014