

**WENDY PEARLMAN**  
Curriculum Vitae, updated February 2024

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**Appointments:**

Northwestern University:

Interim Director, Middle East and North Africa Studies Program, 2023-34  
Professor of Political Science, 2020-present  
Crown Professor of Middle East Studies, 2022-24  
Charles Deering McCormick Professor of Teaching Excellence, 2020-23  
Associate Professor of Political Science, 2015-20  
Martin and Patricia Koldyke Outstanding Teaching Professor, 2016-19  
Crown Junior Chair in Middle East Studies, 2009-15  
Assistant Professor of Political Science, 2009-15  
College Fellow, 2008-09

*Perspectives on Politics*

Co-Editor-in-Chief, 2023-26

**Education:**

Harvard University, Ph.D. in Government, fall 2007, Karl W. Deutsch Fellow in Government  
Georgetown University, M.A. in Government, 2000  
Brown University, B.A. in History, 1996 with honors, *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

**Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, Grants, and Honors:**

United States Institute of Peace "Peace Scholar" Dissertation Fellowship, 2005-06  
Palestinian-American Research Center Dissertation Research Grant, 2005  
Barney and Anne B. Malloy Fund Award, Harvard University, 2004-05  
Starr Foundation Fellow for most outstanding applicant, Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA), American University in Cairo, 2000-01  
Fulbright Fellowship, Spain (research on North African migrants in Madrid), 1996-97

**Post-Doctoral Fellowships, Grants, and Honors:**

Buffett Institute Faculty Fellow, 2016-19  
Junior Fellow, Alice Kaplan Institute for the Humanities, Northwestern University, 2013-14  
Deborah Gerner Grant for Professional Development, awarded by International Studies Association Women's Caucus, 2011  
Research Fellow, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, International Security Program and Program on Intrastate Conflict, 2007-08

**Research Support:**

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers, 2016-22 (funding for five summers of field research interviewing Syrian refugees in Germany)

Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2014, 2015 (funding for field research, interviewing Syrian refugees in Turkey)

Equality Development and Globalization Studies Faculty Research Grant, Northwestern University, 2013 (funding for field research interviewing Syrian refugees in Jordan and Turkey, as well as hiring assistants to transcribe and translate interviews)

Travel-Research-Engagement Grant, Program on Middle East Political Science, 2012 (funding for field research interviewing Syrian refugees in Jordan)

Research Grant, Dispute Resolution Research Center, Kellogg School of Management, 2012 (funding for field research interviewing Syrian refugees in Jordan, as well as hiring assistants to transcribe and translate interviews)

Northwestern University Research Grant, 2010-11 (funding for field research in Lebanon on the political effects of outmigration, as well as hiring assistants to transcribe and translate interviews)

Buffett Center Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award, 2010 (funding for field research in Lebanon on the political effects of outmigration)

### **Publications:**

#### **Books:**

1. [\*The Home I Worked to Make: Voices from the New Syrian Diaspora\*](#) (New York: Liveright Books, forthcoming in June 2024)
2. [\*Triadic Coercion: Israel's Targeting of States that Host Nonstate Actors\*](#), co-authored with Boaz Atzili (New York: Columbia University Press, Series in Terrorism and Irregular Warfare, 2018)
  - \*\* Reviewed in *Choice*, *ID: International Dialogue*, *International Affairs*, *Israel Studies Review*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, *Middle East Policy*, *Perspectives on Terrorism*, *South Asian Voices*
3. [\*We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria\*](#) (New York: HarperCollins – Custom House, 2017)
  - Longlisted for the [Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence](#)
  - Selected for the [Texas Library Association's 2018 Topaz Reading List](#)
  - Selected for the Austin, Texas "[Mayor's Book Club](#)"
  - Selected for Al-Fanar Media's 2017: [The Arab World in Books](#)
  - One of Kong Tsung-gan's [Best Human Rights Books of 2017](#)
  - Selected among [Foreign Policy Interrupted's Books of 2017](#)
  - Selected as a [Truthout Progressive Pick of the Week](#)
    - \*\* Published translations: Japanese (2019); Turkish (2020); Arabic (2023)
    - \*\* Reviewed or featured in, among others, *New York Times Book Review*, *New York Review of Books*, *New Yorker*, *The Guardian*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Chicago Review of Books*, *The Washingtonian*, *Chicago Magazine*, Chatham House's *The World Today*, *Al-Fanar Media*, *Peace Review*, *Global Policy Journal*, *Diplomatic Courier*, *Middle East Eye*, *Irish Times*, and *Los Angeles Times*' "*Maringalia*."
4. [\*Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement\*](#) (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011; Paperback, June 2014)
  - \*\* 2011 *Foreign Policy* Runner-up, Best Book on the Middle East; 2012 *Choice* Outstanding Academic Title
  - \*\* Reviewed in *Canadian Review of Political Science*, *Comparative Political*

*Studies, Comparative Politics, H-Net, Journal of Palestine Studies, Mediterranean Politics, Middle East Journal, Military Review, New Political Science, Peace Review, and Perspectives on Politics.*

5. [Occupied Voices: Stories of Everyday Life from the Second Intifada](#) (New York: Nation Books, 2003)

\*\* *Washington Post* Bestseller, *Boston Globe* Bestseller

\*\* Reviewed in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Oral History Review*, *Peace Magazine*, and *Publisher's Weekly*.

#### **Books for Young Readers:**

1. [Muzoon: A Syrian Refugee Speaks Out](#) co-authored with Muzoon Almellehan (Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2023).

\*\* Selected for the 2024 Booklist of [Rise: A Feminist Book Project for Ages 0-18](#) (part of the Feminist Task Force of the American Library Association)

#### **Special Issues:**

1. ["Recentering the Palestinian People in the Study of Politics,"](#) *Middle East Law and Governance*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (October 2022).
2. ["Nonstate actors, fragmentation, and conflict processes,"](#) (with Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (February 2012).

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles in Scholarly Journals:**

1. "Neoliberal Humanitarianism: Contradictory Policy Logics and Syrian Refugee Experiences in Japan" (co-authored with Gracia Liu-Farrer and Mohammed al-Masri), *Migration Studies* (accepted for publication).
2. ["Emotional Sensibility: Exploring the Methodological and Ethical Implications of Research Participants' Emotions,"](#) *American Political Science Review*, Vol. 117, No. 4 (November 2023), pp. 241-1254.
3. ["Putting Palestinian Agency First,"](#) Introduction to the Special Issue: Recentering the Palestinian People in the Study of Politics, *Middle East Law and Governance*, Vol. 14, No. 3 (October 2022), pp. 285–304.
4. ["How Homeland Experiences Shape Refugee Belonging: Rethinking Exile, Home, and Integration in the Syrian Case,"](#) *International Migration Review*, Vol. 57, No. 1 (October 2022), pp. 160-186.
5. ["What Makes the 'Refugee Crisis' a Crisis? Displaced Syrians on the Need for Dignity,"](#) *Digest of Middle East Studies* Vol. 30, No. 4 (Winter 2021), pp. 278-283.
6. ["Mobilization from scratch: Large-scale collective action without preexisting organization in the Syrian uprising,"](#) *Journal of Comparative Political Studies* Vol. 54, No. 10 (September 2021), pp. 1786-1817.
7. ["Host state policy, socio-economic stratification, and Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey,"](#) *Comparative Politics* Vol. 52, No. 2 (January 2020), pp. 241-272.

8. [“Moral Identity and Protest Cascades in Syria,”](#) *British Journal of Political Science*, 48, no. 4 (October 2018), pp. 877-901.
9. [“Culture or Bureaucracy? Challenges in Syrian Refugees’ Initial Settlement in Germany,”](#) *Middle East Law and Governance* 9 (2017): 313-327.
10. [“Mobilization in Military-Controlled Transitions: Lessons from Turkey, Brazil, and Egypt”](#) (with Mert Arslanalp), *Comparative Sociology* 16 (2017), pp. 311-339.
11. [“Narratives of Fear in Syria,”](#) *Perspectives on Politics* 14, no. 1 (March 2016), pp. 21-37.  
  - \*\* Winner of Syrian Studies Association Prize for best article in 2016
12. [“Puzzles, Time, and Ethnographic Sensibilities: Research Methods after the Arab Spring,”](#) *Middle East Law and Governance* 7 (2015), pp. 132-140.
13. [“Competing for Lebanon’s Diaspora: Transnationalism and Domestic Struggles in a Weak State,”](#) *International Migration Review*, 48, no. 1 (Spring 2014), pp. 34-75  
  - \*\* Winner of Moise Khayrallah Lebanese Diaspora Studies Prize for best article by an established scholar in 2014
14. [“Emotions and the Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings,”](#) *Perspectives on Politics*, 11, no. 2 (June 2013), pp. 387-409.  
  - \*\* Chosen by *Foreign Policy* as one of the best journal articles on the Middle East in 2013
15. [“Emigration and the Resilience of Politics in Lebanon,”](#) *Arab Studies Journal*, 21, no. 1 (Spring 2013), pp. 187-209.
16. [“Emigration and Power: A Study of Sects in Lebanon, 1860-2010,”](#) *Politics & Society*, 41, no. 1 (March 2013), pp. 102-133.
17. [“Triadic Deterrence: Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness”](#) (with Boaz Atzili), *Security Studies*, 21, no. 2 (April-June 2012), pp. 301-335.
18. [“Precluding Nonviolence, Propelling Violence: The Effect of Internal Fragmentation on Movement Behavior,”](#) *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 47, no. 1 (March 2012), pp. 23-46.
19. [“Out-group conflict, in-group unity? Exploring the effect of repression on movement fragmentation”](#) (with Theodore McLauchlin), *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, 56, no. 1 (February 2012), pp. 41-66.
20. [“Nonstate actors, fragmentation, and conflict processes,”](#) (with Kathleen Gallagher Cunningham), Introduction to the Special Issue: Nonstate Actors, Fragmentation, and Conflict Processes, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, Vol. 56, No. 1 (February 2012), pp. 3-15.
21. [“History, Rationality, Narrative, Imagery: A Four-Way Conversation on Teaching the Arab-Israeli Conflict,”](#) (With Neil Caplan, Brent Sasley, and Mira Sucharov), *Journal of Political Science Education*, 8 (2012), pp. 288-302.

22. [“Spoiling Inside and Out: Internal Political Contestation and the Middle East Peace Process,”](#) *International Security*, 33, no. 3 (Winter 2008/09), pp. 79-109.
23. [“Struggle in a Post-Charisma Transition: Rethinking Palestinian Politics after Arafat”](#) (with Ali Jarbawi), *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 36, no. 4 (Summer 2007), pp. 6-21.  
[Simultaneously published in Arabic as [مأزق "فتح" بعد غياب القيادة الكاريزمية والشرعية](#) مجلة الدراسات الفلسطينية في [الثوري](#) 71 (Summer 2007)]

#### Chapters in Edited Volumes:

1. “Authoritarianism and Culture,” *The Oxford Handbook of Authoritarian Politics* (Oxford University Press, in production).
2. “Interviewing Vulnerable Populations,” in Jennifer Cyr and Sara Wallace Goodman, eds. *Doing Good Qualitative Research* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming).
3. “Palestinian Nationalism,” in Asaf Siniver, ed. [Routledge Companion to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict](#) (London: Routledge, 2022), pp. 59-74.
4. “Migration and Forced Displacement in the Middle East” (with Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Rana B. Khoury, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad), in Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler, and Sean Yom, eds. [The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research since the Arab Uprisings](#) (New York, Oxford University Press, 2022), pp. 232-255.
5. [“Between Appreciation and Frustration: Syrian Asylum Seekers and the Social Welfare Bureaucracy in Germany,”](#) in Dalia Abdelhady, Nina Gren, and Martin Joormann, eds, *Refugees Encountering Northern European Welfare States: The Construction of Crisis and the Bureaucratization of Everyday Life* (Manchester, UK: Manchester University Press, 2020).
6. [“Religion and Mobilization in the Syrian Uprising,”](#) in Melani Cammett and Pauline Jones, eds., *The Oxford Handbook of Politics in Muslim Societies* (Oxford University Press, published online, October 2020).
7. “On Field-being,” in Peter Krause and Ora Szekely, eds. [Stories From the Field: A Guide to Navigating Fieldwork in Political Science](#) (New York: Columbia University Press, 2020).
8. [“Civil Action in the Syrian Conflict,”](#) in Deborah Avant et. al, eds. *Civil Action and Dynamics of Violence in Conflict* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2019), pp. 35-63.
9. “Revolution and Rebirth in Syria,” in Arabic in [الثورات العربية عسر التحول الديمقراطي ومآلاته](#) [The Arab Revolutions: The Dilemma and Mechanisms of Democratic Transformation] (Doha, Qatar: Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, 2018), pp. 159-183.
10. [“Contingency and Agency in a Turning Point Protest: March 18, 2011 in Daraa, Syria,”](#) in James Jasper and Frederic Volpi, eds., *Microfoundations of the Arab Uprisings:*

*Mapping Interactions between Regimes and Protesters* (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2018), pp. 111-134.

11. "Political unity is the precondition for effective strategy," in Jamie Stern-Weiner, ed. [\*Moment of Truth: Tackling Israel-Palestine's Toughest Questions\*](#) (New York: Or Books, 2018), pp. 147-150.
12. "[Palestinians and the Arab Spring](#)," in Adam Roberts, Michael J. Willis, Rory McCarthy, and Timothy Garton Ash, eds., *Civil Resistance in the Arab Spring: Triumphs and Disasters* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), pp. 248-269.
13. "[An Emotional Lens on the 2011 Arab Uprisings](#)," in Brian Edwards, ed., *On the Ground: New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies* (Doha: Northwestern University in Qatar, 2014), pp. 31-37.
14. "[Affects in the Arab Uprisings](#)," in Nicolas Demertzis, ed., *Emotions and Politics* (Hampshire, England: Palgrave/Macmillan, 2013), pp. 228-242.
15. "[The Palestinian national movement and the 1967 War](#)," in Wm Roger Louis and Avi Shlaim, eds., *The 1967 Arab-Israeli War: Origins and Consequences* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 126-148.
16. "[A Composite-Actor Approach to Conflict Behavior](#)," in Adria Lawrence and Erica Chenoweth, eds., *Rethinking Violence: States and Non-state Actors in Conflict* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2010), pp. 197-219.

#### **Editor-Solicited and/or Editor-Reviewed Articles in Scholarly Journals or Platforms:**

1. "[We don't have the luxury to stop](#)": Interview with Syrian civil society activist [Oula Ramadan](#)." *Middle East Report*, 301, December 2021.
2. "[Rethinking Compellence Success: Why The Chemical Weapons Deal was a Good Deal ... for Bashar al-Assad](#)," An Exchange on the article, "The Obama Administration and the War in Syria," *Security Studies*, Vol 30, No. 2 (2021), pp. 302-309.
3. "[Syrian Views on Obama's Red Line and the Case for Limited Strikes against Assad](#)," *Ethics & International Affairs*, Vol. 34, No. 2 (July 2020), pp. 189-200.
4. "[Qualitative Transparency Deliberations: Research in violent or post-conflict political settings](#)," (report with Ana Arjona and Zachariah Mampilly). American Political Science Association Organized Section for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Qualitative Transparency Deliberations, Working Group Final Reports, Report IV.2 (February 13, 2019); summary report in [Perspectives on Politics](#), first published online, January 6, 2021.
5. "[Becoming a Refugee: Reflections on Self-Understandings of Displacement from the Syrian Case](#)," *Review of Middle East Studies* Vol. 52, No. 2 (November 2018), pp. 299-309.
6. "[Memory as a field site: interviewing displaced persons](#)," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 49, No. 3 (August 2017), pp. 501-505.

7. [“From Palestine to Syria: Three Intifadas and lessons for popular struggles,”](#) *Middle East Law and Governance*, 8 (2016), pp. 91-103.

#### **Works in Progress on under review**

1. “From Category to Meaning-Making: Toward A Political Theory of Narrative Identity.” Research article in progress.

#### **Other Non-Peer-Reviewed Academic Essays:**

[“Culture or Bureaucracy? Challenges in Syrian refugees’ initial incorporation in Germany,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 25, March 2017,

[“Vetting Trump’s Vetting of Refugees,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 24, March 2017,

[“Diffusion mechanisms as stepping stones: Qualitative evidence from Syria,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 21, August 24, 2016,

[“Ethics and Research on the Middle East,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 8, July 2, 2014,

[“Rebel Fragmentation in Syria and Palestine,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 5, December 18, 2013, Shorter version published in [Foreign Policy](#), October 10, 2013,

[“Middle East political science research during transition,”](#) *Program on Middle East Political Science Studies* No. 1, June 12, 2012,

[“A new Palestinian Intifada?”](#) *Foreign Policy*, October 10, 2011.

#### **Book Reviews:**

[“Reluctant Reception: Refugees, Migration and Governance in the Middle East and North Africa \(by Kelsey P. Norman\).”](#) *Perspectives on Politics* 19, no. 4 (December 2021), pp. 1351-1352.

[“The Rule of Violence: Subjectivity, Memory and Government in Syria \(by Salwa Ismail\).”](#) *Perspectives on Politics*, 17, no. 4 (December 2019), pp. 1204-1206.

[“Rebel Power: Why National Movements Compete, Fight, and Win \(by Peter R. Krause\),”](#) *H-Diplo ISSF Roundtable*, 10, no. 16 (2018).

[“What do Affects Affect? On Andrew A.G. Ross’s \*Mixed Emotions: Beyond Fear and Hatred in International Conflict\*,”](#) *Theory & Event* 17, no. 3 (September 2014).

[“Critical Dialogue: Sharon Erickson Nepstad and Wendy Pearlman on Nonviolent Protest,”](#) *Perspectives on Politics* 10, 4 (December 2012), pp. 993-998.

[“Security and Suspicion: An Ethnography of Everyday Life in Israel \(by Juliana Ochs\).”](#) *American Ethnologist* 39, no. 2 (May 2012), pp. 454-455.

[“Authoritarianism in an Age of Democratization \(by Jason Brownlee\).”](#) *Comparative Political Studies*, 42, no. 3 (March 2009), pp. 470-473.

[“Palestinian Refugee Repatriation: Global Perspectives \(edited by Michael Dumper\).”](#) *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 41, no. 1 (Winter 2009), pp. 127-128.

[“Middle East Dilemma \(edited by Michael Hudson\).”](#) *Arab Studies Journal* 7/8, no. 2/1 (Fall 1999/Spring 2000), pp. 129-131.

### **Writing for General Audiences:**

[“The Erasure of Palestinian Society,”](#) *New Lines Magazine*, February 20, 2024.

[“Opinion: The conversation we can’t avoid about pro-Palestinian campus protest”](#) CNN.com, December 13, 2023

[“Collective Punishment in Gaza Will Not Bring Israel Security”](#) *New Lines Magazine*, October 30, 2023. Republished in French as [“L’illusion de la sécurité par la guerre”](#) in *Conditions*

[“Identity as narrative: story-telling and self-making after the Arab Spring,”](#) *AlJuhmhuriya*, February 10, 2021. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Italian](#), and [Spanish](#).

[“5 ways the Syrian revolution continues,”](#) *The Conversation*, March 15, 2019.

[“How the Syrian uprising began and why it matters,”](#) *The Conversation*, March 14, 2019.

[“Israel-Hamas Fighting Erupts just as Negotiations Advanced. What started it and why does it matter?”](#) (with Boaz Atzili) *Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*, November 15, 2018.

“Hva kan vi gjøre i Syria?” [in Norwegian], *Klassekampen*, October, 12, 2018.

[“The U.S. can’t stay on the sidelines while Syrians face slaughter,”](#) *Chicago Tribune*, April 12, 2018.

[“War in Syria: Life Under Assad’s Bombs in a Damascus Suburb”](#) (with Loubna Mrie), *Time*, March 12, 2018 (international edition cover story).

[“Guest Blog: Wendy Pearlman on Storytelling in Syria,”](#) Hilton Prize Coalition, October 30, 2017.

[“Does the Palestinian reconciliation deal make peace more likely?”](#) *Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*, October 24, 2017.

[“Why a new Palestinian Intifada could be non-violent: because that’s what Hamas wants”](#) (with Imad Alsoos) *Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*, August 29, 2017.

[“Our Problem Is Life Without Dignity”: Syrian Refugees Speak,”](#) TruthOut.org, August 10, 2017.



- [“A Doctor from Homs.”](#) *Words Without Borders*, July 17, 2019.
- [“The Page 99 Test: We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria.”](#)  
*Page99test.blogspot.com*, July 30, 2017.
- [“Tales of Horror and Heroism from the Syrian Civil War”](#) *Vice*, June 27, 2017,  
Translated into Arabic as [حكايا الرعب والبطولة](#), Ayn Almadina, August 15, 2017,
- [“Wendy Pearlman on We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria.”](#)  
*HarperAcademic*, June 6, 2017.
- [“The Revolution Began,”](#) *Harper’s*, June 2017,  
Translated into Arabic as [وقامت الثورة](#), *Newsyrian.net*, May 20, 2017.
- [“We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria,”](#) *PowellsBooks.Blog*, May 31, 2017.
- [“I interviewed 300 Syrian refugees. They are far from a security threat,”](#) *Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*, January 30, 2017.
- [“Research Transparency and Political Violence: Joining the Conversation,”](#) *Political Violence at a Glance*, October 13, 2016.
- [“The surprising ways fear has shaped Syria’s war,”](#) *Washington Post - The Monkey Cage*, March 24, 2016.
- [“Syrian children in Turkey heal through storytelling,”](#) *PBS Newshour Teacher’s Lounge*, March 2, 2016.
- [“America’s nonintervention is a vote for Syria’s Assad,”](#) *Reuters*, June 3, 2014.
- [“Fathers of Revolution,”](#) *Guernica*, May 15, 2014,  
Published in Turkish: [“Devrimin Babaları,”](#) in *Birikim* on December 11, 2014.
- [“On the Third Anniversary of the Syrian Uprising,”](#) *Huffington Post*, March 11, 2014.
- [“The Argument Against US Intervention in Syria ... And Why It’s Wrong,”](#) *Huffington Post*, February 21, 2014.
- [“Intervening against Assad: Reflections from Syrian Refugees,”](#) *Huffington Post*, September 16, 2013.
- [“‘There Is No Time for Hesitation’: Reflections From the Free Syrian Army,”](#) *Huffington Post*, September 4, 2013.
- [“Love in the Syrian Revolution,”](#) *Huffington Post*, July 18, 2013.
- [“What is Wendy Pearlman reading?”](#) *Campaign for the American Reader Online*, November 28, 2011.

[“The Page 99 Test: Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement,”](#) *Page99test.blogspot.com*, November 20, 2011.

[“Voices Under Occupation,”](#) *Index on Censorship*, Vol. 33, No. 3 (2004): 201-210.

**Interviews (print & podcast):**

[Background Briefing with Ian Masters](#), February 20, 2024.

[“Triadic Coercion: Israel’s Targeting of States That Host Nonstate Actors,”](#) *New Books Network*, April 29, 2019.

[“Israel and Nonstate Actors: A Conversation with Wendy Pearlman and Boaz Atzili,”](#) *POMEPS Conversations* podcast, February 21, 2019.

[“Trump vs. Syrian Refugees: An Interview With Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *The Nation*, June 1, 2018.

[“New Texts Out Now: \*We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria\*,”](#) *Jadaliyya*, May 29, 2018.

[“Battleground Syria - Human Impacts of Political Violence,”](#) *Deep Dish* podcast, Chicago Council of Global Affairs, March 28, 2019.

[“Meet the Author: Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *Indigo Bridge Books Blog*, March 8, 2018.

[“Writing Syria: Wendy Pearlman’s ‘Oral History of the Revolution,’”](#) *Syria Deeply*, February 28, 2018.

[“Northwestern Professor Wendy Pearlman Talks New Book About Syrian Refugees,”](#) *Make It Better Magazine*, February 15, 2018.

[“We Crossed A Bridge & It Trembled: A peoples History of The Syrian Revolution, Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *The Irrelevant Arabs Podcast*, December 2017.

[“Voices from Syria: A Conversation with Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *POMEPS Conversations* podcast, October 9, 2017.

[“A People’s History of the Syrian Uprising, Told Through Intimate Conversations,”](#) *Chicago Magazine*, October 4, 2017.

[“Wendy Pearlman Brings Syrian Voices to American Readers,”](#) *Washingtonian*, September 25, 2017.

[“Moving Us To Care,”](#) *Brown Alumni Monthly*, September/October 2017.

[“We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria,”](#) *New Books Network*, August 30, 2017.

[“Donald Trump's Slander Against Syrian Refugees,”](#) *Truthout.org*, August 13, 2017.

- [“Interviewing Displaced Syrians: A Conversation with Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *POMEPS Conversations* podcast, July 28, 2016.
- [“Wendy Pearlman is an academic who studies the Middle East in an unusual way,”](#) *Global Dispatches*, July 13, 2017.
- [“The Resilience of the Syrian People,”](#) *Chicago Review of Books*, June 15, 2017.
- [“In ‘We Crossed a Bridge,’ Syrians Describe Horrors, Hope,”](#) *Rebellious Magazine*, June 2017.
- “Voices of War,” *Northwestern Research Magazine*, Spring + Summer 2017, pp. 46-47.
- [“We Crossed a Bridge and It Trembled,”](#) *Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences*, June 1, 2017.
- [“Faculty fellow Wendy Pearlman helps explain the Syrian humanitarian crisis through Syrians’ own voices,”](#) *Buffett Institute Newsletter*, Spring, 2017.
- [“Life Advice from Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *North by Northwestern*, Spring 2017.
- [“Five Questions: Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *Northwestern Magazine*, June 2017.
- [“Fear Experiences of Syrian Refugees in Jordan, Turkey, and Lebanon: An interview with Dr. Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *KurdishQuestion.com*, May 4, 2016.
- [“Interrupter Series No. 28: Wendy Pearlman,”](#) *Foreign Policy Interruptors*, March 15, 2016.
- [“New Texts Out Now: Emigration and the Resilience of Politics in Lebanon,”](#) *Jadaliyya*, May 8, 2013.
- [“New Texts Out Now: Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement,”](#) *Jadaliyya*, November 9, 2011.

#### **Arabic-to-English Translations:**

*Sixth Annual Report on the Status of Palestinian Citizens’ Rights* (Primary Translator) (West Bank: Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens’ Rights, 2001).

*The Palestinian Constitution* (Two drafts commissioned by Palestinian Center for Policy and Survey Research, West Bank, September 2000, March 2001).

*The Palestinian Nation-Building Process, an Islamist Perspective* (Unpublished Manuscript. Center for Palestine Research and Studies, West Bank 2000).

*Fifth Annual Report on the Status of Palestinian Citizens’ Rights* (Secondary Translator) (West Bank: Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizens’ Rights, 2000).

#### **Publication Honors and Awards:**

Syrian Studies Association Prize for best article, 2016

Moise Khayrallah Lebanese Diaspora Studies Prize for article by an established scholar, 2014  
*Foreign Policy*, one of the best journal articles on the Middle East, 2013

*Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2012

*Foreign Policy* Runner-up, Best Book on the Middle East, 2011  
Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Convention Best Doctoral Paper,  
Nationalism Section, 2007

**Professional Talks:**

Invited lecturer, “Israel and Palestine 101” or “The Palestinians: A Primer” (various versions)  
February 2024: The National Labor Network for Ceasefire (virtual)  
February 2024: Bates College, Lewinston, Maine  
October 2023: NU-MENA teach-in  
November 2021: University of Chicago student group (virtual)  
June 2021: Campbell Ewald advertising agency (virtual)  
May 2021: NU student group (virtual)  
February 2019: NU course “Journalism in Practice – Israel Today,” Evanston, IL  
February 2018: NU course “Journalism in Practice – Israel Today,” Evanston, IL  
February 2017: NU Hillel’s Israel Learning Fellowship, Evanston, IL

Invited keynote address” Migration Governance and Asylum Crises (MAGYC) Concluding  
Conference  
April 2023: Sciences Po, Paris, France

Invited lecturer, “Protests in Iran”  
October 2022: Monday Class

Invited presenter, discussant, and working group organizer  
July 2022: American Political Science Association—Middle East and North Africa  
(APSA-MENA) Conference: New Landscapes in Middle East Politics, Amman,  
Jordan

Invited presenter, “Where is the Arab Gandhi?” Violent and Nonviolent Protest Movements  
in the Middle East”  
June 2022, Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan

Invited presenter, discussant, and keynote lecturer on Middle East politics and Japanese  
translation of *We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria*  
June 2022: Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, Japan

Invited lecturer, Book talk: *We Crossed A Bridge and It Trembled: Voices from Syria*  
October 2022: Building Peaceful Bridges book club, Chicago, IL (via  
videoconference)  
December 2020: Tagheeyer Syrian Refugee Youth Group, Istanbul, Turkey (in  
Arabic, via videoconference)  
December 2020: Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey (via videoconference)  
October 2020: International Relations Council, Kansas City, MO (via  
videoconference)  
September 2020: Migration Research Center at Koç University (MiReKoc), Istanbul,  
Turkey (via videoconference)  
September 2020: Kadınlarla Dayanışma Vakfı/Women's Solidarity Foundation,  
Istanbul, Turkey (in Arabic, via videoconference)  
June 2020: Heartland Alliance, Chicago, IL (via videoconference)  
March 2020: League of Creative Minds, Stanford, CA (via videoconference)

March 2020: Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
 March 2020: Oak Park Temple, Oak Park IL  
 February 2020: University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
 November 2019: Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO  
 November 2019: Colorado Springs World Affairs Council, Colorado Springs, CO  
 November 2019: World Denver, Denver, CO  
 November 2019: Colorado Foothills World Affairs Council, Denver, CO  
 November 2019: Ethical Humanist Society, Skokie, IL  
 November 2019: Loyola University, Chicago, IL  
 October 2019: Brigham Young University, Provo, UT  
 September 2019: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Evanston, IL  
 April 2019: Refugee and Immigrant Community Services, Heartland Alliance,  
 Chicago, IL  
 April 2019: Keynote speaker, International Service Summit, Lisle, IL  
 March 2019: University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
 March 2019: University of California - Irvine, Irvine, CA  
 March 2019: University of California - Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA  
 February 2019: Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
 February 2019: Oak Park Public Library, Oak Park, IL  
 January 2019: American Association of University Women, Deerfield, IL  
 December 2018: "Girl Forward," Bookends & Beginnings, Evanston, IL  
 November 2018: Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations Cultural Exchange and  
 Support Initiative (NMC-CESI), Toronto, Canada  
 November 2018: University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada  
 November 2018: Northwestern Alumni Club of Toronto, Toronto, Canada  
 November 2018: Nassau Presbyterian Church, Princeton, New Jersey  
 November 2018: University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont  
 November 2018: Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont  
 November 2018: Camden County College, New Jersey  
 October 2018: NU Family Weekend, Evanston, Illinois  
 October 2018: House of Literature, Lillehammer, Norway  
 October 2018: Bergen Public Library, Bergen, Norway  
 October 2018: University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway  
 October 2018: House of Literature, Oslo, Norway  
 October 2018: University of Aarhus, Aarhus, Denmark  
 October 2018: University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico  
 July 2018: Central and West Asia Diasporas Research Network, Berlin, Germany  
 July 2018: Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg, Germany (in Arabic)  
 July 2018: Philipps-Universität Marburg, Marburg, Germany  
 June 2018: Printer's Row Lit Fest, Chicago, IL  
 May 2018: Loyola University Museum of Art, Chicago, IL  
 May 2018: Seminary Co-op Bookstore, Chicago, IL  
 April 2018: Benedictine University, Lisle, IL  
 April 2018: SUNY-Geneseo, Geneseo, NY  
 March 2018: SOAS, London, England  
 March 2018: London School of Economics, London, England  
 March 2018: Waterstones Books, Glasgow, Scotland  
 March 2018: Lighthouse Books, Edinburgh, Scotland  
 March 2018: Orell Füssli Bookstore, Zurich, Switzerland  
 March 2018: Payot Bookstore, Geneva, Switzerland  
 March 2018: University of Nebraska-Omaha, Omaha, NE

March 2018: Indigo Bridge Books, Lincoln, NE  
February 2018: New School of Social Research, New York, NY  
February 2018: Alley Cat Books, San Francisco, CA  
February 2018: The Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, CA  
February 2018: University of California - Berkeley, Berkeley, CA  
February 2018: Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA  
January 2018: Austin Public Library, Austin, TX  
January 2018: University of Texas - Austin, Austin, TX  
January 2018: Texas A&M University, College Station, TX  
November 2017: Head House Books, Philadelphia, PA  
November 2017: Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
November 2017: Midtown Scholar Books, Harrisburg, PA  
November 2017: Philadelphia World Affairs Council, Philadelphia, PA  
November 2017: Tulane University, New Orleans, LA  
October 2017: Bluestockings Books, New York, NY  
October 2017: Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NY  
October 2017: Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
October 2017: New York University, New York, NY  
October 2017: Columbia University, New York, NY  
October 2017: Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL  
October 2017: Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL  
October 2017: Chicago Book Expo, Chicago, IL  
September 2017: George Washington University, Washington, DC  
September 2017: American University, Washington, DC  
September 2017: Busboys & Poets, Washington, DC  
September 2017: M.I.T., Cambridge, MA  
September 2017: Harvard University, Cambridge, MA  
September 2017: Smith College, Northampton, MA  
August 2017: Mayadeen Tahrir, Berlin, Germany  
August 2017: Al-Kawakibi Association, Berlin, Germany (presentation in Arabic)  
July 2017: EUME & Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany  
June 2017: University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany  
June 2017: Det syriske kulturinstitut i Danmark, Copenhagen, Denmark  
June 2017: University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden

Invited presenter, “What is Home? Displaced Syrians, Narratives, and Belonging” (various versions)

October 2022: University of Gothenburg Global Migration Seminar  
October 2022: Social Institutions, Political Governance, and Integration (SIPGI) Conference, University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg, Sweden  
March 2022: Swarthmore College  
March 2022: George Washington University  
February 2022: Program on Refugees, Forced Displacement and Humanitarian Responses, Yale University

Invited panel presenter, “Drivers of Migration”

February 2022: St. Petersburg, FL World Affairs Council (virtual)

Selected panel presenter, “Story-Telling as Home-Making: Displaced Syrians, Narratives, and Belonging”

December 2021: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (virtual)

Invited paper presenter, “From Category to Meaning-Making: Toward A Political Theory of Narrative Identity”

December 2021: Civil War Paths, University of Sheffield (virtual)

April 2021: University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop (virtual)

April 2021: University of Leiden Workshop in Political Science (virtual)

November 2020: University of Minnesota Comparative Politics Colloquium (virtual)

Invited paper presenter, ““Emotional Sensibility: Exploring the Methodological and Ethical Implications of Research Participants’ Emotions.”

November 2021: SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University (virtual)

October 2021: Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan (virtual)

Invited presenter, “Radical imaginings”

November 2020: Al-Jumhuriya and Mada Masr Seminar on ten years after the Arab uprisings (virtual)

Selected panel presenter, “Exile In and From Syria: Belonging, Home, and Refugee Integration”

October 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (virtual)

Selected roundtable presenter, “Writing beyond the Academy: Commercial Publishing and the Middle East Scholar”

October 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (virtual)

Selected roundtable presenter, “Can Revolutions be Written? Theoretical and Empirical Implications”

October 2020: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (virtual)

Invited panel presenter, “An Era of Violence? Comparing Trends in State Violence Around the World”

October 2020: Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA (virtual)

Invited paper presenter, “Between Exile and Homeland: Reflections from Displaced Syrians”

November 2019: Brigham Young University Political Science Workshop, Provo UT

March 2019: UCLA Sociology Colloquium, Los Angeles, CA

February 2019: Northwestern MENA Graduate Student Workshop, Evanston, IL

September 2018: (In)Security in Everyday Life: Perspectives from the Middle East, Arab Council for the Social Sciences, Beirut, Lebanon

May 2018: Symposium of the North American Society for Exile Studies, Chicago, IL

Selected panel presenter, “On this side of the Microphone - Self Reflection and the Oral History Profession”

October 2019: Oral History Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT

Invited on-stage interviewer, “Conversation with Samantha Power: The Idealist’s Journey”

October 2019: Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Chicago, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Peace in Palestine?”

October 2019: Brandeis University Crown Center for Middle East Studies Advisory Board Retreat, Chicago, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Syria: revolution between the ‘war on terror’ and the ‘refugee crisis’”

September 2019: University of Toronto, Toronto, CA

Invited panel presenter, “Refugees and Asylum Seekers: Telling their Stories, Understanding their Journeys”

May 2019: Evanston Literary Festival, Evanston Public Library, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Migration, Diaspora, and Movement of Peoples”

May 2019: Opening Roundtable, Middle East History and Theory Conference (MEHAT), University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Discussant, Panel on “States and Contentious Politics”

May 2019: Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Annual Conference, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, *Triadic Coercion: Israel’s Targeting of States That Host Nonstate Actors*

February 2019: George Washington University, Washington, DC

October 2018: American University, Washington, DC

Invited paper presenter, “Organization from scratch: Collective action without prior mobilizing structures in the Syrian uprising”

January 2019: NU Kellogg Social Movements Workshop, Evanston, IL

Invited panel moderator, “Stateless: Views of Global Migration”

January 2019: Museum of Contemporary Photography, Columbia College, Chicago

Invited panel presenter, “Teaching Sensitive or Controversial Issues” / “Advice on Undergraduate Teaching”

December 2018: NU Political Science Graduate Student Association, Evanston, IL

June 2014: NU Political Science Graduate Student Association, Evanston, IL

June 2011: NU Political Science Graduate Student Association, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Ismail Besikci and Wendy Pearlman in Conversation: Kurds’ Right to Self-Determination and the International Political Order”

November 2018: Keyman Modern Turkish Studies, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “Chronicles of Hope: Syrian Voices on the Past and Future”

October 2018: Keynote Speaker, Syrian Peace Action Centre (SPACE), “The Question of Syria” Annual Conference, Oslo, Norway

Invited lecturer, “Conflict in Syria: Latest Developments” (various versions)

December 2021: Oakton Community College “Passport to the World”

November 2021: NU Alumnae Lyceum

October 2018: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

February 2018: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

January 2017: Panel on “2016 Year in Review,” NU MENA Mondays, Evanston, IL

May 2016: NU Political Union, Evanston, IL

October 2015: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL



January 2015: NU Arab Students Club, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “Understanding Syria through Syrian Voices” (various versions)

May 2020: Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency - Middle East & Africa Regional Center (via video-conference)

June 2018: NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

May 2018: Conference on “Middle East Crises: Beyond the Headlines,” DePaul University, Chicago IL

May 2018: NU UNICEF Syria Awareness Week, Evanston, IL

March 2017: “Syrian Neighbors: A Symposium of Scholarly and Stakeholder Perspectives,” Green Mountain College, Poultney, Vermont

March 2017: Center for International Peace and Security Studies, Université de Montréal, Montreal, Canada

March 2017: DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Wheaton, IL

February 2017: Inaugural Cross Campus Conversation (NU/NU-Q video dialogue), Evanston, IL

June 2016: Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Lund University, Lund, Sweden

June 2016: Centre for Resolution of International Conflicts, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Invited panel presenter, “Living Histories from Syria, Lebanon, and the Middle East”

April 2018: The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Invited lecturer, “War in Syria: The Origins and Evolution of a Multi-Faceted Conflict”

March 2018: DuPage County Social Studies Conference, Wheaton, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Syria stories—narratives from the frontline: Rania Abouzeid and Dr. Wendy Pearlman in conversation with Rt. Revd Rowan Williams”

March 2018: University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England

Invited lecturer, “Briefing on Syria”

March 2018: Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Government of the United Kingdom, Middle East and North Africa Research Group, London, UK

Invited panel presenter, “Migration Forum: Skills Migrate, Too!”

March 2018: Panel at the Geneva International Film and Forum on Human Rights (FIFDH), Geneva, Switzerland

Invited panel presenter, “Writing Syria: Alia Malek and Wendy Pearlman in Conversation”

February 2018: Co-sponsored by Syria Deeply, Muftah Magazine, Amnesty International USA, Guernica magazine, Network of Arab-American Professionals of NY (NAAP-NY), Judson Memorial Church, New York, NY

Selected paper presenter, “Host state policy, refugees’ class backgrounds, and Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey”

November 2017: Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington

February 2017: Workshop: “Refugees and Migration in the Middle East,” Project on Middle East Political Science and University of Southern California, Los Angeles

Invited lecturer, “Narratives of Fear in Syria” (various versions)

September 2017: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Washington, DC  
 March 2016: Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey  
 March 2016: NYUAD Institute, New York University-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates  
 February 2016: Center for Middle East Studies, American University in Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon  
 September 2015: Denver Dialogues Series, University of Denver, Denver, CO  
 March 2016: Afro-Middle East Centre (AMEC), Johannesburg, South Africa  
 May 2015: Conference, “Sovereignty Under Threat?” Ronald and Eileen Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
 March 2015: Syrian American Council public lecture, Lisle, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Forever Stuck? The Fate of Syrians in the Middle East”  
 July 2017: German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Berlin, Germany

Invited panel presenter, “What’s Left of the Arab Spring? Citizens’ Perspectives”  
 June 2017: German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany

Invited panel presenter and moderator, “Chicago City of Refuge: Focus on Syria,”  
 April 2017: Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Syria: Layers of Trauma”  
 April 2017: Panel on “Living on the Margins - Refugees Surviving Torture & Beyond,” Art Works Projects for Human Rights, Chicago, IL

Invited lecturer, “What Else Went Wrong: Response to Charles Taylor”  
 April 2017: Presentation at Conference on “Democratic Agendas: Negotiating Climate Change, Capitalism, and the New Populisms,” Center for Global Culture and Communication, NU School of Communication, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “Before Away Becomes Home: What Syrian refugees carry with them”  
 March 2017: Cleveland Humanities Festival, Cleveland, Ohio

Invited lecturer, “Host state policy, socio-economic class, and initial settlement patterns among Syrian refugees in Germany and Turkey” (various versions)  
 June 2018: University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany  
 February 2018: Comparative Politics Workshop, Columbia University, New York  
 June 2017: Presentation at Workshop, “Studying Refugees in Northern Europe,” Lund University, Lund, Sweden  
 April 2017: University of Notre Dame International Security Center seminar, Notre Dame, Indiana  
 March 2017: Conference on “Questioning Crisis: Rethinking Forced Migration in Theory and Practice,” McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
 September 2016: Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York

Invited lecturer or panel presenter, “The Syrian Refugee Crisis”  
 March 2017: Special course, “Contemporary International Relations of the Middle East,” UCLA (via Skype)  
 February 2017: Refugee and Force Migration Studies Informational Panel, DePaul University, Chicago, IL  
 October 2016: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

October 2016: NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course, Evanston, IL  
March 2015: Roosevelt Institute for Public Policy and NU Model Arab League,  
Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “Narratives of Politics in Syria and Beyond”  
February 2017: Inaugural Cross Campus Conversation (NU/NU-Q video dialogue  
session), Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Syria: How it got here, where it’s headed”  
January 2017: Panel on “2016 Year in Review,” NU MENA Program, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Trump and the Middle East”  
January 2017: Panel on “Trump in a Global Context,” Buffett Institute for Global and  
International Affairs, Evanston, IL

Invited paper presenter, “Citizens Experiences and Theories of Authoritarian Resilience”  
November 2016: Workshop on “Theorizing Authoritarianism in the Arab Middle  
East,” Smith College, Northampton, MA

Invited lecturer, “Research Seminar/Master Class: Emotion in conflict and conflict resolution  
-- theoretically and methodologically challenging issues”  
June 2016: Centre for Resolution of International Conflicts, University of  
Copenhagen, Denmark

Selected paper presenter, “Transnational Diffusion and Mobilization in Syria”  
June 2016: GIGA workshop on “Transnational Diffusion, Cooperation and Learning  
in the MENA,” German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, Germany

Invited panel presenter, ““Methods and research in Syria-based ethnography”  
May 2016: Symposium: “Listening In: Sonic Interventions in the Middle East and  
North Africa,” NU School of Communications, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “How the Syrian Revolt Began: Refugees’ Stories of Identity and Protest”  
(various versions)  
May 2016: University of Washington International Security Colloquium, Seattle, WA  
December 2015: Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey  
September 2015: Center for Middle East Studies, University of Denver, Denver, CO  
February 2014: Buffett Center Faculty and Fellow Colloquium, Evanston, IL  
December 2013: Panel, “From Everyday Resistance to Revolution: Revisiting Protest  
Politics in the Middle East,” University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI  
March 2013: Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
February 2013: NU MENA Faculty Research Brown Bag, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “Conflict in Syria” (various versions)  
May 2016: NU Political Union, Evanston, IL  
April 2015: NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course, Evanston, IL  
December 2014: NU Conference on Human Rights, Evanston, IL

Invited lecturer, “*Museirat al-khawf* -- Trajectories of Fear” (in Arabic)  
March 2016: *Liqat as-Sebt* - Weekly gathering of Syrians in Dubai, Dubai, United  
Arab Emirates

Invited lecturer, “From Palestine to Syria: Three Intifadas and Lessons for Popular Struggles”  
(various versions)

March 2016: NYUAD Middle Eastern Studies program, New York University-Abu  
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

December 2015: Hamisch Cultural Center and SALT Galata, Istanbul, Turkey

Selected paper presenter, “Revolution and Rebirth in Syria”

January 2016: Conference: “The Arab Revolutions: Five Years On The Arduous Road  
of Democratization and Future Prospects,” American University in Beirut, Beirut,  
Lebanon

Selected paper presenter, “Stories of Protest in Syria”

September 2015: Workshop: “New Political Science on Syria,” Project on Middle  
East Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited panel presenter, “Syrian Refugees: Causes and Consequences”

June 2015: United Nations Association-USA, Greater Chicago Chapter, Chicago IL

Selected paper presenter, “Challenges in Researching Syria”

May 2015: Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference, George  
Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited lecturer, “Keynote Address: Triumphs and Tragedies in the Struggle for Freedom in  
the Middle East”

April 2015: Conference, “Democracy in the 21st Century?” Carthage College and The  
Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Kenosha, WI

Invited panel presenter, “Myths about the Middle East: Violence is the result of ancient  
hatreds”

April 2015: NU MENA Program and Evanston Public Library Lecture Series

Invited lecturer, “Four years after the Arab Spring: Comparing Egypt and Tunisia”

March 2015: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

Invited or selected paper presenter, “Self-Expression Cascades in the Syrian Uprising”  
(various versions)

February 2015: International Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

November 2014: NU Comparative Politics Workshop, Evanston, IL

October 2013: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

July 2013: Middle East Politics Workshop, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

Invited panel presenter, “Navigating our presence in the field”

February 2015: Symposium “Research Methodologies in the Middle East and North  
Africa,” MENA Graduate Student Group, Evanston, IL

Selected paper presenter, “Trajectories of Fear in Syria” (various versions)

January 2015: American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY

November 2014: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

April 2014: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

March 2014: International Studies Association Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada

Invited panel presenter, “Roundtable: Studying Contentious Politics and Social Movements after the Arab Uprisings”

November 2014: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Invited lecturer, “Understanding the Arab Spring”/“Middle East Politics since the Arab Spring” (various versions)

November 2014: Aspen in Chicago three-day retreat, Starved Rock, IL

October 2014: Newberry Library Teachers’ Consortium Seminar, Chicago, IL

September 2014: Northridge Women’s Club, Northridge, IL

April 2012: NU Alumni Association “A Day with Northwestern,” Evanston, IL

January 2012: NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course, Evanston, IL

January 2012: Domain Dinner, Evanston, IL

September 2011: Northwestern/Shirley Ryan Lifelong Learners Program, Evanston

May 2011: NU Alumni Club of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

March 2011: NU Asian and Middle East Studies Program, Evanston, IL

February 2011: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

February 2011: NU International Studies Residential College, Evanston, IL

February 2011: NU Public Affairs Residential College, Evanston, IL

Invited moderator, “Breaking the Silence: Engaging in Social Justice”

November 2014: NU Muslim Students Association, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Understandings ISIS”

October 2014: “Forum: The State of the Middle East,” Roosevelt University, Chicago

Invited speech, “Faculty address: lessons for new graduates” (various versions)

June 2014: NU Political Science Department Convocation Reception, Evanston, IL

June 2013: NU Political Science Department Convocation Reception, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Ethics and Research”

May 2014: Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited panel presenter, “Documenting the Experiences of Syrian Refugees”

April 2014: Conference, “Refugees and Displacement in the Middle East,” Program on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited panel presenter, “Children of Syria in Context”

April 2014: Panel on “The Children of Syria: Closing Reception,” Art Works Projects for Human Rights, Chicago, IL

Invited paper presenter, “Triadic Deterrence: States and Nonstate Actors in the Middle East”

December 2013: Program on International Security Policy (PISP) workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

May 2010: NU Security Studies Workshop, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Understanding Opposition Fragmentation”

November 2013: Panel, “Problems of the Syrian Opposition,” Program on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited panel presenter, “Plenary Session: The Syria Crisis: America, the Middle East, and the Future of Syria”  
October 2013: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Selected paper presenter, “Fear and Courage in the Syrian Uprising”  
May 2013: Project on Middle East Political Science Annual Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited lecturer, “The Syrian Uprising” (various versions)  
April 2013: Evanston Current Events Class, Evanston, IL  
April 2013: NU Alumnae Continuing Education Course, Evanston, IL  
November 2012: The Fortnightly Club, Chicago, IL  
October 2012: The Contemporary Club, Chicago, IL  
October 2012: The Monday Class, Chicago, IL

Invited lecturer, “Emigration, Mobility, and Sect in Lebanon” (various versions)  
February 2013: Center for Middle East Studies Friday Lecture Series, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
November 2011: University of Pennsylvania Comparative Politics Workshop, Philadelphia, PA

Invited panel presenter, “Protest and Rebellion: Micro-level Themes from Syria”  
November 2012: Panel, “Protest and Rebellion,” Program on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited lecturer, “Breaking the Barrier of Fear: Emotions and Mobilization in the Arab Uprisings”  
November 2012: Institute of Middle East Studies, George Washington University, Washington, DC  
September 2012: Symposium: “New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies,” NU-Qatar, Doha, Qatar  
October 2011: International conference, “Transformation of the Arab World.” NCCR Democracy and Center for Comparative and International Studies at ETH Zurich and University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland

Invited paper presenter, “When do military-controlled transitions produce democracy? Lessons for Egypt from the cases of Turkey and Brazil”  
September 2012: Conference, “From Street Mobilization to Political Mobilization,” Moulay Hicham Foundation, Skhirat, Morocco

Invited lecturer, Book talks for *Violence, Nonviolence, and the Palestinian National Movement*  
March 2013: Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
March 2012: The Palestine Center, Washington, DC  
March 2012: George Washington University, Washington, DC  
March 2012: New York University, New York, NY  
December 2011: American University, Washington, DC

Selected paper presenter, “Emotions and Mobilization in the Middle East uprisings”  
May 2012: Arab Spring Exploratory Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

March 2012: Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ  
December 2011: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Invited panel presenter, “Internal politics, external strategy: Palestinian decision-making in context”  
February 2012. Symposium, “Up against a Wall: Israel in a Changing Middle East?”  
The Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Invited panel presenter, “A Third Palestinian Intifada?”  
October 2011: Panel, “What should Palestinians do next?” Program on Middle East Political Science, George Washington University, Washington, DC

Selected panel presenter, “Roundtable: Narratives and Rights in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”  
September 2011: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle,

Selected panel presenter, “Diasporas and Politics”  
March 2011: Annual Symposium, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, “A Sense of Place: Arab World Diasporas,” Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Selected paper presenter, “Migration and Power in Lebanon” Revised versions presented:  
March 2011: Northeast Middle East Politics Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI  
November 2010: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA  
May 2010: Project on Middle East Political Science Inaugural Conference, George Washington University, Washington, DC  
March 2010: New England Middle East Politics Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Selected panel presenter, “Teaching the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict”  
November 2010: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA

Selected paper presenter, “Coercing Strength, Beaten by Weakness: Explaining deterrence against states that host nonstate challengers” (with Boaz Atzili)  
April 2010: International Studies Association Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA

Invited lecturer, “Understanding the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict” (two-lecture series)  
April 2010: NU Alumnae Continuing Education Association, Evanston, IL

Invited panel presenter, “Political Science and Palestine: Between Politics and Science”  
October 2009: Conference, “Palestine: What We Know.” George Washington University, Washington, DC

Invited paper presenter, “The Palestinian national movement and the 1967 War”  
September 2009: Workshop, “The 1967 Crisis and its Consequences.” St. Anthony’s College, Oxford University, Oxford, UK

Invited paper presenter, “The Rise and Fall of Two Uprisings: Explaining Protest in the Palestinian Case”  
March 2009: University of Chicago Comparative Politics Workshop, Chicago, IL

Selected paper presenter, “Out-group conflict, in-group unity? Exploring the effect of repression on movement fragmentation” (with Theodore McLaughlin)  
September 2009: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada

Invited lecturer and discussion leader, “Religion in the Arab-Israeli Conflict”  
May 2009: NU “Peace of Mind” Club, Evanston, IL

Selected paper presenter, “Emigration as an informal mechanism underlying political persistence: The case of Lebanon” (various versions)  
November 2008: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC  
September 2008: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Boston

Invited lecturer, “A Peace Agreement by the End of 2008?”  
October 2008: NU Model United Nations Club, Evanston, IL

Invited moderator, “U.S.-Syria Relations?”  
October 2008: NU Model Arab League, Evanston, IL

Selected paper presenter, “Rethinking the Politics of Spoilers: Insight from the Palestinian Case”  
April 2008: International Studies Association Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA

Selected paper presenter, “Political Fragmentation and Insurgent Methods in the Palestinian National Movement” (various versions)  
September 2007: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago,  
April 2007: New England Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Newton,  
April 2007: Association for the Study of Nationalities Annual Conference, New York  
November 2006: Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

### **Peer Review and Related Activities:**

American Academy in Berlin Fellowship Competition, *American Journal of Political Science*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Political Science Review*, *Arab Studies Journal*, Berghahn Books, *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Democratization*, Cambridge University Press, CLCWeb: Comparative Literature and Culture, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *International Affairs*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Political Sociology*, *International Interactions*, *International Organization*, *International Security*, *International Studies*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Israel Studies Review*, *Journal of Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of North African Studies*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, Lynne Rienner Publishers, *Mashriq & Mahjar*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Middle East Law and Governance*, *Mobilization*, *New England Journal of Political Science*, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study Fellowship Program, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics, Oxford Encyclopedia of Empirical International Relations Theory, Palgrave-Macmillan, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Political Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, Polity Books, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *Security Studies*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Sociological Forum*, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Swiss National Science Foundation, Syracuse University Press, *Theory and*



*Society, Third World Quarterly, United States Institute for Peace Grants Competition, World Politics*

**Professional Affiliations and Service:**

Elected member, Middle East Studies Association Nominating Committee, 2023-present  
Member, Advisory Board, Middle East Scholar Barometer, 2021- present  
Co-reviewer, Program Review for Lebanese American University, Department of Political Science/International Affairs  
Chair, *Perspectives on Politics* Journal Editorship Review Committee, 2019-20  
Member, Advisory Board, “Refugees Migration and Cities: Social Institutions, Political Governance, and Integration in Jordan, Sweden, and Turkey” (SIPGI), 2021-present  
Member, Advisory Board, *Middle East Law and Governance*, 2013- present  
Member, Advisory Committee, Project on Middle East Political Science, 2019-present  
Member, Steering Committee, Project on Middle East Political Science, 2013- 2019  
Member, Syrian Studies Association Prize Committee, 2017, 2018, 2020  
Member, Kendra Koivu Paper Award Committee, 2020  
Member, Journal Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2017-19  
Member, Board of Trustees, *Al-Jumhuriya* collective, 2017-present  
Midwest Political Science Association Westview Press Award Selection Committee, 2015  
Member, Middle East Studies Association

**Consultancies:**

Expert affidavit-writer for Syrian asylum seekers (nine affidavits written, 2013-2020; one in-person court appearance, one by-phone court testimony)

**Other Matters Related to Research and Publication:**

**Overseas field research or language study:** Denmark (2016), Sweden (2016), Germany (2016, 2017, 2018, 2021, 2022), Turkey (2013, 2015-16, 2018); Jordan (2012, 2013); Lebanon (2008, 2010, 2016, 2018); Israel (2004-06); Egypt (2000-01); The West Bank and Gaza Strip (2000, 2001, 2004-06); Morocco (1995, 1997-98); Spain (1994, 1996-97)

**Select broadcast media appearances presenting research or analysis:**

June 2020: ANews TV channel, Istanbul, Turkey  
April 2019: [Newsy](#) online news channel  
March 2019: Australia National Radio, “[Rear View Window](#)”  
June 2018: [C-Span Book TV](#)  
February 2018: “[The Takeaway](#)” from WNYC,  
February 2018: Democracy Now! TV, [Part I](#), , and [Part II](#)  
November 2017: WITF-Harrisburg, “[Smart Talk](#)”  
November 2017: WHYY-Philadelphia, “[Radio Times](#)”  
October 2017: [WGN Radio](#)  
October 2017: WCBU-Peoria Public [Radio](#)  
October 2017: WTTW “[Chicago Tonight](#)”  
July 2017: “This is Hell” Radio Show, [Part I](#) and [Part II](#)  
July 2017: “[Rising Up with Sonali](#)” Radio/TV Show  
March 2017, Canada [CTV](#)  
January 2017, WTTW “[Chicago Tonight](#)”  
March 2016, [Midday Report](#), South Africa Broadcasting Company TV News,  
June 2015, [C-Span Book TV](#)  
October 2013, WBEZ, Chicago, “[Worldview](#)”

February 2012, WBEZ, Chicago, "[Worldview](#)"

July 2003: [C-Span Book TV](#)

### **Teaching and Advising:**

**Chair or Co-chair of dissertation committee (ongoing):** Lauren Baker

**Chair or Co-chair of dissertation committee (completed):** Christa Kuntzelman (U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services); Safaa Al-Saeedi (Assistant Professor, Marist College); Rana Khoury (Assistant Professor, University of Illinois)

**Member of dissertation committee (completed, noting current affiliation):** Sabina Pusbita (Institute for Advanced Research, Monash University, Jakarta, Indonesia); Ayodeji Perrin (Postdoctoral Fellow, Temple University); Muhammad Fajar (Postdoctoral Fellow, Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia); Yuchen Liu (Postdoctoral Researcher, Freie Universität Berlin); Sean Lee (Assistant Professor, American University in Cairo); Mariana Borges Martins Da Silva (Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Oxford); Sidra Hamidi (Assistant Professor, Stetson University), Katrin Katz (Adjunct Fellow-Korea Chair, Center for Strategic and International Studies; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgetown University), Mert Arslanalp (Assistant Professor, Boğaziçi University), Rim Naguib (Postdoctoral Fellow, EUME-Berlin), Sean Burns (Visiting Assistant Professor, College of William and Mary)

### **Activities related to the teaching and advising:**

Faculty advisor: UNICEF Northwestern, 2018-present, NU Middle East Review (NUMER), 2016-present,, Model Arab League, 2016-present

Undergraduate Research Grant faculty sponsor, 2009-present

Undergraduate Research Program Advisor, 2014-present

Farrell Fellows Research Assistant Program Advisor: 2014-present

Faculty sponsor, Searle Center for Teaching Excellence graduate student certificate and teaching fellow

Secondary advisor for honors thesis, School of Education and Social Policy: 2013-14

Second-reader for honors thesis, International Studies: 2012, 2014

Freshman advisor, 2009-10

Study Abroad Research Program faculty advisor, 2009-10

### **Teaching awards:**

Charles Deering McCormick Professorship for Teaching Excellence, 2020-23

Weinberg College Distinguished Teaching Award, 2014

Associated Student Government, Faculty Honor Roll, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2015-16, 2019-20

R. Barry Farrell Teaching Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, 2012

### **Department, College, and University Service:**

#### **Political Science Department:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2019-present

Ad Hoc tenure review committees, 2022-present

Graduate Program Committee Chair, 2018-19

Comparative Politics Field Chair, 2016-17, 2017-18

Department Advisory Committee, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016-17, 2017-18

Undergraduate Advisor, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2016

Undergraduate Honors Selection Committee, 2015

International Relations Search Committee, 2010-11, 2012-13

Ad-Hoc Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum, 2013-14  
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2011-12  
Comparative Politics Search Committee, 2009-10

**Middle East and North Africa Studies (MENA):**

Core Member, MENA Faculty, 2010- present  
MENA Graduate Students Committee, 2021- present  
MENA Executive Committee, 2016-17, 2017-18  
Hebrew Language Instructor Search Committee Chair, 2016-17  
MENA Inaugural Conference Organizing Committee, 2015  
MENA Cluster Fellowship Selection Committee, 2014, 2015 (Chair), 2019  
MENA Mellon Post-Doc Selection Committee, 2013  
Organizing Committee for Annual Symposium on New Directions in MENA Studies, 2009-10, 2011-2012  
Middle East Forum, 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13  
Department of Asian and Middle East Studies Program, Program Advisory Committee, 2009-10, 2011-12

**WCAS and Northwestern University:**

Committee on Promotion, Division II (Social Sciences) elected representative, 2022-23  
Buffett Institute for Global Studies Faculty Advisory Committee, 2019-present  
Undergraduate Research Grant Review Committee, 2019-present  
Buffett Center/Buffett Institute Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, 2018-present  
WCAS Ad Hoc tenure or promotion review committees, 2019  
Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Program Faculty Advisory Board, 2019-present  
Israel Studies Professor Search Committee, 2016-17, 2019-20  
Buffett Institute for Global Studies Executive Director Search Committee, 2018  
Aryman Fellow Mentor, 2016-17  
Weinberg College Distinguished Teacher Award Selection Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017  
International Studies Program Committee, 2014- present  
Equality Development and Globalization Studies Faculty Associate, 2012-15  
Contemporary Thought Speaker Series Steering Committee, 2012-13  
Comparative Historical Social Science Cluster Fellowship Committee, 2009-10, 2012-13  
Comparative Historical Social Science Workshop Coordinating Committee, 2009-10  
Office of Fellowships, Carnegie Fellowship Nominee Selection Committee, 2009

**Community work:**

Member of Karam Foundation's Scholarship Advisory Board, 2019-20 (helps select Syrian refugee student awardees for university scholarships)

Volunteer workshop-leader, Karam House, Reyhanlı, Turkey, 2018 (prepared and delivered original workshop on oral history to Syrian refugee teens living on the Turkish-Syrian border; workshop was six hours/day for four days and was conducted in Arabic)

Volunteer teacher, Karam Foundation Innovative Education Program, Reyhanlı, Turkey, 2015 (as part of an international volunteer delegation to a school for Syrian refugees on the Turkish-Syrian border, co-prepared and led a four-day workshop on journalism for three different classes [eighth, eleventh, and twelfth grades]; conducted entirely in Arabic)