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Education

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.): University of North Texas, Denton, Texas: December 1993.
Major: International Politics.
Dissertation: “The Foreign Policy of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), 1964-1981: A Role Modification Model.”
Master of Science (M.S.): Troy State University, Troy, Alabama: 1987. Major: International Relations.
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.): University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland: 1985. Magna cum Laude. Major: Government and Politics.

Current Position

Professor and Head, Department of Liberal Studies, Texas A&M Galveston, beginning January 2014

Previous Positions

Professor and Department Head, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2011-2013
Associate Professor and Department Head, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2008-2011
Associate Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004-2008
Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1997-2004

- Director of Texas A&M University-Commerce Honors Program, Spring 2002 – Fall 2005.

Visiting Assistant Professor, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX Fall 1996
Visiting Assistant Professor, University of North Texas, Denton, TX 1994-1996

Courses Taught—Undergraduate and Graduate

International Relations Theory	American National Government
Texas State/Local Politics	Middle East Politics
Intro to Political Science	Honors Texas Government
Conditions of Democracy	Revolutions and Revolutionary Movements
Global Politics in the 21 st Century	Political Economy
International Law and Diplomacy	U. S. Foreign Policy
Latin American Politics	Global Terrorism
Honor’s American Government	Honors Service Learning
Theories of War	Comparative Genocide
The Holocaust	Cambodia Service Learning Project
Ethnic Conflict and Civil Wars	The Holocaust: Jewish Life in the Ghettos
Qualitative Research Methods	Model United Nations
Model Arab League	Women and Genocide

Academic Recognition/Awards

Recipient of the J. William Fulbright Core Scholarship, Amman, Jordan, University of Jordan, January 1, 2008-30 June 2008.

Fellowship in the Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar on the Holocaust and other Genocides, United States Holocaust Museum and Memorial, Washington, D.C., January 4-11, 2009.

Recipient of the J. William Fulbright Specialist Grant, Dewey International University, Cambodia, December-January, 2010-2011.

Global Engagement Grant, Texas A&M University, Co-PI, Grant amount: 50K

Recipient of the J. William Fulbright Core Scholarship, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, March-July 2022.

Publications

“The Images Speak: Gendered Remembrance and Forgiveness in Cambodia and Guatemala”, Remembrance and Forgiveness: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Genocide and Mass Violence, 2020. Ajlina Karamechi-Muratovic and Laura Kromjak, eds. Routledge Press, with Martha C. Galvan Mandujano.

“A Framework for Perpetrator Behavior: Role Theory and Foreign Policy and the Case of the Khmer Rouge.” 2018. *Annals of the “Ovidius” of University of Constanja, Political Science Series*. Volume 7: 23-35.

Book review. 2018. “Man or Monster? The Trial of a Khmer Rouge Torturer,” Alexander Laban Hinton (2016) Durham: Duke University Press. Human Rights Review.

Book review (invited) 2016. A Lucky Child: A Memoir of Surviving Auschwitz as a Young Boy. Thomas Buergenthal. Paperback. NY: Little, Brown and Company. Oral History Review.

Women and Genocide: Gendered Experiences of Violence, Survival, and Resistance. Eds. April 2016. Canadian Scholars’ Press/Women’s Studies Press (with Donna Gosbee). Toronto, Canada.

“Academic Space and the Cambodian Genocide”, 2014. Bulletin of World History Volume XXX, Number 1: 16-20. (with Adam Haney).

Book review (invited) 2013. Expressions of Cambodia: The Politics of tradition, identity and change. Leakthina Chau-Pech Ollier and Tim Winter. 2012. Paperback eds. NY: Routledge. Journal of International and Global Studies, 5(1): 94-95.

Book review (invited) of The Holocaust & Historical Methodology. Dan Stone, ed. NY: Berghahn Press. 2013. Post Script: Essays in Film and the Humanities 32(2): 104-105.

“Beyond the Classroom Walls: Becoming Global Citizens Without Leaving Home.” 2010. Teaching In Higher Education. Vol.15(6): 57-62.

- “The Gulf Crisis and the Implications for the Palestinians in the Context of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict.” 2010. Encyclopedia of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, ed. Cheryl A. Rubenberg. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- Book review (invited) of Governing Gaza: Bureaucracy, Authority, and the Work of Rule, 1917-1969 by Ilana Feldman. 2009. Middle East Journal, Winter, Vol. 63(1): 148-9.
- “The Palestine Liberation Organization.” 2007. Encyclopedia of the Modern World. Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia. Oxford University Press.
- “Internal Displacement in Guatemala” with Aaron Hale. 2004. International Third World Studies Journal and Review, Fall, Vol, XV: 2-8.
- “Has the Palestine Liberation Organization been an able representative of the Palestinian People—Yes.” 2003. History in Dispute: The Middle East Since 1945, ed. David W. Lesch, Volume 14, First Series. Columbia, SC: Manly, MI: St. James Press.
- Women in Higher Education: Empowering Change. 2002.ed., JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers.
- “Squaring the Circle of Revolution in the Congo: A New Perspective on the Nature of the Third World Political and Social Change” with Aaron Z. Hale. 2000. Journal of the Third World Spectrum, 7(1): 17-38.
- The Woman-Centered University: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, eds., Melanie McCoy and JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz. 1999. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, Inc.
- “The Empress’s New Clothes: Expanding the Boundaries of Women in the IR Classroom”, in The Woman-Centered University: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, eds., Melanie McCoy and JoAnn DiGeorgio-Lutz. 1999. Lanham, MD: University Press of America, Inc.
- “The PLO and the Peace Process” in The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, ed. Ilan Peleg. 1997. SUNY Press.
- “The U.S.-PLO Relationship: From Camp David to the White House Lawn.” in The Middle East and the United States: A Historical and Political Reassessment, ed. David Lesch. 1996. Boulder, CO: Westview Press.
- _____ Revised and expanded chapter for 2nd edition, 1999
- _____ Revised and expanded chapter for 3rd edition, 2003
- _____ Revised and expanded chapter for 4th edition, 2006
- Book review of Revolution Until Victory: The Politics and History of the PLO by Barry Rubin, in Shofar. Spring 1995, Vol. 13, No. 3.
- Book Review of Budgeting in Local Governments: Managing the Margins by Howard Elcok, Grant Jordan, Authur Midwinter, in Public Budgeting and Finance 1992. Winter 11(4): 97-99.

"British Palestine Policy 1914-1921: A Reexamination," Mediterranean Quarterly 1 (Fall 1990): 87-105, with Louis M. Farshee.

Research in Progress

Women and Genocide/Gendered Remembrance and Gendered Representation: under contract/book length manuscript in preparation for I.B. Taurus.

Conference and Research Presentations

"Memorial Museums in Guatemala: The Role of Social Media and 'Never Again'" Paper accepted for presentation at the biennial meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, 19-23 July 2021, virtual format, with Martha C. Galvan Mandujano.

"Memory Words and Genocide Museums: the Efficacy of Never Again—A Look at Guatemala and Bangladesh." Paper presented (virtually) at the Liberation War Museum International Conference, Dhaka, Bangladesh, 12 March 2021, with Pizuar Hossain Mohammed and Martha C. Galvan Mandujano.

"The Guatemalan Peace Accord and the Commission for Historical Clarification: Identity and Memorialization," Paper presented (virtually) at the International Conference on Genocide, Deportations, and Massacres: Experiences, (hi)stories and interpretations. Organized by the Global Institute for Research Education and Scholarship (GIREs), Amsterdam, 14-15 November 2020, with Martha C. Galvan Mandujano.

"Memory Words" and Genocide Museums: the Efficacy of Never Again. Paper presented at the 14th biennial meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, July 14-20th, 2019, with Kristin Josvoll.

"Memory Words" and Museums: Promoting *Never Again* in Post-Conflict Societies: A Look at Guatemala and Bosnia" Paper presented at the Museums as Agents of Memory and Change Conference, Estonian National Museum, Tallinn, Estonia, April 25-26, 2019, with Kristin Josvoll.

"The Images Speak: Gender and Genocide Memorialization in Guatemala." Paper presented at the 13th International Holocaust and Genocide Studies Conference, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, April 19-21, 2018, with Ella McIntire.

"Genocide Memorialization in Guatemala—The Need to Remember." Paper presented at the Conference on Why Remember? Ruins, Remains and Reconstructions in Times of War and Its Aftermath, June 27th -29th, 2018, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, with Martha Mandujano Galvan.

"Memory, Memorials, and Gendered Representation in Guatemala: Form and Functions." Paper presented at the 2nd International Association of Memory Studies Annual Meeting, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark, 12-16 December 2017, with Martha Mandujano Galvan.

"Nunca Mas? Gender and Genocide Memorialization in Guatemala." Paper presented at the 13th Meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars (IAGS), University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia, 9-13 July 2017, with Ella McIntire.

“Memoirs of Time and Space: Women’s Holocaust Lives.” Paper presented at the 5th International Network of Genocide Scholars (INOGS) Conference, June 26-29, 2016. Jerusalem, with Donna Gosbee.

“Gendered Remembrance, Collective Memory and Genocide Memorialization in Cambodia and Guatemala.” Paper presented at the Women in War Annual Conference: After Genocide: Gendered Trauma, Transmission and Reinvention. Yerevan, Armenia, September 17-19, 2016, with Martha Mandujano Galvan.

“The Khmer Rouge and the Perpetrator Role.” Paper presented at the Encountering Perpetrators of mass Killings, Political Violence, and Genocide Conference. University of Winchester, UK, 1-3 September 2015.

“Women and the Holocaust: Survival under the Umbrella of War and Genocide.” Paper presented at the University of South Carolina’s 17th Comparative Literature Conference “Women and the Holocaust: Cultural Productions and Interpretations.” March 1-3, 2015, with Donna Gosbee.

“Women in War, Women and Genocide.” Paper presented at the Place of Women in War 1914-2014 Conference, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 7-8 June 2014, with Donna Gosbee.

“The Foreign Policy of the Khmer Rouge 1975-1978: Temporal and Spatial Determinants of Role Choice.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual meeting, Toronto, March 24-29, 2014.

“Same Same but Different: Gender and Genocide Across the Divide.” Paper presented at the 11th Annual International Holocaust Studies Conference at Middle Tennessee State University, October 15-18, 2013, with Donna Gosbee.

“Finally Heard: Voices of Minority Women and Genocide—the Case of the Roma/Sinti and Cham Muslims.” Paper presented at the International Federation for Research in Women’s History and Women’s History Network, International Conference: Women’s Histories: The Local and the Global, 29 August – 1 September, 2013, Sheffield Hallam University, UK, with Donna Gosbee.

“Competing Narratives of National Glory: The Politics of Memory in Post-conflict Societies.” Paper presented at the Globalization and the Humanities: Texas and the World Interdisciplinary Conference. November 16-17, 2012. Texas A&M University-Commerce.

“Teaching the Past: Academic Space and the Cambodian Genocide.” Paper accepted for presentation at the Cambodia Studies Conference 2012: Imagining Cambodia. Northern Illinois University, 14-16 September 2012, with Adam Haney.

“Enemies Without, Enemies Within: Khmer Rouge Foreign Policy and the Defender of the Revolution Role.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 1-4 April, 2012.

“When the Past Won’t Go Away: A Case Study of Cambodia and the International Tribunal.” Paper presented at the 34th Annual Global Studies Conference, University of Omaha, October 6-9, 2011.

“Role Theory and the Cambodian Genocide: The Origins and Adaptation of the Perpetrator Role.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

“Academic Space and the Cambodian Genocide.” (with Kristin Lewis). Paper presented at the International Network of Genocide Scholars, 2nd Annual Conference, University of Sussex, Brighton, England, June 28-July 1, 2010.

“The Palestinian Refugees in the Aftermath of the Hamas Election.” Paper presented at the Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, September 6-9, 2006.

“Beyond the Classroom Walls: Becoming Globally Competent Learners and Citizens Without Leaving Home.” Paper presented at the South Central Modern Language Association, Dallas, TX, October 2006.

“The Palestinian Refugees and the PLO—Awaiting their Fate.” Paper presented at the 2004 Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, September 9-11, 2004.

“When the Displaced Go Home: A Comparative Analysis of the Congo and Guatemala.” Paper presented at the Association of Third World Studies Annual Conference, November 6-9, 2003 Shreveport, LA, with Aaron Z. Hale.

“Internal Displacement in Guatemala: An Analysis of the Resettlement of the Uprooted Population,” Paper presented at the 2003 meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Dallas, Texas, March 27-29, 2003.

“Internal Displacement: A Theoretical Journey.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, October 9-13, 2001, Savannah, Georgia, with Joe P. Davis.

“The Guatemalan Peace Accords and the Internally Displaced: The Search for Meaning.” Paper presented at the 34th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico, March 21-24, 2001, with Joe P. Davis.

“The Iraqi Sanctions: Prospects for Political Change.” Paper presented at the 23rd Annual Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 6-8, 2000.

“Catalyst for Change: Working Toward a Woman-Centered University.” Moderator for roundtable discussion with Dr. Melanie McCoy, Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, March 15-18, 2000, Galveston, Texas.

“Squaring the Circle of Revolution in the Congo: A New Perspective on the Nature of Third World Political Change and Social Conflict.” Paper presented at the 22nd Annual Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 7-9, 1999, with Aaron Z. Hale.

“The Challenges to State-Building in the Middle East: The Case of the PLO.” Paper presented at the 21st Annual Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, October 8-10, 1998.

"Women's Identities: The Search for Pedagogical Meaning and Multicultural Identity in Higher Education." Paper presented at the South Central Women's Studies Conference, March 5-7, 1998, Houston, Texas, with Dr. Melanie McCoy.

"From Kefiyas to Bandannas: the Adaptive Role Behavior of Guerrilla Movements. The Case of the PLO and the EZLN." Paper presented at the joint International Association of Mexican Studies and International Studies Association Annual Meeting and Conference, 11-13 December 1997, Manzanillo, Mexico.

"Is Sisterhood Global? Texas Women and Their Global Counterparts in the Middle East." Paper presented at the Meeting of the East Texas Women's Association, East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas, February 29, 1996.

"The Limits of State Power in the Middle East." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, Illinois, February 22-25, 1995, with Emile F. Sahliyah.

"Democratization and the PLO: The Prospects and Perils of Change." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Third World Studies, Williamsburg, VA, October 6-8, 1994.

"Militant Islam in the Occupied Territories: A New Agenda for PLO Foreign Policy." Paper presented at the Annual International Studies Association Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 28 - April 1, 1994.

"The U.S.-PLO Relationship: From Camp David to the White House Lawn." Paper presented at conference entitled The United States in the Middle East: A Historical Inquiry. Trinity University, February 25-26, 1994, San Antonio, TX.

"The Role of Islamic Fundamentalism in the Occupied Territories: Hamas, Israel, and the PLO." Paper presented at the Annual Association for Israeli Studies Conference, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, May 1993 with Emile Sahliyah.

"PLO Foreign Policy Behavior: Changing Roles and Means." Paper presented at the Annual International Studies Association Meeting, Acapulco, Mexico, March 1993 with Emile Sahliyah.

"The PLO and the Gulf War: Foreign Policy Challenges From Below." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Third World Studies Association, University of Florida at Gainesville, October 1992.

"Comparing Levels of Analysis: A Theoretical Look at the PLO and the Gulf War." Paper presented at the Annual International Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1992.

"Explaining Short-term Foreign Policy Change: The PLO and Role Modification." Paper presented at the Annual International Studies Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, March 1992 with Emile Sahliyah.

"A Theoretical Analysis of the New Global Order in the Middle East: Implications of the US and French Initiatives." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association--Midwest, Urbana-Champaign, IL, October 1991.

"British Imperialism in the Levant 1917-1921: The Consequences of French and British Rivalries for Present Day Iraq." Paper presented at the Annual Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 1991.

Other Professional Activities

Book review editor, Humanities and Social Sciences, Genocide Studies and Prevention: An International Journal.

Manuscript reviewer for Sage Publications as needed.

Presenter, Teaching the Cambodian Genocide, Teacher Workshop at the Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Education and Tolerance, Dallas, TX, August 6, 2013.

Panelist, Human Rights Panel, Dallas Holocaust Museum and Center for Education and Tolerance, August 5, 2013, Dallas, TX.

Member of the Board of Directors, Child Hope Organization, Battambang, Cambodia, 2011-2013.

Conducted a needs assessment survey for Child Hope Organization, educational NGO in Battambang, Cambodia, November 2011.

Participant in the International Seminar, "Teaching the Holocaust and Anti-Semitism", International School for Holocaust Studies, YadVashem, Jerusalem, Israel, July 1-21, 2007.

Participant in the First Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on the Arab-Israeli Conflict, Tel Aviv University, June 2006.

U. S. State Department and Institute of International Education, selection committee member for the Benjamin Gilman Undergraduate Scholarship for Study Abroad, Houston, TX, November 2005.

Participant in the Council of International Educational Exchange, Faculty Development Seminar, Jordan, June 4-15, 2005.

Guest Speaker, 2nd Annual Palestine Film Festival, September 18, 2004, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX. Sponsored by United For Peace and Justice. Topic: Palestinian Refugee Experiences in Lebanon and Syria.

Participant as a certified international election observer for Mexican congressional mid-term elections, June 29 -July 10, 1997, Chiapas, Mexico.

Participant in a delegation to Palestine Authority Territories, 10 July - 1 August 1994 organized by the Palestine Aid Society, Washington, D.C..

Middle East Political Consultant for the "Imaging the Peace Foundation", Los Angeles, CA, Summer 1992.

Selected Student Engagement Activities

Faculty lead on Project-Based Learning Honors Seminar, Fall 2017 and 2018, Texas A&M University at Galveston. Project, Addressing Issues of Hunger in Galveston County

Faculty Supervisor to three undergraduate theses: Ella McIntire, Richard Dally, Andrew Altizer, 2017-2018, Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Faculty lead on War and Remembrance Oral History Project at Texas A&M University at Galveston, beginning 2015.

Faculty advisor to 24 students who hosted and participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League at Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 11-13, 2013. Countries represented: Saudi Arabia and Palestine.

Faculty Advisor to 9 students who participated in the National Model United Nations, Washington, D.C., October 26-29, 2012. Countries represented: Syrian Arab Republic and Saudi Arabia.

Faculty Advisor to 7 students who participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, March 2012. Country represented: Morocco.

Faculty Advisor to 6 students who participated in an international travel seminar to Cambodia and Vietnam, 18 May- 5 June, 2011.

Faculty Advisor to 7 students who participated in an international travel seminar to Cambodia, July 7-28, 2010.

Faculty Advisor to 11 students who participated in SCONA 55—Student Conference on National Affairs, Texas A&M University, College Station, February 2010.

Faculty Advisor to 11 students who participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, April, 2010. Countries represented: Sudan and Iraq.

Faculty Advisor to 7 students who participated in SCONA 54—Student Conference on National Affairs, Texas A&M University, College Station, February 2009.

Faculty Advisor to 10 students who participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at the University of North Texas, Denton, TX, March 30-April 1, 2006. Country represented: Sudan.

Faculty Advisor to 15 students who participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at Baylor University, Waco, TX, March 30-April 2, 2005. Countries represented: Palestine and Kuwait.

Faculty Advisor to 18 students who participated in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at Baylor University, Waco, TX, 15-17 April, 2004. Countries represented: Jordan and Yemen.

Faculty Coordinator for Honors Service Learning Students for the Adopt-A-Minefield Campaign to raise landmine awareness and help clear a minefield in Herat, Afghanistan, Spring 2003.

Faculty Advisor to 26 undergraduate students and local coordinator of the Southwest Regional Model

Arab League held at Texas A&M University-Commerce, 10-12 April 2003. Countries represented: Algeria, Syria, and United Arab Emirates.

Faculty advisor to 13 undergraduate students and local coordinator of the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at Texas A&M University-Commerce, 11-13 April 2002. Country represented: Saudi Arabia.

Faculty advisor to 13 undergraduate students and local coordinator of the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at Texas A&M University-Commerce, 5-7 April, 2001. Countries represented: Somalia and Palestine.

Faculty advisor to 10 undergraduate students who participated in the San Antonio World Affairs Council Model Organization of American States (MOAS), November 2000. Countries represented: Colombia and Venezuela.

Faculty advisor and instructor to students participating in a Political Science Travel Seminar to Central America, May 16-25, 2000. Country visited and studied: Guatemala.

Faculty advisor to 29 undergraduate students and local coordinator of the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at Texas A&M University-Commerce, 30-31 March and 1 April, 2000. Countries represented: Iraq and Lebanon.

Faculty advisor to 9 students attending the "US Intelligence and the End of the Cold War Conference" jointly hosted by the George W. Bush School of Government and the Central Intelligence Agency, November 19-21, 1999, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Faculty advisor to 10 undergraduate students at the San Antonio World Affairs Council Model Organization of American States (MOAS), February 2000. Country represented: Peru.

Faculty advisor and instructor to students participating in a Political Science Travel Seminar to the Caribbean, May 18-28, 1999. Country visited and studied: Cuba

Faculty advisor to 15 undergraduate students as participants in the Southwest Regional Model Arab League held at the University of North Texas, April 8-10, 1999. Country represented: Oman.

Awarded a faculty development travel grant in Fall 1998 from the Faculty Development Committee at Texas A&M University-Commerce to attend the 21st Annual Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, NE, October 8-10, 1998.

Faculty advisor and instructor to students participating in a Political Science Travel Seminar to Central America. July 12-25, 1998. Countries visited and studied: El Salvador and Honduras.