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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Law, Societies & Justice,
University of Washington
2018-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs,
Brown University

EDUCATION:

2018 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2013 M.A., Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2010 M.A., Women's and Gender Studies, University of Texas, Austin
supplemental coursework in conflict resolution at the University of Jordan
2008 B.A., Sociology, University of Texas, San Antonio

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

international migration, refugee studies, law, race and ethnicity, gender, inequality,
conflict and post-conflict societies, citizenship and human rights

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

Fee, Molly and Rawan Arar. 2019. "What Happens When the United States Stops Taking
in Refugees?" *Contexts* 18 (2): 18-23.

FitzGerald, David and Rawan Arar. 2018. "The Sociology of Refugee Migration."
Annual Review of Sociology Vol. 44.

Arar, Rawan. 2017. "The New Grand Compromise: How Syrian Refugees Changed the
Stakes in the Global Refugee Assistance Regime." *Journal of Middle East Law and
Governance* 9 (3): 298-312.

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

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

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

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

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

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

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Arar, Rawan and David FitzGerald. *Refugees: A Sociological Systems Approach*. Under contract with Polity Books.

Arar, Rawan. *With Only the Sky Above and Sand Below: Refugees and the Global South*. In preparation.

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

Arar, Rawan. “Refugee Camps, the State, and (Global) Governance.” In preparation.

“Migration and Displacement in MENA,” In preparation for Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) state of the field book, edited by Marc Lynch. Authors in alphabetical order: Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Rana B. Khoury, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad, and Wendy Pearlman.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

Rawan Arar. 2019. “‘Call me Galib’: Navigating Gender as a Local Humanitarian Aid Worker.” American Center for Oriental Research
<https://www.acorjordan.org/2019/01/10/rawan-arar-acor-caorc-sociology/>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS:

- 2018 American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR) Fellow MESA Award

 American Center for Oriental Research – Council of American Overseas
 Research Centers (ACOR-CAORC)
- 2017 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

 Marye Anne Fox Endowed Fellowship Fund, Dissertation Year
 Fellowship

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

 UCSD Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program

 Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the Political Sociology Section
 of the ASA
- 2016 UCSD Graduate Student Association - Travel Grant

 Philanthropic Educational Opportunities (PEO) International Scholar
 Award

 UCSD Frontiers of Innovation Scholars Program

 UCSD Department of Sociology Summer Research Grant
- 2015 UCSD Dean of Social Sciences Travel Fund Award

 UCSD Graduate Student Association- Travel Grant

 Middle East Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2011-2016 UCSD Sociology Department Award
- 2010 Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship (to Jordan)
- 2008 Congressman Bill Archer Fellowship, University of Texas System

 Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Intern Scholarship

SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCES:

- 2013-2016 Research assistant to Prof. David FitzGerald on refugees and asylum seekers; UCSD

In-depth interviews and focus groups conducted in Arabic with refugee populations in Gaza, Palestine; UCSD and UNRWA
- 2015 Archival research (in Canberra) and interviews (in Sydney) conducted regarding refugee and asylum policies in Australia for Prof. David FitzGerald, UCSD
- 2014 Institute of International Education (IIE) funded research on Syrian refugees and higher education in Lebanon, contributing to Watenpaugh et al. 2014's "The War Follows Them: Syrian University Students and Scholars in Lebanon;" UC Davis
- 2012-2013 Research assistant to Prof. Gershon Shafir, University of California Human Rights Collaborative; UC System
- 2012 Research assistant to Prof. John Skrentny on international immigration; UCSD
- 2011 Archival research on nuclear disarmament; ethnic and sectarian divisions in Northern Ireland; Trinity College Dublin in Belfast
- 2009-2010 In-depth interviews with Iraqi refugees in Jordan; University of Texas, Austin

SELECT PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES:

- Jun. 2019 Curt C. and Else Silberman Faculty Seminar, *Displacement, Migration and the Holocaust*, selected participant in teaching workshop at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), June 3 – 14, Washington, D.C.; convened by Kierra Crago-Schneider, Judith Gerson, and Robin Judd
- Mar. 2019 New Directions in Palestinian Studies, "Palestinian Homes and Houses: Subjectivities and Materialities," Providence, RI, participant
- 2016-2019 Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)
- 2014-2017 Critical Refugee Studies Working Group, San Diego, CA, co-organizer
- 2016 Consulted for World Bank representative on refugee resettlement in developed states
- 2015-2016 Global Mental Health Initiative in the Middle East

Gender and Global Migration Working Group, co-organizer

2015 Consulted for US State Department representative on refugee reception in Middle East

AFFILIATIONS:

2016-2017 United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), consulting researcher

2011 Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin (in Belfast)

2009-2010 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar

2008 Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Intern; Office of the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

“What Happens When the United States Stops Taking in Refugees?” invited to present by the International Rescue Committee (IRC) headquarters with Molly Fee, New York, NY, Aug. 13, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” American Sociological Association, New York, NY, Aug. 10-13, 2019

“Citizenship and the International Refugee Assistance Regime” invited to present at a workshop entitled Vicarious Cycles: Toward a Research Agenda on Return and Repeat Displacement at the Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, Jun. 11, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” Law and Society Conference (LSA), Washington D.C., Jun. 1, 2019

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” Legal History Workshop, Brown University, Providence, RI, May 3, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” “Leveraging Sovereignty: Syrian Refugees and the Jordanian State” Middle Eastern Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI, Apr. 24, 2019

“Reflections on Gender and the Global Refugee Crisis” Invited by the Women’s Studies Department, Women’s History Month Series, University of Texas at San Antonio, TX, Mar. 25, 2019

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” Moses Brown Middle School, Providence, RI, Mar. 5, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” Invited by the UMass Migration Working Group, UMass Amherst, MA, Feb. 26, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” Work in Progress presentation, Brown University, Providence, RI, Feb. 20, 2019

“Refugee Camps, States, and (Global) Governance” Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, Feb. 15 - 16, 2019

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” Migration Challenges, in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the UDHR, John Jay College – CUNY, New York, NY, Dec. 10, 2018

“Leveraging Refugee Camps for State Interests: A Comparative Study of Refugee Camps in Jordan,” Human Rights Roundtable, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, Nov. 1, 2018

“How Restrictionist Immigration Policies Drive the Global Refugee Narrative,” Middle Eastern Studies Association annual conference, San Antonio, TX, Nov. 15-18, 2018

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 11-14, 2018

“Prospects for Refugee Integration,” ASA Mini-Conference on The Future of Immigration Scholarship, Philadelphia, PA, Aug. 10, 2018

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” American Center for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, July 16, 2018

“Disrupting Western-Centric Theories of Refugee Integration,” Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo), Forced Migration and Social Integration in Jordan and the Middle East, Amman, Jordan, April 29, 2018

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” UC Davis, Davis, CA (over Skype), Apr. 18, 2018

“Reflections on Gaza,” USC, Columbia, SC (over Skype), Nov. 7, 2017

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

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

- Selected to represent all P.E.O. Scholar Award recipients to an audience of over 4,000 attendees from across the US and Canada. To see speech, follow this link, and start at minute marker 24:00, <https://www.micro.site/peo>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MEDIA:

Aug. 1, 2019 Three Experts, Three Angles on the Immigration Crisis
Trending Globally: Politics and Policy with Sarah Baldwin-Beneich; interview with Rawan Arar, Almita Miranda, and Aileen Teague
<https://soundcloud.com/watsoninstitute/three-angles-on-the-immigration-crisis>

Aug. 15, 2018 Black and Highly Dangerous (BHD) Podcast with Tyrell Connor and Daphne Michelle; “Episode 31: ‘Cold as I.C.E.’ – A Conversation About Immigration w/ Rawan Arar”
<https://www.blackandhighlydangerous.com/single-post/2018/08/15/Episode-31-Cold-as-ICE---A-Conversation-About-Immigration-w-Rawan-Arar>

Sept. 9, 2016 Rosenfield Symposium Features Immigration Experts
<http://www.thesandb.com/news/rosenfield-symposium-features-immigration-experts.html>

May 6, 2016 EUROMED Migration IV
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vH-KpjPN2Yo&feature=youtu.be>

Nov. 11, 2015 KPBS Midday Edition with Maureen Cavanaugh Radio Interview
<http://www.kpbs.org/news/2015/nov/04/san-diego-forum-global-refugee-crisis/>

Nov. 11, 2015 KPBS Evening Edition, TV appearance with Amita Sharma
<http://www.kpbs.org/audioclips/25761/#transcript>

SERVICE:

2018-present Member of the International Editorial Board, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

2015-2016 UCSD Sociology Department, graduate diversity committee

2014- 2015 City Heights CDC Tutoring Program

2011-2012 Representative, Graduate Student Association, UCSD

REVIEWER:

Peer-reviewed journals: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Ethnic and Racial Studies*; *International Journal of Intercultural Relations*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*; *Journal of International Migration and Integration*; *Refuge: Canada's Journal on Refugees*; *Social Problems*

Funding agency: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Admissions: University of Texas, San Antonio, Honors College

TEACHING AND READERSHIPS:

Refugees, States, and the International System of Refugee Management, Brown University, Spring 2019 (instructor)
Social Inequality and Public Policy, UCSD, Spring 2017 (reader)
Sociology of Suicide, UCSD, Winter 2017 (reader)
Sociology of Food, UCSD, Fall 2016 (reader)
Living Newspaper Project, University of Texas, Austin, 2009 (instructor)

LANGUAGES:

Fluent in English; Heritage speaker in Arabic; Basic Spanish