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## **Education**

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**UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, Albany NY**  
*PhD in Public Administration and Policy, 2007*

**Concentration:** Comparative and Development Administration

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**

**Beirut, Lebanon**

*MA in Public Administration, 2001*

**Concentration:** Human Resources Development and Management

**AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT**

**Beirut, Lebanon**

*BA in Public Administration, 1999*

Graduated with Distinction

## **Teaching Effectiveness**

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### **Teaching Awards**

- 1- Outstanding Faculty Member Teaching Award in 2010
- 2- SDSU Instructional Technology Services Fast-Track Course Design Institute, Fall 2014
- 3- Stacked Teaching Courses Award, Fall 2014

## **Teaching Activities**

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### **Courses Taught:**

**San Diego State University/ School of Public Affairs**

**San Diego, California**

PA 642: Seminar in Administrative Theory

PA 600: Scope of Public Administration

PA 580: Comparative Public Administration

PA 301: Concepts and Issues in Public Administration

PA 341: Administrative Management

PA 340: Administrative Theory

PA 460: Administration and Public Policy Development

**University at Albany/Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy Albany, New York**

PAD 510 Introduction to Legislative Administration

Pub 506 (Pos 506) Policy Implementation and Impact

## **Professional Experience**

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**Aug. 2007- present San Diego State University San Diego, CA**

*August 2010- present: Associate Professor, School of Public Affairs*

*January 2009- January 2012: Director of the Institute of Public and Urban Affairs*

Leading the Institute in securing grants, educating the community, and coordinating with the community in the field of public administration and urban affairs

*August 2007- December 2009: Adjunct Professor, School of Public Affairs*

**May 2012-August 2012      Management Systems International      Baghdad, Iraq**

*Senior Advisor in Public Administration and Policy*

- Building policy development capacity at the national level
- Training ministries' employees on policy formulation and analysis
- Training the Prime Minister's policy advisors on policy development
- Training the President's office of policy development employees on policy development and analysis.

**Dec. 2009- May 2010      Management Systems International      Baghdad, Iraq**

*Public Administration Consultant-Iraq*

- Building structural and human resources capacity for the Iraqi Federal Civil Service Commission
- Assessing Human Resources Capacity in the Iraqi Ministries of Agriculture, Health, and Planning, and the Iraqi Investment Commission.
- Developing new structure for Human Resources Departments for all Iraqi ministries and agencies.
- Enhancing the capacity of Human Resources Elements in newly developed departments
- Training employees on Job Description, and Job Analysis
- Streamlining Human Resources functions in ministries and agencies in Iraq

**2003-2007      Center for Legislative Development/University at Albany      Albany, NY**

- Assisted in preparation of proposal to USAID for the Center for Legislative Development's Lebanon project
- Assisted in coordinating exchange trips to the USA for legislators from Lebanon
- Conducted research and assisted in preparation of legislative strengthening proposals for the governments of Sri Lanka, Malawi, Indonesia, and Lebanon.

**2000-2003      Center for Legislative Development/University at Albany      Beirut, Lebanon**

*Team Leader- Public Administration and Research Unit in Lebanon.*

**Assistance to Local Governments**

**Assistance to the Lebanese Parliament**

**Assistance to Executive Oversight Agencies**

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## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH**

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### **Refereed Journal Articles**

1- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** and Flanigan, Shawn. "Social accountability in diaspora organizations aiding Syrian migrants." *International Migration*, First Online: 21 Aug. 2018, DOI: 10.1111/imig.12494

- 2- Welsh, Megan and **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2018). ““You are an Embarrassment”: Un-housed people’s understandings of policing in downtown San Diego”. *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law and Society*,
- 3- **Abdel Samad, Mounah** (2017). “Tunisian Civil Society Legislative Advocacy Opportunity: Legislators’ need for Civil Society Expertise,” *Nonprofit Policy Forum*, Published Online: 2017-12-06 | DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1515/npf-2016-0027>
- 4- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2017). “Legislative Advocacy Under Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Civil Society in Jordan,” *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 28 (3), 1035-1053
- 5- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2016). “ISIS as an Existential Threat to the Druze: The Struggle for Survival,” *Studies in Conflict and Terrorism*, Accepted author version posted online: 25 Jan 2016, Published online: 03 Mar 2016, Available at: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2016.1145957>  
This journal is ranked number 4 in Military Studies in Google Metric, with a 2013, 0439 Impact Factor, an h5- median of 25, and an acceptance rate of 20%. This article has already been viewed 268 times since its publication this year.
- 6- Flanigan, Shawn and **Mounah Abdel-Samad** (2016). “Syrian Diaspora Members as Transnational Civil Society Actors: Perspectives from a Network for Refugee Assistance,” *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest*, 4 (1-2), ISSN 2330-1392. The journal has no impact factor, but has an acceptance rate of 29.15%.
- 7- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2015). “Legislative Advocacy under Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: The Case of Civil Society in Jordan,” *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. First published online on 29 May 2015. 10.1007/s11266-015-9592-0  
This journal has an Impact factor of 1.238, an h5 median of 39, and its most recently disclosed acceptance rate was 8%. The article has been viewed 97 times on the journal’s website as of September 12, 2016.
- 8- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2014). “Why reform not revolution: a political opportunity analysis of Morocco’s 2011 protests movement.” *Journal of North African Studies*, 19(5), 792-809. This journal is one of the top journals in the field of Middle Eastern Studies, with an acceptance rate of 18.57%. It is ranked number five among journals in the Middle East and Islamic studies category, according Google Metrics, with a 2015, 0.42 Impact Factor, and an h5-median of 22.
- 9- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2009). “Exchanging Favors: The Predominance of Casework in Legislators’ Behavior in Jordan and Lebanon.” *Journal of Legislative Studies*, 15(4) December, 420-438  
This journal is ranked in the top 30 percentile among the international and national political science journals, a 2016, 0.86 Impact Factor, and an h5 median of 23. This article has been viewed 70 times.

10- Flanigan, Shawn and **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2009). “Hezbollah’s Social Jihad: Nonprofits as Resistance Organizations.” *Middle East Policy*, 16(2), 122-137  
The journal is ranked second in Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies in Google Metrics, a 0.477 Impact factor, an h5-median of 27, and an acceptance rate 20%. Article was cited 47 times according to Google scholar

11- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** & Khoury, Amal (2006). “Water Scarcity in the Middle East: Balancing Conflict, Development, and Survival in the Case of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq.” *Journal of Peace Building and Development*, 3(1), 63-74. Republished online on 02 April 2012  
This journal has an Impact factor of 0.59 for 2007.

**Revise and Resubmit:**

1- **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** and Benstead, Lindsay. “Does Electing Women and Islamist Parties Improve Women’s Symbolic and Service Representation?” Submitted to: *Journal of Politics and Religion*

**Unpublished, Refereed Papers before Professional Conferences**

1- ““We are Humans First”: Teaching Research Methods through an Experiential Learning Project on Homelessness,” with Megan Welsh. 39th Teaching Public Administration Conference: Balancing Theory & Practice in Public Service Professionalization, Newark, NJ May 24 & 25, 2016.

2- “Legislative Advocacy under Competitive Authoritarian Regimes: the Case of Civil Society in Jordan,” 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada March 26-29, 2014.

3- “Power? Civil Society Legislative Advocacy in Morocco,” for the 42nd Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Non-Profit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Hartford, CT November 21-23, 2013.

4- “Politics Everywhere: The Incorporation of Information Technology Systems in Iraqi Public Agencies,” 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, CA April 1-4, 2012.

5- “Shock Absorption and Regime Continuity in Morocco,” 83rd Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA March 22-25, 2012.<sup>[1]</sup><sub>[SEP]</sub>

6- “Radicalization in Morocco: The Impact of the Participation in the Political System and the Historical Roots of El Zawia in Islam,” Conference on Processes of Radicalization and Deradicalization, Bielefeld, Germany, April 6-8, 2011. *Peer-reviewed paper; the limited number of accepted authors then were invited with all expenses paid by the conference organizers.*

7- “NGO Policy Advocacy in Arab States: Perspectives of Legislators and Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon,” Takaful: First Annual Conference on Arab Philanthropy and Civic

Engagement, Amman, Jordan, April 16-17, 2011. *Peer-reviewed paper; the limited number of accepted authors then were invited with all expenses paid by the conference organizers.*

8- “Political Inclusion and its Impact on the Use of Violence: The Case of Morocco.” Annual Meeting for the *National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)*, College Park, MD, June 2008.

9- “In the Name of the People: The Complexities of Representation in Lebanon and Jordan”, *Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT September 8, 2007.

10- “Seeking Expertise: The Potential for Partnership between Arab Legislators and Civil Society Organizations”, with Shawn Flanigan. 48th Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago, IL, February 28- March 3, 2007.

11- “Water Scarcity in the Middle East: Balancing Conflict, Development, and Survival in the Case of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq” with Amal Khoury. *Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference*, Salt Lake City, UT September 7, 2006.

#### **Non-refereed encyclopedia entries**

- 1- Abdel Samad, Mounah (2005). “A political, economic, and social overview of Jordan.” In *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* ed. C. Neal Tate, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- 2- Abdel Samad, Mounah (2005). “A political, economic, and social overview of Lebanon.” In *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* ed. C. Neal Tate, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- 3- Abdel Samad, Mounah (2005). “A political, economic, and social overview of Oman.” In *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* ed. C. Neal Tate, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- 4- Abdel Samad, Mounah (2005). “A political, economic, and social overview of Qatar.” In *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* ed. C. Neal Tate, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.
- 5- Abdel Samad, Mounah (2005). “A political, economic, and social overview of the United Arab Emirates.” In *Governments of the World: A Global Guide to Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities* ed. C. Neal Tate, Farmington Hills, MI: Macmillan.

#### **Reports to government agencies**

- 1- Welsh, Megan, and **Abdel-Samad, Mounah** (2016). “An Assessment of Homeless Individuals’ Perceptions of Service Accessibility in Downtown San Diego.” Report submitted September 6, 2016.

## Funded Research Grants

- 1- \$9,900: San Diego University Grant Program. Civil Society Legislative Advocacy in Tunisia. December 2017
- 2- \$12,000: Race, Equity, and Inclusion in the City of San Diego. May 2016- December 2016
- 3- \$1,538. Common Experience: Experience Movement for 2016-2017. The Clash of Movement and the Politics of Cultural Mediation: Translating the Refugee and Migrant Experience Across Languages and Literatures. With Dr. Clarissa Clo and Kellie Quinn-Badawi.
- 4- \$75,000. MENA Research Expert for “Forecasting Critical Societal Events Using Open Source Data- EMBERS.” June 2014 – April 2014
- 5- \$9,827. San Diego State University Grant Program. Research Tunisian electoral law. 2012-2013
- 6- \$5,000. University of Maryland START Center. Research the causes of civil unrest in Morocco. 2009

## Participation in Professional Associations

1. American Society of Public Administration
2. Middle East Studies Association
3. Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration

## Conference Presentations

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“Shock Absorption and Regime Continuity in Morocco” for *the 2012 Pacific Sociological Association Conference*, San Diego, California March 22-25

“Communications Technologies and the Delivery of Public Services” for *the 2012 International Studies Association*, San Diego, California, April 1-4

“Radicalization in Morocco: The Impact of the Participation in the Political System and the Historical Roots of El Zawia in Islam” for the *International Journal of Conflict and Violence in cooperation with the Working Group “Orders of Violence”* Bielefeld, Germany, April 6-8, 2011

“NGO Policy Advocacy in Arab States: Perspectives of Legislators and Civil Society Organizations in Lebanon” for “Takaful conference: The First Annual Conference on Philanthropy and Civic Engagement”. The conference is jointly organized by the *Columbia University Middle East Research Center (CUMERC)* and the *John D. Gerhart Center for Philanthropy and Civic Engagement at the American University in Cairo*, Amman, Jordan. April 15-17, 2011

“Political Inclusion and its Impact on the Use of Violence: The Case of Morocco.” Annual Meeting for the *National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START)*, College Park, MD, June 2008.

“In the Name of the People: The Complexities of Representation in Lebanon and Jordan”, *Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference*, September 8, 2007. Salt Lake City, UT.

“Seeking Expertise: The Potential for Partnership between Arab Legislators and Civil Society Organizations”, with Shawn Flanigan. *48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association*, Chicago, IL, February 28- March 3, 2007.

“Water Scarcity in the Middle East: Balancing Conflict, Development, and Survival in the Case of Turkey, Syria, and Iraq” with Amal Khoury. *Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference*, September 7, 2006. Salt Lake City, UT.

### **Languages**

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Fluent in Arabic, French, and English