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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D, Sociology,** Fall 2006

Columbia University, New York, New York

Dissertation: Delegating Coercion: Linking Decentralization to State Formation in Uzbekistan.

Fields of Specialization: Political and Historical Sociology

**M. Phil., Sociology,** Spring 2003

Columbia University, New York, New York

**Intensive Uzbek language training**, Summer 1999

Tashkent Institute of World Languages, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**Intensive Russian language training**, 1995-96

Tashkent Institute of Oriental Studies, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

**MA, Middle Eastern Studies**, Spring 1995

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

**BS, Economics; BA, Middle Eastern Studies**, Summer 1993

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

**Summer Arabic program**, Summer 1991

University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**2008-** Assistant Professor of Sociology,University of West Georgia (tenure track).

**2005-2008** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah

**1999-2005** Instructor,School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University.

**1998** Teaching Assistant**,** Department of Sociology/School of International and Public

Affairs, Columbia University.

**1999** Research Assistant, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University,

**1994-1995** Research Assistant, Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of Texas at Austin.

**COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

International Organizations

Globalization

Social Change in the Middle East

Democratization in the Middle East

Sociological Theory

American Society

Urban Sociology

Global Political Economy

Political Sociology

Critical Social Analysis (Graduate)

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Globalization of the American Model of Higher Education, Nongovernmental Organizations, Decentralization and Community Empowerment, Sociology of Development, State Formation in the Middle East and Central Asia, and the Social and Political legacies of the Iran-Iraq War

**AWARDS**

2010 IREX Teaching Fellowship for Eurasian and East European Studies, $12,000

2010 NSF Travel Grant to Present Research at ISA Conference, $1,000

2010 Gulf Research Center Grant to present research at Gulf Research Meeting, $700

2008-2009 Faculty Development Award, University of West Georgia, $1,500

2007-2008 Faculty Development Award, American University of Sharjah, $1,500

2004-2005 Columbia University Public Policy Consortium Fellowship, $5,000

2004 Corner House Fund Award, $200

2003 Invited to participate in SSRC workshop on Governance in Eurasia

1999-2005 Cordier Fellowship, Tuition and Stipend

2001-2002 ACTR/ACCELS Fellowship for Dissertation Research (Title VIII), $10,000

2001-2002 Pepsico Summer Travel Grant for language study in Uzbekistan, $1,000

2001 Summer Fellowship, Columbia University, $1.000

1999-2000 ACTR/ACCELS Full Year Fellowship for NIS Regional Language Study,

$10,000 (declined)

1999-2000 Mellon Foundation Grant for Sociology of Development workshop, $400

1. Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grant to study Advanced Uzbek at the Institute of Languages and Literature, Tashkent, Summer 1992. $5,000
2. ACTR/ACCELS Summer Fellowship for NIS Regional Language Study, $5,000

**PUBLICATIONS**

Noori, Neema. 2011. “Rethinking the Legacies of the Iran-Iraq war: Veterans, the Basij, and

Social Resistance in Iran.” Accepted for publication, *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology.*

Noori, Neema. 2011. “War, Revolution, and Social Change in Iran.” In *Incorporating the*

*Middle East into the Classroom*, edited by Jason Tatlock. Publication pending, University of Maryland Press.

Noori, Neema. 2011. “Dubai: The Making of a Global Entrepot.” In *Places of Encounter:*

*Time, Place and Connectivity in World History*, edited by Aran and Elaine MacKinnon. Publication pending, CQ Press/SAGE.

Noori, Neema. “The Politics of American-Style Education in the Middle East.” *In American*

*Studies in the Middle East: A Comparative Encounter,* edited by Eileen and Edward Lundy. Under review, University of Texas Press.

Noori, Neema and Sophia Anderson. “Overlapping Spheres of Governance:

Accreditation Agencies and American-Style Universities in the Middle East.” Under Review.

Noori, Neema. 2010. [Review of the book Religion and Politics in Saudi

Arabia: Wahhabism and the State]. The Digest of Middle East Studies, 19(1).

Noori, Neema. (2006). “Expanding State Authority, Cutting Back Local Services:

Decentralization and its Contradictions in Uzbekistan.” *Central Asia Survey 24:* 533-549.

**RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

“Subverting Democracy Promotion: When Domestic Civil Society co-opts Global Civil

Society”

*Delegating Coercion: Linking Decentralization to State Formation in Uzbekistan*. (Book Manuscript)

“Globalizing the American Model of Higher Education”

“The Emerging Plasticity of Power in the Middle East: The Case of Iran,” (with Reza

Sheikholeslami and Nada Mourtada Sabbah)

**SELECTED CONFERENCE AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

(July 11-17, 2010) “Civil Society Organizations and Local Government Reform in

Uzbekistan.” Paper presented at the International Sociological

Association World Congress. Gothenburg, Sweden.

**(**July 7-10, 2010) “Overlapping Spheres of Governance: Accreditation Agencies and

American-Style Universities in the Middle East.” Paper presented

at the First Annual Gulf Research Meeting. Cambridge University, UK.

**(**February 13. 2010) “Accreditation Agencies, Soft Power, and the Diffusion of American-Style Universities to the Middle East.” Paper presented at the International Studies Association’s Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.

**(**October 13, 2009) “Why Culture and Identity Matter Less than You Think: A Lecture on

Culture, Identity, and Conflict in the Middle East.” Public presentation delivered at the University of West Georgia. Carrollton, GA.

(October 2-4, 2009) “Rethinking the Legacies of the Iran-Iraq war: Veterans, the Basij, and

Social Resistance in Iran.” Invited as a guest speaker, Teaching the

Middle East VII: Identities and New Realities in the Middle East. Workshop organized by Georgia State University and Georgia Perimeter College, Atlanta, Georgia.

(August 7-9, 2009) “The Globalization of the American Model of Education,” Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems’ Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California.

(March 12-15, 2008) “Class-Based Mobilization and Veterans of the Iran-Iraq War.” Paper presented at the Ninth Mediterranean Research Meeting. European University Institute, Florence-Montecatini Terme, Italy.

(February 21-23, 2008) “From Buffer to Broker: Non-Governmental Organizations and Local Government Reform in Uzbekistan.” Paper presented at the SSRC Conference on Inter-Asian Connections. Dubai, U.A.E.

(October 4-7, 2007) “The Istanbul Cooperation Initiative, Interoperability with NATO, and the Capacity Gap.” (With Nada Mourtadha) Paper presented at the Palermo Atlantic Forum hosted by the Italian Atlantic Committee (NATO), Palermo, Italy.

(October 30-31, 2007) “United States, China, and the Middle East—Diplomacy, Strategy, and the Triangular Relationship.”   Invited as a guest speaker (with Nada Mourtadha and John W. Fox). International symposium co-organized by Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., and the Emirates Center for Strategic Studies. Abu Dhabi, U.A.E.

**(**April 12-14, 2007)“Communist Roots and Contemporary Continuities: Functions of Mahalla as Agent of Coercion and Grassroots Service Provider, 1922-2003.” Paper presented at the annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.

**(**August 3, 2005) “Constructing the State One Community at a Time: The Mahalla Initiative and State Formation in Uzbekistan.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association’s Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

(September 9-11, 2004) “Outsourcing the State: Delegating Security and other Critical State Functions in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan.” Paper presented at the Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

(April 15-18, 2004) “Privatization in Eurasia.” Panelist for the roundtable on privatization at the annual Association for the Study of Nationalities (ASN) Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.

**UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee (SSSP), 2009-2012

Georgia Middle East Student Symposium Program Committee (USG), 2009

Interdisciplinary (XIDS) Core Review Committee (UWG), 2008-

Faculty Search Committee (UWG), 2008-2009

Internship Coordinator for Department of International Studies (AUS), 2005-2008

Chair of Faculty Search Committee (AUS), 2006-2008

Middle East Studies Minor Development Committee (AUS), 2006-2007

American Studies Minor Development Committee (AUS), 2005-2006

Faculty Promotion Committee (AUS), 2006-2007

## LANGUAGES

*Persian/Tajik* fluent

*Uzbek* conversant

*Russian* conversant

*French* reading

*Arabic* reading

*Turkish* reading

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Middle East Council (University System of Georgia)

Central Eurasian Studies Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

International Studies Association

**REFERENCES**

Lisa Anderson James T. Shotwell Professor of International Relations,

Columbia University (la8@columbia.edu)

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