

NEEMA NOORI
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
University of West Georgia

EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D., Sociology, Columbia University, New York, New York
Delegating Coercion: Linking Decentralization to State Formation in Uzbekistan
- 2003 M. Phil., Sociology, Columbia University, New York, New York
- 1999 Intensive Uzbek language training, Tashkent Institute of World Languages, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 1996 Intensive Russian language training, Tashkent Institute of Oriental Studies, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 1995 M.A., Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas
- 1992 B.S., Economics; B.A., Middle Eastern Studies, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 1991 Summer Arabic program, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of West Georgia
- 2008- 2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, Georgia (tenure track)
- 2005-2008 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 1999-2005 Instructor, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, New York
- 1999 Research Assistant, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, New York
- 1998 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology/School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York, New York
- 1994-1995 Research Assistant, Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Global Migration, 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

SCHOLARSHIP AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Bertelsen, R. G., Noori, N., Rickli, J.M. (Eds.). *Transnational Knowledge Relations and Researcher Mobility for Building Knowledge-Based Societies and Economies in the Gulf*. Gerlach Press. (Forthcoming with letter of intent from publisher)
- 2017 "Academic Freedom and the Liberal Arts in the Middle East: Can the US Model be Replicated?" In *The Evolution of Liberal Arts in the Global Age*, edited by Peter Marber and Daniel Araya. Routledge. (This is a partially revised and updated version of the article, "Does Academic Freedom Globalize?")
- 2016 "The Political Economy of International Higher Education and Academic Labor in the Persian Gulf." *The Transnational Politics of Higher Education*, edited by Isaac Kamola, Meng Hsuan-Chou, and Tamson Pietsch. Routledge.
- 2016 "The Politics of American-Style Education in the Middle East." In *A Decade of Questions: American Studies in the Middle East, 1998-2008*, edited by Eileen and Edward Lundy. University of Texas Press.
- 2014 Kamola, Isaac and Neema Noori. "Higher Education and World Politics." *Political Science and Politics* (Editor's Introduction).
- 2014 Noori, Neema. "Does Academic Freedom Globalize? The Diffusion of the American Model of Education and Academic Freedom." *Political Science and Politics*.
- 2013 Noori, Neema and Pia Anderson. "Overlapping Spheres of Governance: Accreditation Agencies and American-Style Universities in the Middle East." *International Journal of Culture, Politics and Society*.
- 2012 Noori, Neema. "Rethinking the Legacies of the Iran-Iraq war: Veterans, the Basij, and Social Resistance in Iran." *Annual Review of Political and Military Sociology*.
- 2012 Noori, Neema. "War, Revolution, and Social Change in Iran." In *Incorporating the Middle East into the Classroom*, edited by Jason Tatlock. University Press of Maryland.
- 2012 Noori, Neema. "Dubai: Global Gateway in the Desert." In *Places of Encounter: Time, Place and Connectivity in World History*, edited by Aran and Elaine MacKinnon. Westview Press.
- 2012 Noori, Neema. "Teaching Abroad in the Age of Empire." *Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* (Special Issue on Faculty Professional Development Abroad).
- 2010 Noori, Neema. [Review of the book *Religion and Politics in Saudi Arabia: Wahhabism and the State*]. *The Digest of Middle East Studies*, 19(1).
- 2006 Noori, Neema. "Expanding State Authority, Cutting Back Local Services: Decentralization and its Contradictions in Uzbekistan." *Central Asia Survey* 24: 533-549.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- September 22-24, 2016 "Transnational Knowledge Relations for Addressing Middle East Crisis." Served as discussant for roundtable at the Annual Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies. University of Southern Denmark, Denmark.
- March 17-19, 2016 "The Political Economy of International Higher Education and Academic Labour in the Persian Gulf." Paper presented at the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies' Annual Meeting. Catania, Sicily.
- August 15-19, 2015 "Transnational Knowledge Relations and Researcher Mobility for Building Knowledge-Based Societies and Economies in the Gulf." Directed workshop at the Gulf Research Meeting. Cambridge University, UK.
- August 11, 2013 "Academic Freedom and the Globalization of the American Model of Education." Paper presented with Pia Anderson and Susann Sierra at the Society of the Study of Social Problems' Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- SEPTEMBER 7, 2013 "Does Academic Freedom Globalize? The Diffusion of the American Model of Education, the Academy, and Academic Freedom." Paper presented at the 7th General Conference of the European Consortium for Political Research, Bordeaux, France.
- October 10-12, 2013 "Measuring Academic Freedom." Paper presented with Salvador Peralta at the Georgia Sociological Association's Annual Meeting. Jekyll Island, Georgia.
- MARCH 22, 2012 "The Blame Game: Analyzing the Institutional Failures Underlying the Deepwater Horizon Disaster." Paper presented with Todd Matthews, Anita Rojas, and Lashelle Moss at the Southern Sociological Society's Annual Meeting.
- APRIL 1-4, 2012 "Western Universities in the Middle East and Central Asia: Agents of Transnational Civil Society or Transnational Corporations?" Paper presented at the International Studies Association's Annual Convention. San Diego, California.
- OCTOBER 20, 2011 "Teaching: Past, Present, and Future." Panelist for roundtable discussion at the Georgia Sociological Association's Annual Meeting. Savannah, Georgia.
- JUNE 21, 2011 "The New Medievalism and Transnational Governance of Higher Education Institutions: A Comparison of American and European Accreditation Regimes in the Middle East." Paper presented with Rasmus Bertelsen at the 18th International Conference of Europeanists. Barcelona, Spain.
- FEBRUARY 24, 2011 "Dubai as a Laboratory for the Analysis of Globalization." Paper presented at the Georgia Association of Historians. Savannah, Georgia.
- AUGUST 17, 2010 "Veterans, the Basij, and the Rise of Administered Mass Organizations in Iran." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting. Atlanta, Georgia.
- 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 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.
- 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.
- 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.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2013	Teacher of the Year Award, College of Social Sciences, \$1,000
2010	IRES Eurasian and East European Studies Teaching Fellowship, \$12,000
2010	NSF Travel Grant to present research paper at ISA Conference, \$1,000
2010	Gulf Research Center Travel Grant to present research paper at Gulf Research Meeting, \$700
2010	Faculty Development Award, University of West Georgia, \$500
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
1999	Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) grant to study Advanced Uzbek at the Institute of Languages and Literature, Tashkent, Summer 1992. \$5,000
1999	ACTR/ACCELS Summer Fellowship for NIS Regional Language Study, \$5,000

INSTRUCTION

COURSES TAUGHT

Lower Division	Introduction to Sociology (UWG & AUS) Social Problems (UWG)
Upper Division	International Organizations (AUS) Globalization (UWG & AUS) Social Change in Central Asia (UWG) Social Change in the Middle East (UWG)

Democratization in the Middle East (AUS)
Sociological Theory (UWG)
American Society (AUS)
Urban Sociology (UWG)
Global Political Economy (AUS)
Military Sociology (UWG)
Political Sociology (UWG)
Terrorism (UWG)
Global and Comparative Development (UWG)

Graduate
Political Sociology (UWG)
Critical Social Analysis (UWG)
Advanced Sociological Theory (UWG)
Urban Sociology (UWG)
Community Development (UWG)

PARTICIPATION ON M.A. AND PH.D. COMMITTEES

M.A.

DeYonker, Dorothy Seay (2016), A Comparative Analysis of the Pittsburgh and Adair Park Neighborhoods in Atlanta following the Foreclosure Crisis (Chair)
Buehrer, Travis (2016). Police Use of Force and the Armed Suspect
West, Kelsey (2016), Chaco Christianity: How Millennials Redefine and Reinforce Religion in Campus Ministries
Neupane, Suresh (2015), Political Opportunity Structure and Framing of Nepal's Madhesi Ethnic Conflict
Fretwell, Kristin (2014), Effective or Not? Parents Perceptions of Juvenile Detention Centers
Payne, Faith (2013), Saving the Child: An Institutional Ethnography on the Court-Appointed Special Advocate
Reece, Katie (2013), Defined as disability: an institutional ethnography on disability determination for people with HIV/AIDS
Reitz, Joshua (2012), Comparing the Evolution of Environmental Movements in Sweden and the Netherlands: A Critique of Post-materialist Theory (Chair)
Moon, Cambria Ann (2012), Who or What is the Tea Party: A Meta-Ethnography (Chair)
Susanna, Sierra (2013), The Financial Aid Process and Student Debt as Mechanisms for Inequality: An Institutional Ethnography (Chair)
Brittany Hikes (2012), Spatial Mismatch in Atlanta, Department of Sociology
Baird, Andrew (2010), Analyzing Interactions with Parents at Celebration School: A Study in Institutional Ethnography
Parsons, Tiffany (2009), Homelessness and the Homeless: A State of the Field

Ph.D.

La Fleur, Richard (2015), The Effects of Combat Zone Deployment on Veterans During the Reintegration Process

UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Regents Advisory Committee for Sociology (USG), 2016-Present
Committee to Review K-12 Georgia Performance Standards for Social Studies (USG), 2015-Present
Asian Studies Minor Development Committee (UWG), 2015-Present
Co-Director of Global Studies Program (UWG), 2016-Present
Faculty Council (COSS), Spring 2016
Committee to Review K-12 Georgia Performance Standards for Social Studies (USG), 2015-Present
Tenure and Promotion Committee (COSS), (2013, 2015)
International Services and Programs Committee (UWG), 2013-2014

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology (UWG), 2011-2014
Faculty Senate (UWG), 2012- 2014
Multicultural Committee, Office of Institutional Diversity (UWG), 2012-Present
Budget Committee (UWG), 2013-2014
Student Affairs Committee (UWG), 2012-2013
RPG Initiative (UWG), Summer 2011
Georgia Middle East Student Symposium Program Committee (University System of Georgia), 2009-2011
Middle East Council (University System of Georgia), 2009-2012
Interdisciplinary (XIDS) Core Review Committee (UWG), 2008-2012
Chair of Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology (UWG), 2015
Chair of Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology (UWG), 2015-Present
Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology (UWG), 2011-2014; 2015-Present
Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology and Criminology (UWG), 2008-2009
Internship Coordinator for Sociology Department (UWG), 2012-2013
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

ADVISEMENT OF STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Faculty Advisor for Amnesty International, 2012 – 2014

PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Guest Lecture, "Doomsday Escapists, Economic Refugees, and Adventuresome Retirees: An Overview of the North American Migrant Community in Ecuador." Office of Institutional Diversity, Spring 2015.
Guest Lecture, "How to Apply to Graduate School," Gordon State College, 2014.
Guest lecture, "The Globalization of the American Model of Development," The Psychology of Globalization, Dr. Jeannette Diaz-Laplante, Summer 2010.
Guest lecture, "Terrorism in the Middle East," Terrorism, Dr. David Jenks, Fall 2010.
Campus-wide lecture entitled, "Globalization of the American Model of Education," Office of Institutional Diversity, Fall 2010
Guest Lecture, "America and the Middle East, " Terrorism, Dr. John Fuller, Spring 2009.
Guest Lecture, "The Dubai Model of Development," Dr. Andy Walter, Global Studies, Fall 2009.
Guest Lecture, "The Dubai Model of Development," Dr. Aran McKinnon, Global Studies, Summer 2009.
Guest Lecture, "The Dubai Model of Development," Dr. Aran McKinnon, Global Studies, Summer 2010.
Guest Lecture, "The Dubai Model of Development," Dr. Aran Mckinnon, Global Studies, Summer 2011.
Campus-wide lecture entitled, "International NGO funding for democratic reform in Uzbekistan," Office of Institutional Diversity, Spring 2011
Guest Lecture, "Legacies of the Iranian Revolution," Dr. Elaine McKinnon, Comparative Revolutions, Spring 2012
Keynote Address for the Department of Foreign Languages' Honors Society Meeting, Spring 2012

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Guest Speaker, "The Cultural Heritage of the Middle East." Pilot International, Fall 2017.
Guest Speaker, "Shifting Alliances in the Middle East." League of Women Voter, Spring 2016.
Guest Speaker, "Great Power Politics and the Middle East." Military Officers Association of America, Spring 2016.

Guest Speaker, "U.S. Expatriate Life in Ecuador." Lion's Club, Fall 2015.
Guest speaker, "Islamic Awakening." League of Women Voters, Spring 2014.
Guest Speaker, "Great Power Politics and Central Asia." Lion's Club, Fall 2012.
Guest Speaker, "The Dubai Model of Economic Development." Lion's Club, Spring 2009.

MANUSCRIPTS REVIEWER

International Journal of Sociology, ad hoc review (2016)
Social Problems, ad hoc review (2014)
Journal of Public and Professional Sociology, ad hoc review (2013)
American Journal of Sociology, ad hoc review (2010)
Studies in the Social Sciences Research Journal, ad hoc review (2011)
The Journal of Social Issues, ad hoc review (2011)

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association
Central Eurasian Studies Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
International Studies Association

OFFICES AND POSITIONS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Chair of Standards and Freedom of Research, Publication, and Teaching Committee (Society for the Study of Social Problems), 2009-2012

LANGUAGES

Persian/Tajik	FLUENT
Spanish	CONVERSANT
Uzbek	CONVERSANT
Russian	CONVERSANT
French	READING
Arabic	READING
Turkish	READING