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### EDUCATION

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- 1999-2005 PhD, Department of Sociology - University of Toronto, Canada
- 1996-1999 MA, Sociology/Anthropology - The American University in Cairo, Egypt.
- 1983-1987 BA, English Literature - Ain Shams University, Egypt.

### EXPERIENCE

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July 2006 - date

*Senior Program Manager, Poverty, Gender and Youth Program  
The Population Council, West Asia and North Africa Office, Cairo*

- Responsible for implementing and managing research and programmatic activities in the areas of poverty, youth and gender in the West Asia and North Africa Region

July 98 – July 99; July 2003 – May 2004; and September 2005 – July 2006

*Project Coordinator, Economic Research Forum (ERF), Cairo*

- Responsible for coordinating all data collection and project management activities pertaining to the Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2006 (ELMPS06), the first full-fledged panel survey in Egypt (September 2005 – July 2006)
- Coordinated the pilot for aforementioned panel survey (July 2003 – May 2004)
- Coordinated the first round of the survey, the 1998 Egypt Labor Market Survey. (July 98 – July 99)

June 94 – June 98

*The Ford Foundation, Cairo*

- Most recent job at the Foundation was Research Assistant to the Representative and Individual Grants Administrator.

### PUBLICATIONS & REPORTS

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#### Publications in Peer-Reviewed Journals:

- Forthcoming, The Importance of Ethnicity and Religion in the Life Cycle of Immigrant Gatherings: A Comparison of Two Immigrant Groups in North America. Canadian Ethnic Studies. Ghada Botros and Joanne Van Dijk
- 2006 Who Gets Credit? The Gender Biased Strategy of Micro-finance Programs in Egypt. Canadian Journal of Development Studies. Issue 1. 2006
- 2006 “Religious Identity as an Historical Narrative: Immigrant Religious Gatherings and the Representation of History”. Journal of Historical Sociology. Ghada Botros. March 2006

### Books

2004. "The Employment Crisis of Female Graduates in Egypt. An Ethnographic Account". Cairo Papers. Vol. 25. No. 3. The American University in Cairo

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2006: A documentation of the Data Collection Process. In *Egypt Labor Revisited*. Ragui Assaad, ed. The American University in Cairo
- 1999 Female Graduates in Egypt: The Jobs Dilemma. In *Human Development for the twenty-first Century*. Mohamed Farag, ed. The American University in Cairo

### Working Papers

- Forthcoming Youth Exclusion in Yemen. Middle East Youth Initiative Working Paper. Wolfenshon Center for Development and Dubai School of Government. With Ragui Assaad, Daniel Egar and Emily Capito.
- 2007 Youth Exclusion in Egypt, In Search of "Second Chances". Middle East Youth Initiative Working Paper. Wolfenshon Center for Development and Dubai School of Government. With Ragui Assaad
- 2007 Egypt Labor Market Panel Survey 2006: Report on Methodology and Data Collection. Economic Research Forum, Working Paper # 0704

### Reports

- 2008 Evaluation and documentation of the FGM-Free Village Model. The Population Council. Egypt
- 2004 Final Report. Egypt Labor Market Pilot Panel Study. Economic Research Forum. Egypt
- 1999 Mirco-finance in Egypt, A Review of the Field. Report requested by the Ford Foundation, Middle East and North Africa Office
- 1999 Final Report. Egypt Labor Market Survey. With Ragui Assaad. Economic Research Forum. Egypt

### RESEARCH GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2005 Thesis Completion Grant. University of Toronto
- 2004 The Ford Foundation, individual grant supplement
- 2002 R. F. Harney Graduate Research Grant. Ethnic, Immigration and Pluralism Studies. University of Toronto (received twice in 2002)
- 2002 The Associates of the University of Toronto Travel Awards/School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant
- 2002 Research grant from the Middle East Awards for Population and Social Sciences (MEAWARDS/Population Council)
- 2002 Research grant from the Middle East Research Competition (MERC)
- 2002 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2001 Sir Val Duncan Travel Grant, Munk Centre for International Studies, Trinity College, University of Toronto.
- 2001 The Associates of the University of Toronto Travel Awards/ School of Graduate Studies Travel Grant
- 2001 Connaught Fellowship, University of Toronto

- 2001 Policy Communication Fellowship, Population Reference Bureau (PRB), Washington, USA
- 2000 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 1999 The Ford Foundation, Individual Grant
- 1999 Connaught Fellowship, University of Toronto
- 1999 "Beyond Credit: An Assessment of the Impact of Microcredit Programs on the Livelihood of Poor Households in Egypt". Project was funded by International Center for Economic Growth/Economic Policy Initiative Consortium. Grant was jointly received with Adel Shaaban.

#### MOST RECENT CONSULTANCIES

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- September 2005 – April 2006: The Population Council, West Asia and North Africa Office (Cairo)
  - Participated with a team of researchers in preparing a poverty map of Egypt for the Egyptian Social Fund for Development
- May 2000 – September 2000 - The Ford Foundation, Cairo Field Office
  - Conducted a review of the field of micro-finance in Egypt with focus on Foundation grantees.

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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September 99 – May 03

*Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto*

Courses taught include Research Methods 200Y (Fall/Winter 2002-2003); Ethnicity 210Y (Fall/Winter 2001-2002); Gender 365Y (Fall/Winter 2000-2001); and Introduction to Sociology 101Y (Fall/Winter 1999-2000).

#### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED LIST)

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- 2008 Efforts against FGM in Egypt: Different Approaches in One Socio-Cultural Setting. Zero Tolerance for FGM Day. Population Council, FRONTIERS Program. Washington DC (February, 2008)
- 2007 Do We Still Need to Ask about Reasons for FGM? A Focus on Discourse. Conference on Violence Against Women organized by the Suzanne Mubarak Center. Alexandria, Egypt (October 2007)
- 2006 Youth Exclusion in Egypt. Conference organized by Social Research Center, Pathways for Women's Empowerment Program. The American University in Cairo (September, 2006)
- 2004 *The Balance Act of Mothering and Working in the Private Sector in Egypt: An Ethnographic Account*. Economic Research Forum. Research Workshop on Gender, Work and Family in the Middle East and North Africa, Mahdia, Tunisia, (8-10 June, 2004)
- 2002 *Micro-finance and Women's Empowerment – An Ambivalent Alliance. Findings from Egypt.* World Forum on Sustainable Development. Johannesburg (August 2002, presented in absentia)
- 2002 *Who Gets Credit? The Gender Biased Strategy of Micro-finance Programs in Egypt.* Population Reference Bureau Fellowship Program. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta (May 02)
- 2001 *Bourdieu's habitus and the Concept of Identity: A Critique.* Annual meeting of the Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association (May, 01)

- 2001 *The Identity Polemics: A dialectic of Sameness and Hybridity*. University of Toronto, Graduate Students Conference (May, 01)
- 2001 *Microfinance and Poverty Alleviation: the Ambivalent Alliance*. Annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Louisville, Kentucky (April, 01)
- 1999 *Beyond Credit: An Assessment of the Impact of Microcredit Programs on the Livelihood of Poor Households in Egypt – Preliminary Results*. Conference organized by the Economic Policy Initiative Consortium (November, 99)
- 1999 *“I wish I didn’t get an education”; the Saga of poor female graduates in Egypt*. The American University in Cairo, Seminar on “Making a Living: Between the Possible and the Impossible”, organized by The American University in Cairo with support of the European Science Foundation. (March, 99)
- 1999 *Female Graduates in Egypt: The Jobs Dilemma*. The American University in Cairo, Sixth Annual Research Conference (February, 99)