

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2021-2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
2019-present 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
2008 B.A., Sociology, University of Texas, San Antonio

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

international migration, refugee studies and forced migration, race and ethnicity, citizenship and human rights, socio-legal studies, gender, conflict, genocide, and post-conflict societies

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

8. Rawan Arar, Laurie Brand, Rana B. Khoury, Noora Lori, Lama Mourad, and Wendy Pearlman (authors in alphabetical order). "Migration and Displacement in MENA" in *The Political Science of the Middle East: Theory and Research Since the Arab Uprisings*. Forthcoming with Oxford University Press. Edited by Marc Lynch, Jillian Schwedler and Sean Yom.
7. Fee, Molly and Rawan Arar. 2019. "What Happens When the United States Stops Taking in Refugees?" *Contexts* 18 (2): 18-23.
6. FitzGerald, David and Rawan Arar. 2018. "The Sociology of Refugee Migration." *Annual Review of Sociology* 44: 387-406.
5. 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.
4. 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 Political Sociology Section, ASA 2017
3. 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
2. 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.
1. Panoyan, Lucy, Shuko Lee, Rawan Arar, Hanna E. Abboud, Nedat Arar. 2008. "The Informed Consent Process in Genetic Family Studies." *Genomics, Society and Policy* 4(2):11-20.

WORKS UNDER REVIEW:

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

2. Nguyễn, Linh Thủy and Rawan Arar. “Racial Politics of Refugee Hosting.” *The Routledge Encyclopedia of Race and Racism*. Edited by Sean Elias.
1. Arar, Rawan. “Humanitarianism, Refugee Integration, and the Global South.” Special issue edited by Dalia Abdelhady and Cristian Norocel.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

3. Arar, Rawan. *Leveraging Sovereignty: Syrian Refugees and the Jordanian State*. In preparation. (Book manuscript workshop with POMEPS scheduled for April 14-15, 2021.)
2. Arar, Rawan. “The Global Refugee Story: Narrative as a Form of Immigration Control” In preparation.
1. Arar, Rawan. “Refugee Camps, the State, and (Global) Governance.” In preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

15. Arar, Rawan. 2021. “Understanding Refugees” in *Societies of the Middle East and North Africa: Structures, Vulnerabilities, and Forces*, edited by Sean Yom.
14. Arar, Rawan. 2019. “Refugee Studies in Virtual Reality.” Wakalet (<https://wakelet.com/wake/269e3ee9-544e-4046-861b-e98af85174cf>)
13. Arar, Rawan. 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/>)
12. 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)
11. 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>)
10. 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>)
9. 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.
8. 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/>)
7. 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
6. 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/>)

5. 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.
4. 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.
3. Arar, Rawan. 2010. “Citizenship, Gender, and the Arab World.” *Al Raida*. Spring/Summer 2010 (129): 60-63.
2. Arar, Rawan. 2010. “Letter from Rawan.” Pp. 23-29 in *Letters from Palestine*, edited by K. Ring & Ghassan Abdullah. Tuscan: Weatmark.
1. 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:

2020

Global Innovation Fund: Teaching and Curriculum Award
UW Royalty Research Fund
Center for Global Studies Course Development Grant

2018

American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR) Fellow, MESA Award for travel
American Center for Oriental Research-Council of American Overseas Research Centers

2017

National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant
Marye Anne Fox Endowed Fellowship Fund, Dissertation Year Fellowship
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 (awarded again in 2017)
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

UCSD Sociology Department Award

2010

Rotary Ambassadorial Fellowship (Jordan)

2008

Supreme Court of the United States, Judicial Intern Scholarship
Congressman Bill Archer Fellowship, University of Texas System

SELECT PROFESSIONAL AND TEACHING EXPERIENCES:

2020-present *Humanitarianisms: Migrations and Care Through the Global South*, UW Sawyer Seminar;
convened by Arzoo Osanloo and Cabeiri Robinson

Jan. 2020 Holocaust Education 101: Why and How to Teach it in Washington State, organized by the
Holocaust Center for Humanity in Seattle, Washington.

Sept. 2019 University of Washington Faculty Fellows Program, three-day workshop about pedagogy
including evidence-based best practices, teaching technology, and active learning in large lectures

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:

2021-present Center for Human Rights, University of Washington

2019-present Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington
Middle East Center, University of Washington

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

2011 Irish School of Ecumenic, 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:

“UN Global Compacts: Governing Migrants and Refugees by Nicholas R. Micinski” invited as discussant for ACUNS (Academic Council on the United Nations System) Conference, (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kSr_cKtLgd0) July 1, 2021

“Who Controls the Refugee Story?” invited to present by Stanford University’s Center for Latin American Studies, over Zoom, Feb. 19, 2021

“Understanding Refugees in the Middle East and North Africa,” invited to present at the University of Hartford, over Zoom, Feb. 17, 2021

“How do we know what we ‘know’ about refugees?” invited to present on a panel entitled New Mythologies in the Study of Migration and Settlements, organized by the UW Center for Demography and Ecology, over Zoom, Feb. 5, 2021

Discussant for *Humanitarianisms* workshop with keynote speaker Elena Fiddian-Qasmiyeh, over Zoom (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPQK1nIIsQs>), Jan. 22, 2021

“Comparing Refugees and Economic Migrants” invited to present at Brigham Young University, over Zoom, November 19, 2020

“The Global Refugee Story: Narrative as a Form of Immigration Control” invited to present for the International and English Language Programs in Continuum College, Seattle, WA, Feb. 5, 2020

“Pushing Against the Gatekeepers: How Refugee Stories are Curated, Edited, and Produced” Middle Eastern Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 14-17, 2019

“The Global Refugee Story: Narrative as a Form of Immigration Control” workshopped paper with Comparative Law and Society Studies Center, Seattle, WA, Oct. 25, 2019

“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, 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,” University of South Carolina, 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, <https://vimeo.com/237951212>

“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:

- Jan. 9, 2020 “Using Virtual Reality to Learn about Refugee Issues” interview with Rawan Arar, hosted by Merge Media
- Nov. 24, 2019 “Narrating Migration: A Cross-Disciplinary Roundtable” (Episode 436), The Ottoman History Podcast hosted by Chris Gratien, interview with Rawan Arar, Andrew Arsan, Reem Bailony, and Neda Maghbouleh, (<http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2019/11/narrating-migration-mesa-2019.html>)
- 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/singlepost/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:

2020 Co-organizer with Jane Lilly Lopéz for International Migration Section panel at ASA, “Technologies of Immigration Control”

Presider at ASA roundtable “Critical Refugee Studies”

2019-present Associate Editor for *Refugees and Conflict*

Departmental service: curriculum, admissions, and alumni committees

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:

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 Human Rights Practice; Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies; Journal of International Migration and Integration; Law and Social Inquiry; Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees; Social Problems*

Funding: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Admissions: University of Texas, San Antonio, Honors College

TEACHING:

Citizenship, Migration, and Rights, University of Washington, Spring and Fall 2020 (instructor)

Genocide and the Law, University of Washington, Spring and Fall 2020 (instructor)

A Global Perspective on Displacement, University of Washington, Winter 2020 (instructor)

Refugees, States, and the International System, 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 (instructor)

LANGUAGES: Fluent in English; Heritage speaker in Arabic; Basic Spanish