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## **EDUCATION**

*Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA*

PhD in Political Science with a concentration in Public Policy and World Politics; GPA 3.95, Summer 2014.

*Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA*

Master in Political Science with a concentration in Public Policy; GPA 3.96, Spring 2012

*California State University, Stanislaus, Turlock, CA*

Bachelor of Science Degree in Management with a concentration in International Business and minor in Economics; GPA 3.96, Spring 2010

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- **Acting Chairperson of the International Relations department**, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirate. January, 2016–present.
- **Coordinator of the International Relations Program**, University of Sharjah, Sharjah, United Arab Emirate. July, 2015–January 2016.
- **Assistant professor**, University of Sharjah. Sharjah, United Arab Emirate. Sep 2014– present. Lecturing in Introduction to International Relations, Comparative politics, Arab world Politics, Governances of UAE, Comparative Governments of the GCC, International Organization, International Terrorism, International Relations Theories, Middle East in International Relations, International political economy, and Research Method.
- **Research Assistant**, Prof. Jennifer Merolla, Claremont Graduate University. California, 2013/2014. Co-authored a research paper, *Droned Out? Yemeni Views of Anti-Terrorism Policies*.
- **Teaching Assistant, Claremont Graduate University**, California, USA, Sept to Dec 2013. Lecturing in Quantitative Research Methods (PP 481) and helping students with STATA program and assignments. Correcting the students' assignments and quizzes.
- **Project Intern. Office of Assemblyman Mike Morrell**. California, USA. Summer 2013. Studying California State budget 2013/2014 and evaluating legislations and proposals such as California proposition 30 for education.
- **Research Assistant**. Prof. Heather Campbell, Claremont Graduate University. California, 2011/2012. Co-authored a research paper, research assistant for a forthcoming book called *Environmental Justice and Systemic Interaction: Agent-Based Modeling for Environmental Policy and Planning*, and other research duties.

**Social Researcher. Internally Displaced Persons Camp. Haradh, Yemen. Summer 2010**

Assisted in recording displaced people's information. Conducted interviews with families for plans after the war. Conducted research on families' health situation and access to medication and education.

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:**

- Exploring the Impact of religion on the ratio of female to male education attainment in conservative and liberal countries. A dissertation supervised by Prof. Jacek Kugler, Prof. Heather Campbell, and Dr. Melissa Roger. The dissertation examines gender inequality in education in fifty-six religiously Conservative and Liberal countries from 1960 to 2010 in order to increase our understanding of the association between religion and gender inequality in education. Using the statute of religion in countries' constitutions, I test whether religion or modernization factors could better explain the variation of female-to-male education enrollment.
- Comparative study of United States and Yemeni anti-terrorism policies. Research project led by Dr. Jennifer Merolla, UC Riverside. Interviewing sixty-three Yemeni citizens (politicians, military figures, journalist, and ordinary people); assisted in developing a model that explains the relationship between the United States and Yemeni governments' anti-terrorism policies and public support for democracy. This pilot study will be used for designing a survey for 1000 individuals in 8 Yemeni governance areas using a prospective grant.
- Investigation of the interaction between environmental justice and social construction of race. Research project led by Prof. Heather Campbell, Claremont Graduate University. Funded by Lear Family Foundation grant. Managed datasets, developed a model that tests the association between social construction and air pollution.
- Social and cultural factors impacting Yemeni economics. Research project led by Prof. Kelvin Jasek-Rysdahl, California State University, Stanislaus. Managed project timeline, analyzed qualitative and quantitative data to explain the social impact on the economy.

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Al-kohlani, Sumaia (forthcoming April 2017). *Improving Educational Gender Equality in Religious Societies: Human Rights and Modernization Post-Arab Spring*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Al-kohlani, Sumaia (forthcoming 2016). *How Public Opinion on Terrorism and Counterterrorism Determine the Success and Failure of Intelligence*. Studies in Intelligence and Security Series at University press of South Denmark.
- Al-Kohlani, Sumaia and Heather E. Campbell. *Going Beyond Race in Environmental Justice Research: Does Air Quality Depend on Social Constructions?* Revised and resubmitted to the Policy Sciences journal.
- Al-Kohlani, Sumaia Jennifer L. Merolla, and Carlin Crisanti. *Droned Out? Yemeni Views of Counter-Terrorism Policies*; submitted to the journal of Strategic Studies.
- Al-Kohlani, Sumaia (forthcoming). "Yemen history and the contemporary scene." *The Islamic World encyclopedia*. M.E.Sharpe

- Al-Kohlani, Sumaia. *Gender Inequality in Education in Conservative and Liberal Muslim countries*; ready to be submitted by May 30, 2016.
- Al-Kohlani, Sumaia. *An exploratory Study of Emirate Female Students in the United Arab Emirates' Science Majors*; in progress.

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- **2016. June 13-14. Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) conference**, London, UK.  
Al-Kohlani, Sumaia. *Modernizing Religious Societies Improves Educational Gender Equality: New Model Comparing Religious Theory vs Modern Theory* (submitted).
- **2016. April 5-7. The Seventh Annual Gulf Comparative Education Society Symposium**, Kuwait. Al-kohlani, Sumaia. *An Exploratory Study of the Impact of Modernization on Educational Gender Equality in the GCC Countries from 1960 to 2010* (accepted).
- **2016. March 6-10. The Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)**, Vancouver, Canada.  
*An Exploratory Study of Emirate Female Students in the United Arab Emirates' Science Majors* (accepted).
- **2015. November 5-6. The Institute of National Remembrance**. Greifswald, Germany. *How Public Opinion on Terrorism and Counterterrorism Determine the Success and Failure of Intelligence*.
- **2015. April 16-20. The American Educational Research Association (AERA)**, Chicago, USA.  
*The Impact of Religious and Less Religious Constitutions on Female to Male School Enrollment*
- **2014. September 26-27. International Studies Association (ISA) conference**, California, USA.  
Al-Kohlani, Sumaia, Jennifer L. Merolla, and Carlin Crisanti. *Droned Out? Yemeni Views of Anti-Terrorism Policies*.
- **2014. April 2-6. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference**, Chicago, USA. Al-Kohlani, Sumaia (Presenter), Jennifer L. Merolla, and Carlin Crisanti. *Droned Out? Yemeni Views of Anti-Terrorism Policies*.
- **2014 April 2-6. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference**, Chicago, USA. Panel Moderator. *Negotiation and Conflict*.
- **2013. April 11-14. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference**, Chicago, USA.  
Al-Kohlani, Sumaia (Presenter) and Heather E. Campbell. *Going Beyond Race in Environmental Justice Research: Does Air Quality Depend on Social Constructions?*
- **2013. April 11-14. Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) conference**, Chicago, USA.  
Panel Moderator. *Public Perceptions of Electoral Politics in Developing Countries*.
- **2013, March 28. Western Political Science Association (WPSA) conference**, Hollywood, USA.  
Al-kohlani, Sumaia. *Gender Inequity in Education in Conservative and Liberal Muslim Countries*.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND CERTIFICATES**

- **Certificates for attending training programs**, University of Sharjah, UAE, 2014/2015  
A certificate for a training program in the enrollment and academic guidance unite and the university systems and regulations in leadership positions in college affairs
- **Columnist. Aloulay Newspaper**, Yemen. March 2013 – present  
Political analyst for a national daily paper. Responsible for an intermittent column on current political events in Yemen. <http://www.aloulaye.com/>
- **Speaker, Claremont Graduate University** dissertation boot camp. , California, USA, 2014 I gave a speech to Ph.D. candidates on how to finish their dissertation in short period and how to start hunting for job.
- **SPSS and STATA trainer, Claremont Graduate University**, California, USA, September 2013-December 2013  
Providing SPSS and STATA workshops for beginner and intermediate students in Claremont Graduate University.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Claremont Graduate University travel award, California, USA (2013/2014)
- Luther Lee Memorial Fellowship, Claremont Graduate University (2011/2012 & 2012/2013)
- Outstanding students in Management International Business, CSU, Stanislaus (2009/2010)
- Dean's Honor Roll, CSU, Stanislaus, ( 2008/2009/2010)
- Member of Phi Kappa Phi honor Society (2009-2010)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA)
- A member of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES)
- A member of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- A member of the Peace Science Society
- A member of the Midwest Political Science Association
- A member of the American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- A member of the board of college of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
- A General supervisor of the International Relations Society
- A research reviewer for the International Education Society (CIES)
- A member of a committee in the CGU Student Success Task Force that investigate and prepare recommendation to improve the low rate of minorities enrollment at CGU
- A member of several committees in the University of Sharjah, College of Art, Humanities & Social Sciences, such as the committee of studying and planning curriculum, the committee of preparing financial budget, etc.

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- Professional at using Microsoft office programs (Access, Word, Excel, PowerPoint), statistical analysis programs (STATA, SPSS, R software), and social network analysis programs (UCINET and Pajek)

## **LANGUAGE**

- **Arabic** (Mother Tongue) and **English** (fluent in reading, writing, and speaking)