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EDUCATION

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

Ph.D. Candidate, Law, Policy, and Society, September 2003 – present.

M.A., Political Science, June 2003.

Wells College, Aurora, NY

B.A., Political Science and Religious Studies, May 1997.

RESEARCH

Afghanistan, 2006-2007

Afghanistan Women's Council (AWC)

- Assisted the president of AWC observing and evaluating the organization's income generation project and micro lending program.
- Conducting interviews with recipients of aid.
- Prepared an annual report on organization's activities submitted to relevant ministries and the national and international aid community.

Afghanistan, July-August 2004

- Toured three Afghan provinces to observe post-war reconstruction and interview individuals about key social, development, and education related topics.
- Conducted pre-dissertation research.
- Observed the activities of the Afghan Health and Social Assistance Organization.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Afghanistan Samsortya, Boston, Massachusetts, September 2008-Present.

President

Afghan Health and Social Assistance Organization, Peshawar, Pakistan

Public Relations, September 1996 – 2007.

- Assist the Director in the research and public relations arena.
- Conduct outreach for specific development projects.
- Explore sources of financial and write funding proposals.
- Contribute to the yearly publication of the organization's activity and budget reports.

Wells College, Fall 2007.

Course title: Seminar in World Politics

Course title: United Nations Simulation

Simmons College, Fall 2005.

Course title: War: a World Perspective

This course analyzes the concepts of war and peace in the current international context. Questions asked include the following: Why do states engage in war? What are the

consequences for the civilian populations, and what is the role of international actors in times of war and peace.

Simmons College, Spring 2006.

Course title: Politics and Religion in Muslim World

The premise of the course establishes the strategic or pragmatic role of religion in society. How does religion impact politics in Muslim societies? What is the relationship between the state and society, and how does Islam manage that relationship? In multi-ethnic and divided societies in “the Muslim world”, and in particular during crises periods, Islam becomes relevant. State leaders employ Islam as a tool to legitimize their power and extend the state’s influence in society. In this context, Islam is used as a means to confront opposition and unify the population.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Wells College, Guest speaker, April, 2003.

Topic: Afghanistan's Post-war Reconstruction and the Role of the International Community.

Simmons College, Panel discussion, September, 2004.

Topic: Afghanistan's Prospects for Democratization and the Role of the Presidential Elections.

Simmons College, Guest speaker, Spring, 2005.

Topic: Women's Issues in South Asia and the Middle East.

Simmons College, Guest speaker, Fall, 2004.

Topic: Women and Health.

Simmons College, Guest speaker, Spring, 2006.

Topic: Impact of War on Women’s Health.

Wells College, United Nation’s Week Guest Speaker, Fall, 2008.

Topic: presented a talk on the Agro-forestry Initiatives of Afghanistan Samsortya (Afghanistan Environmental Revitalization).

Freeport Community Library, Speaker, Fall 2008.

Topic: Political and Economic Developments in Afghanistan since 2001.

Freeport Community Public Library, Speaker, Fall 2009

Topic: Community Development Reforestation Project in Surkhrud District (Ningrahar Province).