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### EDUCATION

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#### University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA

Ph. D. Candidate in Sociology

Dissertation title: *French Postcolonial Nationalisms and Afro-French subjectivities*

Profs. Agustin Lao-Montes (chair), Joya Misra, Millie Thayer, Henry Geddes.

Expected defense date: Jan 2011

#### University of Balamand, Beirut, Lebanon

M.S., Computer Engineering 2001

B.S., Computer Engineering 1999

### CERTIFICATES AND SUMMER INSTITUTES

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#### Université Paris VIII - France

LabTop Laboratoire Théories du Politique Oct 2008

A year long Workshop on “the Figure of The Stranger” - Jun 2009

#### University of Leuven - Belgium

Foucault Spring School 2008

Taught by Profs. Lois McNay, Thomas Lemke, & Saul Newman

#### Cornell University

School of Criticism and Theory (Summer Institute) 2007

“The Logos and Pathos of Empire” taught by Prof. Ann Stoler

#### University of Massachusetts – Amherst

Graduate Certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies 2006

### RESEARCH AREAS

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Urban Anthropology

Postcolonial Theory

French Nationalism

Governmentality Studies

Diasporic Studies

Critical Discourse Analysis

Social Theory

Feminist Theory

Critical Race Theory

Media Analysis

Cultural Studies

Political Economy

### HONORS and GRANTS

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2010: Professional Development Grant, University of Massachusetts. USA.

- 2009: Best Comprehensives Paper 2008-2009, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts - Amherst
- 2008: Professional Development Grant, University of Massachusetts. USA.
- 2008: Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies Grant, University of Essex, United Kingdom.
- 2008: The Chateaubriand Fellowship for nine months of dissertation research. Service Coopération et d'Action Culturelle. France.
- 2007: Professional Development Grant, University of Massachusetts. USA.
- 2007: School of Criticism and Theory Scholarship, Cornell University. USA.
- 2006: Professional Development Grant, University of Massachusetts. USA.
- 1999: University of Balamand -Great Achievements Award, University of Balamand. Lebanon.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Book Chapters, Articles**

- 2010: “Afro-French Subjectivities and French Postcolonial Nationalisms” in *Global Diasporas*. Eds Nancy Billias and Robert Fisher. Oxford: Inter-disciplinary Press. Forthcoming.
- 2006: Media Is The Continuation Of War With Other Means: The New York Times’ Coverage Of The Israeli War On Lebanon. *The MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 6, Summer. 126-140.

### **Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Entries**

- 2010: “Orientalism” Entry in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*. Ed. George Ritzer. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing. Forthcoming.
- 2010: “New Geographies of race and racism” by Dwyer, C. and Bressey, C. (eds). *Journal of European Spatial Research and Policy*. Forthcoming.
- 2010: “Against the Postcolonial: 'Francophone' Writers at the Ends of French Empire” by Richard Serrano. [www.b-net.org](http://www.b-net.org). Forthcoming.
- 2009: “Discourse” Entry in *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Literary and Cultural Theory*. Eds. Michael Ryan and Gregory Castle. Malden, MA: Blackwell P.

### **Work in Progress**

- “*The New York Times: Dispatches from the ‘Orient’*”
- “*National Belonging and Diaspora Studies*” (Ready for submission)
- “An Interview with R. Radhakrishnan” conducted in collaboration with Jed Murr.

### **Articles in Arabic**

- 2001: “Ali Harb: Theoretical Specters and Virtual Freedom.” Attassi, Ali and Yasser Munif, *Annabar*. Beirut, August 4.
- 2001: “Narratives of Francophone collaborations?” *Assafir*. Beirut, July 5.
- 2001: “Noam Chomsky: A Dissident Intellectual.” *Assafir*. Beirut, January 4.
- 2000: “Liberal National Movements: History and Prospects.” *Assafir*. Beirut, April 20.
- 1998: “Television: The Art of Domination and the Politics of Consumption.” *Assafir*. Beirut, October 15.
- 1998: “Alternative-Fashion, International Youth Solidarity.” *Assafir*. Beirut, August 27.
- 1998: “Free Jazz: Pain and Emancipation.” *Assafir*. Beirut, August 20.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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- 2010: *French Diasporas and Neoliberal Spaces*. "Life In Marvelous Times": Cultural Work In The Racial Present, University of Washington, Seattle.
- 2009: *Afro-French Subjectivities in a Parisian Suburb*. American Anthropological Association Meetings. Philadelphia, PA, December.
- 2009: *Cartographies of Inclusion and Exclusion in Postcolonial France*. Rethinking Marxism. University of Massachusetts. Amherst, MA, November.
- 2009: *Afro-French Subjectivities and French Postcolonial Nationalisms*. Diasporas: Exploring Critical Issues. 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Conference. University of Oxford. Oxford, UK, July
- 2008: *Translation and Governmentality: The New York Times' Coverage Of the 2006 Israeli War*. American Sociological Association Meetings. Boston, USA, August
- 2007: *The New York Times: Dispatches from the 'Orient'*. Al-Akhbar & Le Monde Diplomatique Conference on Media Objectivity. Beirut, Lebanon, November
- 2006: *Media and Governmentality*. Sociology Graduate Conference. Sociology Department, UMass Amherst, November
- 2006: *Media Governmentality: The Politics of Representation at Abu Ghraib* Rethinking Marxism. Amherst, MA, October.
- 2005: *Uneven Meanings of Ethics after Abu Ghraib*. Theory in an Uneven World: A Workshop on R. Radhakrishnan's *Theory in an Uneven World*. University of Massachusetts, April
- 2002: *Al-Jazeera: An Arab Manipulation of the Image*. Center for Behavioral Research - American University of Beirut, April

## RADIO INTERVIEWS

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- 2007: East Coast to West Bank  
Title: *The Geography of Arab Print Media*  
Interview with Alisa Klein, Valley Free Radio, Northampton, MA, March
- 2006: East Coast to West Bank  
Title: *A History of the Syrian Democratic Opposition*  
Interview with Alisa Klein, Valley Free Radio, Northampton, MA, November

## PROFESSIONAL and TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
Title: Instructor, 'Urban Sociology'  
Jan 2010- May 2010

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
Title: Instructor, 'Race Relations'  
Dec 2009 – Jan 2010

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**  
Title: Instructor, 'Urban Sociology'  
Sep 2009 – Dec 2009

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Instructor, 'Race Relations'  
July 2009 – Aug 2009

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Research Assistant, Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Classroom with Prof. Ann Ferguson  
Responsibilities: Research on “teaching in a diverse classroom”, planning public lectures and seminars related to issues of diversity through the lens of feminist integrative analysis.  
Dec 2006 - May 2007

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Sociological Theory' Course with Prof. Gerald Platt  
Responsibilities: Developed discussion Syllabus, Led discussion section focusing on social theory and writing research papers; evaluated students' writing  
Jan 2007 - May 2007

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Sociological Theory' Course with Prof. Philip McCarthy  
Responsibilities: Developed discussion syllabus, led discussion section focusing on social theory and writing research papers, evaluated students' writing  
Sep 2006 - Dec 2006

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Sociological Theory' Course with Prof. Philip McCarthy  
Responsibilities: Developed discussion syllabus, led discussion section focusing on social theory and writing research papers, evaluated students' writing  
Jan 2006 - May 2006

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Instructor, 'Social Inequality'  
Responsibilities: Developed Syllabus, taught class focusing on different modalities of social inequality, race and gender discrimination, and globalization, evaluated students' writing.  
Jun 2006 - Jul 2006

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Race, Class and Gender' Course with Prof. Dan Clawson  
Responsibilities: Led discussion section focusing on social research using an integrative approach; evaluated students' writing  
Sep 2005 - Jan 2006

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Criminology' Course with Prof. Roland Chilton  
Jan 2004 - May 2004

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Teaching Assistant, 'Social Problems' Course with Prof. Janice Irvine  
Sep 2003 - Dec 2003

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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**2007: The Patriarchal Logics and Coloniality of Power**

Title: Conference co-organizer

Responsibilities: Co-organized a three day seminar facilitated by Prof. Maria Lugones focusing on coloniality of power, world-system analysis and patriarchy, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April

**2005: Theory in an Uneven World: A Workshop on R. Radhakrishnan recent book**

Title: Conference co-organizer

Responsibilities: Co-organized a two days graduate conference focusing on Radhakrishnan's work  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April

**2005: The 29<sup>th</sup> Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Conference**

Title: Member of the conference steering committee

Responsibilities: Helped organize the 29th annual gathering of PEWS section of the American Sociological Association attended by scholars from more than 30 universities and colleges in the U.S., Europe, Canada and South America.  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 14-17

**2005- Postcolonial Reading Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

**2007:** Title: Co-founder and treasurer of the Postcolonial Studies Graduate Organization

Responsibilities: Organized and facilitated bi-monthly meetings; organized lectures and movie screenings. 2005- 2007.

**2007: Decolonial Research Group, University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Member

Responsibilities: Meet regularly with members to discuss readings; participate in nation-wide decolonial Knowledge Workshops, including the Decolonial Thinking Workshop at SUNY Binghamton, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Philosophy, Interpretation and Culture, led by Profs. Catherine Walsh and Maria Lugones, June.

**2004-05 University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

Title: Secretary Treasurer for the Graduate Employee Organization

Responsibilities: Overseeing the finances of the Union, as well as serving on the Steering Committee. Jun 2004 - May 2005

## ANTHROPOLOGICAL FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2008 – 09      Ethnographic fieldwork on Afro-French communities in France (Oct 2008 – Aug 2009)

2008            Ethnographic fieldwork on Afro-French communities in France (Mar – Jun)

2007            Ethnographic fieldwork on Afro-French communities in France (Mar, one month)

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
American Anthropological Association

## LANGUAGES

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French: native  
Arabic: native  
English: fluent both written and oral  
German: workable

## REFERENCES

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