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EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Department of Economics
Lecturer, Department of Economics (2016)
Lecturer, Public Policy Studies Program (Spring 2015)
- 2014 - 2015 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Non-Resident Research Fellow, Liechtenstein Institute on Self Determination, Woodrow Wilson
School of Public and International Affairs
- 2013-2014 PRINCETON UNIVERSITY
Postdoctoral Research Associate, James Madison Program, Department of Politics
Postdoctoral Fellow, Program on Religion, Diplomacy and International Relations
Lecturer, Department of Comparative Literature
- 2012-2013 JOHN JAY COLLEGE, CUNY
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Extremist Crime Database Study

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. Sociology, Baylor University, Dissertation: *Variations in the Sociology of Islam and Gender: A Multi-Level Analysis of Islam and Gender in Majority Muslim Contexts*
- 2008 M.A. Sociology, Baylor University
- 2005 B.A. Sociology and Policy Studies, Rice University

MAJOR FIELDS

Gender, Organizations, Development

BOOKS (*Peer-reviewed)

- González, Alessandra L.** 2013. *Islamic Feminism in Kuwait: The Politics and Paradoxes*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan.*

ARTICLES

- González, Alessandra L.** 2015. “Not At All Religious?: Irreligiosity as Deviance in a Majority Muslim Context.” *Deviant Behavior*, December.*
- González, Alessandra L.**, Joshua D. Freilich, and Steve Chermak. 2014. “How Women Engage Homegrown Terrorism.” *Feminist Criminology*, 30th Anniversary Special Issue.*
- González, Alessandra L.** 2011. "Measuring Religiosity in a Majority Muslim Context: Gender, Religious Salience, and Religious Experience Among Kuwaiti College Students - A Research Note." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(2):339-350.*

BOOK CHAPTERS

- González, Alessandra L.** Forthcoming. "Women's University Attainment and Labor Force Participation in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries." Chapter in *Gender and Work in the Global Economy* edited by Beth English, Mary Frederickson, Olga Sanmiguel Valderrama. NY: Routledge.*
- González, Alessandra L.** Forthcoming. "Women in the News: A U.S.-Arab Gulf Comparison." Chapter in *Arab Women and Media In Changing Landscapes* edited by Elena Maestri and Annemarie Profanter. NY: Palgrave Macmillan.*
- González, Alessandra L.** 2014. "Working with Patriarchy: Strategies for Women's Empowerment in Comparative Perspective." Chapter in *Middle East Conflicts & Reforms*, ed. by Mohammed M. Aman and Mary Jo Aman, Washington, DC: PSO/Westphalia Press; pp. 275-292.
- González, Alessandra L.** 2013. "Who is an Islamic Feminist and What Does He Look Like?" Pp. 39-49 in *Islam and International Relations: Mutual Perceptions*, edited by Nassef Adiong. Newcastle, UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.*
- González, Alessandra L.** 2012. "Choosing through the Iron Veil: Gender and Power Among Elite Women in Kuwait," Chapter in *Women's Encounter with Globalization*, edited by Samir DasGupta, Robyn Driskell, Nicola Yeates and Yvonne Braun. UK: Frontpage Publications.
- González, Alessandra L.** and Lubna Al-Kazi. 2011. "Complicating the 'Clash of Civilizations': Gender and Politics in Contemporary Kuwait." Pp. 64-84 in the *Annual Review of the Sociology of Religion, Vol. 2* edited by Patrick Michel and Enzo Pace. Boston: Brill.*

UNDER REVIEW

- González, Alessandra L.** and Lubna Al-Kazi. "The Veil You Know: Individual and Societal-Level Explanations for Wearing the Hijab in Comparative Perspective."
- González, Alessandra L.** and Lubna Al-Kazi. "Youth and Women's Political Leadership in Islamic Contexts: Kuwaiti College Student Perceptions, Attitudes, and Participation."
- González, Alessandra L.** "State-Sponsored Charitable Organizations and Civic Volunteerism among Muslim Elites: Transforming Civic Identity and Volunteerism in a Majority Muslim Context."
- González, Alessandra L.** "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC."

WORK IN PROGRESS

In proposal or data collection stage.

González, Alessandra L. "Supply and Demand: Understanding Saudi College Student-Employer Matches and Preferences."

Burszty, Leonardo, David Yanagizawa-Drott, and **González, Alessandra L.** "Understanding and Shifting Social Norms of Female Labor Force Participation in Saudi Arabia."

Sharkey, Amanda and **González, Alessandra L.** "Evaluating Firm Policies, Ratings, and Outcomes."

González, Alessandra L. and Beth English. "The Legacy of Immigrant Women."

González, Alessandra L. and Lubna A. Al-Kazi. "Women in the Judiciary."

FUNDING AND GRANTS

2017 Initiative on Global Markets, University of Chicago Booth School of Business, with Amanda Sharkey (\$5,000)

- 2016 Harvard University Evidence for Policy Design (EPOD) Travel Grant to Saudi Arabia (\$10,000)
- 2016 Midwest Political Science Association Registration Fee Waiver Scholarship (\$450)
- 2010 Baylor University Dissertation Research Grant (\$500). Matching Sociology Department Grant (\$500)
- 2008 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Travel Grant (\$450)
- 2008 Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion Seed Grant (\$4,300)
- 2007 Baylor Institute for the Studies of Religion Seed Grant (\$5,000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Keynote Speaker, Glowork HR Innovation Summit, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2015 Term Member, Council on Foreign Relations
- 2012 National Center for Institutional Diversity at the University of Michigan, Emerging Diversity Scholar
- 2006 Project Director, Islamic Social Attitudes Survey Project (ISAS), Baylor Institute for Studies of Religion,
- 2006 Presidential Scholar, Baylor University
- 2005 Benjamin Franklin Service Award, US Department of State

TEACHING

Instructor, University of Chicago

- 2016 Winter: Department of Economics (Cross-Listed with Sociology, Comparative Human Development, and Public Policy), "Gender and Development"
- 2015 Spring: The University of Chicago, Public Policy Studies, "Problems of Policy Implementation"

Instructor, Princeton University

- 2014 Spring: Department of Comparative Literature, Islamic Feminism Seminar

SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- 2017 April: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Keynote Speaker, Glowork Human Resource Manager Innovation Summit.
- 2017 April: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Harvard EPOD Knowledge Hour, Olayan Financing Company.
- 2017 March: New York: "Women's University Attainment and Labor Force Participation in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries." UN Commission on the Status of Women, Panelist. (Cancelled due to Weather).
- 2016 October: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: "Supply and Demand: Understanding Saudi College Student-Employer Matches and Preferences," Harvard Kennedy School-HRDF Saudi Arabia Research Symposium.
- 2015 November: University of Chicago Law School, "Women in the GCC Judiciary," presented to Law Students traveling to the GCC.
- 2015 July: University of Chicago Law School, "Sociology Research on Islamic Feminism," presented to US State Department Conference on Women's Leadership.
- 2015 January: University of Chicago Medical School, Diversity Dialogues "Islamic Feminism 101."
- 2014 July: University of Chicago Law School, "Sociology Research on Islamic Feminism," presented to US State Department Conference on Women's Leadership.
- 2013 September: George Washington University, Panelist, "Religion, Rights, and Reform: A Panel Discussion on Women's Political Participation in the Middle East and North Africa," Sigma Iota Rho Honors Society special event, Elliot School of International Affairs.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

(Since 2011)

- 2017 August: Montreal, CA: "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC." ASA Conference.
- 2017 June: Portugal: "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC." SAET Conference.

- 2017 April: Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference: "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC."
- 2017 January: University of Chicago: "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC." Social Theory and Evidence Workshop.
- 2017 January: University of Chicago: "Do Foreign Firms Change Culture? Evidence from Female Executives and Foreign Firms in the GCC." Politics, History, and Society Workshop.
- 2016 April: Stanford University: "Complicating Returns to Investment in Education: Female Education and Labor Force Participation in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries," Analytic Association for Learning in Muslim Societies (AALIMS) Conference.
- 2016 April: "Kuwaiti College Student Perceptions of Women's Political Participation, Pre-and Post-Election Assessments," Midwest Political Science Foundation, April 2016, Chicago
- 2016 April: University of Chicago Gender Studies Working Group: "Complicating Returns to Investment in Education: Female Education and Labor Force Participation in Gulf Cooperation Council Countries."
- 2015 February: University of Chicago, Harris School Demography Workshop
- 2015 February: University of Chicago, Islamic Studies Workshop, "Islamic Feminism in Kuwait."
- 2014 April: Rice University, "What Islamic Feminists Want – Lessons from the Kuwaiti Experience," Gender and Human Rights Conference, Women and Human Rights in the Middle East Program, Baker Institute for Public Policy.
- 2013 November: Princeton University, "Complicating the Clash of Civilizations: Gender and Politics in Contemporary Kuwait" Undergraduate Fellows Forum, James Madison Program.

ADVISING

University of Chicago:

Graduate Student Advisor, Masters in the Social Science Program, 2016 – Present.

Undergraduate Senior Thesis Reader, Ugur Kocak, Economics and Public Policy Major, 2016.

Master's Thesis Reader to Anum Qadir, Masters in Public Policy, 2015.

Princeton University: Senior Thesis Adviser to Sheeba Arif, Comparative Literature, 2014.

SERVICE

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Church and State*, *The International Journal of Psychology and Religion*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*.

Selection Committee, American Middle East Women's Studies Association Book Award, 2017.

2017 April: Chair, Women's Political Participation in the Middle East Session, Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Faculty Affiliate

Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality, University of Chicago

Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago

Member

American Sociological Association

American Political Science Association

Middle East Studies Association

Middle East Economic Association

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish (Fluent); Portuguese, French and Italian (Working Knowledge); Arabic (Intermediate MSA, Egyptian and Kuwaiti dialects); German (Elementary).

REFERENCES (Available upon request)