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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

2023— Assistant Professor of Social Research and Public Policy. NYU Abu Dhabi.

EDUCATION

2023 PhD in Sociology. University of California, Los Angeles.
Committee: Gail Kligman, Asli Bali, Rogers Brubaker, Andreas Wimmer, Kevan Harris.

2018 Master of Arts in Sociology. University of California, Los Angeles.

2015 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology. University of Colorado, Boulder. *summa cum laude*.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative-Historical Sociology; Political Sociology; Political Violence & War; Foreign Policy & Human Rights; Social Theory; Modern Middle East.

PUBLICATIONS

Alshaibi, Wisam. 2024. “The Anatomy of Regime Change: Transnational Political Opposition and Domestic Foreign Policy Elites in the Making of US Foreign Policy on Iraq.” *American Journal of Sociology*. 130 (3). DOI <https://doi.org/10.1086/732155>.

Alshaibi, Wisam. 2019. “Weaponizing Iraq’s Archives.” *Middle East Report*. Vol 291.

BOOK

The Anatomy of Regime Change. Not officially under contract but currently working with editors at Cambridge University Press. Editors Stephanie Mudge and Anthony Chen.

IN PROGRESS

Alshaibi, Wisam, and Matthieu Desan. "On Political Responsibility."

Alshaibi, Wisam. "Archives & War: Movement, Power, Signification."

Alshaibi, Wisam and Michael Brill. "Saddam Truthers."

Alshaibi, Wisam. "Making Records Speak."

AWARDS, GRANTS, and FELLOWSHIPS

2025: Visiting Fellow: London School of Economics Middle East Centre.

2021: UCLA Distinguished Teaching Award (highest teaching honor across the entire university).

2021: Peter Kollock Teaching Award. UCLA Department of Sociology.

2020: Mellon Foundation Initiative for the Study of Minorities in the Middle East.

2019: The Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TARI) U.S. Fellowship.

2019: Forum Transregionale Studien: Archives and Circulation Fellowship.

2018: Graduate Assistance for Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education.

2018: Foreign Language and Areas Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education.

2017: Silas Palmer Research Fellowship. The Hoover Institution at Stanford University.

2016: Graduate Assistance for Areas of National Need (GAANN) Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education.

2015: The Helen and Val Fischer Award for Best Undergraduate Thesis. University of Colorado, Boulder.

INVITED TALKS

2025: "Seeing Others Beyond Boundaries: Conceptualizing and Recognizing Difference." (as moderator) with Michele Lamont (Harvard) and Ann Morning (NYU NY). NYUAD In Dialogue Hiwar Series.

2025: "The Anatomy of Regime Change." Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. Culture, Power, and Inequality Series.

2025: "The Anatomy of Regime Change." Politics & IR Research Seminar, Monash University Melbourne Department of Political Science.

2023: "The Anatomy of Regime Change." German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA). Hamburg, Germany.

2020: "The Dark Archive of the Wars in Iraq: Introducing the Kanan Makiya Papers." Forum Transregionale Studien. Berlin, Germany.

2018: "Culture as a Weapon: On the Use of Ba'thist Atrocities in the Service of War." Invited speaker at DePaul University's "Crisis in the Middle East" event.

PANELS

2025: "Author Meets Critic: *The End of Engagement – America's China and Russia Experts and U.S. Strategy Since 1989.*" Social Science History Meeting. Chicago.

2023: "Agents of Reform." Discussant. Social Science History Association Meeting. Washington D.C.

2022: "Saddam Truthers." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Denver, Colorado.

2022: "The Anatomy of Regime Change." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, California.

2021: "The Anatomy of Regime Change." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

2019: "The Dark Archive of the Wars in Iraq: Introducing the Kanan Makiya Papers." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. November 2019. New Orleans.

2018: "Resurrecting the Dead: On the Exploitation of Ba'thist Atrocities in the Service of War." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Phoenix, Arizona.

2018: "Resurrecting the Dead: On the Exploitation of Ba'thist Atrocities in the Service of War." The Hoover Institution, Stanford University.

2017: "From Nothing to Everything: Explorations in the Archives of the Iraqi Ba'th Party." Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association. Montreal, Quebec.

2017: "The Iraqi Ba'th Party's Arabization Projects During the Iran-Iraq War." Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Washington D.C.

ADVISORY ROLES

Iraq Specialist. Endangered Archives Program. The British Library.

Ethics Committee. Transregionale Studien. Berlin.

Iraq Specialist. United Arab Emirates Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

COURSES TAUGHT

At NYUAD: The Problem of the Self (CCOL-UH 1114)
Introduction to the Study of Society (SOCSC-UH 1113)

As Teaching Assistant (UCLA): Development of Sociological Theory; Contemporary Sociological Theory; Collective Behavior; Social Psychology; Introduction to Sociology.

As Instructor on Record (UCLA): Development of Sociological Theory; Contemporary Sociological Theory; Culture & Personality; Problem of the Self; Introduction to Sociology.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2024-2026 SRPP Speaker Series Coordinator.

2023-2025 SRPP Writing Workshop Coordinator.

2025: In Dialogue Hiwar Series Discussant.

2025: Humanities Research Fellowship for the Study of the Arab World Graduate Review Committee.

2023- Emirati PhD Pathways Program Mentor.

2025: SRPP Hiring Committee for Visiting Professor and Lecturer.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION

American Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Middle East Studies Association.

REFERENCES

Professor Gail Kligman: Department of Sociology. UCLA
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Professor Rogers Brubaker: Department of Sociology. UCLA.
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Professor Andreas Wimmer: Department of Sociology. Columbia University.
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