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APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- **University of Arizona**
Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy
Assistant Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
- 2022- **Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University**
Non-Resident Fellow

EDUCATION

- Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ
2022 Ph.D., Politics
Committee: Amaney Jamal (chair), Deborah Yashar, Rory Truex
- 2017 M.A., Politics
- School of Oriental and African Studies**, London, UK
2012 M.Sc., Middle East Politics, *with distinction*
2011 M.A., Islamic Studies, *with distinction*
- 2010 **American University in Cairo**, Egypt
Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) Full-Year Fellow
- 2009 **Georgetown University**, Washington, DC
B.S.F.S., *summa cum laude*, Honors in Culture and Politics major

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Carolyn Barnett, Alexandra Blackman, and Marwa Shalaby. 2025. “Competent Legislators or Mere Pawns? Experimental Evidence of Attitudes toward Gender Quota Politicians.” *Political Science Research & Methods*. First View, 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1017/psrm.2024.69>.

Carolyn Barnett and Marwa Shalaby. 2025. “Success Beyond Gender Quotas: Gender, Local Politics, and Clientelism in Morocco.” In *Decentralization, Local Governance, and Inequality in the Middle East and North Africa*, Kristen Kao and Ellen Lust, eds. University of Michigan Press, 177-204.

Carolyn Barnett, Michale FitzGerald, Katie Krumbholz, and Manika Lamba. 2024. "What does Politics & Gender Publish? Trends, Methods, and Topics in Gender and Politics Research." *Politics & Gender*. Forthcoming.

Carolyn Barnett, Alexandra Blackman, and Marwa Shalaby. 2024. "Gender Stereotypes in Autocracies: Experimental Evidence from Morocco." *The Journal of Politics*. Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1086/733000>.

Carolyn Barnett. 2024. "Women's Rights and Misperceived Gender Norms Under Authoritarianism." *Comparative Political Studies* 57, no. 14: 2281-2312. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00104140231193010>.

Carolyn Barnett and Marwa Shalaby. 2024. "All Politics is Local: Studying Women's Representation in Local Politics in Authoritarian Regimes." *Politics & Gender* 20, no. 1 (March), 235-240, <https://doi.org/10.1017/S17-43923X22000502>.

Carolyn Barnett, Michael FitzGerald, Katie Krumbholz, and Manika Lamba. 2022. "Gender Research in Political Science Journals: A Dataset." *PS: Political Science and Politics* 55, no. 3: 511-518, <http://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522000385>.

Carolyn Barnett, Amaney Jamal, and Steve L. Monroe. 2021. "Earned Income and Women's Segmented Empowerment: Experimental Evidence from Jordan." *American Journal of Political Science* 65, no. 4 (2021): 954-970, <http://doi.org/10.1111/ajps.12561>.

Carolyn Barnett. 2009. "Socialization of Female Islamists: Paternal and Educational Influences," *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World* 7: 57-87, <http://doi.org/10.1163/156920809X449544>.

Published Working Papers

Carolyn Barnett. 2024. "Gender Role Attitudes, Perceived Norms, and the 'Double Burden' in Morocco," World Bank Policy Research Working Paper no. 10694 (February). MNACE Labor and Gender Research Programs; PEOPLE Washington, D.C.: World Bank Group.

Marwa Shalaby and Carolyn Barnett. 2021. "Success Beyond Gender Quotas: Gender, Local Politics, and Clientelism in Morocco," with Marwa Shalaby, GLD Working Paper no. 48, <http://gld.gu.se/media/2303/gld-working-paper48.pdf>.

Invited Review Articles

Carolyn Barnett. 2022. Roundtable Book Review contribution on Aili Mari Tripp, *Seeking Legitimacy: Why Arab Autocrats Adopt Women's Rights*, for *APSA-MENA Politics Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (Spring): 68-70.

Carolyn Barnett. 2021. Review Article: “Women’s Activism Before and After the Arab Spring,” *The Middle East Journal* 75, no. 2 (Summer), 321-324, <https://doi.org/10.3751/75.2.3>.

Carolyn Barnett. 2015. Review Article: Paul Amar and Vijay Prashad, eds., *Dispatches from the Arab Spring: Understanding the New Middle East* (Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press 2013), in *Middle East Law and Governance* 7, no. 1: 169-179, <https://doi.org/10.1163/18763375-00701010>.

Reports, Short Articles, Blog Posts, and Chapters

Carolyn Barnett. 2024. “Backsliding Forward? Morocco’s New Mudawana Reforms.” *APSA-MENA Politics Newsletter* 7, no. 2 (Fall): 32-34.

Carolyn Barnett. 2023. “Shut Out of Good Jobs: Contemporary Obstacles to Women’s Employment in MENA,” Middle East Brief no. 154 (June), Crown Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Brandeis University, <http://bit.ly/45ZKXg9>.

Carolyn Barnett, Amaney Jamal and Steve L. Monroe. 2020. “Remote work and women’s employment in MENA: opportunity or pitfall?” *The Forum*, Economic Research Forum, December 15. <https://bit.ly/2JMqyRE>.

Carolyn Barnett. 2017. *Morocco Five Years After the Arab Uprisings: Findings from the Arab Barometer*.

Carolyn Barnett. 2017. *Algeria Five Years After the Arab Uprisings: Findings from the Arab Barometer*.

Carolyn Barnett. 2015. *Human Capital and the Future of the Gulf*. Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), November.

Carolyn Barnett. 2015. *Workforce Development in Tunisia and Jordan: Changing Attitudes Under New and Old Systems*. CSIS, July.

Carolyn Barnett. 2015. “Egypt in the Region,” in *Rocky Harbors: Taking Stock of the Middle East in 2015*, ed. Jon B. Alterman, 79-94. CSIS, March.

Carolyn Barnett. 2014. *The New Energy Revolution and the Gulf*. CSIS, November.

Carolyn Barnett. 2013. *GCC-Maghreb Relations in a Changing Regional Order*. CSIS, August.

Carolyn Barnett. 2011. “Fighting for Women’s Rights in the Aftermath of the Revolution,” *Women Living Under Muslim Laws*, June 9, <http://www.wluml.org/node/7255>.

Book Reviews

Laurie Brand, *Official Stories: Politics and National Narratives in Egypt and Algeria*, for *The Journal of North African Studies* 23, no. 5 (2018): 896-899.

Jeffrey James Byrne, *Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization, and the Third World Order*, for the *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 18, no. 3 (2017).

Jennifer Johnson, *The Battle for Algeria: Sovereignty, Health Care, and Humanitarianism*, for *The Journal of North African Studies* 22, no. 1 (2017): 164-167.

David Commins, *Islam in Saudi Arabia*, for *Political Science Quarterly* 131, no. 4 (Winter 2016): 893-894.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Underestimating Equality: Perceived Norms and the Politics of Women's Rights

Book Project

Drawing on original qualitative and quantitative evidence from Morocco and cross-national quantitative evidence, this book highlights public pessimism about the extent to which other people support greater gender equality as an underappreciated obstacle to the advance of women's rights in practice. Around the world, people tend to underestimate support for gender equality (Bursztyn et al. 2023). The extent to which this is the case, however, varies. I argue that the politics of how women's rights have expanded in much of the Global South play a role in the extent to which gender norms are misperceived. Common paths to reform—in response to targeted feminist activism and international pressure, and often by autocrats for instrumental reasons—do not credibly signal that broader public opinion has evolved, while they often also raise the salience of conservative opposition to women's rights. I further argue that misperceived gender norms have substantial onward consequences for how women's rights are implemented, how activism and policymaking evolve, and how individuals react to the prospect of women breaking taboos and entering traditionally male fields like politics.

“Balancing the Scales? Aspirations and Realities of Gender Roles in Household and Paid Labor among Moroccans” (Working Paper, under review).

“Does Entrepreneurship Create Engaged Citizens? Evidence From Jordanian Youth,” with Rasha Istaiteyeh (Working Paper, R&R).

“Perceived Gender Norms and Norm-Enforcing Behavior: Experimental Evidence from Morocco” (Working Paper).

“Men Won't Go for That: Overestimates of Gender Bias as an Obstacle to Women's Political Representation,” with Alexandra Blackman and Marwa Shalaby (Working Paper).

“Patriarchal Norms, Unpaid Labor, and Political Behavior in Morocco” (Working Paper).

“Just ‘a Piece of Paper’: Programmatic Policy and Political Dissatisfaction” (Working Paper).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 POMEPS Junior Scholars Book Workshop (Virtual)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia)
MENA Gender Research Workshop (Virtual)
- 2023 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles)
Author’s Workshop, World Bank Office of the Chief Economist for the Middle East and North Africa (Virtual)
Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and Muslim Societies Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World (Stanford)
Empirical Study of Gender Research Network Faculty Workshop (UCSD)
- 2022 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Montreal)
European Conference on Politics and Gender (Ljubljana)
Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Conference (GLD Program, University of Gothenburg)
- 2021 Gender and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa Workshop (Virtual)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)
- 2020 Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference (Virtual)
Philadelphia-area Political Economy of Gender Workshop (Virtual)
Empirical Research in the Study of Gender Summer Working Group (Virtual)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (Virtual)
Project on Middle East Political Science Paper Workshop (Virtual)
European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes General Conference (accepted; event canceled)
- 2019 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (New Orleans)
American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (DC)
European Conference on Politics and Gender (Amsterdam)
MACECE Moroccan Studies Conference (Rabat)
Kennedy School Middle East Initiative Workshop on MENA Feminisms (Harvard)

2018 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Boston)
 Hoover Institution Workshop on Authoritarianism and Democratic Breakdown
 (Stanford)
 Project on Middle East Political Science Conference (DC)
 Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting (Chicago)
 Harvard Experimental Political Science Graduate Conference (non-presenting
 co-author)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023 Best Dissertation Award, APSA MENA Politics Section
 2023-2026 Faculty Fellow, Association for Analytic Learning about Islam and
 Muslim Societies (AALIMS)
 2023 Faculty Leveraging Grant, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences,
 University of Arizona (\$2k)
 2022 Research Grant, Labor and Gender Research Program, World Bank Office
 of the Chief Economist for the Middle East & North Africa (\$7k)
 2022 Honorable Mention, Best Fieldwork, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section
 2022 Junior Research Fellowship, Crown Center for Middle East Studies at
 Brandeis University (declined)
 2022 Max Weber Programme Postdoctoral Fellowship at EUI (declined)
 2022 Data-Driven Social Science Initiative Small Grant, Princeton (\$5k)
 2020-2022 Program for Quantitative and Analytical Political Science Fellow, Princeton
 2020 Multicenter Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton (\$15k)
 2020 Research Grant, Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (\$1.1k)
 2020 Nominated by Princeton Politics Department for University Honorary Fellowship
 2019-2020 Bobst Center for Peace and Justice Dissertation Research Grants (2x \$5k)
 2019 Project on Middle East Political Science (POMEPS) Travel, Research,
 and Engagement Grant (\$3k)
 2018-2019 Fulbright Scholarship (Morocco) for Research (\$16k)
 2017-2019 Summer Research Grants, Princeton Institute for International and Regional
 Studies (PIIRS) & Princeton Near Eastern Studies (various)
 2017 Research Grant, Princeton Research in Experimental Social Science (\$400)
 2015-2021 Centennial Graduate Fellowship, Princeton
 2015-2016 Charles S. '05 and Margaret D. Fayerweather Graduate Fellow in Politics
 2010-2012 Marshall Scholarship (UK)
 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholarship (Egypt) for Arabic Language Study with Critical
 Language Enhancement Award

TEACHING

- 2022- University of Arizona
The Politics of International Development (POL 402)
International Politics of the Middle East (MENA/POL 465)
Human Rights in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA/POL 422/522)
Gender and Politics (POL 630)
- 2020-2021 Princeton University Course Assistant Positions (Graduate-Level)
Imperialism in the Developing World (Atul Kohli, Spring 2021)
Comparative Political Economy of Development (Atul Kohli, Fall 2020)
- 2016-2020 Princeton University Assistant Instructor Positions (Undergraduate-Level)
The Politics of Development (Atul Kohli, Spring 2020)
Applied Quantitative Analysis (Omar Wasow, Spring 2018)
Statistical analysis and data visualization in R, with focus on tidyverse
The Politics of Modern Islam (Bernard Haykel, Fall 2016)
- 2012-2015 Center for Strategic and International Studies, Middle East Program
Designed and managed instructional crisis simulations for diplomats
Mentored program interns one-on-one in research and writing skills
Guest lectured for visiting foreign delegations and students

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2019 Princeton University
Research Assistant, Arab Barometer
- 2012-2015 Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington, DC
Research Fellow, Middle East Program

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Peer Reviewer for: *The Journal of Politics*; *Comparative Political Studies*; *Comparative Politics*; *Politics & Gender*; *The Journal of Women, Politics, and Policy*; *The Journal of Legislative Studies*; *Middle East Law and Governance*; *Mediterranean Politics*; *PS: Political Science and Politics*; *Publius: The Journal of Federalism*; *Democratization*; *Governance*; *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*; *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*; *Compare: A Journal of Comparative and International Education*; and Bristol University Press.

Award Committee Member, Best Fieldwork Award, APSA Democracy & Autocracy Section (2023)

Executive Committee, School of Government and Public Policy (2023-2026)

Undergraduate Committee, School of Government and Public Policy (2022-2023)

Professional Memberships: American Political Science Association, Midwest Political Science Association, Middle East Studies Association, Association of Middle East Women’s Studies

Affiliated Researcher, Rabat Social Studies Institute (RSSI)

Volunteer Mentor, Dear Future Colleague (applying to grad school and fellowships)

Coordinator, Princeton Politics Qualitative Research Colloquium (2017-2018)

Board Member, Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium (2017-2018)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2020	Arab Political Science Network (APSN) workshop on Teaching Gender Politics in the Middle East
2020	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS-Rutgers)
2020	“Teaching Transcript” Certificate, McGraw Center (Princeton) <i>Pedagogy workshops, peer teaching observation, syllabus development</i>
2018-2019	Private tutoring in Moroccan Arabic and French (Rabat, Morocco)
2017	Institute on Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (Syracuse, NY)
2016	Algerian dialect intensive course and private tutoring in Modern Standard Arabic (Centre Les Glycines, Algiers, Algeria)

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

English	Native
French	Proficient
Arabic	Proficient (Modern Standard; Egyptian and Moroccan dialects)
Hungarian	Conversational
R	Advanced
Python	Intermediate
SQL	Intermediate
Other:	L ^A T _E X, GitHub, NVivo, Adobe InDesign