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## Summary of Qualifications

Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at George Mason University. Graduate and undergraduate teaching in Conflict Resolution at Georgetown University, University of Massachusetts-Boston and American University. Courses and Research interests: Conflict analysis and resolution, dialogue, impact evaluation, nationalism, nonviolence and civil resistance, peace education, reconciliation, Israeli/Palestinian conflict.

Ph.D.: International Relations, American University, 2011 (with distinction). Dissertation title: *Evaluating Peace Education in the Oslo-Intifada Generation: A Long-Term Impact Study of Seeds of Peace 1993-2010*. Longitudinal study of peacebuilding activity by 824 Israeli and Palestinian graduates of Seeds of Peace program over periods of 8-15 years.

Established, developed and directed peacebuilding programs with hundreds of Israeli and Palestinian youth during eight years' service as Program Director of the Seeds of Peace Jerusalem Center for Coexistence (1996-2004). Extensive experience negotiating cultural, political and psychological barriers to dialogue in contexts of conflict.

## Awards

**FIPSE Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University:** Designing, testing and evaluating experiential and service-learning models for conflict resolution, through grant from federal Fund for Improvement of Post-Secondary Education.

**Visiting Researcher, Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School:** Ten-month appointment for writing doctoral dissertation in residence at Harvard, 2009-10.

**SIS Dissertation Fellow, School of International Service, American University:** \$10,000 award to support one year of full-time dissertation writing, 2009-10.

**Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellow, United States Institute of Peace:** \$20,000 award for one year of full-time dissertation research on peace and conflict resolution, 2007-08.

**Dean's Fellowship, School of International Service, American University:** Three-year full-tuition fellowship for doctoral study in International Relations, 2004-07.

**Ruth Ratner Miller Seeds of Peace Prize,** awarded by Seeds of Peace Founder and President John Wallach for outstanding contributions to the organization, 2002.

**Dorot Fellowship in Israel:** Full-year stipend for study and internship, 1996-97.

## Publications & Presentations

### *Academic Publications*

"Action, Not (just) Attitudinal Change: Peacebuilding Activity as Primary Impact Indicator," in Andria Wistler and Celina Del Felice (eds.), *Peace Education Evaluation* (Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publications, expected publication spring 2012).

*Evaluating Peace Education in the Oslo-Intifada Generation: An Impact Study of Seeds of Peace 1993-2010*. Ph.D. Dissertation, American University, July 2011.

"Making Peace with the Duel of Narratives: Dual-Narrative Approaches for Teaching the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict," *Israel Studies Forum* 23 (1): May 2008, 107-124.

Review of David Hulme, *Identity, Ideology and the Future of Jerusalem* (New York: Palgrave MacMillan, 2006), in *Israel Studies Forum* 23 (2): Winter 2008, 126-128.

"The Peacebuilder's Paradox and the Dynamics of Dialogue: A Psychosocial Portrait of Israeli/Palestinian Encounters," chapter co-authored with Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer for Judy Kuriansky (ed.), *Peacebuilding in the Promised Land* (Westport: Praeger, 2007).

Review of Peter Weinberger, *Co-opting the PLO: A Critical Reconstruction of the Oslo Accords*, in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*: 36 (1), December 2007.

"Playing Pin the War on the Lobby," *The Forum: A Journal of Applied Research in Contemporary Politics*, Berkeley Electronic Press 4 (1): 2006.

"The Political Economy of Seeds of Peace: A Critical Evaluation of Conflict Intervention," nominated for Robert W. Cox Prize, *International Studies Association Convention 2006*.

Manuscript Peer Review, *Palgrave-Macmillan*, January 2010.

### **Conference Presentations**

- *Association for Israel Studies Annual Convention*, June 15, 2011: "Conflicted Cooperation: Seeds of Peace and the Israeli and PNA Ministries of Education"
- *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, December 21, 2010: "A Soldier and/or a 'Seed of Peace': Peace Education and Military Service During the *Intifada*"
- *Association for Jewish Studies Annual Convention*, December 21, 2008: "'Peacemaker' Identity in the US, Israel and the Arab World: Social Capital or Stigma?"
- *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, March 28, 2008: "Conflict, Identity and Intervention: Long-term Participation of Peace Education Alumni"
- *American Anthropological Association Annual Convention*, November 28, 2007: "'Conflict Zones' and Identity Intervention"
- *United States Institute of Peace Senior Fellows' Retreat*, October 19, 2007: "Evaluating the North American Generation of Israeli/Palestinian Encounters"
- *Middle East Studies Association Annual Convention*, November 19, 2006: "Peacemakers and Barriers: Discourse and Dialogue in the Age of 'Disengagement'"
- *International Studies Association—Northeast Annual Convention*, November 11, 2006: "Conflict on the CV: Identity Capital, Peace Process, and Application Process"
- *Dialogue Under Occupation, Northeastern Illinois University*, November 8, 2006: "Dialogue and 'Disengagement': Discourse, Politics and Israeli/Palestinian Peace"
- *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Diego: March 22, 2006: "The Political Economy of Seeds of Peace: A Critical Evaluation of Conflict Intervention"

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Visiting Instructor, Masters Program in Conflict Resolution, Georgetown University**

Full-time appointment, five 500-level courses including Conflict Theory, Evaluation of Conflict Resolution, Israeli/Palestinian Peacebuilding, and Nonviolence. 2010-11.

### **Lecturer, Dispute Resolution Program, University of Massachusetts Boston**

Taught 600-level graduate course, "Theories of Conflict Resolution." Fall 2009.

### **Lecturer, American University, Washington, D.C.**

Taught 300-level course, "Introduction to Peace and Conflict Resolution." Spring 2009.

### **Curriculum Consultant, Just Vision**

Designed lessons and advised content for interactive curriculum and online resource for teaching the Israeli/ Palestinian conflict, working with Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer. 2007.

## Education

### **Research Assistant for Dr. Mohammed Abu-Nimer, American University**

Teaching Assistant for courses in Peacebuilding, Dialogue, Reconciliation and Conflict Resolution, responsible for lecturing, advising students, drafting and editing publications, researching Middle East conflict, interfaith dialogue and peace education, co-authoring chapter for edited volume on Israeli/Palestinian conflict. *2004-06.*

### **Jewish/Muslim Interfaith Educator and Curriculum co-Author, Abraham's Vision**

Selected as educator for innovative interfaith educational program; co-authored curriculum comprised of twenty interactive lessons on history of Jewish/Muslim relations in medieval Spain, and contemporary Jewish/Muslim relations. *2006.*

### **Teaching Assistant for Dr. Susan Allen Nan, American University**

Assisted with "NGOs and International Conflict" course and lesson design, facilitated online discussion and summarized content, graded research papers. *2006.*

### **History and Spanish Teacher, Independent Day School, Middlefield, CT**

Taught Twentieth-Century History and Spanish to Middle School students. *1995-96.*

### **English Teacher, Summerbridge Program, New Orleans, Louisiana**

Taught literature and composition to inner-city junior high students for innovative summer education program (now called Breakthrough Collaborative). *1992, 1994.*

### **Ph.D. International Relations, School of International Service, American University**

Dissertation approved (with distinction), August 2011. ABD August 2007, incl. comprehensive exams in Comparative Politics (with distinction) and Peace and Conflict Resolution; oral qualifying exam, 3.85 GPA; Student representative on Ph.D. committee, student selection and faculty search committees. *Fall 2004 – August 2011.*

### **"Reflecting on Peace Practice" Training, Collaborative Learning Agency (CDA)**

Joined scholars and practitioners of evaluation for methodology training. *January 2011.*

### **Visiting Researcher, Program on Negotiation at Harvard Law School**

Special appointment for writing doctoral dissertation in residence, including workspace, access to faculty, programs and institutional resources. *2009-2010.*

### **SIS Dissertation Fellow, American University, Washington, DC**

Selective dissertation fellowship including stipend and waiver of tuition. *2009-2010.*

### **Peace Scholar Dissertation Fellow, United States Institute of Peace**

Selective fellowship including \$20,000 grant and access to USIP resources. *2007-2008.*

### **Interpretive and Relational Methodology Workshop, ISA-NE**

Selected for exclusive methodological workshop with leading scholars. *Fall 2006.*

### **Summer Peacebuilding and Development Institute, American University**

Awarded certification for courses in "Training for Trainers in Peace-building" and "Design, Monitoring and Evaluation in Peacebuilding and Development."

### **Dorot Fellowship in Israel, Jerusalem**

Selective one-year fellowship for internship and Jewish study in Israel, including twelve seminars on Palestinian/Israeli conflict and Israel/diaspora relations. *1996-1997.*

## Peacebuilding Experience

### **Yakar Center for Tradition & Creativity, Jerusalem**

Courses in intensive study of *Torah, Talmud, Midrash* and rabbinical texts. *1996-1997*.

### **B.A. with Honors, College of Letters, Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT**

Interdisciplinary study of history, literature, philosophy and foreign language (Hebrew). Thesis: *The Identity and Motivation of Jewish Civil Rights Workers*. *1991-1995*.

### **Wesleyan Program in Israel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**

Five seminars on issues in Israeli and Palestinian societies and Israeli-Palestinian conflict, including Conflict Resolution with Dr. Jay Rothman. *Spring 1993*.

### **Project Judaica, Jagellonian University, Krakow, Poland**

Research & dialogue program for Polish and Jewish students, taught by scholars, survivors of the Holocaust and veterans of resistance movements. *Summer 1993*.

### **Evaluation Consultant, Israeli/Palestinian Parents' Circle/Families' Forum**

Hired to advise evaluation team on mid-term assessment of historical narrative dialogue project involving Israeli and Palestinian activists in Bereaved Families' Forum. *May 2011*.

### **"Reflecting on Peace Practice" Training, Collaborative Learning Agency (CDA)**

Joined scholars and practitioners of evaluation for methodology training. *January 2011*.

### **Facilitator, Alliance for Middle East Peace Annual Conference**

Facilitated opening session of gathering of Israeli and Palestinian peacebuilding NGO leaders focused on the impact of the recent war in Gaza. *January 2009*.

### **Facilitator, Dialogue Development Group, American University**

Facilitated dialogue for concerned students and faculty on war in Gaza. *February 2009*.

### **Advisory Council Member, Just Vision**

Consulted on curriculum, educational, film, and online content and design; presented documentary Encounter Point for university audiences and student groups. *2004-present*.

### **Middle East Regional Program Director, Seeds of Peace, Jerusalem (1996-2004)**

#### ***Peace Education/Program Development***

Established, developed and directed year-round program of seminars, outreach projects and events promoting dialogue, cultural exchange, youth leadership and peace education, involving hundreds of Israelis and Palestinians. Highlights:

- Seminars/programs: Organized and led overnight dialogue and peace education seminars for Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian participants.
- Cross-border exchanges: Guided cross-border homestays and visits for several hundred Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian participants and host families.
- Year-round Dialogue Groups: Designed curriculum, organized and facilitated multiple year-round "Advanced Coexistence" groups of Israeli and Palestinian youth.
- Community Outreach: Presentations: Organized and led annually dozens of joint

Israeli/Palestinian presentations in Israel, Palestine, Egypt and Jordan.

### ***Dialogue Facilitation***

- Israeli/Palestinian Dialogue: Facilitated year-round dialogue groups for Israeli and Palestinian youth at Jerusalem Center for Coexistence, summer dialogue groups for returning campers at Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine. 1996-2004.
- International Conferences: Facilitated drafting of post-9/11 “Declaration of Principles” by youth from diverse conflict regions at New York summit, 2001; facilitated Arab/Israeli delegates’ successful negotiations on Jerusalem at simulation of Israeli/Palestinian final status negotiations in Villars, Switzerland, 1998.

### ***Youth Leadership Training/Counseling***

- Public Speaking: Trained youth for public speaking tours in USA and Europe.
- College Advising: Assisted several dozen Israeli and Palestinian youth in application processes for scholarships to secondary and university study abroad;
- Counseling: Counseled Israeli and Palestinian youth and SOP staff during periods of violent conflict escalation.

### ***Administration/Logistics***

- Multicultural staff supervision: Hired, trained and directed program staff of American, Israeli and Palestinian counselors and facilitators.
- Bookkeeping and Incorporation: Established Seeds of Peace amutah (association) in Israel, served as chairman, responsible for legal and financial reports.
- Border-crossing: Supervised successful checkpoint and border-crossing for groups between Israel, Gaza, West Bank, Jordan, and Egypt on hundreds of occasions.

### ***Editor-in-Chief, The Olive Branch Magazine***

Designed and edited 25 editions of youth news magazine written by and for youth from Afghanistan, Balkans, Cyprus, India, Middle East, Pakistan and United States. 1996-2004.

### ***Counselor, Peer Support Coordinator, Seeds of Peace International Camp in Maine***

Co-designed and supervised cross-conflict dialogue programs for outstanding youth from Balkans, Cyprus, and Middle East, including peer mediation and leadership training. Summers of 1995, 1997-2002.

## **Film & Media**

### ***Hebrew Translation Verification, A Force More Powerful***

Reviewed, edited Hebrew translation of *A Force More Powerful*, the award-winning documentary of the history of successful nonviolent political movements. 2008.

### ***Advisor, Presentation Facilitator, Encounter Point***

Award-winning 2006 documentary on Israeli/Palestinian peacebuilding, produced by Just Vision. Assisted editing, logistics, translation, screenings. 2005-present.

### ***Middle East Production Team, Seeds documentary film project***

92-minute 2004 documentary portraying Afghan, Israeli, Palestinian, Indian, Pakistani and American youth experiences of dialogue at Seeds of Peace camp. Coordinated Middle East filming, interviewed Middle East subjects. 2003-4.

**Coordinating Producer, *Peace of Mind* documentary film project**

Award-winning 57-minute documentary produced by Israeli and Palestinian teenagers, produced by Global Action Project. Coordinated logistics for Middle East filming, contributed footage, facilitated meetings of Israeli and Palestinian producers. 1998-99.

***Film Screening Panels***

Harvard Program on Negotiation, Wellesley College, American University, Society for Conflict Resolution, "Celebrating Nonviolent Resistance" Conference, Bethlehem, PNA.

***Interviews***

Israel Channel 1 & 2 news, *Kol Israel* radio, *Jerusalem Report*, *Washington Post*, *Hartford Courant*, *Ma'ariv*, *Ha'aretz*, *Arab and Jew* by David Shipler, 2002 edition.

**Academic  
Associations**

International Studies Association, Middle East Studies Association, Association for Israel Studies, Association for Jewish Studies, Peace and Justice Studies Association.

**Languages**

*Hebrew*—fluent written and spoken; *Arabic*, *French*, *Spanish*—conversant.

*References available upon request.*