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## APPOINTMENTS

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### City University of New York, Hunter College

2024- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

### Boston University

2019 - 23 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
Moorman-Simon Interdisciplinary Career Development Professorship (2019-2022)

### Columbia University

2018-19 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology

## EDUCATION

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### Princeton University

2018 Ph.D., Sociology

2015 M.A., Sociology

### Columbia University

2012 M.A., Sociology

### American University in Cairo

2008 B.A., Political Science

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Immigration, Race, Gender, Economic Sociology, Public Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Book

Gowayed, Heba. 2022. *Refuge*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

(Published in April, since reviewed in *Social Forces*, *Journal of Refugee Studies* and *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*)

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Gowayed, Heba, Mears, Ashley, & Occhiuto, Nicholas. 2021. "Pause, Pivot, Shift: Situational Human Capital and Responses to Sudden Job Loss." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

- Gowayed, Heba. 2020. “Resettled and Unsettled: Syrian Refugees and the Intersection of Race and Legal Status in the United States” *Ethnic & Racial Studies*. 43(2): 275-293
- Gowayed, Heba. 2019. “Diverging by Gender: Syrian Refugees’ Division of Labor and Formation of Human Capital in the United States” *Gender & Society*. 33(2): 251-272.
- Gowayed, Heba. 2018. “The Unnecessary Nudge: Education and Poverty Policy in a Cairo Slum.” *Sociological Forum*. 33(2): 482-504. (Winner, 2015 Eastern Sociological Society, Candace Roger’s Best Student Paper Award)

### Other academic writing

- Gowayed, Heba. 2020. Radicalized loyalties, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 43:8, 1511-1513. (Book review)
- Gowayed, Heba. 2015. “Social Meaning of Money” in the *SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*. Ed. Frederick Wherry. Sage Reference.
- Gowayed, Heba and Nicholas Occhiuto. 2014. “Conference Report: The Money Talks Symposium at Yale.” *Accounts. Economic Sociology Section Newsletter, American Sociological Association*. Vol 14 (1).

### Selected public writing

- Gowayed, Heba. 2022. [Climate Change and Migration in the Middle East and North Africa](#). For Arab Center, DC
- Gowayed, Heba. 2022. [For Women, Migration is a Constant Fight](#). In *Al Jazeera English*, Jun 9
- Gowayed, Heba. 2022. [Racism & Blocked Refuge in the Middle East](#). for Arab Center, DC, Apr 28
- Gowayed, Heba. 2022. [The Human Toll of War](#). In *The New Humanitarian*, Feb 28
- Gowayed, Heba. 2021. “[The Inhumane Futility of Border Policing](#).” In *Al Jazeera English*, Oct 19
- Gowayed, Heba. 2020. “[The Citizenship Exam puts an unfair burden on Low Income Immigrants](#)” in *Teen Vogue*, Dec 21
- Gowayed, Heba. 2020. “[The Case for Abolishing the Citizenship Exam](#)” in *Slate*, Nov 26.
- Gowayed, Heba. 2018. “[The Problem with Behavioral Incentives](#)” in *Work in Progress*, May 21.
- Gowayed, Heba and Mona Oraby. 2015. “[Hope Canal](#)” in *Middle East Research and Information Project*, Aug 14
- Gowayed, Heba. 2013. “[Egypt Two Years Later](#)” in *Literal Magazine* Vol.32, Apr 2013

### Works in Progress

- The Cost of Borders. (Book Manuscript, research phase)
- With Rawan Arar, Molly Fee, Blair Sackett. “Resettlement as an Institution.” (Edited special issue & manuscript in progress for *Ethnic and Racial Studies*)
- With Jake Watson. “The Local Work of Federal Programming: Refugee Resettlement in the United States.” (manuscript in preparation for submission)
- With Julie Dahlstrom. “Securing a T-Visa: A story of law, Bureaucratic Discretion, and Inequality.”

## GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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2022 Institute for Advanced Study , Member (2022-2023 academic year)

- 2021 BU Inclusion Catalyst Grant, Citizenship Hub (\$1,500)
- 2021 BU Center for Antiracist Research grant to fund “Securing a T-Visa: An Exploration of Inequality in Trafficking Protection” with Julie Dahlstrom (\$50,000)
- 2019 Moorman-Simon Interdisciplinary Career Development Professorship (\$90,000)
- 2018 Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics Early Career Award
- 2017 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies fellowship (\$28,000)
- 2017 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$12,000)
- 2017 Chicago Ethnography Incubator Fellowship
- 2016 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Research Award (\$7,500)
- 2016 Princeton Canadian Studies Grant Dissertation Research Award (\$3,000)
- 2015 Candace Rogers Best Student Paper Award, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2015 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award
- 2014 Princeton Center for the Study of Social Organization Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2013 Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Summer Research (\$1,000)

## **TEACHING**

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### **Boston University**

- 2021- Instructor, Contemporary Theory (Graduate)
- 2019- Instructor, Immigration (Graduate & Undergraduate)
- 2019- Instructor, Contemporary Theory (Undergraduate)
- 2019 Instructor, Methods, Fall (Undergraduate)

### **Columbia University**

- 2019 Instructor, Methods, Spring (Graduate)
- 2018 Instructor, Classical Theory, Fall (Graduate)

### **Princeton University**

- 2014 Teaching Assistant, Urban Sociology, Fall (Instructor: Patricia Fernandez-Kelly)
- 2013 Teaching Assistant, Money, Work and Social Life, Fall (Instructor: Viviana Zelizer)

### **New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons Consortium program**

- 2014 Instructor, Introduction to Sociology, East Jersey State Penitentiary

## **SELECTED INVITED TALKS**

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### **Cost of Borders**

- 2024 University of Illinois Urbana Champagne
- 2024 Occidental College

- 2023 Princeton Mellon Initiative  
 2023 Institute for Advanced Studies
- Refuge
- 2023 Rutgers Newark, Race, Security and Empire Lecture Series  
 2023 Williams College, Oakly Colloquium  
 2023 University of Southern California Colloquium  
 2022 Nationalities Service Center, Philadelphia  
 2022 U Chicago Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Farouk Mustafa Memorial Lecture Series  
 2022 Center for Migration & Development, Princeton  
 2022 Florida International University Colloquium  
 2022 Yale Refugee Program Seminar  
 2022 Global Migration Lecture, University of Duisburg-Essen  
 2022 Center for Comparative Immigration Studies (UCSD) & Center for the Study of International Migration (UCLA)  
 2022 Charles Green Lecture, Hunter College, CUNY  
 2022 WZB Berlin Social Science Center, MAD Colloquium  
 2022 Yale University, Department of Sociology, CERSI  
 2022 University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2022 Boston University, Center for European Studies  
 2021 Brown University, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2021 New York University, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2021 University of California Berkeley, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2021 University of Texas Austin, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2021 Ankara Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi, GAUM Webinar Series  
 2021 Graduate Institute, Geneva, ANSO Seminar Series  
 2021 Northwestern University, Department of Sociology Colloquium  
 2019 Toronto University, Department of Sociology, RISE Team  
 2018 Columbia University, Department of Sociology, REM workshop  
 2018 Harvard University, Department of Sociology  
 2018 Boston University, Department of Sociology
- Resettled and Unsettled: What Syrian Refugees Teach us about Race in the United States
- 2018 Yale University, Race and Racism Workshop Series

## **INVITED PANELS**

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- 2022 Association Members of the Institute for Advanced Studies Panel, Migration
- 2022 Reexamining Current International Frameworks on Migration, CUNY Human Rights Hub
- 2022 Activist Ethnography Panel, Ethnography Collective at UMass
- 2022 Bridgewater State Panel on Forced Displacement
- 2022 Double Standards at EU Borders, EuroMed Monitor
- 2022 Russia’s War in Ukraine and its Impact on the Middle East, Arab Center Washington DC

## **SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE**

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NPR’s Code Switch (segment was interview for *Refuge*), Afikra interview, Jadaliya Newton Times Magazine, TV 5, Teen Vogue NYTimes, New Yorker

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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The Local Work of Federal Programming: Refugee Resettlement in the United States.”

- 2022 American Sociological Society Meeting, Los Angeles, CA

“The Relational Work of Refugee Remittances”

- 2020 American Sociological Society Meeting (cancelled)

“New Minorities: Syrian Refugee Resettlement in the United States, Canada and Germany”

- 2018 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, DC

“Resettled and Unsettled: Syrian Refugee Racialization.”

- 2018 American Sociological Society Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD

“Diverging by Gender: Syrian Refugees and American Resettlement Policy.”

- 2018 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Kyoto, Japan
- 2017 American Sociological Association meeting, Montreal, Canada

“Who Pays for Child Education? How Poor Egyptian Mothers Finance Their Children’s Learning.”

- 2015 American Sociological Association meeting, Chicago, IL
- 2015 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, London, England
- 2014 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 Chicago Ethnography Conference, Evanston, IL

## **SERVICE**

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- 2023 Eastern Sociological Society
- 2022 Panel Organizer, Borders & (Im)mobility, American Sociological Association
- 2022 Co-Organizer Race & Economic Sociology, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

- 2021- Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship Committee, Boston University
- 2020- Boston University Citizenship Hub Founder and Director
- 2020- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, Sociology Department, Boston University
- 2019- Social Dynamics of Immigration Workshop co-director
- 2018 Co-editor, *Accounts*, American Sociological Association, Economic Sociology Section
- 2014 Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Princeton, 2013-2014

Member of American Sociological Association (sections: Gender & Sexuality, International Migration, Race, Class & Gender, Global & Transnational Sociology), Eastern Sociological Society, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.

## **CONSULTING**

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Wayfair, National Centre for Social Research (UK), Facebook/ META, CARE International, German Organization for International Development, MDRC