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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA (2016 - present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 2016

Dissertation: "The Arab Spring Abroad: Mobilization among Syrian, Libyan, and Yemeni Diasporas in the U.S. and Great Britain."

Committee: David A. Snow (chair), Charles C. Ragin, David S. Meyer, Judith Stepan-Norris, and Yang Su

M.A. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 2012

M.A. Interdisciplinary Program in Liberal Studies, emphasis on Middle Eastern Studies, Villanova University, 2009

B.A. Department of Sociology and Writing, Loyola University in Maryland, 2004
Summa cum laude, Honors program, Phi Beta Kappa

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Collective action and repression; Transnationalism, diasporas, and immigrant politics; Arab populations and the Middle Eastern region; Comparative and qualitative methods.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forthcoming **Moss, Dana M.** "The Ties that Bind: Internet Communication Technologies, Networked Authoritarianism, and 'Voice' in the Syrian Diaspora," *Globalizations* (special issue on 'Authoritarian Rule of Populations Abroad'). Published online 2017.

- 2017 Frank, David John and **Dana M. Moss**. "The Social Foundations of Law: Cross-National Variations in the Criminal Regulation of Sex, 1965 to 2005," *Social Forces* 95 (3): 941-969.
- 2016 **Moss, Dana M.** 2016. "Transnational Repression, Diaspora Mobilization, and the Case of the Arab Spring," *Social Problems* 63(4): 480-498.
- Winner of the **2017 Best Scholarly Article Award**, *ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology*;
 - Co-winner of the **2017 Best Article Award**, *ASA Section on Peace, War & Social Conflict*;
 - Winner of an **Honorable Mention Award** for the 2017 Louis Wirth Best Article Award, *ASA Section on International Migration*.
- 2016 **Moss, Dana M.** "Diaspora Mobilization for Western Military Intervention during the Arab Spring," *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies* (special issue on 'Social Mobilization and Political Participation in the Diaspora during the Arab Spring')14(3): 277-297.
- 2014 Snow, David A. and **Dana M. Moss**. "Protest on the Fly: Toward a Theory of Spontaneity in the Dynamics of Protest and Social Movements." *American Sociological Review* 79(6): 1122-1143.
- 2014 **Moss, Dana M.** "Repression, Response, and Contained Escalation under 'Liberalized' Authoritarianism in Jordan." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 19(3): 489-514.
- 2010 Eckstein, Rick, **Dana M. Moss**, and Kevin J. Delaney. "Sports Sociology's Still Untapped Potential." *Sociological Forum* 25(3): 500-518.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Forthcoming Chen, Xi and **Dana M. Moss**. "Social Movements and Authoritarian Regimes." *The Blackwell Companion to Social Movements*, 2nd ed., edited by David Snow, Sarah Soule, Hanspeter Kriesi, and Holly McCammon.
- 2016 **Moss, Dana M.** and David A. Snow. "Theorizing Social Movements." Pp. 547-569 in *Handbook of Contemporary Sociological Theory*. Edited by Seth Abrutyn. Switzerland: Springer International Publishing.
- 2013 **Moss, Dana M.** "The Arab Spring." Pp. 118-125 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Edited by David A. Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klendermans, and Doug McAdam. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell Publishing.
- 2013 **Moss, Dana M.** "Islamic Women's Movements." Pp. 645-648 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements*. Edited by David A.

Snow, Donatella Della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell Publishing.

Shorter Pieces

- Forthcoming **Moss, Dana M.** and Marcus Michaelsen. “Repression Without Borders: Diaspora Activism, Digital Networks, and Authoritarian Power.” *Political Geography*.
- Forthcoming **Moss, Dana M.** Invited book review of *Protest Dialectics: State Repression and South Korea’s Democracy Movement, 1970-1979* by Paul Y. Chang. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2017 **Moss, Dana M.** “Why So Many Syrians Living Abroad Support U.S. Intervention.” The Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, April 19.
- 2017 **Moss, Dana M.** “From the Arab Spring to the Muslim Ban: Diaspora Activists Oppose Authoritarianism at Home and Abroad.” *Mobilizing Ideas: The Official Blog for the Center for the Study of Social Movements at Notre Dame*, March 27.
- 2014 **Moss, Dana M.** “How Jordan’s Protest Movement Mattered.” The Monkey Cage Blog, *The Washington Post*, October 27.
- 2011 **Moss, Dana M.** and William E. Picard. “Saleh or Chaos? Rebalancing the Equation in Yemen.” *Muftah.org*, April 21.

Under Review

- 2017 Chaudhary, Ali R. and **Dana M. Moss.** “Suppressing Transnationalism: Bringing Constraints Back into Theories of Immigrant Transnational Political Action.”

Writings in Preparation

- Moss, Dana M.** “Bound by the Red Lines? The Perils and Promises of Moderate Mobilization under Authoritarianism,” book chapter in progress.
- Moss, Dana M.** “Mobilization for Rebellion and Relief: A Comparative Study of Immigrant Transnational Activism During the Arab Spring,” article in progress.
- Moss, Dana M.** “Beyond Success or Failure: State Collapse and War as a Revolution Outcome in Yemen,” article in progress.
- Moss, Dana M.** and David A. Snow. “Distant Authority Structures and the Attribution of Blame: Activists vs. Superpowers,” article in progress.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Pending Review: University of Pittsburgh

2017 Central Research Development Funds Award Competition, 2017-19, University of Pittsburgh. Project title: "From Revolution to Reversion: Explaining the Arab Spring's Aftermath in Egypt, Yemen, and Libya." Funding support requested: \$14,875.

External Sources:

- 2017 Winner of the Best Scholarly Article Award for "Transnational Repression, Diaspora Mobilization, and the Case of the Arab Spring," ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology;
- 2017 Co-winner of the Best Article Award for "Transnational Repression, Diaspora Mobilization, and the Case of the Arab Spring," ASA Section on Peace, War & Social Conflict;
- 2017 Winner of an Honorable Mention Award for the Louis Wirth Best Article Award for "Transnational Repression, Diaspora Mobilization, and the Case of the Arab Spring," ASA Section on International Migration
- 2014 National Science Foundation's Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$11,322)
- 2012 American Institute for Yemeni Studies Pre-Dissertation Fellowship (\$7000)
- 2011 Critical Language Scholarship for Arabic, Council of American Overseas Research Centers (\$10,000)
- 2011 Kathryn Davis Fellowship, Middlebury College's Language Institute (\$9910, declined)

Internal Sources, the University of California:

- 2016 Lauds & Laurels Outstanding Graduate Student of 2016, UCI Alumni Association
- 2016 School of Social Sciences' Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2015 The Department of Sociology's Outstanding Research Award
- 2015 Kugelman Citizen Peacebuilding Research Fellowship (\$2000)
- 2015 Center for the Study of Democracy Summer Fellowship (\$1500)
- 2014 A. Kimball Romney Award for Outstanding Research Paper in the School of Social Sciences (\$500)
- 2014 Associate Dean's Fellowship (fall quarter)
- 2014 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Award (\$1500)
- 2014 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship (\$1400)
- 2014 Center for the Study of Democracy Summer Fellowship (\$1500)
- 2013 Kugelman Citizen Peacebuilding Research Fellowship (\$2500)
- 2013 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship (\$1500)
- 2012 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship (\$500)
- 2012 Center for the Study of Democracy Summer Fellowship (\$1500)
- 2011 University of California Human Rights Fellowship (\$4600)
- 2011 Kugelman Citizen Peacebuilding Research Fellowship (\$2500)
- 2010-15 William Podlich Democracy Fellowship, Center for the Study of Democracy, UCI
- 2010 Social Science Merit Award Fellowship, UCI

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Mobilization for Rebellion and Relief: A Comparative Study of Immigrant Transnational Activism During the Arab Spring.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. August 12-15.
- 2017 “Suppressing Transnationalism: Bringing Constraints Back into Theories of Immigrant Transnational Political Action,” with Ali Chaudhary. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. August 12-15.
- 2017 “Theorizing Revolutionary Movements and their Outcomes: The Case of Yemen.” London School of Economics Workshop on *Rethinking Revolutions*. London, UK. May 26.
- 2017 “Bound by the Red Lines? The Perils and Promises of Moderate Mobilization under Authoritarianism.” Invited plenary presenter. Conference on *Mobilization and Protest: Nonviolent Strategies and the State*. San Diego State University, CA. May 5-6.
- 2017 “Explaining State Collapse and War in the Aftermath of Yemen’s Revolution.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. Feb. 22-25.
- 2016 “Outcomes beyond Success or Failure: Explaining State Collapse and War in the Aftermath of Yemen’s Revolution.” Invited plenary presenter. Thematic session on *The Broken Spring: The Arab Uprisings and their Aftermaths*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. August 20-23.
- 2016 “Diaspora Mobilization for Western Military Intervention during the Arab Spring.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. August 20-23.
- 2016 “Digitally-Enabled Repression and Mediated Mobilization among Diasporas.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. March 16-19.
- 2016 “Unpacking the Sending State: Regimes, Institutions and Non-State Actors in Diaspora and Emigration Politics.” Workshop participant. International Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. March 15.
- 2015 “The Syrian Regime’s Long-Distance Surveillance and Counter-mobilization Online during the Revolution” University of Amsterdam Conference on “The Authoritarian Governance of Overseas Citizens,” Amsterdam, The Netherlands. September 21-22.
- 2015 “Transnational Repression, Diaspora Mobilization, and the Arab Spring.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. August 21-25.
- 2015 “Distant Authority Structures and the Attribution of Blame: Activists vs. Superpowers.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. August 21-25.

- 2014 “The Impact of Transnational Repression on Arab Activism in the Diaspora.” European Research Council Conference on “The Role of Diasporas, Exiles, and Migrants in the Arab Revolutions and Political Transitions,” Tunis, Tunisia. October 16-17.
- 2014 “Repression’s Reach: Dictatorships and Diaspora Communities.” Yale University Ethnography Conference, New Haven, CT. April 10-12.
- 2013 “Repression and Response in an Authoritarian State: The Jordanian Regime’s Tactical Interactions with Reform-Oriented Challengers.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. August 10-13.
- 2013 “Protest on the Fly: Resuscitating and Retheorizing Spontaneity in the Dynamics of Collective Action and Protest.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. August 10-13.
- 2013 “Repression and Response under ‘Liberalized Authoritarianism.’” Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN. May 3-4.
- 2011 “Becoming a Better NGO: Shifting Institutional Human Rights Culture in the Developing World.” University of California Human Rights Fellows Conference, Berkeley, CA. November 3.
- 2010 “Beyond al-Qaeda: Yemen’s Crises in Context,” with William Picard, Center for Arab and Islamic Studies Speaker Series, Villanova University, Villanova, PA. March 11.
- 2009 “Dynamics of Malay-Muslim Resistance: The Effects of Political Opportunities on Violence in Southern Thailand.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD. March 19-22.
- 2009 “Strategic Framing and Social Action: Women’s Activism in Yemen,” International Arab and Islamic Studies Conference, Villanova University, Villanova, PA. April 1-4.
- 2009 “A Comparative Perspective on the Role of Solidarity in American and Yemeni Women’s Social Movements,” Villanova University’s Oscar Romero Lecture Series on Feminist Political Solidarity, Villanova, PA. April 14.

TEACHING (*at the University of Pittsburgh unless otherwise noted*)

Undergraduate Courses:

Immigration (Fall 2017)

Social Science Research Methods (Fall 2016)

Fieldwork and Interviewing Methods (Chapman University, Orange, CA. Spring 2015)

Social Movements (California State University, Los Angeles, CA. Spring 2014)

Graduate Courses:

Social Movements (Spring 2017)

Qualitative Methods (Spring 2018)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2009-2010 Research Assistant for project “Islamic Law and Western Democracy: The Challenges of Pluralism.” Primary Investigator: Catherine Warrick, Department of Political Science, Villanova University

2006-2010 Research Associate for the Department of Sociology, Villanova University

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT (*University of Pittsburgh*)

- Invited panelist, “Understanding What Makes Movements Effective.” Student Union, University of Pittsburgh. Feb. 8, 2017.
- MA Committee member, Chie Togami (2017 - present)
- PhD Comprehensive Exam Committee member, Basak Gemici (2016 - present)
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Advisor, Tiffani Humble (2016-17)
- Undergraduate Committee member (2016-17)
- Research Ethics Coordinator and IRB Scientific Reviewer (2016-17)

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**ASA Section Service**

Mentoring Committee, Collective Behavior and Social Movements ASA Section (2017-)

Article Peer Review

American Journal of Sociology (2015)

American Sociological Review (2017)

International Journal of Comparative Sociology (2015)

Journal of Civil Society (2016)

Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies (2016)

Mobilization: An International Quarterly (U.S. and Europe-based editors, 2013-16)

Qualitative Sociology (2016)

Research in Social Movements, Conflicts, and Change (2015)

Social Problems (2016)

Sociology Compass (2015)

Sociopedia.isa (publication of the International Sociological Association) (2016)

Funding Agency Peer Review

The National Science Foundation, Social Science Division (2016)

Conference Discussant

2017 “Unpacking the Sending State: Regimes, Institutions, and Non-State Actors in Diaspora and Emigration Politics.” International Studies Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD, Feb. 22-25.

Contributor

“Mobilizing Ideas” Blog of the Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame (2013-). *Partial list of contributions:*

- “From the Arab Spring to the Muslim Ban: Diaspora Activists Oppose Authoritarianism at Home and Abroad.” March 2017.
- “Burning Country: Syrians in Revolution and War—A Review” of Robin Yassin-Kassab and Leila Al-Shami’s book *Burning Country* (Pluto Press, London, 2016). June 2016.
- “Target(ing) Practice(s): Social Movements’ Relations, Repertoires, and Consequences,” June 2015.
- “How Social Movements Die: A Review” of Christian Davenport’s book *How Social Movements Die* (Cambridge UP, 2014). Dec. 2014.
- “#HashtagActivism: Wannabe Protest, or Something More?” June 2014.
- “Beyond the Repression-Dissent Nexus: Putting Violence in Its Place,” May 2014.
- “The People Demand the Rise of a Regime!” Jan. 2014.

OTHER SERVICE

Co-founder, The Yemen Peace Project. A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting cultural exchange between Americans and Yemenis and advocating for U.S. foreign policy in accordance with international humanitarian laws (2010-2016).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
International Studies Association
Middle East Studies Association
American Institute for Yemeni Studies