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## **EDUCATION**

- 2020            Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh  
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- 2020            M.A., Sociology (Teaching Sociology)  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
*Thesis Title: Saudi Religious Voices during the Arab Spring: Variations Within the Saudi Islamic Movements*
- 2009            B. A King Abdul-Aziz University, Saudi Arabia

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Social Movements, Political Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Historical Sociology, The Arab Spring, Islamic Studies.

## **AWARDS, GRANT AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2020 2021        Social Movement Fellowship, Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences,  
University of Pittsburgh (\$23,490)
- Spring 2020     Teaching Fellowship Award. Minnesota State University, Mankato. (\$3300)

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2014-2015      Assistant Researcher, University of Texas at Austin  
Dr. Benjamin Claude Brower, research on The Colonial Hajj, 1798-1962

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- Spring 2020     Teaching Fellowship (Instructor), Introduction of Sociology  
Minnesota State University, Mankato

Fall 2019 Internship of Teaching (Teaching Assistant), Introduction of  
Sociology, Minnesota State University, Mankato

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Book Chapters:**

Alrefai, Hashem. 2015. "Political developments in Saudi Arabia," P. 58-66 in The Constant and the Changing 2014, edited by AlShehabi, Omar. Mubarak Al-Abdullah: Kuwait: Gulf University for Science and Technology. (Arabic) Link: <https://goo.gl/JMfHfZ>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Political developments in Saudi Arabia": P. 88 - 97 in The Constant and the Changing 2013, edited by AlShehabi, Omar. Mubarak Al-Abdullah: Kuwait: Gulf University for Science and Technology. (Arabic) Link: <https://goo.gl/JXx2mw>

### **Translations:**

#### **Editing and Forwarding:**

Touraine, Alain. 2019. "Pour La Sociologie" ["For Sociology"] Published in Arabic by Beirut: Dar al-Rawafed and Oran: Ibn Nadim.

Benjamin, Brower. 2019. "A Desert Named Peace: The Violence of France's Empire in the Algerian Sahara, 1844-1902." Published in Arabic by Dar al-Rawafed and Oran: Ibn Nadim.

### **Article Translations:**

Bamyeh, Mohammed. 2016. " *Will the Spring Come Again?*" *Revolutions: Global Trends & Regional Issues*, VOLUME 4, ISSUE. 1, 2016, (ISSN: 244. Published in Arabic by Idafat: The Arab Journal of Sociology. (ISSN 45, 2019) link <https://caus.org.lb/product/-مجلة-11-إضافات-المجلة-العربية-للعلم-الاجت>

Kurzman, Charles. (2017) "*Muslim- American Involvement with Violent Extremism*, 2016". Triangle Center on Terrorism and Homeland Security. Published in Arabic by: Islamic Today. Link Available at [islamtoday](http://islamtoday).

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS (Non-Peer Reviewed):**

Book review, “Knowledge Production in the Arab World: The Impossible Promise” by Sari Hanafi and Rigas Arvanitis, In Arabic, Beirut: Center for Arab Unity Studies, 2015.  
Reviewed for Islam Today. Available in this link:

<http://www.islamtoday.net/nawafeth/artshow-42-238167.htm>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2017. “The Path of Cultural Renewal and Awareness of History” *Islam Today*, 7/28/2017. <http://www.islamtoday.net/nawafeth/artshow-40-238663.htm>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2017. “Social Media Spaces and Moral Issues”. *Islam Today*, 5/15/2017.  
<http://www.islamtoday.net/nawafeth/artshow-43-238013.htm>

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

Alrefai, Hashem. 2017. “Social Controversy in Saudi Arabia, Battles in the Imagination”.  
*The New Arab*, 4/2/2017. <https://www.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/2017/4/1/-جدل-اجتماعي-في-1-السعودية-معارك-في-الخيال>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2016. “Racism after Trump”. *The New Arab*, 11/17/2016.  
<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/2016/11/16/1-عنصرية-ما-بعد-فوز-ترامب-نحو-المسلمين>

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<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/2016/9/6/1-أشكال-الحضور-الديني-في-السعودية>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2016. “Arab Liberals and Military Coups”. *The New Arab*, 07/23/2016.  
<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/opinion/2016/7/22/1-الليبراليون-الخليجيون-والانقلابات-العسكرية>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2016. “Social Studies Programs Crisis: The Illusion of Knowledge” *The New Arab*, 07/02/2016.  
<https://www.alaraby.co.uk/investigations/2016/6/30/أزمة-برامج-الدراسات-الاجتماعية-في-السعودية-الوهم-المعرفي>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2015. “The Aspirations and Hopes of the Saudis after King Abdullah.”  
Altagreer, 1/24/2015. <http://altagreer.com/طموحات-وأمال-وطنية/>

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Alrefai Hashem. 2014. "Question of Youth and State in Saudi Arabia." *Altagreer*, 08/23/2014. <http://altagreer.com/سؤال-الشباب-و-الدولة/>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Experts of the Islamic Movements in the Arab Gulf." *Altagreer*, 6/21/2014. <http://altagreer.com/خبراء-الحركات-الإسلامية-في-الخليج/>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Palestine: The Ongoing battle, Victory and the Knowledge and Science." *Altagreer*, 6/12/2014. <http://altagreer.com/فلسطين-المعركة-المستمرة-والانتصار-با/>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Is it Possible to Return the Arab Spring to Egypt?" *Altagreer*, 07/08/2014. <http://altagreer.com/اهل-من-الممكن-عودة-الربيع-العربي-لمصر/>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Glimpses of Sociology." *Altagreer*, 11/1/2014. <http://altagreer.com/1-2-ملاحظات-من-علم-الاجتماع/>

Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "The Future of the Arab world and Study Centers." *Altagreer*, 10/18/2014. <http://altagreer.com/مستقبل-العالم-العربي-ومراكز-الدراسات/>

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Alrefai, Hashem. 2014. "Counter-Revolution and Moral Crisis in Arab spring." *Altagreer*, 11/30/2014. <http://altagreer.com/الثورة-المضادة-والأزمة-الأخلاقية/>

## **PRESENTATIONS**

"Saudi Religious Voice during Arab Spring: Similarities and Differences." Sociologists of Minnesota, October 10, 2019, Mankato, MN.

"Saudi Religious Voice during Arab Spring: Similarities and Differences." Presider, Midwest Sociology Association, April 19, 2019, Chicago, IL

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Human Rights Monitor (Saudi Arabia)	2007-2010
Co-Founder of Saudi Anti-Corruption Association	2010-2011

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Volunteering for the conference: Sociologists of Minnesota, October 10- 11, 2019,  
Mankato, MN.

Volunteer, Social work in the Hajj (Pilgrimage) season, Mecca, Saudi Arabia 2005–2007.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association

Arab Council for the Social Sciences