## ALLISON BETH HODGKINS

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#### **CURRENT POSITION**

Assistant Professor of Security Studies and Conflict Management, School of Global Affairs and Public Policy; Director of Master's Global Affairs; Program Department of Public Policy and Public Administration, American University in Cairo

# EDUCATION

August 2010 *PhD - International Relations*, the Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, MA. *Fields of study:* International Negotiations and Conflict Resolution, Security Studies and International Law *Dissertation title* "Guns for Promises: The Failure of Asymmetric Security Guarantees to Settle Armed Self-Determination Conflicts." Project identified a negative relationship between commonly used security measures and confidence building schemes in the failure of peace agreements reached between governments and non-state actors in peace agreements. Findings suggest that standard approaches to building confidence between the parties in armed self-determination conflicts replicate the power asymmetry between the parties and are not conducive to supporting the implementation process.
June 1999 *Certificate in Conflict Transformation*, Summer Institute in International Conflict Transformation, VT.

- May 1995 *Master of Public Affairs,* Lyndon Baines Johnson School, Austin, TX.
- May 1995 *Master of Middle Eastern Studies*, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
- May 1991 Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, Bates College, Lewiston, ME

## **CURRENT COURSES**

Role of Force in Strategy and Statecraft Issues in International Security Negotiation: Theory and Practice Conflict Management Issues in Regional Security: Middle East and Africa

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Negotiations Skills, Jordan Institute of Diplomacy, Spring 2010, Fall 2011 Paths to Peace in the Middle East, 2006-2012 CIEE University of Jordan Democracy and the Arab World, Fall 2006 CIEE University of Jordan Intercultural Communication, 2003; Bentley College International Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, 2002 Northeastern University Arab-Israeli Conflict, 2002-2003, Northeastern University Terrorism and Political Violence, Fall 2003 Northeastern University

#### PUBLICATIONS

"Asymmetric Assurances and Settlement Durability: Evidence from Armed Self-Determination Conflict " with Dr. Hamid Ali *forthcoming* 

"A New Layer to a Complex Problem: Review of Vali Nasr's The Shia Revival." The Sais Review of International Affairs, "Winter -Spring 2007

"Beyond Two States: Alternative Visions of Self-Determination for the Peoples of Palestine" The *Fletcher Forum of World Affairs,* "Summer 2004

"The Consolidation of Identity and Power: Understanding the Short Life of Yasser Arafat as a Partner for Peace" Middle Eastern Scholars Association of America, (MESA) 2002 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

*Facts on the Ground: Israeli Settlement Policy in Jerusalem,* Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, Jerusalem, 1998. (Reviewed in *Journal of Palestine Studies,* vol. 112, Summer 1999)

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

2006-2007Harvard Program on Negotiation Graduate Research Fellowship (declined)2006-2007Randolph Jennings Peace Scholar Fellowship, US Institute for Peace (declined)

- 1995 Moody Family Fellowship:, Lyndon Baines Johnson School.
- 1994 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship: for summer study of Advanced Hebrew, University of Texas, Austin
- 1991 High Honors in Political Science, Bates College.
- 1991 Maung Maung Gyi Award, for excellence in Comparative Politics, Bates College.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

- 2006 2012 **Resident Director,** CIEE; Council International Study Programs Study Center, University of Jordan, Amman Jordan. Oversaw all operations for one of CIEE's largest, fastest going study centers ensuring high quality programing and strong financial performance. Responsible for an annual operating budget in excess of \$4,000,000; a thriving study center with 20+ academic and administrative staff and a range of programs providing opportunities for over 300 undergraduates and faculty from US institutions of higher education. Responsible for ongoing security assessments and response, management of institutional relationships with local partners and continuous assessment of program components in order to ensure the highest levels of program quality and customer satisfaction. Academic responsibilities include advising, curriculum review and design, and instruction in International Relations and Political Science. During tenure, Study Center enrollments and revenues increased by 300%, from 30 in 2006 to over 300 in 2012.
- Spring, 2003 *Visiting Lecturer in intercultural communication*; Department of International Studies, Bentley College, Waltham MA
- 2002-2003 *Adjunct Lecturer*, Department of Political Science, Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
- 1995 2001 *Academic Director*, Middle East: Peace and Conflict Studies, School for International Training, Brattleboro, VT Jerusalem Office

Founding director of an intensive study program for American university students that focused on the Arab-Israeli conflict and peace process. Developed a comprehensive, 15-week curriculum; including assignments, readings and field seminars. Taught courses in field-research and advised students' academic work during the semester. Responsible for all aspects of program administration, including cultivating local partners, directing and recruiting local staff. Successfully coordinated joint activities with multiple NGOs in the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Israel and Jordan. Ensured that the program ran effectively and safely during periods of unrest and political instability.

#### **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

- May 2003 **Coordinator**, Problem Solving Workshop on US-Arab-Relations, Fletcher School, MA Coordinated all aspects of a full-day problem solving workshop designed to open dialogue between American and Arab MA candidates. Responsibilities included participant selection, screening and briefing, dialogue planning, logistics and debriefing.
- April 2001 **Grant Write**r, Miftah: Palestinian Initiative for the Promotion of Global Dialogue and Democracy, Jerusalem. Designed, wrote and edited major grant proposals for the European Union and USAID to fund projects for the strengthening of civil society through providing capacity building training for local NGOs.

#### LANGUAGE ABILITY

Proficiency in spoken Arabic (Levantine) and Hebrew