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ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Boston University, Center on Forced Displacement Mellon Sawyer Seminar Graduate Fellow	2023-Present
EDUCATION	Boston University Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Political Science	2025 (Expected)
	Boston University Master’s (M.A.) – Political Science	2023
	Boston University Graduate Certificate – Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality	2023
	University Massachusetts Lowell Bachelor’s (B.A.) – Political Science International Relations Double Minor – Arabic Studies and Writing	2020
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Middle East, migration, diaspora, Feminist International Relations, gender, race and human security, human rights, communications	
ADDITIONAL TRAINING	Massachusetts Institute of Technology Feminist, Queer, and Indigenous Methodology – WGS 6.15 Instructor: Dr. Sandra McEvoy	Spring 2022
	University of Massachusetts Amherst Institute for Social Science Research – Introduction to R: Data Management	Summer 2021
	University of Massachusetts Amherst Institute for Social Science Research – Introduction to NVivo 12	Summer 2021
PUBLICATIONS	Abou-Khalil, Catherine “ Reflections on Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in the Global Border Regime ” <i>Boston University Center on Forced Displacement</i>	February 2024
	Abou-Khalil, Catherine , Hanadi Amin, and Desiree Hartman “ The Visible-Invisible Gate: Racism at Europe’s Borders ” <i>Boston University International Relations Review</i>	April 2022
WORKING PAPERS	Abou-Khalil, Catherine . “Women and War Narratives: An Analysis of U.S. Media Representation of Ukrainian and Afghan Women.”	
	Abou-Khalil, Catherine , Jenifer Whitten-Woodring, Ardeth Thawngmung, and Tun Tun Lynn. “Can Pandora’s Box Be Closed? Information Access in Post-Coup Myanmar.”	

Abou-Khalil, Catherine, Jessica Maki, and John Cluverius. “Blame Canada: Interest in Single-Payer Healthcare in the American States.”

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS	International Studies Association (Presenter) <i>San Francisco, California</i>	April 2024
	Sawyer Seminar: Gender, Race, and Intersectionality in the Global Border Regime (Organizer, Moderator) <i>Boston University, Massachusetts</i>	February 2024
	American Political Science Association (Presenter) <i>L.A. Convention Center, California</i>	September 2023
	United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (Delegate) <i>United Nations Headquarters, New York</i>	March 2023
	The Empirical Study of Gender Research Network (EGEN) <i>Harvard University, Massachusetts</i>	September 2022
	Broadening our Approach: Comparative Political Communications (Presenter) <i>Duke University, North Carolina</i>	March 2022
	International Studies Association (Presenter) <i>Virtual</i>	April 2021
	American Political Science Association (iPoster) <i>Virtual</i>	September 2020
	New England Political Science Association (Presenter) <i>Accepted, Cancelled (COVID)</i>	April 2020
	International Studies Association (Presenter) <i>Accepted, Cancelled (COVID)</i>	March 2020
	State Politics and Policy Conference (Presenter) <i>University of Maryland, Maryland</i>	May 2019
INVITED PANELS	Framing Narratives: Sectarianism, Racism & Displacement <i>Boston University, Massachusetts</i>	October 2023
	Emerging Scholars Panel <i>University of Massachusetts Lowell, Massachusetts</i>	October 2023
	Political Science Career Panel <i>University of Massachusetts Lowell, Massachusetts</i>	March 2023
	herNetwork Politics and Law Panel <i>Boston University, Massachusetts</i>	February 2023
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	Boston University, Center on Forced Displacement <i>Graduate Fellow, Identity and Displacement</i>	2023-Present

Brown University, Costs of War
Research Assistant, Afghan Women Political Representation Summer 2021

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Emerging Scholar
Research Assistant, Information Access in Myanmar September 2019 - August 2020

University of Massachusetts Lowell, Honors Fellow
Research lead, Refugee Student Learning February 2019 - October 2019

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Boston University - Teaching Fellow
Introduction to International Relations Fall 2021, 2022 (Lead TF)
International Human Rights: Applying Human Rights in Africa Spring 2022, 2023

SayDayNar Community Development Center
Teaching Assistant, Citizenship Class Summer 2019

**GUEST
LECTURES**

Boston University
International Human Rights: Applying Human Rights in Africa, Spring 2023. "Intersectionality: Refugee and Immigrant Rights."

International Human Rights: Applying Human Rights in Africa, Spring 2022. "Intersectionality and Immigrant Rights."

Seminar on International Migration, Spring 2022. "Intersectionality and Immigration."

**RELATED
EXPERIENCE**

Boston University Citizenship Hub Boston, MA
Graduate Coordinator May 2022 - January 2024

- Co-Manage citizenship classes for 30 Syrian refugees with undergraduate coordinator.
- Recruit volunteers to run weekly class sessions with students.
- Maintain communications between volunteers, students, and undergraduate coordinator.

Forced Migration and Human Trafficking Initiative Boston, MA
Co-Chair May 2021 - January 2024

- Coordinate with initiative Directors to guide planning processes for all programming.
- Strategize with initiative Directors to create succinct and feasible goals.
- Supervise, delegate, and mentor groups of undergraduate and graduate interns.
- Hire and recruit interns for the initiative.
- Coordinate and plan events related to forced migration, immigration, and human trafficking.

SayDaNar Community Development Center Lowell, MA
Volunteer Coordinator May 2018 - July 2019

- Led the after-school homework help program at non-profit organization and managed a small team of volunteers to assist with tutoring as many as 25 Burmese refugee students, ages ranged from 4 – 20 years old.
- Recruited volunteers and maintained record of their attendance, CORI forms, and contact information.
- Organized and managed budget for program events, such as field days and fundraising events.

Student Curriculum Supervisor

January 2019 - July 2019

- Determined an individualized learning curriculum for about 25 students based on established relationships with the students and their academic progress to identify their unique needs.
- Created a system to track each student’s academic progress by keeping record of their work and progress reports.
- Created a form, "Progress Reports" that is filled out daily to track academic progress of each student.

SERVICE

Boston University

Graduate Student Speaker Series

June 2022 - January 2024

University of Massachusetts Lowell

Service-Learning, Mentoring First Generation College Students Fall Semester 2017

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- BU Center on Forced Displacement, Sawyer Seminar Fellow 2023-2024
- American Political Science Association First Generation Scholars Travel and Accessibility Grant 2023
- BU Center for Innovation in Social Science, Travel Grant 2023
- WILPF UN Practicum Grant 2023
- Boston University’s Teaching Fellowship 2021-2023
- Boston University’s Dean Fellowship 2020-2021
- Summa Cum Laude 2020
- Research Excellence 2020
- Outstanding Academic Achievement 2020
- Best Delegation 2020 (Model United Nations)
- Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society 2019
- Distinguished Delegate 2019 (Model United Nations)
- UML Honors Fellowship 2019
- UML Honors College 2018-2020
- Roger Cressey Endowment Fund Award recipient 2018
- Dean’s List 2016 – 2020
- Christian Herter Scholarship 2016
- Syrian-Lebanese Scholarship 2016
- Abigail Adams Scholarship 2016

SKILLS

Language Skills

Arabic (Fluent), French (Novice)

Program Softwares

NVivo (Proficient), Latex (Intermediate), R (Basic), Stata (Basic), SPSS (Basic)