

C U R R I C U L U M V I T A E

RANIA SALEM

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EDUCATION

- July 2011 **PhD in Sociology, Princeton University**
Comprehensive exams: demography, economic sociology, and poverty and development
Dissertation title- *Economies of Courtship: Matrimonial Transactions and the Construction of Gender and Class Inequalities in Egypt*
- November 2004 **MSc in Sociology, University of Oxford**
Graduated with Distinction
Thesis title- *Sibling Configuration: Impact on Educational and Health Outcomes among Adolescents in Egypt*
- February 2001 **BA in Political Science, American University in Cairo**
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Major: Political Science with a specialization in Middle East Politics
Minors: Sociology and International Development

EMPLOYMENT

- July 2012 – Present **Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto Scarborough**
- September 2011- July 2012 **David E. Bell Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard University**
- August 2010- December 2011 **Consultant, World Bank Gender, Economic Research, and Policy Analysis pilot study “Domestic Violence, Women’s Health and Women’s Economic and Non-Economic Activities in Minya, Egypt”**
- September 2006- January 2008 **Assistant in Instruction, Princeton University Department of Sociology**
 - Economic Sociology (Professor Viviana Zelizer) Fall 2006 and Fall 2007
 - Sociological Theory (Professor Patricia Fernandez-Kelley) Spring 2006
- September 2006- May 2008 **Coordinator, Princeton University Program in the Study of Women and Gender**
 - Coordinated weekly colloquia for the presentation of graduate student research on gender. Tasks included publicizing colloquium activities, vetting submissions, and moderating discussions.
- January 2001- July 2003 **Program Assistant to Research Coordinator, Gender, Family, and Development Program, Population Council**
 - Used an experimental research design to evaluate a program for disadvantaged adolescent girls in rural Upper Egypt. Tasks included design of quantitative and qualitative research instruments, data collection, supervision of interviewers, statistical analysis of data, and write-up of findings. (PI: Dr. Barbara Ibrahim)
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November 2004- July 20

- Developed a qualitative study of barriers to young people's labor market entry in Egypt. (PI: Dr. Sajeda Amin)
- Prepared several successful grant applications and reported progress to donors
- Provided research assistance to the *Arab Families Working Group*, an interdisciplinary collective focused on Egypt, Lebanon, and Palestine. (PI: Professor Suad Joseph)

PUBLICATIONS

- (forthcoming) Salem, Rania. "Trends and Differentials in Jordanian Marriage Behavior: Marriage Timing, Spousal Characteristics, Household Structure, and Matrimonial Expenditures" in Ragui Assaad (ed.) *The Jordanian Labor Market in the New Millennium*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- (forthcoming) Salem, Rania. "Imagined Crises: Assessing Evidence of Delayed Marriage and Never-Marriage in Contemporary Egypt" in Kristin Celello and Hanan Kholoussy (eds.) *Domestic Tensions, National Anxieties: Global Perspectives on Marriage Crisis*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2011 Salem, Rania. "Women's Economic Resources and Bargaining in Marriage: Does Egyptian Women's Well-Being Depend on Earnings or Marriage Payments?" *Gender and Work in the Middle East and North Africa Working Papers* 18.
- 2008 Langsten, Ray and Rania Salem. "Two Approaches to Measuring Women's Work in Developing Countries: A Comparison of Survey Data from Egypt." *Population and Development Review* 34(2): 283-305.
- 2005 Salem, Rania. "Sibling Configuration: Impact on Educational and Health Outcomes among Adolescents in Egypt." *Population Council Regional Working Papers*.
- 2005 Salem, Rania. "Influencing Gender Attitudes of Rural Adolescents: Findings of an Action-Research Project in Egypt" in Sonja Hegasy and Elke Kaschl (eds.) *Researching Youth: Examples from Germany, Egypt and the Arab World*. Cairo: Goethe Institute.
- 2003 Salem, Rania, Barbara Ibrahim and Martha Brady. "Negotiating Leadership Roles: Young Women's Experience in Rural Egypt." *Women's Studies Quarterly* 31: 174-191.

HONORS, GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- June 2012 **Kin Influences on Qatari Women's Transitions into the Labor Force: A Panel Study**, Qatar National Research Fund (Co-PI) (\$953,000)
- June 2010 **Dissertation Fellowship in Population, Reproductive Health and Economic Development**, Hewlett Foundation and Institute of International Education
- May 2010 **Summer Research Grant**, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (\$2,500)
- February 2010 **Ruth Laub Coser Award** of the Eastern Sociological Society, for outstanding doctoral dissertation proposal in the area of the family or gender and society

January 2010	Dissertation Seed Grant , Princeton University Department of Sociology (\$1,000)
August 2009	Gender and Work in the Middle East research grant competition , International Development Research Center, in support of dissertation research (\$5,100)
September 2005	Graduate Fellowship , Princeton University, for five years of graduate study
October 2003	Chevening scholarship , British Foreign and Commonwealth Office, to undertake one year of graduate study in the UK
September 1997	Merit scholarship for academic excellence , American University in Cairo

PRESENTATIONS AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

November 2012	Salem, Rania. "Secret Marital Unions Among Youth in Cairo and Minya: The Paradox of Licit Aspirations and Illicit Behaviors." Paper presented at the <i>Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association of America</i> , Denver.
October 2012	Salem, Rania. "How Poor and Uneducated Working Women Get Excluded from Labor Force Estimates: The Egyptian Case." Invited presentation at the <i>University of Toronto Center for Critical Development Studies</i> , Toronto.
May 2012	Salem, Rania and Kathryn Yount. "Reciprocal Influences of Employment and Intimate Partner Violence on Rural Egyptian Women: Exploring the Pathways Using Qualitative Data." Paper presented at the <i>Journal of Middle East Women's Studies Distinguished Lecture and Research Workshop</i> , New Haven.
March 2011	Salem, Rania. "Economies of Courtship: Gender and Class Meanings of Matrimonial Transactions in Egypt." Paper presented at the meeting of the <i>Arab Families Working Group</i> , Bellagio, Italy.
November 2010	Salem, Rania. "A Prolonged Engagement: Gender, Class and Matrimonial Transactions among Middle-Class Egyptians." Paper presented at the <i>Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association of America</i> , San Diego.
August 2010	Salem, Rania. "Women's Economic Resources and Bargaining in Marriage: Does Egyptian Women's Well-Being Depend on Earnings or Marriage Payments?" Roundtable paper presented at the <i>Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association</i> , Atlanta.
April 2008	Salem, Rania. "Bride-Price to Dowry: Determinants of Marriage Payments in Rural Bangladesh" Poster presented at the <i>Annual Conference of the Population Association of America</i> , New Orleans.
November 2007	Salem, Rania. "His Resources, Her Resources: Changing Contributions to the Marriage Fund in Egypt and their Impact on Women's Well-Being." Paper presented at the <i>Annual Conference of the Middle East Studies Association of America</i> , Montreal.
March 2007	Salem, Rania. "Is Gender Bias in Education Mediated by Sibling Configuration?: Evidence from Egypt" Paper presented at the <i>Annual</i>

Conference of the Population Association of America, New York City.

- April
2006 Langsten, Ray and Rania Salem. "Measuring Women's Work: A Methodological Exploration using the DHS and SFT Surveys" Poster presented at the *Annual Conference of the Population Association of America*, Los Angeles.
- September
2002 Salem, Rania, Barbara Ibrahim, and Martha Brady. "Practicing Participation: Young Women's Entry into Civil Society in Egypt." Paper presented at the *First World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies*, Mainz.

LANGUAGES AND COMPUTER SKILLS

English-fluent spoken and written
Arabic-fluent spoken, proficient written
STATA, SPSS