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Education

Ph.D, Finance, 2000
McGill University, Faculty of Management,
Montreal, Quebec

M.S., Finance, 1994
École des Hautes Études Commerciales de Montréal,
Montreal, Quebec

B.S., Commerce, 1992
Institut des Hautes Études Commerciales de Carthage,
Tunisia

Professional Experience

Author, blogger and columnist 2007-to present

- Columnist at rabble.ca since 2011
- Regular Contributor to Radio-Canada, Ottawa-Gatineau since 2020
- Blogger at the Huffington Post Quebec since 2013

Human Rights Activist 2002-present

- Led an extensive national campaign to free my husband, Maher Arar, from a Syrian jail by working closely with various NGOs
- Successfully lobbied different Members of parliament from different political parties to take action to help my husband come back home
- Kept my husband's story alive by constantly interacting with the media
- Worked closely with security certificates activists to denounce the injustice and the lack of transparency
- Involved in public events to denounce the treatment done to Omar Khadr
- Frequent commentator on issues related to anti-terrorism legislations and discrimination.

Instructor at the Learning in Retirement Program at Carleton University 2014-2020

- Teach “Women and Islam”, a course I developed to introduce participants about Islam, women related issues like Islamic Feminism, Sexuality and Politics in Islam.
- Teach “History of Financial Crises” a course I developed about several financial crises that shook the American financial markets since 1880 until today

Economist Researcher: Public Service Alliance of Canada 2011-2013

- Prepare quarterly economic analysis for the negotiation section
- Prepare salary proposals for the unions in the University sector
- Write economic analysis papers about Europe, United States and Canada

Assistant Professor: Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, British Columbia
2006-2007

- Teach “Introduction to Financial Management BBUS-312”
- Teach “Investments I BBUS-315”
- Teach “Risk Management and Financial Engineering BBUS-417”
- Teach “Financial Institutions Management BBUS-419”

Researcher in the Caucus of the New Democratic Party of Canada 2004-2006

- Attend the steering committee meetings in preparation for the Alternative Federal Budget in 2004 and in 2006.
- Prepare briefing notes and analysis reports on the Federal Budget and on the Auditor General Report.
- Prepare briefing note on fiscal imbalance, missile defence, postsecondary education, social housing, childcare and many other issues
- Assistant Members of Parliament in their research work.

French Instructor: Center Language Capital (Ottawa) 2003-2004

- Teach French courses for English speaking public officers
- Prepare the teaching material for French classes

Research Assistant: Ottawa University

2001-2002

- Researched and prepared MBA accounting course on some of the following topics:
 - Financial risk and economical risk.
 - How to prepare and analyze financial statements.
 - Bankruptcy and its terms and conditions.

Literary and other publications

- *Gendered Islamophobia*, an essay, forthcoming 2023
- *Farida*, novel, Mawenzi House, Forthcoming, 2023
- Contribution in the anthology *Ottawa, Incballab*, 2022
- “Mon diagramme de Venne”, contribution in the anthology *Histoires d’immigrations*, October 2021
- “From anti-globalization to national security: Canadian politics after 9/11”, in a forthcoming anthology, 2021
- “Homeless, oppressed and bastard”, in the anthology *Muslim American Writers at Home*, Freedom Voices, February 2021
- *Farida*, novel, les Éditions David, January 2020
- “Une place dans le cercle”, French Magazine *L’Express*, June 2018
- *Hope Has Two Daughters*, novel, House of Anansi, January 2017
- “Syria: Land of history, civilizations and war,” contribution to *Canada Communicable Disease Report*, March 2016
- “Flora MacDonald: A Political Life of Compassion,” in the anthology *When We are Bold: Women Who Turn Our Upsidedown World Right*, Art and Literature Mapalé and Publishing Inc., September 2016
- “Jupe-culotte” and “Laveuse” in the anthology *Abécédaire du féminisme*, les éditions Somme toute, 2016
- “Random Thoughts About Feminism,” Editor and contributor to the anthology *Resilience and Triumph: Immigrant women tell their stories*, Second Story Press, December 2015
- “Reexamining Relations Between Men and Women: Partnership as a New Paradigm for Reading Islamic Religious Texts,” in the anthology *The relevance of Islamic Identity in Canada*, Mawenzi House, December 2015
- *Mirrors and Mirages*, novel, House of Anansi, June 2014
- “From Congo to Guantanamo: Omar Khadr, the invisible child soldier,” in the anthology *Omar Khadr, Oh Canada*, McGill-Queen’s University Press, May 2012
- *Hope and Despair: My Struggle to Free my Husband Maher Arar*, memoir, McClelland and Stewart, November 2008

Literary Awards and grants

- Shortlisted for the City of Ottawa Book Award for *Farida*, September 2021
- Canada Council of the Arts grant September 2020
- Canada Council of the Arts grant, November 2017
- Art funding grant, City of Ottawa, June 2017

- Shortlisted for the “prix Champlain” of the Éditeurs Canadiens Français for *Du pain et du jasmine*, 2016
- *Mirrors and Mirages* ranked in the *Ottawa Citizen’s* best 14 books of 2014
- Art funding grant, the City of Ottawa, May 2014
- Shortlisted for the “prix Christine Dimitriu van-Saenen” for *Miroirs et mirages*, Salon du livre de Toronto, December 2012
- Shortlisted for the City of Ottawa Book Award for *Miroirs et mirages*, November 2012
- Shortlisted for the Trillium Award for *Miroirs et mirages*, June 2012
- Shortlisted for the City of Ottawa Book Award for *Les larmes emprisonnées*, December 2009
- Selected as women of the year by *Elle Québec*, February 2009

Selected Honours and Awards:

- Award Recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal 2013
- The Canadian Council of Muslim Women Award in 2009
- The Federation of Muslim Women Award in 2009
- The Ottawa Muslim Women Organization Award in 2009
- The Bob Borch Human Rights Award in 2007
- Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Nipissing University in 2007
- The Human Rights Award from the Council of Canadians in November 2005
- Selected one of the 18 Canadian Heroes by the Time Magazine in June of 2004
- Nominated for the Globe and Mail “Nation Builder of the year” award in November of 2003
- Selected as the “news maker of the year 2003” by various media outlets including radio programs
- James McConnell Fellowship, 1997 – 2000
- McGill Major Fellowship, 1994 – 1997
- Centre of Studies in International Affairs Scholarship, Montreal, 1993

Writers’ residencies

- Literary Arts Residency at Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, December 2019
 - readings and workshops
- Writer in Residence at the Historic Joy Kogawa House, Vancouver, July 2018-September 2018
 - readings and workshops

Literary and other events

- Member of the jury, Canada Council of the Arts, July 2021
- Member of the jury, Manitoba Book Award, March 2021

- Invited author for Salon du livre de l'Outaouais, February 25-28, 2021
- Invited author to speak to students at several Toronto schools to speak about racism, February 4-12, 2021
- Invited author Ottawa Public Library, La Croisée des mots, January 13, 2021
- Member of the jury, Canada Council of the Arts, Canada-Japan literary award, December 11, 2020
- Invited author Salon du livre de Dieppe, interview and conversation, November 5-8, 2020
- Invited author for the book club, Retraite en action, November 3, 2020
- Invited author, Salon du livre Afro-canadien, panel and online sessions, October 29-31, 2020
- Invited author for the International Club of Ottawa, October 20, 2020
- Video prepared for Bibliothèque L'Octogone, July 29, 2020
- Invited author, Salon du livre de Vancouver, virtual edition, conversation with authors, June 24, 2020
- Invited author, Salon du livre de Sudbury, virtual edition, May 7-10, 2020
- Author selected for Canada Performs, Dans la cuisine de Farida, National Arts Centre and Facebook, May 5, 2020
- Invited author, Salon du livre de Bruxelles, March 5-8, 2020
- Literary conversation, Salon du livre de l'Outaouais, March 1, 2020
- Invited author, Retraite Active de Peel, Mississauga, February 12, 2020
- Panelist, Human Rights conference, Ottawa, November 14, 2019
- Invited author, Panel on Writing and Politics, Octopus Bookstore, Ottawa, May 30, 2019
- Invited author, The Writers' Trust of Canada Pen and Politics annual gala, Ottawa, May 15, 2019
- Invited author, Festin de livres, Pontiac, April 27, 2019
- Invited author, Festival de sucre de Vanier, Ottawa, April 7, 2019
- Member of the jury, Ontario Council of Arts, French programs, services to the arts, December 12, 2018
- Member of the jury, Access Copyright Foundation, Saskatoon, December 10, 2018
- Invited author, Salon du livre de Montréal, "Conversation about Fatima Mernissi in the #MeToo era", November 16, 2018
- Invited author, Saskatchewan Festival of Words, Moose Jaw, July 18-22, 2018
 - Advocacy writing workshop
 - Reading with authors David Chariandy, Iain Reid, Kai Cheng Thom, Gary Barwin, and Cherie Dimaline
 - French presentation
 - Panelist about the state of journalism
- Member of the jury, Ottawa Book Awards, French novels and short stories, June 12, 2018
- Invited author, The Writers' Trust of Canada Pen and Politics annual gala, Ottawa, May 9, 2018
- Invited speaker, Inter Pares panel about Islamophobia, migrants' workers' rights and First Nations rights, Ottawa, April 23, 2018
- Keynote speaker, Canada Club, District of North Bay, April 18, 2018
- Guest author, Salon du livre de Paris, March 15-18, 2018

- Book signing
- Invited author, Yukon Non-Fiction Festival, November 17-20, 2017
 - Keynote speaker at a community French women organisation
 - Keynote speaker at the United Church
 - Advocacy writing workshop
 - High school visits
- Invited author, Whistler Writers Festival, October 15, 2017
 - Conversation with authors Barbara Gowdy, Frances Itani and Lee Maracle
- Invited speaker, Thin Air Writers Festival, Winnipeg, September 25-26, 2017
 - Reading with authors Cary Fagan, Robert Everett-Green and Terry Criggs
 - Conversation about historical narration with author Daouda Dembélé at the Université de Saint-Boniface
 - Speaker at the Canadian Museum of Human Rights
 - High school visits
- Invited author, Word on the Street Toronto, September 24, 2017
 - Panelist about translated books with author Fanny Britt
 - Interview in French
- Invited author, Word on the Street Lethbridge, September 22, 23, 2017
 - Keynote speaker at the University of Lethbridge
 - Readings and book signing
- Invited author, Eden's Mills Writers Festival, Guelph, September 10, 2017
 - Panelist with authors Catherine Leroux and Daniel Grenier
- Member of the jury, Governor General award, French novels and short stories, Ottawa, September 25, 2017
- Invited author, Canada (O): Words Losing Their Meaning 2017, the National Art Centre, June 28, 2017
- Keynote speaker, Canada Club, District of Morrisburg, May 17, 2017
- Keynote speaker, Literary Festival of Wakefield, May 13, 2017
 - Book signing
- Invited author, The Writers' Trust of Canada Pen and Politics annual gala, Ottawa, May 10, 2017
- Invited author, Festival of Literary Diversity, Brampton, May 5, 2017
 - Panelist with authors Gary Barwin, Adwoa Badoe et Saleema Nawaz
- Invited author, Gatineau Public Library, May 3, 2017
- Invited author, Ottawa Writer's Festival, April 27, 2017
 - Panelist with authors Sandra Perron and Raiyah Patel
- Invited author, Kama Reading series, Toronto, April 26, 2017
 - Panelist with authors Madeleine Thien, George Elliot Clarke and David Bergen
- Invited author, Salon du livre Trois-Rivières, March 25-26, 2017
 - Special reading event organized by Amnesty International for the authors detained abroad
 - Round table about the cultural diversity with authors Natasha Kanape Fontaine and Jean Boisjoli
- Guest speaker, Vancouver Island University, Nanaimo, March 9, 2017

- Keynote speaker
- Class presentations
- Guest speaker, By the Lake Book Club, Toronto, March 7, 2017
 - Interview and book signing
- Participant, Salon du Livre de l'Outaouais, February 24, 2017
 - Book signing
- Invited author, Vancouver Writers' Festival, February 22, 2017
 - Panelist with authors Eden Robinson and Deborah Willis
- Member of a Canadian literary delegation to Dakar, Senegal, January 8- 16, 2017
 - Visit to three high schools, conversation with students
 - Round table with Senegalese authors about language, culture and identity
- Invited author, WordsFest, London, Ontario, November 5, 2016
 - Interview with David Heap about *Hope Has Two Daughters* and *Mirrors and Mirages*
- Invited speaker, Challenge of Words panel, Stratford Festival, August 8, 2016
 - Panelist with authors Charlie Foran and Shani Mootoo
- Invited author, The Vancouver Indian Summer Festival, Vancouver, July 15, 2016
 - Panelist and discussion with authors Kareem Alrawi and Ameen Merchant
- Invited author, Vancouver Biennale, July 16, 2016
 - Reading in front of an art exhibition by Ai Weiwei
- Invited author, Salon du livre de Genève, April 28, 29, 30, 2016
 - Panelist with French author Hédi Kaddour
 - Meeting readers and signing books
- Invited author, The Writers' Trust of Canada Pen and Politics annual gala, Ottawa, March 20, 2016
- Invited Speaker, Toronto Reference Library, March 9, 2016
- Invited Speaker, Serie Eh List, Toronto Public Library, March 8, 2016
- Invited author, Kama Reading series, Toronto, February 24, 2016
 - Panellists and reading with authors John Stackhouse and James Maskalyk
- Invited author, Vancouver Public Library, May 11, 2015
 - Reading and discussion
- Invited author, The Writers' Trust of Canada Pen and Politics annual gala, Ottawa, March 11, 2015
- Invited author, Ottawa Writers Festival, October 25, 2014
 - Panelist with authors Heather O'Neil and Christine Fisher Guy
- Invited author, Thin Air Writers Festival, Winnipeg, September 23-25, 2014
 - Panelist with authors Miriam Toews, Alison Pick, Caroline Adderson, Audrey Thomas and Joan Thomas
- Invited author, Festival Frye, Moncton, April 25-27, 2012
 - Reading,
 - High school visits
 - Panelists and discussions
- Invited author to the "Ottawa Writers Festival", November 6, 2008
 - Reading and discussion

Media

Farida, 2020

- [Interview](#), *On va marcher avec Monia Mazigh*, TV Radio Canada Ottawa-Gatineau, February 3, 2021
- Interview, *Radio Unique FM*, January 13, 2021
- [Interview](#), *Section culturelle*, TV Radio Canada Ottawa-Gatineau, October 30, 2020
- [Interview](#), *La source*, Forum de la diversité, June 23, 2020
- [Interview](#), *Boulevard du Pacifique*, Radio Canada, April 16, 2020
- [Interview](#), *Kantara*, Radio Magazine Méditerranéenne, March 21, 2020
- Interview, *Entre Nous*, Rogers TV, March 19, 2020
- [Conversation](#), *Les Malins*, Monia Mazigh and Martine Delvaux, Radio-Canada, March 8, 2020
- [Interview](#), *Culture géniale*, Unique-FM, February 16, 2020
- [Interview](#), *Le Droit : les cahiers du Samedi*, February 15, 2020
- [Review](#), *Les milles et un livres*, February 12, 2020
- [Review](#), *J'ai lu pour vous*, February 8, 2020
- [Interview](#), *La bible urbaine*, February 3, 2020
- [Interview](#), *Plus on est de fous, plus on lit!*, Radio Canada, January 30, 2020

Hope Has Two Daughters (English translation), 2017

- [Review](#), the *Winnipeg Free Press*, February 4, 2017
- [Discussion](#), *Open Book*, January 24, 2017
- [Conversation](#), *Literary Review of Canada*, January-February issue 2017
- [Interview](#), *How I wrote it*, CBC, February 2017
- [Interview](#), *All in a Weekend*, CBC, February 2017
- Interview, *Chapters with Sheilagh Rogers*, CBC, February 2017
- Review, the *Ottawa Citizen*, January 28, 2017
- [Review](#), *Quill and Quire*, January 2017

Du pain et du jasmin, 2015

- [Interview](#), *Ça parle au Nord*, Radio Canada, May 6, 2016
- Book review, *Voix Plurielles*, May 2016
- [Article](#) and interview, *L'express*, April 5, 2016
- [Interview](#), *Carte Visite*, TFO, March 2016
- Book review, *Nuit Blanche*, February 11, 2016
- [Book review](#), *L'express*, November 15, 2015
- Interview, *Ginette Graton reçoit*, TV Rogers, November 17, 2015
- [Interview](#), *Grands Lacs Café*, Radio-Canada, October 3, 2015
- [Interview](#), *Plus on est de fous, plus on lit!*, Radio Canada, September 23, 2015
- Book review, *Le Droit : les cahiers du Samedi*, September 19, 2015
- [Interview](#), *Les divines tentations*, Radio Canada, September 19, 2015

***Mirrors and Mirages* (English translation), 2014**

- [Interview](#), *CBC Ottawa Morning*, September 15, 2014
- [Review](#), the *Montreal Gazette*, September 4, 2014
- [Review](#), the *Ottawa Magazine*, August 1, 2014
- [Review](#), rabble.ca, July 31, 2014
- [Review](#), the *National Post*, July 25, 2014
- [Review](#), the *Toronto Star*, July 25, 2014
- [Review](#), the *Ottawa Citizen*, June 30, 2014

***Miroirs et mirages*, 2011**

- [Conversation](#) with the author in preparation for the Trillium Award, the *National Post*, June 18, 2012
- Book review, *Voix Plurielles*, May 13, 2012
- Radio interview, Radio-Canada, Moncton, April 25, 2012
- TV interview, *Ruby*, Radio-Canada, November 6, 2011
- Radio interview, *Grands Lacs Café*, Radio-Canada, October 8, 2011
- Interview, *Ginette Graton reçoit*, TV Rogers cable 23, October 5, 2011
- Book review, *Le Devoir*, October 1, 2011
- Article, *Al-Hayat*, September 29, 2011
- Radio interview, *Pomme et Mandarine*, Radio-Canada Internationale, September 23, 2011
- Radio interview, *Tam-Tam*, Radio-Canada Internationale, September 15, 2011
- Radio interview, Radio-Canada Internationale, September 15, 2011
- Radio interview, Radio-Canada Ottawa, September 13, 2011
- Radio interview, *Plus on est de fous, plus on lit!*, Radio Canada, September 12, 2011
- Article, *Le Droit* : les cahiers du samedi, September 10, 2011

***Les larmes emprisonnées*, 2008**

- Book review, *L'express*, August 3, 2009
- Interview, *Elle Québec*, December 2008
- Article, *l'Actualité*, November 1, 2008
- Commentary on radio show, Linda Newman CHOD 92.1, October 2008
- Radio interview, *Tam-Tam*, Radio-Canada International, October 23, 2008
- Radio interview, *Puisqu'il faut se lever*, October 20, 2008
- Radio interview, *Radio Rock Détente*, October 20, 2008
- Book review, Radio-Canada online, October 20, 2008
- Radio interview, Radio-Canada, October 20, 2008
- Book review, le *Journal de Montréal*, October 19, 2008
- Invited guest, *Tout le monde en parle*, Radio-Canada TV, October 19, 2008

- Book review, *Le Devoir*, October 17, 2008
- Book review, *La Presse*, October 17, 2008

Hope and Despair (English translation of *Les larmes emprisonnées*), 2008

- [Interview](#), the *Winnipeg Free Press*, September 25, 2014
- [Review](#), the *Tyee*, February 11, 2009
- [Review](#), the *Calgary Herald*, 30 November 30, 2008
- [Review](#), the *Montreal Gazette*, November 15, 2008
- [Review](#), *Quill and Quire*, November 2008