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Education

- 2005 Ph.D., Media Studies/Communications
University of Colorado at Boulder, School of Journalism and Mass Communication (SJMC)
- 1994 M.A., Communications Management
University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication
- 1992 B.A., Economics and English Literature
McGill University, Canada

Academic Employment

- 2005 – Assistant Professor, Department of Media, Culture, and Communication (DMCC), New York University (NYU).
- 1999 – 2005 Graduate Student Part-Time Instructor and Research Assistant, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Colorado at Boulder.
- 2000 Guest Lecturer, Media Education Summer School, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

(manuscript in progress). *Digital Occupation: Internet Development and Globalization in the Palestinian Territories*.

Refereed Articles

- Tawil-Souri, H. "The Political-Economic Chaos of Palestinian Telecommunications" (under revision)
- Tawil-Souri, H. "What Media Polity? Independent Television in the Palestinian Territories, 1994-2005" *Television & New Media* (under revision)
- Tawil-Souri, H. "Checkpoints: The New Centers of Palestinian Economic and Social Life" *Space and Culture* (under revision)
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2009. "Towards a Palestinian Cultural Studies" *Middle East Journal of Communication and Culture* 2(2): 181-185.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2009. "New Palestinian Centers: An Ethnography of the 'Checkpoint Economy'" *International Journal of Cultural Studies* 12(3): 217-235.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2008. "Arab Television in Academic Scholarship" *Sociology COMPASS* 2: 1400-1415.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2007. "The Political Battlefield of Pro-Arab Videogames on Palestinian Streets" *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 27(3): 536-551.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2007. "Global and National Forces for a Nation-State Yet to Be Born: The Paradoxes of Palestinian Television Policies" *Westminster Papers in Communication and Culture* 4(3): 4-25.
- Sour, H. T. 2006. "Marginalizing Palestinian Development: Lessons Against Peace" *Development* 49(2): 75-80.
- Tawil, H. 2005. "Coming Into Being and Flowing Into Exile: History and Trends in Palestinian Film-Making" *Nebula* 2(2): 113-140.

Invited Book Chapters, Articles & Encyclopedia Entries

- Tawil-Souri, H. 2010. "Orange, Green, and Blue: Palestinian ID Cards as Media and Material Artifacts," in *Surveillance and State of Exception: The Case of Israel/Palestine*. Eds. David Lyon, Elia Zureik, Yasmeen Abu-Laban. Routledge.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2010. "The Beginnings of a Palestinian Cultural Studies" in *Conceptualising Cultural Studies and Media Studies in the Arab World: Mapping the Field*. Ed. Tarik Sabry. I.B. Tauris.
- Tawil-Souri, H. March/April 2009. "The IDF's YouTube Channel During the 2009 Gaza War" In *Media Res*, "Media and Conflict" Theme.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2009. "Palestinian/Israeli Cinema" (various entries), in *Historical Dictionary of Middle East Cinema*, Eds. Terri Ginsberg and Chris Lippard. Scarecrow Press.
- Tawil-Souri, H. 2008. "The Political Battlefield of Pro-Arab Videogames on Palestinian Streets" in *War Isn't Hell, It's Entertainment: War in Modern Culture and Visual Media*, Ed. Rikke Schubart. McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers.
- Tawil Souri, H. 2008. "Americanizing Palestine through Internet Development" in *Internationalizing Internet Studies*, Eds. Gerard Goggin and Mark McLelland. Routledge.
- Tawil Souri, H. 2008. "Mass Media" *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World: 1750 to the Present*, Ed. Peter Stearns. Oxford University Press.
- Tawil Souri, H. 2008. "Mass Media: Radio and Television in the Middle East and North Africa" *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World: 1750 to the Present*, Ed. Peter Stearns. Oxford University Press.
- Tawil Souri, H. 2007. "Move Over Bangalore. Here Comes... Palestine? Western Funding and 'Internet Development' in the Shrinking Palestinian State" in *Global Communications: Toward a Transcultural Political Economy*, Eds. Paula Chakravartty and Yuezhi Zhao. Boulder: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.: 263-284.
- Tawil, H. April 2001. "The Link Between Arab Stereotypes and Cyber-Activism" *Beirut Institute for Media Arts Report, 2001*: 37-52.

Book & Film Reviews

- Tawil-Souri, H. April 2008. "Arab Media and Political Renewal" *Particip@tions: Journal of Audience and Reception Studies* 5(1).
- Tawil-Souri, H. Autumn 2006. "Palestine, Israel and the Politics of Popular Culture" *Journal of Palestine Studies* 36(1): 92-93.
- Tawil, H. April 2006. "Women and Media in the Middle East" *Global Media and Communication* 2(1): 111-114.
- Tawil, H. March 2006. "Like Twenty Impossibles" *Visual Anthropology Review* 21(1): 164-166.

PRESENTATIONS

Selected Refereed Conference Papers, Panels & Presentations

- Tawil-Souri, H. November 2009. "Theorizing Arab Media Activism and Resistance." Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Boston, MA.
- Tawil-Souri, H. April 2009. "Television Intervention and Cinematic Disregard: Two Facets of the West's Role in Palestinian Media." Cultural Studies Association, Kansas City, MO
- Co-Organizer. *A Conference on Education, Media, and Human Development*. "Media in the Arab World" and "In The Public Eye: Media and Civil Society in the Arab World" for NYU Abu Dhabi Institute and NYU Steinhardt, January 20-22, 2009.
- Tawil-Souri, H. December 2008. "Orange, Green, and Blue: Color-Coded Paperwork for Palestinian Population Control", The New Transparency Workshop on States of Exception, Surveillance and Population Management: The Case of Israel-Palestine. Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Tawil Souri, H. November 2008. "The In/Visible Politics of Arab Film" for Panel: "Politics, Culture and Communication in the Contemporary Middle East: Contestations and Struggles for Power." MESA, Washington, DC.
- Tawil-Souri, H. July 2007. "Building Arab Information States: A Critique of the World Economic Forum's Education Initiatives in Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Territories." International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR), Paris, France.

- Tawil-Souri, H. July 2007. "Arab TV Screens' Challenges to Modernity and Modernization." IAMCR, Paris, France.
- Tawil Souri, H. May 2007. "The Networked 'Terrorists': History and Analysis of Pro-Arab Video Games." International Communications Association (ICA), San Francisco, CA.
- Tawil Souri, H. March 2007. "Crossroads of Competing Narratives: Trends in Palestinian Film-Making." Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS), Chicago, IL.
- Tawil Souri, H. March 2007. "From the Enemy's Perspective: An Analysis of Pro-Arab Video Games." SCMS, Chicago, IL.
- Tawil Souri, H. November 2006. "IT Development and the Rise of Hamas: Both Facets of The Failure of Western Aid?" MESA, Boston, MA.
- Tawil Souri, H.. November 2006. "Palestinians in the Media: Negotiating Representations, Articulating National Identity." Panel organized and chaired for MESA, Boston, MA.
- Tawil Souri, H. September 2006. "The Rise of a Different Clash? New Arab Media and Islamic Traditions." *Internationalising Media Studies: Imperatives and Impediments*, University of Westminster, London, UK.
- Tawil Souri, H. September 2006. "The Internet in Palestine: The Contradictions of Western Economic Development and the Rise of Islamic Movements." Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR), Brisbane, Australia.
- Tawil Souri, H. September 2006. "Americanizing Palestine through Internet Development." *Internationalizing Internet Studies*, Brisbane, Australia.
- Tawil Souri, H. July 2006. "The Internet in Palestine: The Contradictions of Western Economic Development and the Marginalization of Islamic Movements." IAMCR, Cairo, Egypt.
- Tawil Souri, H. July 2006. "The Political Battlefield of pro-Arab Video Games on Palestinian Screens." IAMCR, Cairo, Egypt.
- Tawil Souri, H. June 2006. "Palestinianness through Media: Refugee, Diaspora and Territorial Negotiations of Palestinian Identity." Panel organized and chaired at ICA, Dresden, Germany.
- Tawil Souri, H. June 2006. "The Center Disconnected: Palestinian media's isolated existence." ICA, Dresden, Germany.
- Tawil Souri, H. March 2006. "Technology Incubators, Industrial Estates and Refugee Camps: The Subsumption of Palestinians into the Global Economy." *Spaces of Dissent: The Borders of Transnational Dreams*, 8th Annual Conference of the Marxist Reading Group, Gainesville, FL.
- Tawil, H. December 2005. "Endorsing the West, Undermining the East: The Americanization of 'Development' in the Palestinian Territories." America in the Middle East / the Middle East in America Conference. Beirut, Lebanon.
- Tawil, H. October 2005. "From Real to Virtual Conflict: Palestinian Kids and On-line Games." AoIR, Chicago, IL.
- Tawil, H. October 2005. "Increasing Economic Dependency through 'Internet Development.' A Case Study of the Palestinian Territories." AoIR, Chicago, IL.
- Tawil, H. July 2005. "Under Pressure: Where to Get Intifada News in the Palestinian Territories." IAMCR, Seoul, South Korea.
- Tawil, H. November 2004. "Bantustan Media: The State of Palestinian Television." MESA, San Francisco, CA.
- Tawil, H. November 2001. "Silicon Value." American Anthropology Association Conference. Washington, D.C.
- Tawil, H. November 2001. "Arab On-Line Communities and Cyber-Activism." Arab Stereotyping Conference. Beirut, Lebanon.
- Tawil, H. November 2001. "Backward Intifada." Arab Stereotyping Conference. Beirut, Lebanon.

Invited Presentations

- Tawil-Souri, H. October 2007. "New Media Technologies in the Arab World: Prospects and Perils for Economic and Political Transformations." *Transnational Popular Culture Industries Symposium*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

- Tawil-Souri, H. April 2007. "Internet in the Absence of a State: On-line Realities in the Palestinian Territories." *Beyond Media Censorship: Speech and the State in the Middle East*, Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania.
- Tawil Souri, H. September 2006. "Checkpoints: On the Margins, New Centers of Palestinian Life." The Centre for Critical and Cultural Studies, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.
- Tawil Souri, H. April 2006. "Urbanizing Under Surveillance: The Transformation of Checkpoints into Centers." *War and Middle East Cities*, Center for Metropolitan Studies, NYU.
- Tawil Souri, H. March 2006. "A Prison Called Palestine: Thoughts on Conflict and Cultural Traits." *Cultural Diversity and Global Cultural Governance Symposium*, Department of International Communications, American University of Paris, France.
- Tawil Souri, H. March 2006. Discussant for "Peace and Reconciliation in Israel, South Africa and Northern Ireland." Panel, *States of Mind: Creating and Transcending Borders through Education*, International Education Program, Steinhardt School of Education, NYU.
- Tawil Souri, H. December 2005. "45 Stations All Tuned to Al-Jazeera: Fragmented Palestinian Television." The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North African and Central Asia, Princeton University, NJ.
- Tawil-Souri, H. November 2005. "The Internet in Palestine: Paradoxes of Globalization, Western NGOs and the Marginalization of National Movements." *The Local and the Global - Graduate Conference*, DMCC, NYU.
- Tawil, H. November 2005. "Are We Backwards If We're Not Western?" *Undergraduate Colloquium*, DMCC, NYU.
- Tawil, H. April 2005. "Palestinian Contradictions: Gaining Communicative Rights Without Political and Economic Justice." *A Rights Revolution? Communication Rights and Global Justice*, Boulder, CO.

CREATIVE PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBITS

Publications

- Tawil, H. 2005. Tri-weekly news reports from the West Bank for *Mariborski RadioMars*, Maribor, Slovenia.
- Tawil, H. 2003. Bi-monthly news reports from the Palestinian Territories and Israel for *Mariborski RadioMars*, Maribor, Slovenia.
- Tawil, H. Apr 2003. *Belonging to Both Sides* article in *Mariv 42 Degrees*, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- Tawil, H. Oct 2001. *Coping with the 9/11Aftermath from this Side* article in *The Daily Star*, Beirut, Lebanon.
- Tawil, H. 2001. *the influences of (folksongs cucumbers olives and cheese)* and *Childhood in Lebanon* poems in *MIZNA: Prose, Poetry and Art Exploring Arab America* 3(1).
- Tawil, H. Apr 2000. *Islamicism: Palestine's Answer to Civil Society?* article in *The Jordan Times*, Amman, Jordan.

Documentary Films (director & editor)

- Tawil-Souri, H. 2010. *Qalandia* (working title, in production)
- Tawil, H. 2004. *i.so.chro.nism: [twenty-four hours in jabaa]*
- Tawil, H. 2002. *Not Going There, Don't Belong Here*

Photography Exhibits

- Tawil, H. 2003. *Palestinian Everydayness* photographs in *Foto8* (UK) and *Palestine Chronicle* (Palestinian Territories)
- Tawil, H. 2003. *Life in Gaza* photography exhibit at Sakakini Center, Ramallah, Palestinian Territories.
- Tawil, H. 2003. *What You Don't See* photography exhibit at Barak's, Neve Tzedek, Israel.

Public Speaking Engagements

- Tawil-Souri, H. Oct 2007. *We See Iraq Everyday on the News, But Can We Place it on a Map?* Understanding Others Through Popular Culture Teachers Workshop, Urbana-Champaign, IL.
- Tawil, H. Jun 2003. *L'Histoire du Film Palestinien (History of Palestinian Film)*. Radio Interview for BEUR-FM. Paris, France.

- Tawil, H. Nov 2002. *What's Missing in Arab Film-Making*. Guest speaker for Cinemayaat, 6th Annual Arab Film Festival, San Francisco, CA.
- Tawil, H. Nov 2002. *Palestinian Film-Making*. Guest Lecture for "Reflections of One World." Sponsored by the Departments of Anthropology, Communications, History, and the Office of International Programs, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- Tawil, H. May 2002. *Remembering 1948 in Images and Film*. Guest Lecture sponsored by the Department of Communications and the Arab Student Association. Denver University, Denver, CO.
- Tawil, H. May 2002. *Looking At, Representing the Other*. Guest Speaker with David Barsamian for Annual Fundraiser. Sponsored by the Colorado Campaign for Middle East Peace. Denver, CO.

TEACHING

Courses (at DMCC, NYU unless otherwise noted. *created course)

Graduate Courses:

- Media, Culture, and Communication Core Seminar
- Middle East Media and Cultural Politics*
- PhD Special Topics: Global and Transcultural Media*
- Media and Development*

Undergraduate Courses:

- Communication and International Development*
 - Islam, Media, and the West*
 - Media and Globalization: The European Experience (NYU & Amsterdam)
 - Introduction to Media Studies
 - Mass Media, Global Communication and the Future
 - Media Institutions and Economics* (University of Colorado)
 - Contemporary Mass Media (University of Colorado)
- Distinguished Teaching Award Nominee, 2008-09

SERVICE

Editorial Service

- 2009 Guest Editor, Special Issue on 'Towards a Palestinian Cultural Studies' *Middle East Journal of Communication and Culture*
- 2008 – Editorial Board Member, *Global Media: Critical Perspectives* (book series)
- 2008 – 09 Reviewer, *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies*
- 2007 – Editorial Board Member & Book Reviews Editor, *Middle East Journal of Communication and Culture*
- 2007 – Advisory Board Member, *Nebula*
- 2007 – Reviewer, *Journal of International Communication*
- 2007 – Reviewer, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*
- 2007 – 09 Reviewer, SCMS, Video Game Group
- 2006 – 08 Reviewer, ICA, Philosophy of Communication Group
- 2006 Reviewer for *Current Anthropology*
- 2005 – External Reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Ltd

Academic and Community Service

- 2009 – Faculty Affiliate. NYU-Abu Dhabi
- 2009 Co-Organizer. 'Media and Development: Communication and Civil Society in Transition', NYU-Steinhardt Education and Human Development Conference. NYU-Abu Dhabi
- 2008 – Faculty Member. Humanities Coordinating Group, NYU-Abu Dhabi
- 2008 – Faculty Member. Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU
- 2007 – 09 Faculty Member. Study Committee. DMCC, NYU

2007 – 08 Faculty Member. Doctoral Committee. DMCC, NYU
 2007 – 08 Faculty Affiliate. 'Paths to Peace' Explorations (Undergraduate Themed Housing), NYU
 2007 Faculty Member. Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee. DMCC, NYU
 2006 – 08 Faculty Advisor. *Paths to Peace*, International Scholars Program, NYU
 2006 – 07 Faculty Member. Master's Committee. DMCC, NYU
 2006 – 07 Faculty Member. Global Media Assistant Professor Search Committee. DMCC, NYU
 2006 – Member. Arab Academic Women's Network (non-affiliated network)
 2005 – 06 Faculty Member. Undergraduate Affairs Committee. DMCC, NYU
 2005 – Curriculum Consultant. Department of Continuing Education. BirZeit University, West Bank, Palestinian Territories

Professional Memberships

- Society for Cinema and Media Studies (SCMS) 2006 –
- International Communication Association (ICA) 2005 –
- International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR) 2004 –
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2004 –
- Association for Internet Researchers (AoIR) 2004 – 2007
- Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC) 2000 – 2003