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Biographical Summary

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A Research Fellow at the Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Cornell University, Dr. Barazangi scholarly-activist work with Arab, Muslim, and non-Muslim organizations and individuals has been intertwined with her academic research and achievements. Action Research Approach and Conceptual Change theory have been her main instruments toward achieving self-learning, self-development, and self-identity for herself and for her coresearchers within the respective communities:
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Published over 50 research articles, book reviews, edited journals and two monographs both in Arabic and English: ***Woman's Identity and the Qur'an: A New Reading*** (2004), labeled by one reviewer as "the most radical book in the last 14th centuries of Islam," the edited Arabic translation, ***Qira'a Jadidah lil Qur'an: al Huwiyah al Dhatiyah lil Mara'a***
http://www.eself-learning-arabic.cornell.edu/publications/NHB_WomansIdentity_Arabic_2007.htm (2007); and a co-edited volume: *Islamic Identity and the Struggle for Justice*, 1996. She is currently writing a book entitled: ***"Woman's Identity and the Hadith: Re-reading the Sunnah."***

Her most recent publications are: **Why Muslim Women Must Re-interpret the Qur'an.** *Azizah* (Oct 2010, 6, 2: 35-38); **The Absence of Muslim Women in Shaping and Developing Islamic Thought.** *Theological Review* (XXX, 2, 2009: 155-182)

<http://www.eself-learning-arabic.cornell.edu/publications/Theological%20Review%20.pdf>,

and

The Absence of Muslim Women in Shaping Islamic Thought: Foundations of Muslims' Peaceful and Just Co-existence. *Journal of Law and Religion* (XXIV, 2, 2008-2009: 403- 432)

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Received her B.A. in Philosophy and Sociology, Damascus University, Syria; M.A. in Educational Psychology & Cognitive Development, Teachers College, Columbia University; Ph.D. in Curriculum Development, Islamic and Arabic Studies, and Adult/Community Education, Cornell University.

Honors and Awards are: Invited Lecture at the California Commonwealth Club, San Francisco (July 19, 2010) Titled: "Why Muslim Women Must Reinterpret the Qur'an"

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Senior Fulbright Scholarship to Syria 2005-2006 and 1995-1997; United Nations Development Program TOKTEN Fellowships 2002 and 1999; Visiting Fellowship from Oxford University's Centre of Islamic Studies 1994; Grant from the International Council for Adult Education for a Collaborative Research with Pakistan Association of Continuing and Adult Education, 1993; the Glock Award from Cornell University for her 1988 Ph.D. Dissertation "Perceptions of the Islamic Belief System: The Muslims in North America."