



Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission Hearing

Egypt: Human Rights Seven Years After the Revolution

Panel



Amy Hawthorne is POMED's Deputy Director for Research. She is a Middle East expert with extensive policy, analytical, and practical experience on Arab political reform and democracy promotion.

Prior to joining POMED in October 2015, Amy served as Resident Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council's Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East, where she focused on U.S. policy toward Egypt, and U.S. and European strategies to support political and economic reform in the post-2011 Arab world, with a concentration on Tunisia. Before joining the Atlantic Council in April 2013, Amy was an appointee at the U.S. Department of State for two years, where she helped to coordinate U.S. support for Egypt's transition and advised on the U.S. response to the Arab Spring. She has published a number of widely read analyses on U.S. policy and democracy promotion in the Arab world, and is frequently quoted in the media.

Amy graduated with honors in history from Yale University, with a focus on the Middle East, and obtained her MA in modern Middle Eastern studies at the University of Michigan, where she concentrated on Islamic law.



Dr. George Gurguis (GUR-GIS) graduated from Cairo University Faculty of Medicine. Having completed his residency training in psychiatry at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, and a research fellowship at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda Maryland, Dr. Gurguis joined the Medical Staff at North Texas VA Health Care System in Dallas, and the faculty at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School where he now is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry. Dr. Gurguis spent a significant part of his career researching neurobiology, and anxiety and depressive disorders. His work now focuses on teaching and patient care.

Dr. Gurguis joined Coptic Solidarity in 2011. He is a founding member of the Dallas Chapter and has served as the chapter's president. Dr. Gurguis was elected president of Coptic Solidarity in June 2016.



Joe Stork joined Human Rights Watch in January 1996 and was the Deputy Director for the Middle East and North Africa division until October 2017. In that capacity, he supervised the research and reporting of field staff, represented the division in meetings with government officials, and responded to media inquiries and interview requests. His own work focused on violations of international human rights and humanitarian law by states and armed groups, particularly in Iraq and in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and the human rights crises in Egypt and Bahrain.

Before joining Human Rights Watch in 1996, he co-founded the Middle East Research & Information Project (MERIP) and from 1971 to 1995 was the chief editor of Middle East Report, its bimonthly magazine. His articles have appeared in The Nation, the Middle East Journal, World Policy Journal, Index on Censorship, Le Monde Diplomatique, and the Oxford Companion to World Politics. Joe Stork served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Turkey, and has an MA degree in International Affairs/Middle East Studies from Columbia University.



Michele Dunne is the director and a senior fellow in the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington DC. Her research focuses on political and economic change in Arab countries, particularly Egypt, as well as U.S. policies in the Middle East. She was the founding director of the Rafik Hariri Center for the Middle East at the Atlantic Council, and has been a visiting professor at Georgetown University. Dunne was a Middle East specialist at the U.S. Department of State for nearly 20 years, where she served in assignments that included the National Security Council staff, the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff, the U.S. embassy in Cairo, and the U.S. consulate general in Jerusalem. She holds a Ph.D. from Georgetown University.