**PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY**

A professor of law, legal studies, and law & society with a profound experience in teaching and research. Holds degrees in international law, international human rights, Community Advocacy & Development, and a degree in law. Recipient of the Fulbright fellowship; the Civil Rights Leadership fellowship; and the McGill University "Program for Civil Society & Peace Building" fellowship.

**EACHING & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**2018 – Pres. Visiting Professor & Research Scholar**

**American University, Washington DC.**

* Arabs in Israel
* History of Colonialism in the Middle East
* Arab Societies.

**2017 – 2018 Visiting Professor & Research Scholar**

**California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA**

* Comparative Law
* Human Rights in the Middle-East and North Africa

**2016-2016 Visiting Professor & Research Scholar**

**University of Maryland-College Park,** Maryland

* Course: Human Rights in Israel (upper-level seminar)
* Arab Minority in Israel;
* The Indigenous Bedouin in Israel

**2014-2016 Professor of Law & Languages**

**College of Law & Political Science, Hebron University,** Palestine

* Courses: Public International Law; International Human Rights Law; Humanitarian Law; International Organizations; Legal Research Methods; Hebrew Language for Lawyers;
* Criminal Justice
* Islamic Studies - Sharia Law.

**Spr. 2014 Adjunct Professor**

**University of Maryland-College Park, Institute for Israel Studies,** Maryland

* Course taught: Human Rights in Israel (upper-level seminar)

**Spr. 2013 Instructor**

**University of Maryland-College Park, Institute for Israel Studies,** Maryland

* Course: Arabs in Israel.

**Spr. 2013 Instructor**

**University of Maryland-College Park, Institute for Israel Studies,** Maryland

* Course: The Bedouin in Israel.

**EDUCATION**

**2013 Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.)**

**American University Washington College of Law,** Washington, D.C.

Awarded with unconditional approval.

Dissertation: “The Recognition of Indigenous Peoples’ Land Rights - the Case of the Bedouins in Israel”

Award: Fulbright Fellow

**2007 Master of Laws (LL.M.) in International Legal Studies**

**American University Washington College of Law,** Washington, D.C.

Specializing in International Protection of Human Rights.

**Award: Fellow of the New Israel Fund Program in Civil Rights Leadership**

**2002 Master of Social Work (MSW)**

**McGill University, School of Social Work,** Montreal, Canada

Award: Fellow of the McGill University Middle East Program for Civil Society & Peace Building Program.

Community Organizing.

**1996 Bachelor of Law (LL.B.)**

**Tel Aviv University, Faculty of Law,** Tel Aviv, Israel

**AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

**2016-2019 Fellow of the Israel Institute**

**2013-2014 Fellow of the CAIR-Civil Rights Program**

**2009-2012 Fellow of the Fulbright Outreach Program**

**2006-2007 Fellow of the New Israel Fund Fellowship in Human Rights Leadership**

**2000-2001 Fellow, the McGill Middle East Program in Civil Society and Peace Building**

**LANGUAGES**

**Fluent in English, Arabic (native), and Hebrew (native level)**

**PUBLICATION WORK**

**BOOKS:**

1. Morad Elsana, *Indigenous Land Rights in Israel: A Comparative Study of the Bedouin* (Accepted for publication by Routledge-Taylor & Francis Group, Exp. 2019-20)

**JOURNAL ARTICLES**

1. Morad Elsana, S*ystematic Indigenous Peoples’ Land Dispossession: The Bedouin People in Israel*. (Forthcoming Fall 2019) accepted: South Carolina Journal of International Law and Business
2. Morad Elsana, *Legal Pluralism and Indigenous Peoples Rights: Challenges in Litigation and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples Rights,* (Forthcoming fall 2019) – accepted: will be published in May 2019 at the University of Cincinnati Law Review.
3. Morad Elsana, *Indigenous Peoples’ Land: The Case of Bedouin Land in Israel, 49 CAL. W. INT’L L.J. 61, 1 (2018).*
4. Morad Elsana, *The Role of the Judiciary in Dispossessing Indigenous Peoples’ Land: The Bedouin Case in Israel*, 34 J. JURIS. (Fall 2018).
5. Morad Elsana, *Review of Emptied Lands: A Legal Geography of Bedouin Rights in the Negev*, 33 Israel Studies Review 155–174 (2018)
6. Morad Elsana, *The Recognition of Indigenous People’s Land: Application of the Customary Land Rights Model on the Arab-Bedouin Case in Israel*, 7 George t. J. Law Mod. Crit. Race Perspect. 45–68, 1 (2015).
7. Morad Elsana, *The Dispossession and Recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Land Right: The Case of Bedouin in Israel*, Vol. 251 p. 28 (S.J.D. Dissertation, American University, Washington College of Law 2013).
8. Morad El-Sana, “*The Official Data on the Absent-Present Arab Bedouin*,” Adalah’s *Newsletter,* Volume 14, June 2005.
9. Morad El-Sana. “*Empowerment through Education: The Case of the Bedouin in the Negev*,” June 2002. (Unpublished Master's Dissertation, McGill University 2002).

***Editing & Review Work***

1. Legislating Fear: Islamophobia and its Impact in the United States, 2013, (CAIR report) (translated and edited).
2. External reviewer for *American Arab Law Journal*, 2016.

***Op-Eds***

1. Morad Elsana (2017), *Disputes that kills Bedouin Youth* (legal pluralism), Aljazeera (Arabic).
2. Morad Elsana, “*The Disappearance of Bedouin Villages in Israel*” JPost.com <http://www.jpost.com/Opinion/Op-Ed-Contributors/The-disappearance-of-Beduin-villages-in-Israel-341244> (last visited Feb 13, 2014).

**CONFERENCES & SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

1. Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, University of California Berkeley, March 7. 2018. (Panelist)
2. International Legal Symposium: Indigenous Communities in the Modern Economy: An Analysis of Land Rights in the United States and Israel, California Western School of Law, March 2, 2018.
   * Panel speaker.
3. Conference on recognition of Bedouin Villages in the Negev, Beer Sheva, Israel, Jan. 2016.
4. Panel speaker: The Legal Challenges for Bedouin Villages’ Recognition
5. International Conference on the Protection of Prisoners and Detainees - International Commitment Responsibility, Amman, Jordan, September 2015.
6. The Palestinian Right of Return, College of Law and Political Science - Hebron University, Palestine, March 2015.
   * Panel speaker: Right to Return Under the International Law
7. Conference on Transitional Justice, Hebron University, Palestine, November 2014.
8. The Status of Jerusalem Under International Law, Hebron University, Palestine, April 2014.
9. The Prawer Plan: Implications for Palestinian Bedouin in the Naqab. A presentation at The Jerusalem Fund, Washington, D.C., January 29, 2014 (available at: <http://www.thejerusalemfund.org/ht/d/EventDetails/i/43972>
10. The Prawer Plan, A Hanukkah presentation on Human rights, Washington D.C., Dec. 2013.
11. Presentation to National Security Council and U.S. State Department personnel on Bedouin Land Rights and the Impact of the Israeli Government’s Prawer-Begin Legislation on the Negev Bedouin at the Jewish Leadership/Rabbinic Meeting on August 20, 2013.
12. Presentation on the Family Unification Ban in Israel – Washington College of Law, April 2011.
13. Bedouin Land Rights Under International Law, Essex University, England, February, February 2010.

**ACADEMIA**

**Referee & External Reviewer for Doctoral Theses**

* Hani Abo Awad, “Bedouin Children Under the Shadow of Government Home Demolition Policy: A Study of Education and Identity” (Thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Education, School of Education, Howard University. Washington, DC, 2017)
* Manal Yamani, “An Exploration of Math Anxiety in Saudi Arabia” (Thesis submitted for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Human Development and Psycho-educational Studies, Howard University, Washington, DC, 2017)

**PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2007-2009 Director of Adalah-Naqab Office**

**Adalah- the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**, Israel

* Managed and coordinated the organization’s work.
* Researched and submitted petitions to the Supreme Court and other courts and administrative tribunals in various legal fields and represented the Bedouin community in fields of Education, Freedom of Speech, Housing Right, Immigration and Family Unification Rights, Political Prisoners’ Rights, Language Rights, and many others.
* Wrote detailed reports, memos, and press releases to the local and international press, and gave media interviews.
* Filed and litigated a petition to the Supreme Court which resulted on the establishment of the first high school for Bedouin girls in the Negev.
* Developed the annual plan and the organization’s strategic goals.
* Monitored, documented and investigated human rights abuses and decided the best remedial strategies.
* Managed Criminal Justice and the Palestinian Prisoners Project.

**2007 Legal intern** at the Civil Rights department

**CAIR- Council on American-Islamic Relations,** Washington DC

**2007 Legal intern**

**The American Civil Liberties Union** (National Capital Area), Washington DC

**2001-2007 Staff Attorney**

**Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel**, Beer-Sheva, Israel

* Filed 18 Supreme Court petitions relating to rights of education, property, freedom of expression, housing, poverty and Economic policy.
* Specialized in administrative law, human rights and civil rights.

**2001-2003 Legal Advisor & Program Director**

**Genesis Community Advocacy,** Beer-Sheva, Israel

* Legal advisor on immigration, Housing, Law and Poverty, family and civil law matters.
* Director of Law and Poverty Program for students during their internship program in the organization.

**2000-2001 Intern**

**Organization for Education and Information for Tenants**, Montreal, Canada

* Poverty and Housing Program: Met with tenants in their homes; wrote briefs regarding their problems and participated in court hearing in tenant-landlord dispute cases.

**1997-2000 Founder, Director, and Senior Lawyer**

**El-Sana Law Office,** Beer-Sheva, Israel

* Established a high-profile modern law office involved in community advocacy.
* Represented the Regional Council for Bedouin Unrecognized Villages.
* Represented in several Bedouin House demolitions.
* Represented and advised clients on civil law, criminal law, and administrative law.
* Served as a criminal public defender in the Public Defense Office-General Attorney.

**1998-2000 Pro-bono Legal Advisor and Activist**

**Regional Council for the Unrecognized Villages in the Negev,** Israel

* Represented clients in house demolition, land confiscation and police violence cases.

**1996-1997 Legal Intern, specializing in Civil Law (Contract Law, Tort Law, and Property Law)**

**Michael Alterman Law Office,** Beer-Sheva, Israel

**PRO-BONO LEGAL WORK**

* Represented Alhawashelah tribe in court. About 314 evacuation orders were submitted against the whole tribe which lives in Gasr-Asser village near Demona city. As a result of my work the state could not evict the tribe and subsequently recognized their village.
* Represented eight Bedouin families that lived in Dodaem, near Beer-Sheva, in a similar case for about three years.
* Represented Bedouin families from various tribes in house demolition cases.

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

* Member of the Israeli Bar since June 29, 1997
* Founder and Board member of Alhuquq Center for Human Right
* Member of Adalah- The Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights in Israel
* Board member of MouthPeace organization

**ACADEMIC RESEARCH MEMBERSHIP**

* Commission on Legal Pluralism
* California Western School of Law, San Diego, CA