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Also published under maiden name: Patricia J. Woods (former married name, Patricia W. Keitt, 1988-1990, appears on some transcripts or awards). Born: Fairbanks, Alaska. Resident: Fairbanks, AK; Shelburne, VT: Micanopy, FL; Gainesville, FL; and Seattle, WA. Historical family origins: Philippines, Prussia, Spain, Holland, and Ireland. Religion: Buddhist (Tibetan, moderate traditional orthodoxy).

DEPARTMENTAL FIELD MEMBERSHIPS:

Comparative Politics

Methods (qualitative and field research)

CENTER AFFILIATE:

Center for Global Islamic Studies; and Center for Jewish Studies
(former member, Center for Women's Studies)

SKILLS:

- Knowledge of Middle East and North Africa (Ph.D. Near and Middle East Studies – Modern Middle East Politics, University of Washington, Seattle, August 2001).
- New research in Asian perspectives, politics, and film (broadly comparative, Kazakhstan to the Philippines and South Korea); relating to religion and politics, ritual politics, and performativity)
- Extensive experience in social science field research in foreign languages (political ethnography, interviews, some archival work) among grassroots peoples as well as some elites
- International travel with or without knowledge of local language; and international study abroad as well as Visiting Scholar research and fellow positions abroad
- Languages, see page 2
- B+ in University-level Calculus 1 for business/social science applications (no statistics)
- Experience with national grants and contracts as fellow/researcher
- Experience in organizing public and academic events with domestic and international guests
- Budgeting (grants, events, travel)
- Experience publishing, and in use of written American English
- MS-Word, PowerPoint, Excel, balance sheets, and several online teaching platforms (Zoom, Canvas, and two earlier platforms).
- Online, in-person, and hybrid teaching / workshop / discussion / lectures
- Seminars, brainstorming, and organizing group learning activities
- Teaching analytical reading, writing, and (public-academic) speaking skills in American English
- Some basic media, image, and sound software
- Typing: 110 -125 words / minute
- College-period experience, daily-accounts auditor; payroll; publication editing; technical research editing; grant editing; hotel clerk
- INTJ (serious and focused; able and happy to work or perform in public; thrive most happily and regain energy in a quiet work space)

FELLOWSHIPS AND COMMITTEES:

National Fellowships or Grants, and national-level Committee work, see pages 3 and 4

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science, and Center for Jewish Studies, University of Florida, 2010 – present; and Assistant Professor (tenure track), August 2001 – 2010 (joint appointment).
- Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, January 2003-June 2004. Unpaid appointment; research in Harvard libraries relating to first book manuscript; paper presentation to the Center for Middle Eastern Studies; participation in and paper presentation to the Sawyer Seminar organized by Samuel Huntington and Eva Bellin at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and Department of Government for two semesters.

Other Faculty Affiliations

Affiliate, Center for Global Islamic Studies, University of Florida

EDUCATION

University of Washington, August 2001, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. in Near and Middle East Studies: Modern Middle East Politics Track. Certificates: Comparative Law and Society; Women's Studies (comparative gender politics). Dissertation: *Courting the Court: Social Visions, State Authority, and the Religious Law Conflict in Israel*.

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 1999-2000

Visiting Researcher, Department of Political Science

Dissertation fellow funded by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), International Dissertation Research Program (IDRF); and the National Science Foundation, Law and Social Science Program Dissertation Grant (#SES 9906136, Woods Co-PI).

Tel Aviv University, January 1997 – June 1997

Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Pre-dissertation fellow funded by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC), Near and Middle East Training and Research Program (NMERTA).

University of Florida, M.A. 1991. Comparative Religion: Islam and Judaism

Thesis: *Women and Feminism in Islam and Judaism: A Comparative Study of Two Feminist Thinkers, Judith Plaskow and Fatima Mernissi*. University of Florida, 1991. Pages, ix, 216 pages; includes bibliographical references.

University of Florida, B.A. 1989, Comparative Religion: Judaism and Islam

Phi Beta Kappa (aka Patricia Keitt), Phi Kappa Phi

Languages

- Native speaker and writer: American English
- Advanced:
 - French (A-/B+ level plus tutoring and substantive courses in French; very good spoken francophone French, Middle Eastern and African)
 - Hebrew (H-level plus specialized tutoring; auditing course in Hebrew [not recorded]; some training in literature; spoken proficiency)
 - Arabic (primarily Modern Standard written & philological method; approximately 4 2/3 years including Arabic linguistics; very little spoken)
- Elementary training in Palestinian colloquial Arabic, Turkish, German, Haitian Creole, Italian, and Spanish.
- Training locations: University of Washington, Seattle; University of Haifa, Israel; Bir Zeit University, West Bank; Paris-I-Sorbonne, France; University of Florida, Gainesville; and Caye Mère French Catholic Girls Day School, Jacmel, Haiti (one year, 1977-1978)
- Interviewing in English, Hebrew, and French (social science)

MAJOR FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- Alternate, Fulbright-Schuman Fellowship Program (Fulbright Foundation) for a project on resistance to anti-Semitism in the region of Pisa, Italy, and in Denmark (1938-1945), 2023
- Recognized by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board for three years of service on the Fulbright National Screening Committee, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, March 2016
- University of Florida Humanities Faculty Enhancement Fellowship, 2015
- College of Liberal Arts and Science, University of Florida, Online Course Development Award, 2012-2013
- University of Florida Provost Faculty Enhancement Opportunity Award, 2009
- University of Florida Provost Nominee to the Carnegie Fellows Program, 2008
- Honorary Visiting Fellow, Birkbeck College of Law, University of London, June 2004
- Foreign Research Fellow, Groupe d'Analyse des Politiques Publiques, École Normale Supérieure (ENS)-Cachan (part of Université Paris Saclay), France, May 2004
- National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Dissertation Grant, (NSF-SES#9906136, Co-PI, Woods [Sohn] 1999
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC-IDRF), 1999-2000
- Dorot Foundation research award, 1999-2000
- Social Science Research Council competitive, special-topics Dissertation Workshop Fellow, Marrakech, Morocco, July 1999
- Social Science Research Council Near and Middle East (SSRC-NMERTA) Pre-dissertation Award, 1997

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- National Screening Committee, Fulbright Foundation, Fall 2022
- Curator of the Blog (similar to editor of a column), "Subaltern States," *E-International Relations* (<http://e-ir.info>), October 2016 – February 2019 (author of approximately four dozen blog pieces, and curator of international and domestic guest contributions to the blog; approximately two blog pieces per month during that period by self or from domestic and international contributors; solicited contributions, domestically and internationally; language or style editing of contributions)
- External Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences Program, Fall 2018
- National Screening Committee, Fulbright Foundation, Fall 2015
- National Screening Committee, Fulbright Foundation, Fall 2013
- National Screening Committee, Fulbright Foundation, Fall 2008
- Section Chair, Comparative Politics of Developing Areas, Southern Political Science Association, 2012-2013
- Best Paper Award Committee, Southern Political Science Association, 2012-2013
- Program Committee, Association for Israel Studies, 2011-2012
- Proposal Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Spring 2011
- Program Committee, Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference, 2010
- Proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation, Spring 2010
- Proposal reviewer, City University of New York, Spring 2010
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Program Screener, 2006 competition
- Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Program Screener, 2005 competition
- American Judicature Award Committee, American Judicature Society, 2007
- Program Committee Member, Association for Israel Studies Conference, 2007

- Ex-officio Board Member and Webmaster, Association for Israel Studies, 2005-2007
- Dissertation Workshop Committee, Association for Israel Studies, 2003-2004, 2004-2005
- Committee Chair, and Faculty Discussant, Association for Israel Studies Dissertation Workshop, 2004
- Nominating Committee, Association for Israel Studies, 2004-2005
- Program Committee, Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference, 2004
- Program Chair, Association for Israel Studies Annual Conference, University of California – San Diego, 2003
- Executive Board Member, Association for Israel Studies, 2001-2005
- President and Co-Founder, Graduate Student Organization, Association for Israel Studies, 1996-2000
- Secretariat Liaison, Graduate Student Organization, Middle East Studies Association, calendar year 1995

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. 2022. Simone Raudino and Patricia Sohn, eds. *Beyond the Death of God: Religion in 21st Century International Politics*. University of Michigan Press. Sixteen chapters plus section introductions by religion and region.
2. 2017. SECOND EDITION. *Judicial Power and National Politics: Courts and Gender in the Religious-Secular Conflict in Israel*, State University of New York Press. Significantly revised with two new chapters, and full data set from first national-level survey of women’s movement volunteers.
3. 2008, 2009. FIRST EDITION. *Judicial Power and National Politics: Courts and Gender in the Religious-Secular Conflict in Israel*. State University of New York Press. (Dates: Hard cover, Paperback.)

E-Textbook

4. Patricia Sohn, editor. *Qualitative Comparative Politics: Formative Texts and Case Studies*, Kendall Hunt Publishers (Higher Education Series), 2017, includes an introductory chapter and chapter introductions. 278 pages.

Dissertation and Master’s Thesis

5. *Courting the Court: Social Visions, State Authority, and the Religious Law Conflict in Israel* by Patricia J. Woods. University of Washington. Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest Dissertations Publishing, 2001 (317 pages includes glossary, references, two appendices, and curriculum vitae). [FULL TEXT here](#). Available in hardcover from ProQuest Dissertations Publishing.
6. Woods, Patricia J. “Women and Feminism in Islam and Judaism : a Comparative Study of Two Feminist Thinkers, Judith Plaskow and Fatima Mernissi.” Thesis (M.A.), University of Florida, 1991 (225 pages including three glossaries, appendix, and bibliographical references).

Mini-Symposia

7. Lisa Hilbink and Patricia J. Woods, editors, “Judicial Empowerment in Comparative Perspective: Ideas and Interests,” a Mini Symposium of *Political Research Quarterly*, 62:4 (December 2009): 745-839. (Conceptual introductory article by Patricia J. Woods and Lisa Hilbink.)
8. Liora Israël, Patricia Woods, Jayanth Krishnan, Stephen Meili, Marie-Aude Beernaert, Katia Weidenfeld, Bruno Milly, and François Chazel, “La justice comme espace politique. Trois études de cas: Israël, Inde, Argentine” a special issue of *Droit et Société* 3:55 (2003): 595-780.

Articles, Chapters, and Other Publications

See [long vitae](#)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AT UNIVERSITIES AND SCHOLARLY INSTITUTIONS

See [long vitae](#)

PAPERS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

See [long vitae](#)

RECENT ACTIVITIES

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COURSES

Courses center upon the development of analytical reading and public speaking skills on academic texts and themes, as well as moving toward formal and professional writing (to the extent possible from the student's starting point; e.g., analytical writing in political analysis, graduate and undergraduate). This teaching method draws upon a "great texts" approach. Sixteen (distinct) undergraduate courses at UF of which ten developed by self, including two new in Spring 2025. Have developed six graduate seminars at UF. For course descriptions and titles, see long vitae.

REVIEWER

Political Science Review; Comparative Political Studies; Comparative Politics; Political Research Quarterly; Law and History Review; Israel Law Review; Law and Society Review; Perspectives on Politics; New England Journal of Political Science; Law and Social Inquiry; Studies in Law, Politics and Society; Signs; Middle East Journal; Politics and Religion; Journal of Church and State; Oxford University Press; University of Washington Press; University of Wisconsin Press; the American Judicature Society; and collegiate (faculty) fellowship competitions

CREATIVE WORKS

Self-published several collections of short stories, plays, and poetry (currently out of print). One book of poetry considered for the 2013 Walt Whitman Poetry Prize / Award Conest, Academy of American Poets. One screen play and several musicals.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

In addition to short stories and poetry, hobbies and interests include walking; light outdoors or city hiking; swimming; equestrian sports; large-animal husbandry; classical piano; modern pop electric piano; ukulele; travel (domestic and international); stationary-cycle and recreational bicycling; shop and minor carpentry projects, especially relating to Asian hardwoods; feng shui; yoga and meditation; Asian art; and (cross-cultural) religious art.