

# Sandy Smith

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Andy Stevenson  
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Dear Dr. Stevenson and Members of the Selection Committee,

Please accept this application for the position no. BC-19-25 of Assistant Professor in Women and Gender Studies, as advertised on the American University of Jordan (AUJ) academic positions' website. I visited the Institute of Women Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) and presented my research about Kenyan women and their access to land in Kenya's desert lands. I have since become fascinated with IWSAW. My interests in women and gender studies, teaching, activism, and research are perfectly suited to IWSAW's focus on: gender mainstreaming at AUJ; initiating a Women and Gender Studies Master's Program; public policy and gender issues, such as achieving women's advancement through the media; human rights and social justice, such as the eradication of racism for domestic maids and islamophobia in the media; and the provision of skills and information to women.

I am well suited to spearhead gender mainstreaming at AUJ. I believe gender mainstreaming includes interdisciplinary courses that focus on women and gender issues for both graduate and undergraduate students in the social sciences and humanities programs; see for example the two attached sample course outlines for classes in Gender and Development (interdisciplinary undergraduate course) and Critical Topics in Global Development (interdisciplinary graduate course). I truly enjoy working with others, and I possess well-developed interpersonal and consensus building skills that allow me to get along well with colleagues. I also have experience with administrative processes based on a year-long commitment (as a member of the decanal committee) to assist in the search for a new Dean of Social Sciences at Western. Finally, my research interests lie at the intersection of gender and agricultural development, including but not limited to participatory research and training, the Arab Spring, land rights, adaptation to climate change, biodiversity conservation, as well as migration and resettlement.

My graduate training over the past ten years has involved many visits to friends and family in Jordan. After many rewarding years in Canada and Kenya, I hope to return to my homeland of Jordan. I am excited by the possibility of contributing to interdisciplinary research, grant writing, advocacy, and teaching related to Women and Gender Studies in a familiar and friendly environment. The position of Assistant Professor in Women and Gender Studies at IWSAW's AUJ would be a wonderful opportunity, and it would be an honour to be considered. Thank you for your time and please advise if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandy Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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