

### **Biographical Sketch: Dr. Mia Bloom, Penn State University**

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### ***Education***

PhD, Political Science, Columbia University, 1999

MA Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 1991

BA Honors, Russian and Middle East Studies, McGill University, 1989

### ***Summary of Qualifications***

Mia Bloom is an Associate professor in International and Women's Studies at the Pennsylvania State University and a fellow at the International Center for the Study of Terrorism at Penn State. Her main focus of study has been on various forms of political violence including terrorism, the deliberate targeting of women during conflict, and the use of child operatives as soldiers and terrorists. Bloom's work has explained the internal societal dynamics that lead non-state actors to use suicide terrorism and the likelihood of rivalry and competition among groups that use violence means. Finally, Bloom's work examines the role of tactical innovations like using new kinds of operatives that are unexpected in the battle-space, notably women and children.

Bloom was a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations from 2005-2009, and a fellow at the Institute for World Affairs from 2004 until the present. She has held teaching appointments at Cornell University, McGill University, and research appointments at Princeton University, Rutgers University and Harvard University. Bloom is the author of *Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror* (NY: Columbia University Press, 2005 and 2007) and *Bombshell: Women and Terror* (forthcoming with Penguin Press, January 2011). Bloom has a PhD in political science from Columbia University, a Masters in Arab Studies from Georgetown University and a Bachelors from McGill University in Russian and Middle East Studies and speaks nine languages.

### ***Professional Experience***

- I have major grants, contracts and awards from sponsors that include The Department of Defense, Office of Naval Research, and the United States Institute of Peace.
- I have regularly conducted high-level briefings in multiple policy settings, including DHS.
- I was awarded an SSRC MacArthur Fellowship for my research on atrocities against civilians in which I compared suicide terrorism, the use of child soldiers, and the deliberate targeting of women for wartime rape in 2002-4.

### ***Most Relevant Publications***

*Bombshell: Women and Terror*. (Toronto: Penguin Press, 2010)

*Dying to Kill: The Allure of Suicide Terror*. (NY: Columbia University Press, 2005), updated and expanded 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, published June 2007.

*Living Together After Ethnic Killing*, edited with Roy Licklider, UK: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Press, January 2007.

'Palestinian Suicide Bombing: Public Support, Market Share and Outbidding.' *Political Science Quarterly*, 119, 1, Spring 2004, 61-88.

'Ethnic Conflict, State Terror and Suicide Bombing in Sri Lanka.' *Civil Wars*, Frank Cass, (Volume 6 No. 2, Spring 2003), 54-84.

***Other Relevant Publications***

Death Becomes Her: Women, Occupation and Terrorist Mobilization. PS, July 2010, pp. 445-450.

'Missing their Mark: The IRA Proxy Bomb Campaign 1990' With John Horgan. Special Issue of *Social Issues* (in press, Summer 2008).