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Biography

Lisa L. Wynn is Professor in the School of Social Sciences (Discipline of Anthropology) at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. She received her PhD in 2003 from Princeton University's Anthropology Department, then subsequently held two postdoctoral research positions at Princeton's Office of Population Research and Center for Health and Wellbeing. Her research has been supported by grants from the Social Science Research Council, the Australian government's Office of Learning and Teaching, and the Australian Research Council, and she has won both the Vice Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Award from Macquarie University and a national teaching award from the Australian Office of Learning and Teaching. She has conducted fieldwork in Egypt since 1998, with a focus on tourism, gender, reproductive health technologies, sexuality, and religion. She also conducts research in Australia on ethics review bureaucracies and on lay understandings of infectious disease. She has served on the editorial boards of *Maternal and Child Health Journal* and *Contraception*, and is Associate Editor of the journal *American Ethnologist* starting in 2022. She has served as President of the Australian Anthropological Society (2020) and on the AAS Executive Committee (2018-2021). She is the author of 2 monographs, the co-editor of 3 edited books, and has published several dozen book chapters and journal articles.

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Selected publications:

Monographs:

Love, Sex, and Desire in Modern Egypt: Navigating the Margins of Respectability (2018, University of Texas Press).

Pyramids and Nightclubs (2007, University of Texas Press). Named Leeds Honor Book of 2008 by the Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology (SUNTA).

Edited Books:

Sex in the Middle East and North Africa (2022, Vanderbilt University Press). Co-edited with Angel M. Foster.

Abortion Pills, Test Tube Babies, and Sex Toys: Emerging Sexual and Reproductive Health Technologies in the Middle East and North Africa (2017, Vanderbilt University Press). Co-edited with Angel M. Foster.

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Employment

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Book

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Wynn, L. L., 2007, 1 ed. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press. 279 p.

Edited Book

Sex in the Middle East and North Africa

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Abortion pills, test tube babies, and sex toys: emerging sexual and reproductive technologies in the Middle East and North Africa

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Emergency contraception: the story of a global reproductive health technology

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Journal Articles

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"We have to make sure you meet certain criteria": Exploring patient experiences of the criminalisation of abortion in Australia

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