

**One of only two female  
Arab faculty members, Prof.  
Khoury-Kassabri is on a  
dual mission to defend our  
children and to broaden the  
University's Arab presence**

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**P**rof. Mona Khoury-Kassabri, is director of the MSW program at the Paul Baerwald School of Social Work and Social Welfare, and an expert in juvenile delinquency. She researches youth involvement in delinquency, school violence, cyber bullying, and the effect of parental discipline methods on children's well-being. "Most of the literature on school violence is about violence between

children, or by children against teachers," explains Khoury-Kassabri. "My studies on teacher violence towards students are among the few in Israel and the world that focus on this subject."



Alongside her own career success, as one of only 11 Arab faculty members at the Hebrew University, of whom only two are women, Prof. Khoury-Kassabri serves as the advisor on Arab affairs to University President, Menahem Ben-Sasson. Together with the Council for Higher Education, they aim to raise the number of Arab students at the University, lower the dropout rate, increase the numbers of Arab faculty members and administrative staff, and to provide cultural competence training for University staff.

"In addition to my academic role, this is a social mission," she says.

Earlier this year, Prof. Khoury-Kassabri was selected for membership in the Global Young Academy, recognizing her outstanding track record as a successful scientist and her commitment to improving conditions for young scientists around the world.