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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2016-present

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, Franklin & Marshall College, 2015-2016

EDUCATION

Ph.D. School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
The University of Arizona, 2015

Track: Modern Middle Eastern History, Culture and Society

Dissertation: “Winning Lebanon: Popular Organizations, Street Politics and the Emergence of Sectarian Violence in the Mid-Twentieth Century”

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Leila Hudson (chair), Dr. Maha Nassar, Dr. Aomar Boum and Dr. Faten Ghosn

M.A. School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies
The University of Arizona, 2010

Track: History of the Middle East

B.A. History
Wittenberg University, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

“Lebanon’s Youth Clubs and the 1936 Summer Olympics: Mobilizing Sports, Challenging Imperialism and Launching a National Project.” *The International Journal of the History of Sport* vol. 34, no. 13 (2018): 1347-65.

“The Gemmayzeh Incident of 1949: Conflict over Physical and Symbolic Space in Beirut.” *Arab Studies Journal* vol. 25, no. 1 (2017): 92-122.

“From Social Tension to Protracted Civil Conflict: Using fsQCA to Analyze Conflict in Lebanon.” *COMPASSS Working Papers* no. 66 (October 2011).

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Lebanon’s Youth Clubs and the 1936 Summer Olympics: Mobilizing Sports, Challenging Imperialism and Launching a National Project.” In *The Olympic Movement and the Middle East and North African Region*, edited by Mahfoud Amara. London: Routledge, 2019.

In Progress

Winning Lebanon: Youth Politics, Populism and the Production of Sectarian Violence, 1920-1958. Book manuscript under review.

“Populism and War-making: Constructing the People and the Enemy during the Early Lebanese Civil War Era,” in *Mapping Populism: The Student’s Handbook for Understanding and Studying Populism*, edited by Amit Ron and Majia Nadesan. New York: Routledge (forthcoming in 2020).

“Spaces and Places,” co-authored chapter with Carla Pascoe in *A Cultural History of Youth in the Modern Age*, edited by Stephanie Olsen and Heidi Morrison. London: Bloomsbury Publishing PLC (forthcoming in 2020).

“Situating Religion in Youth Culture and Organization,” chapter in *Oxford Handbook of the History of Youth Culture*, edited by James Marten. Oxford University Press (forthcoming in 2020).

Selected Book Reviews, Commentary and Analysis

Book review of Mordechai Nisan, *Politics and War in Lebanon: Unraveling the Enigma*. *Journal of Military History* vol. 80, no.2 (April 2016).

“Yeah...Another Year Down the Drains in Egypt!” *SISMEC Bulletin Series*, Feb 1, 2013.

“Aleppo Demonstrates the Everyday Politics of Revolt: Let’s stop asking ‘what is to be done’ and start asking ‘what is going on.’” *SISMEC Bulletin Series*, May 4, 2012.

“The Problem of National Dialogue in the Arab Spring.” *Middle East Insight* 31, Middle East Institute, August 2, 2011.

“Nonviolence, Violence, and the Middle East Uprisings: Did Gene Sharp get it Right?” *Middle East Insight* 29, Middle East Institute, June 28, 2011.

“The Arab Spring’s Second Wave,” co-authored with Leila Hudson. *Al Jazeera English*, May 16, 2011.

PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Papers Given

“Spaces & Places.” Presented with Carla Pascoe at the workshop “Global Histories of Youth in the Modern Age,” hosted by Lethbridge University and Dr. Kristine Alexander and Dr. Simon Sleight, Lethbridge, Canada, July 2019.

“Intellectual beginning meet violent ends in wartime Lebanon.” Presented at the Society for Anticolonial Middle Eastern and North African Thought Meeting. Huntsville, AL, March 2019.

“In Defense of Lebanon: The Unraveling of the Kata’ib Party’s Globalist Logic and Foreign Infiltration Narrative in the 1958 War,” in the panel “A Revolutionary Year: Centering and Globalizing 1958.” Presented at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019.

“Intellectual Beginnings Meet Violent Ends: Party authority, family contestation and microhistory in the early Lebanese Civil War era,” in the panel “Overstepping Boundaries: Assessing Legal and Moral Contingency in Lebanese History.” Sponsored by the Lebanese Studies Association. Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2018.

“The Building, the Body and Bread: Mixing practices of violence and care during the first phase of the Lebanese Civil War, 1975-1976.” Presented at the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society Fall Meeting, Valle Crucis, North Carolina, October 2018.

“Coming of Age outside the Homeland: Travel, self-discovery and the organizational development of Lebanon’s youth clubs in the 1930s-1950s,” in the panel “Global Youth Mobilities, Knowledge Communities and Nation Building in the Mid-20th Century.” Presented at the Children’s History Society Biennial Conference, University of Greenwich, London, U.K., June 2018.

“Winning Lebanon” book project talk. RELACS seminar series, University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 2018.

“Populism & War Making: Populist Alliances, Enemy Imaging and the Left during the Early Lebanese Civil War Era, 1969-76.” Presented at the workshop “New Directions in the Study of Populism,” hosted by Arizona State University and Dr. Amit Ron and Dr. Majia Nadesan, Phoenix, AZ, March 2018.

“Who to be, What to Wear: Rituals, Style and Practice in the Making of Lebanon’s Youth Clubs.” Presented at the workshop “A Century of Youth Engaging Politics in the Arab World,” hosted by the University of Manitoba and Dr. Jennifer Dueck and Dr. Peter Wien, Winnipeg, December 2017.

“Remembering Martyrs, Erasing Individuals: the Mobilization of Youth and Children during Lebanon’s Civil Wars,” in the panel “Agency, Structure and Violence: Children and Youth Participation in Mid-20th Century Movements.” Presented at the Society for the History of Children & Youth Bi-Annual Meeting, Rutgers University, NJ, June 2017.

“Exploring Sectarianism from Below in Bahrain,” in the panel “Widening the Net: New Sources, Methods, and Insights in the Arabian Peninsula.” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2016.

“Lebanon’s Youth Clubs and the 1936 Olympics: Sports as a National Project.” Presented at the workshop “The Arab Countries and the Olympic Games,” hosted by the Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Boston, MA, June 2016.

“Thugs and Gangs of Lebanon’s Civil War: Reconsidering Conflict through Microhistory.” Poster presentation at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York City, NY, January 2015.

“The Gemayzeh Incident of 1949: Conflict over Physical and Imaginary Space in Beirut,” in the panel “Peripheral Lebanon: Reconsidering Narratives and Dynamics of the Early Independence Period (1943-1955).” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2014.

“The Production of a Global City: Financialization, Social Mobilization and the Restructuring of Space in Beirut.” Presented at the Middle Eastern and North African Studies Graduate Colloquium Series, University of Arizona, April 2013.

“The Institution of ‘Sectarianism’ and its Effects on the Writing of History in Modern Lebanon.” Presented at the 1st Annual Saguaro Symposium, University of Arizona, September 2012.

“From Social Tension to Protracted Civil Conflict: Using fsQCA to Analyze Conflict in Lebanon,” in the panel “Contemporary Approaches to the Study of Middle East Conflicts.” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., December 2011.

“Variations of Conflict and Violence: Conceptualizing the 2011 Middle East Uprisings.” Presented at the Middle East Institute, Singapore, August 2011.

“*Tahlil mafhum al-tashadud wa al-majmu‘at al-mutashadida fi Lubnan*” [Analyzing the Concept of Militancy and Militant Groups in Lebanon]. Presented at the Arabic Lecture Series, University of Arizona, March 2011.

Sessions Organized and Chaired

Chair for panel, "Youth Activities, Positionality, and Future Aspirations in the Maghreb." Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2019.

Co-Organizer for the Society for Anticolonial Middle Eastern and North African Thought Meeting. Huntsville, AL, March 2019.

Organizer and presenter for panel, "A Revolutionary Year: Centering and Globalizing 1958." American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019.

Organizer and presenter for panel, "Global Youth Mobilities, Knowledge Communities and Nation Building in the Mid-20th Century." Children's History Society Biennial Conference, University of Greenwich, London, U.K., June 2018.

Organizer and chair for roundtable, "Where is Culture Now? The Place of Cultural History in Middle East Studies." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2016.

Discussant for panel, "Reverberations of Conflict: Impacts and Outcomes of Violence." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2014.

Chaired panel, "Iran at Home: Art, Culture and Politics," at "Iran: Charting New Horizons" Event, University of Arizona, May 2014.

Chaired panel, "Libya: Oils, Guns and the World Economy," University of Arizona, March 2011.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Humanities Center Faculty Research Grant for \$2,936, University of Alabama in Huntsville, January 2019 (for manuscript research and digital humanities project in New York and Boston, summer 2019)

Humanities Center Public Programming Grant for \$2,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, October 2018 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Scholarship Enhancement Travel Award for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Academic Affairs, September 2018 (for presentation at Middle East Studies Annual Meeting, November 2018)

Distinguished Speaker Series Award for \$2,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of the Provost, May 2018 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Library Enhancement Grant, Study of Sectarianism in the Islamic World, \$2,782, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, February 2018

Scholarship Enhancement Travel Award for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Academic Affairs, November 2017 (for presentation at “New Directions in the Study of Populism” Workshop, March 2018)

New Faculty Research Grant for \$10,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Research and Economic Development, October 2017 (for manuscript research in Lebanon and the United Kingdom, summer 2018)

Distinguished Speaker Series Award for \$2,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of the Provost, May 2017 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Eminent Scholars Program Award for \$5,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, April 2017 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville)

Library Enhancement Grant, Study of Youth and Childhood in the Modern Middle East, \$2,600, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, February 2017

Scholarship Enhancement Travel Award for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of Academic Affairs, September 2016 (for presentation at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2016)

Faculty Research Grant for \$1,000, Franklin & Marshall College, November 2015 (for manuscript research in Beirut, Lebanon, Summer 2016)

Confluentcenter Graduate Fellowship for \$5,000, University of Arizona, May 2013
Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC) Travel Grant for \$500, University of Arizona, May 2013 (for dissertation research in Beirut, Lebanon)

Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Research Grant for \$1,000, University of Arizona, March 2013

RESEARCH POSITIONS

Research Associate, The Southwest Initiative for the Study of Middle East Conflicts—SISMEC, The University of Arizona (Fall 2010-Spring 2015)

Short-Term Researcher, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore (Summer 2011)

Research Intern, Carnegie Middle East Center, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Beirut, Lebanon (Summer 2010)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Youth and young people, popular politics and culture, social movements, populism, identity formation, gender and masculinity, the study of violence, cultural history, political history, social history, historiography, nationalism, state formation, comparative politics, international relations, and global political economy in the 20th century Middle East. Focus on the Eastern Mediterranean and Gulf States.

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Alabama in Huntsville

HY 104 - World History since 1500

HY 300 – Craft of History

HY 384- History of the Islamic World to 1800

HY 385 - History of the Modern Middle East

HY 399 – Afghanistan and the Graveyard of Empires (4 class periods, Spring 2018)

HY 475/575—Sectarianism in the Islamic World

HY 476/576 - Being Young in the Modern Middle East

HY 687 – Studies in Modern Middle East History

Franklin & Marshall College

HIS 227 - History of the Islamic World to 1800

HIS 228 - History of the Modern Middle East

HIS 275 -Being Young in the Modern Middle East

HIS 275 - Sectarianism and Violence in the Middle East

University of Arizona

MENA/HIST 277B History of the Modern Middle East (instructor of record—in-class and online sections)

MENA 160A2 - Middle Eastern Humanities (Teaching Assistant and online instructor)

MENA 150 C1 - Islamic Civilization: Traditional and Modern Middle East (online instructor)

STUDENT PROJECTS ADVISED

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Senior Capstone, The 1978 Camp David Accords and the Arab-Israeli Conflict (spring 2019)

Senior Capstone, Wahabi Islam and the Chechen Wars (spring 2019)

Senior Capstone, Putin and the Oligarchs (spring 2019)

Senior Capstone, Media and the Tet Offensive (fall 2018)

University publication, Classical music and German nationalism in the Third Reich (fall 2018)

Senior Capstone, The 1919 King-Crane Commission (fall 2017)

Senior Capstone, ISIS's Global Recruitment Patterns (fall 2017)
Senior Capstone, Marriage and Succession Practices during the early Ottoman Empire (spring 2017)
Directed graduate readings in Political and Military History of the Arab Middle East (HY 698—spring 2017)
Senior Capstone, Hajj al-Amin al-Husayni and British Palestine (fall 2016)

Franklin & Marshall College

Special Studies Senior Thesis, ISIS, Tribes and the State in Iraq and Syria: A Historical Investigation (spring 2016)
Directed readings, Cultural History of the Modern Middle East: the State of the Field (spring 2016)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Disciplinary Service

Panelist, "Writing Global Histories of Youth: A Roundtable and Workshop Discussion." Participated in roundtable (via video conference) at Society for the History of Children and Youth Bi-Annual Meeting, North Sydney, Australia, June 2019.

Podcast panelist, "Discussing the History of Youth and Children in the Modern Middle East." Participated in episode of Ottoman History Podcast (audio forthcoming online, February 2019).

Panelist, "Debating Sectarianism and Minorities in the Middle East." Participated in roundtable at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, November 2018.

Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies, Program Chair and listserv organizer

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Faculty Advisor, Tau Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, 2018-present

Organizer, Campus visit for Dr. Maha Nassar, eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies, Spring 2019

Class visit, HON 301, "Current Philosophers of the Middle East," lecture on Lebanese intellectual thought in the 1960s and 70s, Spring 2019

Advised, organized and/or led a workshop for history majors, minors and interested students, "Graduate School?! What to Look for and How to Apply," September 2018 and October 2016

Organizer, Campus visit for Dr. Juan Cole, eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies, Fall 2017

Class visit, GS 200 lecture on migration and mobility in Syria and Lebanon, 1914-present, Fall 2017

Panelist, Odyssey student group panel on race relations, April 2017

Graduate Council, University-wide committee

Classroom Technology Committee for Morton Hall Renovation, College of Arts Humanities & Social Sciences

Organizer, New Faculty Pedagogy & Research Group, College of Arts Humanities & Social Sciences (2016-2017)

Comparative Cultures and Conflicts Graduate Certificate Committee, Department of History

Publications Committee, Department of History

M.A. Handbook Committee, Department of History

Library Committee, Department of History

Faculty Mentor for new lecturer, Department of History

Franklin and Marshall College

Organized visit and talk, Matt Flannes, Syria Policy and Program Coordinator at the U.S. Department of State, "The Syrian Uprising 5 Years Later: Perspectives from a U.S. State Department Insider," March 2016

Organized and led a workshop for history majors, minors and interested students, "Graduate School?! What to Look for and How to Apply," November 2015

Roundtable member, "Refugees, Migrants, Borders and Walls: Understanding the Humanitarian Crisis," October 2015

University of Arizona

Organized and led a workshop for graduate students, "Finding, Preparing for and Getting Academic Jobs," May 2015

Panelist, "What Could Go Wrong?: Addressing Safety in International Studies and Research." Office of Global Initiatives, November 2014.

Roundtable member, "Dissertation Field Work Brown Bag." School of Government and Public Policy, April 2014.

Discussant for POL 595E, "What Do We Know About Conflict?" Graduate class conference, April 2013.

Lecture on contemporary Lebanon for POL 150C, "The Politics of Happiness," March 2013

Head Graduate Teaching Assistant for MENA 160A2, "Middle Eastern Humanities," Fall 2010-Spring 2012

Co-Editor of *Zaytoon*, Journal of the 10th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern Studies. Published by The Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Association at the University of Arizona, Spring 2010.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Huntsville, Alabama

Take a group of students to Friday Prayer at the Huntsville Islamic Center for community engagement and discussion every semester, 2016-2019

Took a group of students to the Vanderbilt University Fine Arts Gallery to see an exhibit on the work of contemporary female artists of the Middle East, fall 2018

Organizer, lecture by Dr. Juan Cole at the Huntsville Islamic Center on the Concept of Peace in the Quran, September 2017

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Roundtable member, "Refugees, Migrants, Borders and Walls: Understanding the Humanitarian Crisis." Welcoming New Americans Dinner and Dialogue Series at Upohar Ethnic Cuisines, December 2015.

Tucson, Arizona

Presentation for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, "Protest 'Contagion' and 'Spillover' of Violence in the Arab Uprisings," March 2012.

Presentation for Saguaro Senior High School U.S. Government Class on the Arab Uprisings and Implications for U.S. Policy, April 2011.

AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Lebanese Studies Association (LSA)
Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY)
Children's History Society (CHS)
Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies (AMECYS—Program Chair)
Global Urban History Project (GUHP)
Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SERMEISS)
Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES)-American University of Beirut

LANGUAGES

English: Native Fluency
Modern Standard Arabic: Advanced High
Colloquial Levantine Arabic: Advanced High
Turkish: Intermediate
French: Novice in Reading