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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 Articles

“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* (forthcoming, fall 2017).

“The Gemayzeh 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).

In Progress

Winning Lebanon: Popular Politics, Youth Cultures and the Emergence of Sectarian Violence in the Middle East, 1920-1958, book manuscript in preparation.

“Remembering Martyrs, Erasing Individuals: ‘Imad Nuwayhid and the early Lebanese Civil War era, 1969-1976,” journal article in preparation.

“Exploring Sectarianism from Below in Bahrain,” theory article in preparation.

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*, February 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

“Who to be, What to Wear: Rituals, Style and Practice in the Making of Lebanon’s Youth Clubs.” Will present at the workshop “A Century of Youth Engaging Politics in the Arab World,” hosted by the University of Manitoba and Dr. Jennifer Dueck, 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. Will present at the Society for the History of Children and 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, 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, 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

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

Distinguished Speaker Series Award for \$2,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of the Provost, May 2017 (to bring eminent school 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 school 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 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, social movements, identity formation, gender and masculinity, the study of violence, cultural history, political history, historiography, social history, 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

World History since 1500
History of the Islamic World to 1800
History of the Modern Middle East
Being Young in the Modern Middle East

Franklin & Marshall College

History of the Islamic World to 1800
History of the Modern Middle East
Being Young in the Modern Middle East
Sectarianism and Violence in the Middle East

University of Arizona

History of the Modern Middle East (instructor of record—in-class and online sections)
Middle Eastern Humanities (Teaching Assistant and online instructor)
Islamic Civilization: Traditional and Modern Middle East (online instructor)

STUDENT PROJECTS ADVISED

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Senior Capstone, Marriage and Succession Practices during the early Ottoman Empire
(second reader—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 (second reader—fall
2016)

Franklin & Marshall College

Special Studies Senior Thesis, ISIS, Tribes and the State in Iraq and Syria: A Historical Investigation (thesis advisor—spring 2016)

Directed readings, Cultural History of the Modern Middle East: the State of the Field (spring 2016)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

University of Alabama in Huntsville

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

Panelist, Odyssey Student Group Panel on Race Relations, April 2017.

Organizer, New Faculty Pedagogy Group, College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

Comparative Cultures and Conflicts Graduate Certificate Committee, Department of History

Publications Committee, Department of History

Organized and led a workshop for history majors, minors and interested students, “Graduate School?! What to Look for and How to Apply,” October 2016.

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

Presentation for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, "The Modern Middle East: How We Got Here & Where we Came From," October 2017.

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

Took a group of students to Friday Prayer at the Huntsville Islamic Center for community engagement and discussion every semester, 2016-2017.

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)

Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY)

Association of the Middle East Children's and Youth Studies (AMECYS)

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

Colloquial Levantine Arabic: Advanced

Turkish: Intermediate

French: Novice in Reading