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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2022-present

Assistant Professor of History, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, 2016-2022

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

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

B.A. History
Wittenberg University, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

In Process

Beirut Radical: A Global Microhistory from the Sixties to the Lebanese Civil War, under contract with I.B. Tauris (projected publication of October 2025).

Published

“A Contentious Empire: Pan Am, Intercontinental, and Hotel Phoenicia in Beirut,” *Journal of Tourism History* (May 2024).

“Spaces and Places,” co-authored chapter with Carla Pascoe Leahy in *A Cultural History of Youth in the Modern Age*, edited by Simon Sleight and Kristen Alexander. London: Bloomsbury Publishing PLC (January 2023).

Winning Lebanon: Youth Politics, Populism, and the Production of Sectarian Violence, 1920-1958. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press (2021).
~Winner of 2022 SERMEISS Book Prize

“Claiming an Individual: Party, Family, and the Politics of Memorialization in the Lebanese Civil War.” *Middle East Critique* vol. 30, no. 4 (2021): 353-371.

“Celebrating Holidays and Instilling Values: Religion, Nationalism, and Youth Organization in Twentieth Century Youth Culture,” chapter in *Oxford Handbook of the History of Youth Culture* (online), edited by James Marten. Oxford University Press, 2021.

“Populism and war-making: Constructing the people and the enemy during the early Lebanese Civil War era,” 146-157. In *Mapping Populism: Approaches and Methods*, edited by Majia Nadesan and Amit Ron. New York: Routledge, 2020.

“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.
~Winner of 2019 SERMEISS Article/Book Chapter Prize

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

Selected Book Reviews, Reprints, Commentary and Analysis

“An Arab, Jewish, and Inter-Generational Tradition: The History of a Scholarly Critique Against Israel.” *Jadaliyya*, July 29, 2021.

Book review of Ussama Makdisi, *Age of Coexistence: The Ecumenical Frame and the Making of the Modern Middle East.* *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 53 no. 3 (2021): 558-60.

“Comparing Disasters: The 2020 Beirut Explosion and its (Imperfect) Counterpart of 1956.” *Cambridge Core Blog*, September 7, 2020.

“Lebanon’s Youth Clubs and the 1936 Summer Olympics: Mobilizing Sports, Challenging Imperialism and Launching a National Project,” 5-22. In *The Olympic Movement and the Middle East and North African Region*, edited by Mahfoud Amara. London: Routledge, 2019.

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

INTERVIEWS AND SPEAKER INVITATIONS

“Sports as Politics in History: The Case of French Mandate Lebanon,” Sam Shannon Distinguished Lecture Series at Tennessee State University (March 2024).

“Lebanon and the Global 1960s.” Interviewed by Dr. Jadwiga Pieper-Mooney as a part of her “Global 1960s” course at the University of Arizona (October 2023).

Graduate class visit, to discuss my work on Lebanon, the Lebanese Civil War, and Memory, the School of Middle East and North African Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona (October 2023).

Talk on current book project, *Beirut Radical*, at the Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson Arizona (October 2023).

Dialogue on “Youth Political Engagement,” hosted by the Hollings Center for International Dialogue, Istanbul, Turkey (September 2023).

“Winning Lebanon.” Interviewed as part of New Books Network Podcast (September 2022)

“Winning Lebanon.” Interviewed as part of SHCY Podcast (July 2021)

“Winning Lebanon.” Interview with Peter Wien as part of CCYCS Awaaz Podcast (June 2021).

“Winning Lebanon.” Interviewed as part of AMECYS Friday Digital Authors Series (May 2021).

“Research ReCharge.” Interviewed as part of UAH Salmon Library Podcast Series (May 2021).

“Youth Politics and Populism in Interwar Lebanon.” Interview on *Winning Lebanon* with Susanna Ferguson on *Ottoman History Podcast* (March 2021).

“SEPADPod with Dylan Baun.” Interview on *Winning Lebanon* with Simon Mabon on *The Sectarianism Proxies and De-sectarianisation* podcast (November 2020).

“Dylan Baun, Winning Lebanon: Youth Politics, Populism, and the Production of Sectarian Violence, 1920-1958 (New Texts Out Now).” Interview on *Winning Lebanon* with Jadalyya.com (November 2020).

“Dr. Dylan Baun explores history of Middle East youth movements in new book.” Interview on *Winning Lebanon* with UAH Office of Marketing and Communications (November 2020).

“Discussing the History of Youth and Children in the Modern Middle East.” Participated in roundtable on *Ottoman History Podcast* (February 2019).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES

Papers Given

“Imad Nuwayhid: Searching for a New Home in the Arab Left,” in the panel “Microhistories of Arab Internationalism: The Lebanese national Movement.” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 2023.

“Hotel Phoenicia and the Making of American Empire,” in SERMEISS Spring 2022 Workshop, hosted by the University of Alabama and Dr. Waleed Hazbun, Tuscaloosa, AL, April 2022.

“Conceiving Decolonization Abroad: A Lebanese Radical in the Imperial Metropole,” in Sources of Decolonization: Interdisciplinary Approaches Towards the Ends of Empires workshop, hosted by the Philipps-University Marburg via Zoom, April 2022.

“Cleaning the Slate: Family Memories and Narrative (Re)Constructions of Imad Nuwayhid,” in the panel “Martyrs of the Arab Left: Individual Experiences, Collective Narratives, and Memories from Lebanon to Morocco.” Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, online (due to COVID-19 global pandemic), December 2021.

“Coming of Age Abroad: A Lebanese ‘Practical Radical’ in the Global Sixties,” in the panel “Youth Activism.” Presented at the 2021 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2021.

“Lebanon’s Youth Clubs and the 1936 Summer Olympics: Mobilizing Sports, Challenging Imperialism and Launching a National Project.” Presented winner of 2019 SERMEISS Article/Book Chapter Prize, at the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society Fall Meeting, online (due to COVID-19 global pandemic), October 2021.

“Radical Translations: A Young Lebanese, a Belgian communist and border crossing in the Global Sixties.” Presented at the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, Society for the Anti-Colonial Middle East and North African Thought Affiliated Meeting, online (due to COVID-19 global pandemic), April 2021.

“Remembering, Forgetting, and Mobilizing an Individual: The Politics of Memorialization in the Lebanese Civil War.” Presented at SERMEISS Virtual Research Workshop, January 2021.

“An Individual, A Martyr, and Claiming Him,” article and book project talk. Presented at RELACS virtual seminar series, University of Alabama in Huntsville, October 2020.

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

“Intellectual beginnings 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, NC, 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, Manitoba, CA, 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.

Sessions Organized and Chaired

Chair and discussant for panel, “Multiple Layers of Childhood Landscape: Emotional, Physical and Spatial Encounters in Late Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2024.

Chair for panel, “Children’s incarceration in modern Egypt.” Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children’s and Youth Studies. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, November 2023.

Chair and discussant for panel, “Between Family and State: Children as Subjects of Concern.” Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children’s and Youth Studies. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, December 2022.

Co-organizer and panelist for roundtable, “Spirit of ’36: Arab Revolt(s) beyond the Nation-State.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, online (due to COVID-19 global pandemic), October 2020.

Chair and discussant for panel, “Reframing Childhood in the Modern Middle East.” Sponsored by the Association of Middle East Children’s and Youth Studies. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, online, (due to COVID-19 global pandemic), October 2020.

Chair and discussant 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.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Traditional Arts Touring Grant, South Arts, May 2024 (to bring West Africa drummers and dancers to the University of Alabama in Huntsville for Dance and the Humanities series, fall 2023)

Public Programming Grant \$6,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, March 2024 (to bring West Africa drummers and dancers to the University of Alabama in Huntsville for Dance and the Humanities series, fall 2023)

Humanities Center Faculty Research Grant for \$3,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, December 2023 (for research in Beirut, Lebanon, TBD)

Outstanding Faculty Member Award for \$1,000, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 2023

Humanities Center Manuscript Workshop Proposal Grant for \$7,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, December 2022 (to complete second manuscript)

Humanities Center Faculty Research Grant for \$3,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, December 2022 (for research in Switzerland and Philadelphia, summer 2023)

Eminent Scholars Program Award for \$20,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, December 2022 (to bring eminent scholar of South Asian Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, spring 2023). Organized with members of college-wide South Asian Studies Lecture Series committee.

Public Programming Grant \$3,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, December 2022 (to bring an Arab American novelist to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, digitally, spring 2023)

Joint Eminent Scholars Program Award and Public Programming Grant for \$44,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, November 2022 (to start a “Dance and the Humanities series, spring 2023). Co-organized with Dr. Jenn Simms.

Library Enhancement Grant, the Charles D. Smith Collection: Modern Middle East History and the Question of Palestine, \$3,400, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, April 2022

Humanities Center Faculty Research Grant for \$3,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, February 2022 (for research in Miami, summer 2022)

Public Programming Grant \$1,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, January 2022 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, digitally, spring 2022)

UAH CAHS Grant Proposal Incentive for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, April 2021 (for applying for NEH grant for manuscript project)

Public Programming Grant \$1,250, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, December 2020 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, spring 2020)

Distinguished Speaker Series Award for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Office of the Provost, December 2020 (honorarium for eminent scholar of African American Studies for a UAH-hosted webinar-part of “Diverse Speakers in the Humanities” series)

UAH CAHS Grant Proposal Incentive for \$500, University of Alabama in Huntsville, August 2020 (for applying for NEH grant for digital humanities project)

SERMEISS 2020 Overseas Travel Grant for \$500 ((for research in Lebanon, summer 2020, used in summer 2022)

Humanities Center Faculty Research Grant for \$2,982, University of Alabama in Huntsville, January 2020 (for research in Lebanon, summer 2020—used in summer 2022)

Eminent Scholars Program Award for \$5,235, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, October 2019 (to bring eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies to the University of Alabama in Huntsville, spring 2020—CANCELLED due to COVID-19 global pandemic)

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)

Public Programming Grant for \$2,000, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Humanities Center, 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

PAST 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 and activism, populism, identity, gender and masculinity, war and memory, cultural history, political history, social history, business history, history of capitalism, history of tourism, history of sport, historiography, nationalism, state formation, comparative politics, international relations, empire, and global political economy in the 20th century Middle East. Focus on Lebanon, Palestine, and the Eastern Mediterranean.

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 – The Question of Palestine

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

HY 475/575– Sectarianism and Coexistence in the Islamic World

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

HY 499 – History of U.S.-Middle East Relations ((Independent Study, Fall 2019)

Hy 605-Historiography and Historical Approaches

HY 687 – Studies in Modern Middle East History

HY 695 – The Global Sixties

HY 696 – Gender and LGBTQ Studies in the Modern Middle East (Independent Study, Summer 2019)

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 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/CHAired

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Advised Final M.A. Independent Research Project, “We Rule Ourselves or Others Rule us’: Escalating Protests and the Pornography Censorship Conference at Notre Dame during the late 1960s” (spring 2024)

Senior Capstone, Arab Nationalism, the Cold War, and Yemen in the 1960s (spring 2024)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams (spring 2024)

Senior Capstone, Politics of U.S. Aid during Armenian Genocide (fall 2022)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams and Comparative Cultures & Conflicts M.A. Certificate (spring 2022)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams and Comparative Cultures & Conflicts M.A. Certificate (fall 2021)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams and Comparative Cultures & Conflicts M.A. Certificate (spring 2021)

Chair of Comparative Cultures & Conflicts M.A. Certificate (spring 2020)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams and Comparative Cultures & Conflicts M.A. Certificate (spring 2020)

Chair of M.A. Thesis, “Kharij al-Khazanih: A Comparative History of Queer Women in Iran and Lebanon from 1980 to the Present” (spring 2020)

Co-chair of M.A. Thesis, “Affective Socialists: The Left-Wing Politics of Chile and Bahrain during the Cold War” (spring 2020)

Senior Capstone, Morality and Imperialism in the Congo (spring 2020)

Senior Capstone, Medical effects of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki (spring 2020)

Chair of Final M.A. Independent Research Project, Sultan al-Atrash and Druze interwar politics (fall 2019)

Senior Capstone, Europe and the Suez Canal (fall 2019)

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)

Committee member, M.A. Comprehensive exams (spring 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

Committee member, SERMEISS book prize selection, summer 2024

External review for American University of Beirut Press (2023), International Journal of Middle East Studies (2024), and Cambridge University Press (2024)

Panelist, “Current Issues Roundtable.” Spoke on Lebanon, the SERMEISS Fall Meeting, October 2022.

Board member, SERMEISS, Spring 2022-present

Committee member, SHCY dissertation prize selection, spring 2022

Member, Editorial board, Routledge Studies in the Histories of Children and Youth, Spring 2021-present

Panelist, “Teaching Global Histories of Youth: A Roundtable and Workshop.” Participated in roundtable, online (due to COVID-19 global pandemic) at the Society for the History of Children and Youth Bi-Annual Meeting, University of Ireland, Galway, June 2021.

Organizer, AMECYS Spring Digital Author Series, spring 2020-present

Committee member, SERMEISS article/book chapter prize selection, spring 2020

Consultant, the Wilson Center Middle East Program, regarding archival research in Lebanon, 2019

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.

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, 2017-present

University of Alabama in Huntsville

Organizer, Dance and the Humanities Series, in conjunction with Dr. Jenn Simms and Dr. Kwaku Gyasi, February 2023-present

Department Chair Search, Committee Chair, spring 2024

Faculty mentor for lecturer, Department of History, spring 2024

College Awards Committee, Spring 2024

Organizer, UAH-hosted webinar with Malaka Gharib, Arab American journalist, writer and cartoonist, April 2023

Organizer, Campus visit for Amitav Ghosh, Indian writer and novelist, in conjunction with South Asian Studies Lecture Series committee members, April 2023

Search committee member, Interdisciplinary Studies Director, college-wide body, February 2023

University Library committee member, Fall 2022-present

South Asian Studies Lecture Planning committee, college-wide body, Fall 2022-present

Dance and the Humanities Planning committee, college-wide body, Summer 2022-present

Strategic Planning Subcommittee, Diversity, Equity, and inclusion, College-wide body, Spring 2022

Organizer, UAH-hosted webinar with Dr. Ussama Makdisi, eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies, March 2022

Events and Programming Coordinator, Justice and Equity Studies, Spring 2022-present
Advising director, Department of History, Fall 2021-present

Faculty Hiring Diversity Statement Committee, College-wide body, Fall 2021

Program Advisory Committee Member, Minor in Justice Studies, College-wide body, Summer-Fall 2021.

Organizer, UAH-hosted webinar with Dr. Cynthia Young, eminent scholar of African American Studies, March 2021

Organizer, Diverse Voices in the Humanities Series, in conjunction with colleagues in CAHS, Spring 2021

Organizer, Racial Justice Committee, Department of History, fall 2020-Fall 2021

Advised, organized and/or led a workshop for history majors, minors and interested students, "Graduate School?! What to Look for and How to Apply," November 2020, September 2018, and October 2016

Organizer, Campus visit for Dr. Elizabeth Thompson, eminent scholar of Middle East and Islamic Studies, spring 2020 (POSTPONED due to COVID-19 global pandemic)

Graduate Council member, University-wide body, fall 2019-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

Faculty Advisor, Tau Omega Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, fall 2018-spring 2023

M.A. Handbook Committee, Department of History, fall-spring 2018

Library Committee, Department of History, fall 2018

Faculty mentor for new lecturer, Department of History, fall 2018-spring 2019

Classroom Technology Committee for Morton Hall Renovation, College of Arts Humanities & Social Sciences, spring 2018

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

Publications Committee, Department of History, spring 2017-present

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

Comparative Cultures and Conflicts Graduate Certificate Committee, Department of History, fall 2016-present

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Huntsville, Alabama

Took a group of students to the Huntsville Arts Museum to see an exhibit on the work of a Lebanese photographer, Spring 2024

Took a group of students to Friday Prayer at the Huntsville Islamic Center for community engagement and discussion every semester, 2016-2023

Took a group of students to the Huntsville Arts Museum to see an exhibit on the work of European Orientalist artists, January 2020 and Spring 2022

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

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

Association of Middle East Children’s and Youth Studies (AMECYS—Program Chair)

Southeast Regional Middle East & Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS-Board member)

Society for the History of Children and Youth (SHCY)

Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies (CAMES)-American University of Beirut

Center for Middle East Studies (CMES)-Designated Campus Colleague Associate,
University of Arizona

LANGUAGES

English: Native Fluency

Modern Standard Arabic: Superior

Colloquial Levantine Arabic: Advanced High

Turkish: Intermediate

French: Novice in Reading