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ACADEMIC POSTS

American University, School of International Service, Washington, DC

Mohamed S. Farsi Chair of Islamic Peace, 2016-present

Professor of History, 2018-present

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Professor, Department of History, 2014-2016

Associate Professor, Department of History, 2002-2014

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 1996-2002

Lecturer, Department of History, 1995-96

University of California, Berkeley, CA

Lecturer, Department of History, 1994-95

EDUCATION

Columbia University, New York, NY

Doctor of Philosophy, Department of History, 1995

Master of Philosophy, Department of History, 1992

Master of International Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, 1989

Certificate in Middle East Studies, Middle East Institute, 1989

Harvard University

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Program in History and Literature, 1981

PUBLICATIONS

In Process

“Islamists vs. Minorities: Roots of a Schism that Broke the Arab Spring,” *Nationalities Papers*, expected 2023

The Debacle: A Memoir of Muslim-Christian Europe and its Destruction, 1842-1962, expected 2023

Gone With the Wind in Cairo: Cinema as Political Nexus in the Age of Cold War and Decolonization, expected 2025

Published Books

How the West Stole Democracy from the Arabs: The Syrian Congress of 1920 and the Destruction of its Historic Liberal-Islamic Alliance. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 2020

Justice Interrupted: The Struggle for Constitutional Government in the Middle East. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2013

Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon. New York: Columbia University Press, 2000

Published Articles and Chapters: Peer-Reviewed

- “Antoine Köpe’s Trail of Tears and Laughter,” in Gábor Fodor, ed., *Between Empires, Beyond Borders* (Budapest: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 2020) 37-64
- “The 1948 *Wathba* Revisited: Comrade Fahd and the Mass Appeal of Iraqi Communism,” *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, 12:2 (2018) 127-45
- “Moving Zionism to Asia: Texts and Tactics of Colonial Settlement, 1917-21” in Ethan Katz, ed., *Colonialism and the Jews*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2017, 317-26
- “Rashid Rida and the 1920 Syrian Arab Constitution: How the French Mandate Undermined Islamic Liberalism,” in Cyrus Schayegh and Andrew Arsan, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*. New York: Routledge, 2015, 244-57
- “Boycott d’un cinéma à Fès en 1948,” in Morgan Corriou, ed., *Publics et spectacle cinématographique en situation coloniale*. Cahiers du CERES, special issue no. 5. Tunis: l’Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain, 2012, 187-206
- “Le Mouvement féminin et l’essor de l’État-providence colonial en Syrie, 1920-1946,” *CLIO* “Colonisations,” 33 (May 2011) 103-21
- “Scarlett O’Hara in Damascus: Hollywood, Colonial Politics, and Arab Spectatorship during World War II,” in B. Edwards and D. Gaonkar ed., *Globalizing American Studies*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 2010, 184-208
- “Politics by Other Screens: Movie Censorship in the Late French Empire,” *Arab Media & Society*, (Winter 2009) <http://www.arabmediasociety.com/?article=699>
- “Soldiers, Patriarchs, and Bureaucrats: Paternal Republicanism in French Syria and Lebanon,” in S. Dudink et. al. eds., *Representing Masculinity: Male Citizenship in Modern Western Culture*. New York: Palgrave, 2007, 213-33
- “Imperialism in the Middle East,” *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* (February 2007) 11-13
- “Civil Society,” in Suad Joseph, ed., *Encyclopedia of Women & Islamic Cultures: Vol. II Family, Law and Politics*. Leiden: Brill, 2005, 34-40
- “Political-Social Movements: Revolutionary, Syria,” in Suad Joseph, ed., *Encyclopedia of Women Islamic Cultures: Vol. II Family, Law and Politics*. Leiden: Brill, 2005, 662-64
- “The Gendered Edge of Islam,” in Neguin Yavari, ed., *Views from the Edge: Essays in Honor of Richard W. Bulliet*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2004, 304-21
- “Public and Private in Middle Eastern Women’s History,” *Journal of Women’s History* 15:1 (Spring 2003) 52-69
- “Neither Conspiracy nor Hypocrisy: The Jesuits and the French Mandate in Syria and Lebanon,” in Eleanor H. Tejirian and Reeva Spector Simon, eds., *Altruism and Imperialism: Western Cultural and Religious Missions in the Middle East*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2003, 66-87
- “Sex and Cinema in Damascus: The Gendered Politics of Public Space in a Colonial City,” in H.C. Korsholm Nielsen and J. Skovgaard-Petersen, eds., *Middle Eastern Cities 1900-1950: Public Places and Public Spheres in Transformation*. Copenhagen: Aarhus University Press, 2001, 89-111
- “The Climax and Crisis of the Colonial Welfare State in Syria and Lebanon during the Second World War,” in Steven Heydemann, ed., *War, Institutions, and Social Change in the Middle East*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000, 59-99
- “Gender, War and the Birth of States: Syria and Lebanon in World War II,” in Nicole Ann Dombrowski, ed., *Women and War in the 20th Century*. New York: Garland, 1998, 266-87
- “Tanzimat,” *The Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*. New York: Macmillan Publishers, 1996
- “Ottoman Political Reform in the Provinces: The Damascus Advisory Council in 1844-45,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 25 (August 1993) 457-75

Published Articles and Chapters: Public Outreach

- “How a Peace Conference’s Failures a Century Ago Set the Stage for Today’s Anti-Racist Uprisings,” *The Conversation*, Aug. 3, 2020 at: <https://theconversation.com/how-a-peace-conferences-failures-a-century-ago-set-the-stage-for-todays-anti-racist-uprisings-140143>
- “Democracy is not a Luxury in Times of Pandemic,” *Informed Comment* (blog) May 15, 2020
- “The Arab World’s Liberal-Islamist Schism Turns 100: A Colonial Legacy That Helps Dictators Rule Today,” *The Century Foundation*, published online April 23, 2019 at: <https://tcf.org/content/report/arab-worlds-liberal-islamist-schism-turns-100>
- “The Postwar Revival of Popular Liberalism and its Suppression in the Arab World, 1918-1923,” in *Beyond Europe: The First World War in Global Perspective*. St. Ingbert: Röhrig University Press, 2018, 20-43
- “Rashid Rida wa al-Dustur al-`Arabi al-Suri li `amm 1920,” (in Arabic: Rashid Rida and the Syrian-Arab Constitution of 1920) *World Studies Institute*, a Syrian online magazine, Feb. 2017 <http://alaalam.org/ar/translations-ar/item/469>
- “Social Justice in the Middle East,” in Michael Reisch, ed., *The Routledge International Handbook of Social Justice*. London: Routledge, 2014, 61-73
- “Al-Haraka al-nisa’iyya wa taghyir al-thaqafa al-siyasiyya fi Dimashq, 1918-1946.” [The Women’s Movement and the Transformation of Political Culture in Damascus, 1918-1946] Damascus: Ministry of Culture, 2009, 267-74
- “Justice Interrupted: Historical Perspectives on Promoting Democracy in the Middle East,” *Special Reports Series*, 225. United States Institute of Peace: Washington, DC, June 2009

ACADEMIC AWARDS

The Century Foundation

Fellowship, program on the future of governance in the Middle East, 2017-19

Carnegie Corporation of New York

2015-17 Andrew Carnegie Fellow, for *How the West Stole Arab Democracy*

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC

Senior Fellowship, 2015-16, for *How the West Stole Arab Democracy*

National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington DC

Co-director, Summer Seminar for College Faculty on World War I in the Middle East, 2012, 2014

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC

Senior Fellowship, 2008-09, for *Justice Interrupted*

United States Institute of Peace, Washington, DC

Jennings Randolph Senior Fellowship 2007-08, for *Justice Interrupted*

Carnegie Corporation of New York

2005 Scholar Award, for *Justice Interrupted*

Library of Congress

Kluge Center, Mellon Fellowship in International Studies, 2003

for *Cinema and the Politics of Late Colonialism*

American Historical Association

Joan Kelly Memorial Prize for *Colonial Citizens*, 2000

Berkshire Conference of Women Historians

First Book Prize for *Colonial Citizens*, 2000

American Council of Learned Societies

SSRC/NEH International Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999-2000

for *Cinema and the Politics of Late Colonialism*

University of Virginia

Buckner W. Clay Award in the Humanities, 2012-13
 Center for International Studies, research support, 2011, 2013
 Sesquicentennial Fellowships, 1999-2000, 2011

Republic of France

Chateaubriand Fellowship, 1995

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Dissertation Award, 1994

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation

Honorary Charlotte W. Newcombe Fellow, 1994

Social Science Research Council

Dissertation Fellowship, 1992-93

Ibn Khaldun Essay Prize, 1993

INVITED TALKS: ACADEMIC

- “How the West Stole Democracy from the Arabs: The Syrian Congress of 1920, Its Destruction, and the Rise of the Muslim Brotherhood,” Daoud Annual Lecture, Albion College, April 2021
- “How the West Stole Democracy from the Arabs,” Princeton University Near Eastern Studies Seminar, March 2021, Oxford University, Feb. 2021, Queen’s University (Canada), Nov. 2020; Mahindra Humanities Center, Harvard University, June 2020; Council for British Research in the Levant, July 2020; London School of Economics, July 2020 (Webinars)
- “Comment l’Occident a-t-il volé la démocratie aux Arabes,” Centre Arabe de Recherches et d’Etudes Politiques, Paris, July 2020 (Webinar)
- “Europe’s Destruction of Arab Democracy: The Forcible Imposition of a Mandate on Syria in 1920 and Its Consequences,” keynote address for Citizens, States, and Wars in the Middle East: A Perpetual Crisis? Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway, June 2019
- “Europe’s Destruction of Arab Democracy in 1920,” Annual Jere McGaffey Lecture, History Department, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee, April 2019 and Center for European Studies, Harvard University, Nov. 2018
- “Arabs and the Color Line at the 1919 Peace Conference,” Modern History Seminar, Oxford University, November 2017
- “Arab Liberalism in the 1920s,” keynote lecture at Herrenhausen Symposium on “The Long End of the First World War,” Hanover, Germany, May 2017
- “Arabs and the Problem of the Color Line: Prince Faisal at the Paris Peace Conference,” Department of Government, Harvard University, April 2017
- “Rashid Rida and the Paris Peace Conference,” Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, March 2017
- “Naval Blockade as War Crime in World War I: The Syro-Lebanese Catastrophe at the Paris Peace Talks,” Human Catastrophe Then and Now: 1916/2016, Center for Middle East Studies, American University of Beirut, June 2016
- “Arabs and the ‘Problem of the Color Line’: Revisiting the 1919 Paris Peace Conference,” University of California, Los Angeles, May 2016
- “Arab Historiography of World War I: New Debates on Mobilization, Famine, Memory and Revolt,” Ottoman Cataclysm: Total War, Genocide, and Distant Futures in the Middle East (1915-1917), University of Zurich, Oct. 2015
- “The Intertextuality of Wartime Memoirs: Ohannès Pasha’s Account of Famine and Mass Murder in Lebanon and Anatolia,” History Department, University of Utrecht, Netherlands, June 2015

- “The Long War in the Middle East, 1911-1923,” College of William & Mary, Oct. 2014
- “Scarlett in Cairo, Mammy in Damascus: Colonialism and Cinema in World War II Propaganda,” Queen’s University, March 2014
- “The Arab Spring and Its Aftermath,” Keynote, Christopher Newport University, March 2014
- “Justice Interrupted: The Struggle for Constitutional Government in the Middle East,” George Washington University, March 2014
- “The Legacy of World War I in the Middle East,” Keynote Address, EPIIC International Symposium on the Middle East and North Africa, Tufts University, February 2014
- “The Past and Future of Democracy in the Middle East,” University of Chicago, Center for International Studies, Nov. 2013
- “The Buried History of the Syrian Baath Party,” Georgetown University, Oct. 2012
- “Halide Edib: Her Story and Turkey’s History,” University of Virginia, Oct. 2012
- “When Politics Isn’t Just Local: Poor People’s Movements in the Cold-War Middle East,” Keynote, History Graduate Students Conference, University of Maryland, College Park, Feb. 2011
- “Poor People’s Movements in the Middle East,” University of Michigan, Eisenberg Historical Institute, Oct. 2010
- “Les hasards de l’intervention au Moyen Orient: La première guerre mondiale et la fin de l’époque libérale,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, May 2009
- “Justice Interrupted: Historical Perspectives on Promoting Democracy in the Middle East,” Catholic University of America, Washington DC, Feb. 2009
- “Al-Haraka al-nisa’iyya wa taghyir al-thaqafa al-siyasiyya fi Dimashq, 1918-1946/The Women’s Movement and the Transformation of Political Culture in Damascus, 1918-1946,” City and Culture: Damascus as Capital of Arab Culture, Damascus, Syria, May 2008
- “Le Boycott d’un cinéma à Fès,” l’Institut de Recherche sur le Maghreb Contemporain, Tunis, Tunisia, March 2008
- “Revisiting the Arab Liberal Age: Constitutional Movements 1880-1920,” George Washington University, Institute for Middle East Studies, Feb. 2008
- “Scarlett O’Hara in Damascus: Cinema and the Politics of Late Colonialism,” Northwestern University, May 2007; Cross-Cultural Women’s and Gender History Program, University of California at Davis, May 2007; and University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2007
- “Sovereignty and Constitutionalism in the Middle East, 1875-1950,” Workshop on Partial Sovereignities, Center for International History, Columbia University, April 2006
- “Cinema and the Politics of Late Colonialism,” Dept. of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Feb. 2006
- “Women’s Rights and the Hazards of Intervention in the Middle East,” inaugural lecture, Distinguished Speakers Series, City University of New York Graduate Center, Oct. 2005
- “Gender in Transnational and Colonial History,” Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, May 2004
- “Talking about Islam: Empire, Gender, and the Language of History,” History Department, University of Minnesota, Dec. 2003
- “Gender, Colonialism, and the Language of History,” History Dept., Ohio State University, Dec. 2003
- “Cinema and Citizenship in the Late French Empire,” French Department, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, March 2003
- “From French Syria to Afghanistan Today: The Gendered Compromises of Colonial Rule,” Conference in honor of Gerda Lerner, University of Wisconsin, Madison, September 2002
- “Constructing Citizenship in the French Empire,” History Department, Rice University, March 2002
- “The Colonial Construction of Citizenship in Syria and Lebanon,” History Department, George Washington University, Feb. 2002

- “The Colonial Construction of Citizenship in Syria and Lebanon,” The Middle East Under Britain and France: Rethinking State-Society Relations in Late Colonialism, University of Washington, Seattle, March 2001
- “Neither Hypocrisy nor Conspiracy: The Jesuits and the French Mandate in Syria and Lebanon,” conference on Altruism and Imperialism, Bellagio, Italy, August 2000
- “Gender and Colonial Welfare in the Middle East,” Susan B. Anthony Institute, University of Rochester, Oct. 2000
- “Colonial Citizens in French Syria and Lebanon,” International Institute, University of Michigan, Nov. 1999

INVITED TALKS: PUBLIC OUTREACH

- “How the West Stole Democracy from the Arabs,” Islamic Circles, London, March 2021.
- “Citizenship and its Discontents in the Middle East,” Panel Discussion, New York University, May 2019
- “Does Secularism Have a Future in the Middle East?” Kevorkian Center, New York University, Oct. 2018
- “Middle Eastern Islamists and America: What President Trump Needs to Know,” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, American University, April 2017
- “A Modern History of Muslim Peacemaking,” Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, Michigan, March 2017
- “The Historical Meaning of Sykes-Picot: Revisiting the 1919 Paris Peace Conference,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC, May 2016
- “Human Carnage in Syria: World War I and Today Compared,” Teach-In on Syrian Refugees, University of Virginia, Sept. 2013 [I was organizer of the event.]
- “The Historical Roots of Dictatorship and Civil War in Syria,” conference on Independence in the Contemporary Middle East: Exploring Issues of Foreign Intervention and Self-Determination,” Center for Language, Regional Expertise, and Culture, Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington DC, July 2013
- “Hope Arab Springs Eternal,” Suffolk University, Ford Hall Forum, Boston, May 2013
- “Drone Warfare and the British Bombing of Mandate Iraq,” Historians Against War conference, Towson State University, April 2013
- “Justice Interrupted: The Struggle for Constitutional Government in the Middle East,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, April 2013 and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Virginia, March 2013
- “The Compatibility of Islam and Democracy,” Women’s Foreign Policy Group, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, November 2008
- “Middle Eastern History since 1839,” Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, Virginia, July 2008
- “The Impact of World War I in the Middle East,” Approaches to Teaching the Middle East Workshop, Georgetown University, June 2008
- “Does History Matter? Democracy, Human Rights, and the Hazards of Intervention in the Middle East,” United States Institute of Peace, June 2008
- “Women’s Rights and the Hazards of Intervention in the Middle East,” Joint Warfare Analysis Center Dahlgren, VA, Sept. 2007 and University of Virginia Alumni Weekend, June 2007

TEACHING

- “Crisis and Survival in the Middle East,” history department, 2021
- “Social Movements and Political Change in the Islamic World, graduate seminar, 2020
- “Americans in the Middle East,” undergraduate research workshop, 2019, 2020

- “Democratization and Foreign Intervention in the Middle East,” undergraduate seminar, 2019
 “Conflict and Peacemaking in Palestine and Israel,” graduate seminar, 2018, 2019
 “War and Peace in the Middle East,” graduate seminar, 2018
 “When Peace Creates War, undergraduate capstone seminar, 2018
 “Conflict and Peacemaking in Israel and Palestine, graduate seminar, 2018
 “Modern Islamic Movements,” graduate seminar, 2017
 “History of the Modern Middle East,” undergraduate lecture, 1995-2014, 2019
 “The First World War,” undergraduate lecture, 2014 and 2015
 “Arab History at the Movies,” undergraduate lecture, 2013 and 2014
 “Americans in the Middle East,” January-term seminar in Washington, DC, 2013, 2014, 2015
 “World War I in the Middle East,” graduate seminar, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014
 “Colonialism and Nation-building in the Arab World,” graduate seminar, 2013
 “Roots of the Arab Spring,” undergraduate seminar, 2012 and 2013
 “Revolutions on the Nile,” graduate seminar, 2012
 “The French Empire in Africa and Asia, 1798-1962,” graduate seminar, 2002, 2005, 2009
 “Struggles for Justice in the Middle East,” undergraduate lecture, 2007; seminar, 2004, 2009
 “War and Religion in the Middle East,” graduate seminar, 2007
 “Citizen and State in the Modern Middle East,” graduate seminar, 2006
 “Multiculturalism in the Ottoman Empire,” graduate seminar, 1998, 2000, 2003
 “History of the Middle East, ca. 500 to 1500,” undergraduate lecture, 1995-2003
 “Revolution, Gender, and Islam in the Middle East,” graduate seminar, 1997, 1998, 2001
 “Women in Egypt,” undergraduate seminar, 1994
 “Gender and Social History in Egypt, Syria and Turkey,” graduate seminar, 1994
 “Palestine and Israel, 1800-1967,” undergraduate seminar, 1997, 2002, 2010
 “Pictures as History,” undergraduate seminar, 1999
 “Varieties of Imperialism in the Middle East,” undergraduate seminar, 1996
 “The Politics of the Gaze: Middle East & the West from Napoleon to Khomeini,” seminar, 1995

Ph.D. Advising

Reader, American University Dissertation Committees

Matthew Timmerman, International Studies; Erica Devine and Reza Akbari, History

Reader, Outside Dissertation Committees

Andre Tirtan, University of Leuven (Belgium) 2020; Kate Dannies, History, Georgetown University, 2018-19; Catherine Batruni, History, American University of Beirut, 2018-19; Benan Grams, History, Georgetown University, 2018-19; Chris Rominger, City University of New York, Graduate Center, 2018; Harrison Guthorn, History, University of Maryland-College Park, 2015; Jonathan Wyrzten, History, Georgetown University, 2009; Simon Jackson, French, New York University, 2008; Nadya Sbaiti, History, Georgetown University, 2008; David Livingston, Anthropology, Columbia University, 2007

Reader, University of Virginia Dissertation Committees

History: Noel Stringham, 2015; Barin Kayaoglu, 2014; Cynthia Metcalf, 2008

Politics: Sayit Ali Avcu, 2010; Sebnem Gumuscu, 2009; Umut Uzer, 2006; Rangit Singh, 2005

French: Brandon Guernsey, 2015; Scot Allen, 2010; Nadia Mamelouk, 2007; Pascale Barthe, 2002

Religious Studies: Yusuf Salih, 2011; Jacqueline Brinton, 2009; Adam Geiser, 2005

Nursing School: Andrea Knopp, 2010

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Organizer, “Minorities at the 1919 Paris Peace Conference,” workshop on Eastern Europe and the Middle

East, American University, School of International Service, Nov. 1-2, 2018
 Co-Director, Islamic and Middle East Studies at American University, 2017-present
 Co-producer, "The Adventures of Antoine Köpe," documentary film on World War I, with Nefin Dinç
 Founder and Organizer, Women Historians of the Middle East, 2015-present
 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Women's History*, 2016-19
 Co-editor, "Ottoman Empire/Middle East," *1914-1918 Online*, 2012-2015
 Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2013-14
 Organizer, "Mass Death in World War I: Interdisciplinary Explanations," panel at American
 Historical Association, Jan. 2015
 Co-Organizer, "Roundtable on World War I in the Middle East," Middle East Studies Association,
 Nov. 2014
 Organizer, "Arab Revolution & Film," two-day workshop on documentary-making featuring
 filmmaker and scholar Viola Shafik, Univ. of Virginia, Oct. 2013
 Co-Organizer, World War I in the Middle East and North Africa
 Six-Panel Workshop on World War I, Middle East Studies Association meeting, 2013
 Co-Director, UVA History Department. Speaker Series
 "New Histories of Women, Gender and Sexuality" featuring Prof. Beverly Bossler of UC-
 Davis, Prof. Susan Johnson of University of Wisconsin, Madison, Prof. Sherry Velasco of
 University of Southern California, and Prof. Afsaneh Najmabadi of Harvard University
 Member, Albert Hourani Book Prize Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2010
 Member and chair, O'Connor Film Prize committee, American Historical Association, 2005-07
 Founder and director, Workshop on Muslim Societies, University of Virginia, 2003-10
 Consultant, The Queen's University Program in Islamicate Societies and Muslim Diasporas, 2007
 Tenure/Promotion Reviews
 Yale University, 2020; University of California-Davis; University of Akron, 2018; University of
 Oxford, University of California-Los Angeles, University of California- Santa Barbara, University of
 Mississippi, all 2015; Antioch College, 2014; Princeton University, Syracuse University, Georgia
 Tech, Oberlin College, 2013; George Washington University, Southern Methodist University, 2012;
 University of Maryland 2011; McGill University, 2010
 Member, Annual Conference Planning Committees
 The Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2005
 Middle East Studies Association, 1999, 2018
 Organizer, Middle East Studies Association workshop
 "The French Presence in the Middle East and North Africa," Providence, RI, 1996
 Manuscript Reviewer
International Journal of Middle East Studies, *Arab Studies Journal*, *Gender & History*, *Comparative
 Studies in Society and History*, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, *Journal of Women's History*,
 Princeton University Press, Harvard University Press, Stanford University Press, University
 of California Press, University Press of Florida, Columbia University Press, Syracuse
 University Press
 Consultant, The Ford Foundation, "The Varieties of Muslim Experience," 1994
 Teacher, American Language Center, Damascus, Syria, 1989-90
 Staff Reporter, *The Patriot Ledger* (daily newspaper), Quincy, Massachusetts, 1984-87
 Assistant to the President, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 1982-83

BOOK REVIEWS

"The Guardians: The League of Nations and the Crisis of Empire," *H-Diplo* (April 2016)
 "Andrew Arsan: Interlopers of Empire: The Lebanese Diaspora in Colonial French West Africa,"

- Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East Migration Studies* 3:1(2015) 105-07
- “The Hundred Years War in the Middle East.” Review of Kristian Ulrichsen, *The First World War In the Middle East* for *H-Diplo* (October 2014)
- “The Power and the People: Paths of Resistance in the Middle East,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46:1 (Feb. 2014) 210-12
- “An Enchanted Modern: Gender and Public Piety in Shi’i Lebanon,” *Current Anthropology* 50:1 (Feb. 2009) 166-67
- “Can Might Make Rights? Building the Rule of Law After Military Interventions,” *International Journal of World Peace*, 25:3 (Sept. 2008) 124-27
- “A Different Shade of Colonialism: Egypt, Great Britain, and the Mastery of the Sudan,” *Journal of Social History* 30:2 (May 2005) 232-34
- “Inventing Home: Emigration, Gender, and the Middle Class in Lebanon, 1870-1920,” *American Historical Review* 107:4 (Oct. 2002) 1328
- “Gender and Citizenship in the Middle East,” *Journal of Social History* 27:3 (October 2002) 375-78
- “Citizenship and the State in the Middle East: Approaches and Applications,” *Middle East Policy* 2/no. 72 (June 2002) 168-69
- “Image and Imperialism in the Ottoman Revolutionary Press, 1908-1911,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 34 (Feb. 2002) 146-48
- “Consumption Studies and the History of the Ottoman Empire, 1550-1922: An Introduction,” *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 35:1 (Summer 2001) 97-98
- “Ambiguities of Domination: Politics, Rhetoric and Symbols in Contemporary Syria,” *The Middle East Journal* 54:3 (Summer 2000) 482-83
- “Rural Labor Movements in Egypt and Their Impact on the State, 1961-1992,” *Labor History* 41:1 (Feb. 2000) 114-15
- “Women, the State and Political Liberalization: Middle Eastern and North African Experiences,” *Political Science Quarterly* 114 (Summer 1999) pp. 352-53
- “Ebu-Su’ud. The Islamic Legal Tradition,” *Fifteenth-Century Studies* 25 (1999) 389-91
- “The Rule of Law in the Arab World,” *Political Science Quarterly* 113 (Summer 1998) 335-36

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “The Democratic Promise of Syria’s 1920 Constitution,” presented in a panel I organized titled “The Liberal Moment in the Middle East,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, October 2020
- “War Crime or Catastrophe? Lingering Political Effects of the WWI Syrian Blockade,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York City, January 2020
- “Prince Faisal’s Speech at Aleppo, November 11, 1918,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2018
- “Arabs and the Problem of the Color Line: Revisiting the 1919 Peace Conference, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Annual Meeting, Arlington, Virginia, June 2017
- “Arab Historiography of World War I: New Debates on Mobilization, Famine, Memory and Revolt,” Ottoman Cataclysm: Total War, Genocide, and Distant Futures in the Middle East (1915-1917), University of Zurich, Oct. 2015
- “Gender at The Imperial Boundary in Early Arab Cinema,” Early Cinema in the Balkans and the Middle East, Athens, Greece, June 5-7, 2015
- “The Intertextuality of Wartime Memoirs: Ohannès Pasha’s Account of Famine and Mass Murder in Lebanon and Anatolia,” American Historical Association, New York City, 2015
- “Memory and the Politics of Mass Death after the Great War: The 1921 Memoir of Ohannès Pasha,” Université St. Joseph, Beirut, Nov. 2014, American Historical Association, Jan. 2015
- “Rashid Rida and the 1920 Syrian Constitution,” Harvard University, Center for Middle East

- Studies, March 2015; Orient Institut, Beirut, Nov. 2014; McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies March 2014; Princeton University, History Department, Sept. 2013
- “The 1921 Memoir of Ohannès Pasha,” Bilgi University, Istanbul, Turkey, April 2014
- “Scarlett in Cairo, Mammy in Damascus: Race, Colonial Economies and Propaganda in World War II,” American Historical Association, Washington DC, Jan. 2014
- “Rashid Rida, the Aborted 1920 Syrian Arab Constitution, and the Demise of Liberal Consensus,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Oct. 2013
- “Sayyid Rashid Rida and the 1920 Syrian Arab Constitution,” Conference on the Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: The Mandates in Global Perspective, Princeton University, Sept. 2013
- “Melodramas of Marriage in 1940s Egyptian Movies: Domestic Allegories of Revolution,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, 2011
- “Writing the History of International Humanitarianism,” American Historical Assoc., New York City, Jan. 2009
- “Different Approaches to Halide Edib,” Middle East Studies Assoc., Washington DC, Nov. 2008
- “Arabic Newspapers as a Source in the History of Colonialism in the Middle East,” Middle East Studies Assoc., Washington DC, Nov. 2005
- “The Politics of Cinema Spectatorship in the Late French Empire,” French Colonial Historical Society, Washington DC, May 2004
- “Cinema, Women’s Liberation, and Wartime Mobilization in the Middle East,” American Historical Assoc., Washington DC, Jan. 2004
- “Scarlett in Damascus: Sexuality and Cinema Spectatorship in the Waning Days of Colonialism,” Middle East Studies Assoc., Washington DC, Nov. 2002
- “Between Sect and Class: Varieties of Women’s Mobilization in French Lebanon,” Middle East Studies Assoc., San Francisco, Nov. 2001
- “The Strange Disappearance of Women’s Voice in the French Levant,” *Writing Lives*, University of Virginia, April 1999
- “Breaking the Boundaries of Women’s History,” *Re-envisioning Women’s History*, City University Graduate Center, March 1999
- “Colonialism and Feminism in the Middle East,” *International Conversations on Gender and Feminism*, University of Virginia, February 1999
- “Islamists and the Politics of Public Space in Colonial Damascus,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Oxford, England, July 1997
- “Sex and Cinema in Damascus: The Gendered Politics of Public Space in a Colonial City,” *From Community to Polity or Vice Versa: The Urban Social History of South Asia, the Middle East and North Africa, c. 1750-1950*, University of Utah, June 1997
- “Social Policy and the Ambiguities of State Structure in Mandatory Syria,” Middle East Studies Assoc., Providence, RI, November 1996
- “Gender and the Colonial Welfare State in Mandatory Syria and Lebanon,” Middle East Studies Assoc., Washington DC, December 1995

LANGUAGES & OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

Arabic and French: advanced; Turkish: intermediate

Egypt: employment, language study, and research: 1982-83, 1988, 2008, 2011, 2013

Lebanon and Syria: research, study, employment, 1989-90, 1992, 2005, 2008, 2014, 2016, 2018

Tunisia and Morocco: research and travel, 2000, 2008

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