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## EDUCATION

**Ph.D.** in History, Princeton University, 1997  
**B.A.** (History, High Honors), Wesleyan University, 1990

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Rice University**, Houston, TX  
Full Professor, Rice University, Fall 2008—  
Associate Professor, Rice University, Fall 2002-Spring 2008  
Assistant Professor, Rice University, Fall 1997-Spring 2001.  
First Holder of Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair of Arab Studies, Rice University, Fall 1997—

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND ACADEMIC HONORS

Berlin Prize, American Academy in Berlin, Spring 2018.  
Faculty Teaching-Release Fellowship, Humanities Research Center, Rice University, Fall 2016.  
Resident Fellow, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 2012-2013.  
Directeur d'études invité, École Pratique des Haute Études, Science Religieuses (Sorbonne), Paris, May 2010.  
Carnegie Scholar, 2009-2010.  
George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching, Rice University, 2009.  
Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University 2004-2005.  
Visiting Fellow, Fares Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies, Tufts University, 2004-2005.  
American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship 2004-2005.  
American Council of Learned Societies Fredrick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship for Recently Tenured Scholars 2004-2005 [declined]  
Fellowship at Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars 2004-2005 [declined]  
American Research Institute in Turkey, Research Fellowship, 2001  
Paula and Jon Mosle Faculty Research Award in the Humanities, Rice University, 2000  
A.W. Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Behavioral Research, American University of Beirut, 1999.  
Research Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas, Austin, 1998.  
A.W. Mellon Post-Enrollment Fellowship, Princeton University, Spring 1997.  
Full Tuition and Maintenance Fellowship, Princeton University, 1991-1996.  
American Research Institute in Turkey, Research Fellowship, 1995.

MacArthur Foundation/Center for International Studies Grant, Princeton University, 1995.  
Institute of Turkish Studies Write-Up Grant, 1995.  
Selected as a Participant in the Social Science Research Council/NMERTA Dissertation Workshop on Cultural Studies, Istanbul, Turkey, 1995.  
American Research Institute in Turkey Summer Fellowship, 1994.  
Center for International Studies Research Grant, Princeton University, 1994.  
Council on Regional Studies Grant, Princeton University, 1994.  
Near Eastern Studies Program Grant, Princeton University, 1994.  
Rollins Prize, Princeton University, 1993-1994.  
Davis Prize, Princeton University, 1991-1993.  
Taylor Scholar, Wesleyan University, 1989-90.  
Fellow, Center for the Humanities, Wesleyan University, Fall 1989.  
Davenport Scholarship, Wesleyan University, 1989.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books (monographs)

*Age of Coexistence: The Ecumenical Frame and the Making of the Modern Arab World.*  
Oakland: University of California Press, 2019.

*Faith Misplaced: The Broken Promise of U.S.-Arab Relations, 1820-2001.* Public Affairs,  
2010.

*Artillery of Heaven: American Missionaries and the Failed Conquest of the Middle East.*  
Cornell University Press, 2008.

- Winner, 2009 John Hope Franklin Prize, American Studies Association.
- Winner, 2008 Albert Hourani Book Award, Middle East Studies Association.
- Co-Winner, 2009 British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies.
- Arabic translation, *Madfa'iyat al-sama'*. Dar Al-Adab, Beirut, Beirut, 2018.

*The Culture of Sectarianism: Community, History, and Violence in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Lebanon.* University of California Press, 2000.

- Turkish translation forthcoming from İletişim.
- Arabic translation, *Thaqafat al-ta'ifiyya*. Dar al-Adab, Beirut, 2004.

### Edited Books

*Memory and Violence in the Middle East and North Africa*, co-edited with Paul Silverstein.  
Indiana University Press, 2006.

### Refereed Articles and Book Chapters

“The Problem of Sectarianism in the Middle East in an Age of Western Hegemony,” *Sectarianization: Mapping the New Politics of the Middle East*, edited by Nader Hashemi and Danny Postel (London: Hurst & Company, 2017), 23-34.

“The Privilege of Acting Upon Others: The Middle Eastern Exception to Anti-Exceptionalist Histories of U.S. and the World,” *Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, edited by Frank Costigliola and Michael J. Hogan, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016), 203-216.

“Diminished Sovereignty and the Impossibility of ‘Civil War’ in the Modern Middle East,” *American Historical Review*, 120 (2015), 1739-1752.

“On Anti-Imperialism, Missionary Work, and the King-Crane Commission; or the Prehistory of American Imperialism in the Arab World” *Empire’s Twin: U.S. Anti-Imperialism from the Founding Era to the Age of Terrorism*, edited by Ian Tyrrell and Jay Sexton (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2015), 118-134.

“Understanding 1860 in an Ottoman and Global Context,” *1860: Histoires et mémoires d’un conflit*, edited by Dima de Clerck, Carla Eddé, Naila Kaidbey, Souad Slim (Beirut: USJ, 2015), 25-32

“After Said: The Limits and Possibilities of a Critical Scholarship of U.S.-Arab Relations” *Diplomatic History*, 38 (2014) 657-684. (reprinted in *Middle East Studies for a New Millennium: Infrastructures of Knowledge* edited by Seteney Shami and Cynthia Miller-Idriss, New York University Press, 2016).

“Moving Beyond Orientalist Fantasy, Sectarian Polemic, and Nationalist Denial” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 40 (2008), 559-560.

“Bringing America Back into the Middle East: A History of the First American Missionary Encounter with the Ottoman Arab World” in *Imperial Formations* ed. Ann Laura Stoler, Carole McGranahan, Peter C. Purdue (Santa Fe: School of Advanced Research, 2007).

“Anti-Americanism in the Arab World: An Interpretation of Brief History,” *Journal of American History, History and September 11: A Special Issue*, 89 (2), September 2002: 538-558. Reprinted in *History and September 11<sup>th</sup>*, ed. Joanne Meyerowitz (Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2003).

“Mapping the Orient: Non-Western Modernization, Imperialism and the End of Romanticism” in *Nineteenth-Century Geographies: The Transformation of Space from the Victorian Age to the American Century*, ed. Helena Michie and Ronald R. Thomas (Rutgers: Rutgers University Press, 2003).

“Ottoman Orientalism,” *American Historical Review*, 107 (3), June 2002: 768-796.

“After 1860: Debating Religion, Reform, and Nationalism in the Ottoman Empire,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 34 (2002): 601-617.

“Corrupting the Sublime Sultanate: The Revolt of Tanyus Shahin in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Lebanon,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 42 (1), January 2000: 180-208.

“Reclaiming the Land of the Bible: Missionaries, Secularism, and Evangelical Modernity,” *American Historical Review* 102 (3), June 1997: 680-713.

“The Modernity of Sectarianism,” *Middle East Report*. (MERIP), special issue “Minorities in the Middle East,” 200/26 (3), Summer 1996: 23-27.

### **Invited Publications**

“The Making and Unmaking of the Arab World,” Introductory Historical Essay, *Modern Art of the Arab World: Primary Documents*, edited by Anneka Lenssen, Sarah Rogers and Nada Shabout (New York: Museum of Modern Art, 2018), 28-35.

“The Mythology of the Sectarian Middle East,” Research Paper, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Rice University (Feb. 2017), 1-10. Reprinted in modified form in *The Cairo Review*. 12 July 2017. <https://www.thecairoreview.com/uncategorized/understanding-sectarianism-in-the-middle-east/>.

“Tolerance and Conversion in the Ottoman Empire: A Conversation” in *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 51 (2009), 927-940.

*Artillery of Heaven: H-Diplo Roundtable Reviews* (<http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-X-11.pdf>) 10 (2009) with Nathan J. Citino, Mark LeVine, Michelle Mart, Melani McAlister.

“Understanding Sectarianism” in *The War on Lebanon: A Reader*, ed. Nubar Hovsepien (New York: Olive Branch Press, 2008)

“AHR Conversation: Religious Identities and Violence” in *American Historical Review*, 112 (2007), 1432-1481.

Guest editor. “Beyond the Clash of Civilizations: Missionaries, Conversion, and Tolerance in the Ottoman Empire” Special Issue of *Archaeology and History in Lebanon* 22 (2005).

“Understanding Sectarianism” *International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM) Newsletter*, September 2001, 19.

“A Past without a Future: The Commemoration of Civil War in Lebanon” [Arabic], *Al-Adab* 49 (3-4) 2001: 21-27. [reprinted in *An-Nahar*, 13 April 2001].

“Rethinking American Missionaries and nineteenth-century historiography of the Middle East” in *From The Syrian Land to the States of Syria and Lebanon*, ed. Thomas Philipp and Christoph Schumann (Beirut/Würzburg: Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 2004).

“Rethinking Ottoman Imperialism: Modernity, Violence and the Cultural Logic of Ottoman Reform” in *The Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the Ottoman Empire*, ed. Jens Hanssen, Thomas Philipp, and Stefan Weber (Beirut/Würzburg: Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 2002).

“Revisiting Sectarianism” in *Religion between Violence and Reconciliation*, ed. Thomas Scheffler (Beirut/Würzburg: Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 2002).

“Gender and Citizenship” [Arabic] in Najla Hamade *et al.* (ed.), *Al-Muwatiniyya wa al-jinsiyya fi Lubnan* [Nationalism and Citizenship in Lebanon], Beirut, 1999.

“The ‘Rediscovery’ of Baalbek: A Metaphor for Empire in the Nineteenth Century,” in Thomas Scheffler (ed.), *Baalbek: Image and Monument, 1898-1998*, Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft: Beirut Texte und Studien, 1998: 137-156.

## Book Reviews

“The Limits of Anti-Secularist Critique” a review of Saba Mahmood, *Religious Difference in a Secular Age: A Minority Report*. *Journal of Politics, Religion, and Ideology*, 17 (2016): 77-79. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/21567689.2016.1176336>

Mathew Jacob, *Imagining the Middle East: The Building of an American Foreign Policy, 1918-1967* (Chappell Hill, University of North Carolina Press). July 2012, Available online at <http://www.h-net.org/~diplo/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIII-33.pdf>

Gilbert Achcar, *The Arabs and the Holocaust: The Arab-Israeli War of Narratives*, Tikkun, Spring 2012.

John Dower, *Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor/Hiroshima/9-11/Iraq*. Roundtable, *Critical Asian Studies* 43 (2011): 455-461.

Rashid Khalidi, *Sowing Crisis* and Patrick Tyler, *A World of Trouble*, “Once More Into the Breach,” *Middle East Report*, December 2009.

Heather Sharkey, *American Evangelicals in Egypt: Missionary Encounters in an Age of Empire*, *Middle East Journal* 63 (2009).

Erez Manela, *The Wilsonian Moment: Self-Determination and the International Origins of Anticolonial Nationalism*, *Diplomatic History*, 33 (January 2009).

Lara Deeb, *An Enchanted Modern: Gender and Public Piety in Shi'i Lebanon*, *H-Net Reviews* (October 2007)

Elizabeth Thompson, *Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 36 (2004).

Dick Douwes, *The Ottomans in Syria: A History of Justice and Oppression*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 37 (2003).

As'ad AbuKhalil, *Historical Dictionary of Lebanon*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 35 (2001).

James L. Gelvin, *Divided Loyalties: Nationalism and Mass Politics in Syria at the Close of Empire*, *Al-Abhath*, 48 (2001).

Charles Issawi, *Cross-Cultural Encounters and Conflicts*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 33 (2001): 149-150.

Leonard Binder, ed., *Ethnic Conflict and International Politics in the Middle East*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 29 (4), Summer 2000: 113-114.

Beshara Doumani, *Rediscovering Palestine: Merchants and Peasants in Jabal Nablus, 1700-1900*, *Middle East Report*, 29 (2), Summer 1999: 48.

Dina Rizk Khoury, *State and Provincial Society in the Ottoman Empire, Mosul 1540-1834*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 33 (1), Summer 1999: 64.

Uri Davis, *Citizenship and the State: A Comparative Study of Citizenship Legislation in Israel, Jordan, Palestine, Syria and Lebanon*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 28 (4), Summer 1999: 109-110.

## **SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Understanding Sectarianism as a Global Problem,” Georgetown University, November 2018.

“The Harmony of Coexistence in the Modern Arab World” University for Liberal Arts Bangladesh, July, 2018.

Invited to deliver keynote address at British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, London, June, 2018.

“Rethinking Sectarianism and Coexistence in the Modern Middle East” Annual Lecture, Amsterdam Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Amsterdam, May 3 2018.

“Rethinking Coexistence in the Modern Arab World” Inaugural Lecture for Semester Opening Spring 2018, Institute of History, University of Erfurt, 19 April 2018.

“Secular Humanism and Sectarianism in the Middle East,” Edward Said Memorial Lecture, American University of Cairo, November 4, 2017.

“Beyond the Critique of Secularism: Understanding the History of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East,” Barnard College, October 10, 2017.

“History and the Limits of Anti-Secularist Critique” presented at workshop on “What Comes After the Critique of Secularism?” University of California Berkeley, April 13, 2017.

“The problem of “saving minorities” as opposed to elevating secular citizenship in the modern Middle East.” Presentation at Conference on “Christians in the Contemporary Middle East: Religious Minorities and the Struggle for Secular Nationalism and Citizenship,” Villanova University, December 5-6, 2016.

“Coexistence and Sectarianism in the Middle East,” University of California, Berkeley, November 29, 2016 and Boston University, October 20, 2016.

“Coexistence and the Limits of Secularism in the Modern Middle East,” BRAC University, Dhaka, July 18, 2016.

“The Invention of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East,” Keynote Speaker for conference on “Sectarianism, Identity, and Conflict in Islamic Contexts: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives,” George Mason University, April 15, 2016.

“Religious Sectarianism in the Middle East” 2016 Harrison Distinguished Lecture, Western Kentucky University, April 6, 2016.

“What’s Really the Matter with Damascus? The Birth of the Modern Sectarian Paradigm of Politics in 1860” presented at *Dissections: New Directions in Research on the Middle East and North Africa*, CUNY Graduate Center, NY, March 4, 2016.

“American and Ottoman Civil Wars and the Question of Sovereignty in the Middle East,” 2015 Kylan Jones-Huffman Lecture, George Washington University, Oct. 1, 2015.

“Sectarianism in an Age of Western Hegemony, 1856-1948” Bogaziçi University, Istanbul, July 20, 2015.

“Sectarianism in an Age of Western Hegemony, 1856-1948” in “Inventing and Managing Difference in the Middle East from the Ottomans to the Islamic State” Conference held at European University Institute, Florence, June 4, 2015.

“Understanding Sectarianism: The History & Future of the Middle East’s Gordian Knot,” Josef Korbel School of International Studies and Center for Middle East Studies, University of Denver, April 30, 2015.

“The Rise of Sectarianism in the Middle East in an Age of Western Hegemony: 1860-2014,” University of Manitoba, Distinguished Jarislowsky Speakers Series and conversation with Professor Jennifer Dueck on “The Roots of Religious Conflict in the Middle East: An Historical Perspective” McNally Robinson Bookstore, March 12, 2015.

“Writing a History of Sectarianism” New Directions in Middle East and North African Studies Lecture, Northwestern University and “The Rise of Sectarianism in the Middle East in an Age of Western Hegemony,” Evanston Public Library, March 2, 2015.

Houston Seminar Lectures on “Understanding Sectarianism” February 17 and 24, 2015.

“The Rise of Sectarianism in the Middle East in an Age of Western Hegemony: 1860-2014” The Laura & Ralph Mueller Islamic Studies Lecture Series, Franklin & Marshall College, January 29, 2015.

Manuscript Review Seminar for Zeynep Turkeyilmaz, “Anxieties of Conversion,” The Dickey Center for International Understanding, Dartmouth College, November 14, 2014.

“The Rise of Sectarianism in the Middle East in an Age of Western Hegemony: 1860-2014,” LBJ School of Public Affairs, UT-Austin, 2 October 2014.

Visiting Scholar Lecture “Sectarianism and Citizenship at the End of Empire” in “Imaginings of citizenship, belongings and difference in the late Ottoman and Russian empires,” National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar, George Washington University, June 19, 2014.

“Writing the History of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East,” London School of Economics, May 15, 2014.

“The Sectarianism of Coexistence” presented at U.C. Davis Arab Studies Conference, May 3, 2014.

“The Invention of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East” University of North Texas, Global Studies Faculty Seminar, 24 April 2014

“What is the Arab World?” presentation delivered at FotoFest 2014 “View from the Inside: Conference on Visual Arts in the Arab World” Museum of Fine Arts Houston, March 29, 2014.

“A Problem of Politics and History, not Religion: Understanding Sectarianism in the Modern Arab World” Invited Lecture delivered at the Munk Centre at the University of Toronto sponsored by the Bill Graham Centre for Contemporary International History and the Canadian Arab Institute, March 6 2014 and a follow-up seminar in the Department of Middle East Studies at University of Toronto on Writing a History of Sectarianism March 7 2014 .

Lecture Presentation on *House of Stone* by Anthony Shadid as part of Muslim Journeys Book Series, Houston Community College Northwest, sponsored by National Endowment for the Humanities and American Library Association, 30 January 2014.

Invited Participant on Plenary Session on “‘Other’ Civil Wars of the 1860s: Strife in a Time of Nation-Building,” American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., 2 January 2014

Two Invited Lectures at the American University of Beirut on Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East, November 27 and November 29, 2013. Sponsored by Office of the Provost, The Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of English, Anis Makdisi Program in Literature, Department of History and Archaeology, Center for Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, Center for American Studies and Research, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Media Studies.

“Coexistence in an Age of Genocide” invited lecture at Europe in the Middle East Program (EUME), Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, 2 October 2013. Also given at University of Zurich, 30 September 2013.

Invited Participant in Conference on “The *Mashriq* in An Age of Late Imperialism” Princeton University, 20-22 September 2013.

“The Culture of Sectarianism Reconsidered” invited lecture at Europe in the Middle East Program (EUME), Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin, 13 February 2013. Also given at Central European University, Budapest, 23 May 2013.

“Born in the Nineteenth Century: The Emergence of Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East” Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 4 December 2013. Also given at The School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, 18 March 2013.

“Islam and the Question of Religious Violence” presented at Religious Violence: Myth or Reality? International Conference, Dartmouth College, May 11-13, 2012.

“The Artillery of Heaven: American Missionaries to the Ottoman Empire and the Question of Imperialism” 2012 Aptullah Kuran Memorial Lecture, Bogazici University, Istanbul, April 2012.

“America and the Arab Struggle for Self-Determination,” the Ezio Cappadocia Memorial Lecture as part of the President’s Lecture Series, University of Montana, February 2012.



“De-essentializing Lebanon: Thinking about 1860 and Sectarianism in a Comparative Framework” in *Histoires et mémoires d’un conflit*, IFPO, University of Balamand, Beirut, 5-7 October, 2011.

“Faith Misplaced: The Broken Promise of U.S.-Arab Relations” Fall-Spring 2010/2011 lectures delivered at UCLA, George Washington University, Georgetown University, American University, American University of Beirut, Columbia University, University of Oklahoma, Alwan (New York City), Town Hall (Seattle), San Diego State University, World Affairs Council (Dallas)

Invited outside speaker to participate in The Johns Hopkins University's History Department, Futures Seminars, December 2010.

“Born in the Global Nineteenth Century: Sectarianism in the Middle East and its Intersection with Zionism,” Keynote presentation delivered at “The Global Nineteenth Century” Conference, University of California-Riverside, October 2010.

“Reflections on a Coexistence that Once Was and Might One Day Be Again: A Historical Perspective on Arab-Jewish Relations,” Presented at "Encountering the Jewish Future," Center for Jewish Studies, Baylor University, October 2010.

“America’s Interests in a Changing Middle East” Houston World Affairs Council, August 2010

“Were American Missionaries Imperialist?” [Arabic] Annual Lecture. Makassed Islamic University, Beirut Lebanon, May 2010.

3 lectures on the subject of “The Imperialism of American Missionaries in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century” at *École Pratique des Hautes Études*, Section des Sciences Religieuses (Sorbonne), Paris. May 2010

Closing Address on “After Orientalism: Rethinking the Study of U.S.-Middle Eastern Relations” delivered at the American University of Beirut, The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin AbdulAziz Al Saud Center for American Studies and Research Third International Conference on “Connection and Ruptures: America and the Middle East” January 2010.

“Sectarianism” at Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, December 2009 conference on “The Otherness and Beyond: Dynamism between Group Formation and Identity in Modern Muslim Societies”

“Thinking with Empire in U.S. History”, Organization of American Historians, March 2009. Panel Organized by Paul Kramer.

“The Cultural Imperialism of American Missionaries in the Middle East” presented at Wesleyan University, Department of History, February 2009 and University of Iowa, Department of History, March 2009.

“Benevolent America? American Missionaries, the King-Crane Commission, and the Question of Western Imperialism in Arab World,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC-Berkeley, November 2008.

“Mythologizing Christian Zionists: American Missionaries and the Question of Palestine.” Presented at the Edward Said Conference at Columbia University, November 2008.

“The Origins of Anti-Americanism” Annual Schwoerer Lecture, Smith College, October 2008

“Were American Missionaries Cultural Imperialists? The Case of the Middle East” Department of History, SUNY-Binghamton, October 2008, Orient Institut Beirut, June 2008.

“Analyzing Sectarianism” University of Leiden, May 2008.

Keynote speaker at “Rethinking Sectarianism” workshop, Princeton University May 2008.

“The Artillery of Heaven” to be delivered at UCLA, February 2008.

“Sectarianism in Lebanon and Iraq” to be delivered at the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence at Yale University. January 2008.

“Anti-Americanism in the Arab World: A Brief History,” University of Erfurt, Germany, June 2007.

“Failure of Imagination: Americans and the Arab World” A World of Walls Series, Rothko Chapel, May 2007

“America before anti-Americanism in the Arab World,” University of Cincinnati, May 2007

“America before anti-Americanism” Center for American Studies, American University of Beirut, May 2006.

“The Two Stories of the Syrian Protestant College” Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations and Early Modern Studies Institute, University of Southern California, April 2006.

“The Artillery of Heaven” presented at the History Colloquium, Washington University, St. Louis, December 2005.

“The Flying of Time: Missionaries and Millennialism in the Middle East” presented at the Davis Seminar Conference in honor of Robert L. Tignor. Princeton University September 2005.

“The Grammar of Heresy” presented at the Fourth bilad al-Sham Conference, Erlangen, Germany, August 2005.

“Playing God on a New Frontier: The Early Experience of the American Board Mission to Syria” presented at “New Faith in Ancient Lands” symposium, Universiteit Leiden, January 2005.

“Anti-Americanism in the Muslim Middle East.” Richard D. McKinzie Symposium on “The New American Empire in the Middle East,” Feb. 26-27 2004, University of Missouri Kansas City.

“Bringing America Back into the Middle East: A History of the First American Missionary Encounter with the Ottoman Arab World” presented at the School of American Research

Advanced Seminar on “Empires: Thinking Colonial Studies Beyond Europe,” Santa Fe, October 2003.

## **SELECT TEACHING**

Graduate:

Race, Religion and Difference  
Modern Middle East  
America and the World  
America in the Middle East  
Mellon Research Seminar: America and the World  
Civilizing Missions  
Pro-seminar in Modern Arab History

Undergraduate:

Modern Arab History  
Understanding Sectarianism in the Middle East  
Colonialism and Nationalism in the Modern Middle East  
America and the Middle East  
Arab-Israeli Conflict  
Ottoman History  
Islam and the West  
The World and the West

Doctoral Supervision:

Rice University

Doctoral Committee Supervisor

Suraya Khan, “Finding Palestine in America: The Impact of the Arab-Israeli Conflict on Arab-American Identity,” 2018.

Nathaniel George, “Lebanon in the Global Cold War: Revolution, Counterrevolution, and US Foreign Policy,” in progress.

Esmat Elhalaby, “The Global Nahda,” in progress.

Mark Bebawi, “The Muslim Brotherhood and The West (1928-1981),” in progress.

Kelyne Rhodehamel, “The Making of Personal Status Laws: Gender, Sect, and the State in the Colonial Middle East,” in progress.

Doctoral Advisor (for graduate students still in coursework stage)

Cyma Farah

Doctoral Committees:

Umit Açıkgöz, “Between State and People: The Making of Modern Istanbul (1923-1950),” Department of Art History, 2018.

Ala Alazzah, “Locating Nonviolence: the people, the past, and resistance in Palestinian political activism,” Anthropology, 2013.

David Getman, “States of Legitimacy: The British Left, Iraqi Nationalism,

and the 'Spirit of Internationalism,' 1914-1932," *History*, 2011.  
Molly Roby, "Sacred Geographies: Religion, Race, and the Holy Land in U.S. Literature, 1819-1920." *English*, 2009.  
Gale Kenny, "Contentious Liberties: Gendered Power and Religious Freedom in the Nineteenth-Century American Mission to Jamaica," *History*, 2008.  
Jamila Bargach, "Between Prescription and Proscription: Adoption, Kafala, and Abandoned Children in Morocco," *Anthropology*, 1998.

External examiner

Mouannes Hojairi, Columbia University, "Church Historians and Maronite Communal Consciousness: Agency and Creativity in Writing the History of Mount Lebanon," Columbia University, 2011.

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY:**

Member, Graduate Committee, Department of History, 2013-

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, 2007-2008, 2010-2012

Elected to Serve on the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Rice University, 2011-2014.

Appointed as Representative of the Division of the Humanities to the Promotion and Tenure Committee, Rice University, 2010-2011.

Arab-American Educational Foundation Lecture Fund Endowment.

Community Outreach and public lectures on the Middle East and Islam.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:**

Appointed to the Board of Editors, *American Historical Review*, 2016-

Appointed to Series Advisory Board, Modern Muslim World Series, Gorgias Press, 2016-

Appointed to American Council of Learned Societies Selection Committee, Fellowship Program, 2016.

Contributing Editor, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (CSSAAME), 2013-

Elected to Board of Directors, 2012-2015, Middle East Studies Association.

Appointed Member of the 2013 Annual Meeting Program Committee, American Historical Association.

Historical Consultant for American Research Institute in Turkey for National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Application for Preservation of American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions Archives stored in Istanbul. 2012.

Appointed to serve on the International Dissertation Research Fellowship Selection Committee, 2005-2008

Elected to the 2007 Middle East Studies Association Nominating Committee.

Appointed to the Committee on Academic Freedom (CAF MENA), Middle East Studies Association, November 2005-2007

Editorial Board of *Journal Palestine Studies*, Spring 2004-2014.

Reviewer for American Council of Learned Societies, American Academy of Berlin, Cambridge University Press, Princeton University Press, Stanford University Press, University of California Press, Oxford University Press, Syracuse University Press, Cornell University Press, University of Texas Press, *American Historical Review*, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *Diplomatic History*.

Tenure and Promotion Review: Columbia University, George Washington University, City University of New York, University of Pennsylvania, University of California, Los Angeles, University of California, Berkeley, London School of Economics, University of Michigan.

Elected to the 2003 Middle East Studies Association Nominating Committee.

Co-organized Conference on “Arab Traditions of Antisectarianism,” Rice University, December 1-2, 2017.

Organized a workshop on “The Nahda,” Rice University, October 24, 2015.

Organized a symposium on “On Sectarianism in the Modern Middle East” Rice University, April 2-3, 2014.

Organized a workshop-conference on “The Violence of Memory and the Memory of Violence in the Middle East and North Africa” Rice University, March 23-24, 2001.

Co-organized “Building City and Nation: Space, Memory and History” held at the Center for Behavioral Research, American University of Beirut, July 1999.

Organized Middle East Studies Association Panel on “Between Ottoman and Arab: Identity in the Nineteenth-Century Arab Provinces of the Ottoman Empire,” Chicago, December 1998.

Organized Middle East Studies Association Panel on “Reading Empires,” Rhode Island, November 1996.