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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History and Middle East Studies, Harvard University, 1996

M.A. Middle East Studies, Harvard University, 1984M.A. Philosophy, Georgetown University, 1979

B.A. Philosophy, American University of Beirut, 1977

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Current Academic Employment

Loyola Marymount University, Associate Professor of History, 2004-Present Loyola Marymount University, Assistant Professor of History, 1998-2004

Prior Academic Employment

Stanford University, Department of History: Visiting Assistant Professor, fall 2004 University of California at Los Angeles, Department of History: Lecturer, 1996-1998 University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of History: Lecturer, 1997-1998 Tufts University, Department of History: Lecturer, Spring 1993

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Lower Division Courses

FFYY: The Politics of the Veil

The Middle East since 1453: Through the Social Lives of Commodities

The Middle East since 1453: Women and Minorities

The Middle East since 1453: Empires, Nation-States, Communities, Subjects/Citizens

The Modern Middle East

The Age of Leviathan: Honors

Western Traditions

Upper Division Courses

Revolutions in the Middle East
The First World War (co-taught with Professor Tritle)
Islam and the West
Star, Cross and Crescent /Jews and Christians under Islam
The Palestine/Israel Conflict
The Ottoman Empire
History and Historians
Modern Iraq
The Contemporary Middle East
Three Revolutions: The French, Russian, and Iranian Revolutions

SCHOLARSHIP

Publications

- "Fragments of Wartime Memories from Syria and Lebanon." In *Syria in World War I: Politics, Economy, and Society*, ed. M. Talha Çiçek, 130-149. London and New York: Rutledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2016.
- "Historicising Hunger: The Famine in Wartime Lebanon and Syria." In *The First World War and Its Aftermath: The Shaping of the Modern Middle East*, ed. TG Fraser, 111-126. London: Gingko Library, 2015.
- "When Mothers Ate Their Children: Wartime Memory and the Language of Food in Syria and Lebanon." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (November 2014): 719-736.
- "Tut Tut 'A-Beirut, 1840s: Qadis, *Qist*s and Mulberry Courts." *Turkish Historical Review* 4 (2013): 174-191.
- "Inside the Ottoman Courthouse: Territorial Law at the Intersection of State and Religion." In *The Early Modern Ottomans: Remapping the Empire*, ed. Virginia H. Aksan and Daniel Goffman, 201-212. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2007. [Turkish language edition: 2010].
- "Across the Courtyard: Residential Space and Sectarian Boundaries in Ottoman Damascus." Minorities in the Ottoman Empire: A Reconsideration. Princeton Papers: Interdisciplinary Journal of Middle Eastern Studies 12 (October 2005): 13-45.
- "Safarbarlik: Ottoman Syria and the Great War." In From the Syrian Land to the States of Syria and Lebanon, ed. Thomas Philipp and Christoph Schumann, 163-173. Beirut, Lebanon: Orient-Institut der DMG Beirut, 2004.

- "The Sijills of Beirut al-Mahrusa." *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 37 (Summer 2003): 58-66.
- "Litigants and Neighbors: The Communal Topography of Ottoman Damascus." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 44 (July 2002): 511-533.
- "Dhimmis in the Muslim Court: Legal Autonomy and Religious Discrimination." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 31 (August 1999): 429-444.
- "Textual Differentiation in the Damascus *Sijill*: Religious Discrimination--or Politics of Gender?" In *Women, the Family, and Divorce Laws in Islamic History*, ed. Amira Sonbol, 191-201. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1996.
- "Discriminating Texts: Orthographic Marking and Social Differentiation in the Court Records of Ottoman Damascus." In *Arabic Sociolinguistics: Issues and Perspectives*, ed. Yasir Suleiman, 57-77. UK: Curzon Press, 1994.
- "The Damascene Jewish Community in the Latter Decades of the Eighteenth Century: Aspects of Socio-economic Life Based on the Registers of the Shari^ca Courts." In *The Syrian Land* in *the 18th and 19th Centuries*, ed. Thomas Philipp, 197-216. Stuttgart, Germany: Franz Steiner Verlag, 1992.

Peer Reviewed Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- "An Army of Beggars and Beasts: The Civilians' War in Syria and Lebanon." Presented at "The First World War and Its Aftermath: The Shaping of the Modern Middle East," Gingko Library and SOAS, London, December 2014.
- "The Syrian War at Home: The Famine, a Family History?" Presented at "Ottoman Syria during the Great War: The Fourth Army Region," Şehir University, Istanbul, June 2014.
- "The Syrian Famine: On the Peripheries of Memory?" Presented at "The Peripheries of World War I: New Methodological and Spatial Perspectives," New York University, NYC, May 2014.
- "Remembering the Great War in Lebanon: Everything including the Plague." Presented at "The New Middle East: The First World War 100 Years Later," invited speaker series, Georgetown University, November 2013.
- "Eating Grass in WWI Syria: Animals and Identity in the Discourses of the Famine." Presented at MESA (Middle East Studies Association), New Orleans, October 2013.

- "In the Shade of the Mulberries: Qadi Courts and Shari^ca Law." Invited talk. Presented at New York University, NYC, October 2010.
- "All the Names: Jews in an Eighteenth Century Ottoman Registry." Presented at" Jews and Empire," Center for Jewish Studies, ULCA, Los Angles, December 2009.
- "A Bundle of Evidence." Presented at "The Scholar and the Archives: Strategies for Reading Islamic Court Records," Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University, May 2009.
- "Qist: Justice or Installment? The Invention of a Mulberry-Flavored Legal Practice in Nineteenth Century Beirut." Presented at MESA, Washington, D.C., November 2008.
- "A Bundle of Qadi Court Cases: Processing the Evidence from 1840s Beirut." Presented at "Ottoman Sharica Court Records II," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2008.
- "A Slice of Urban History: A Close Look at a *Sijill* from the 1840s." Presented at MESA, Boston, November 2006.
- "Sources for Arab-Islamic History: How to Read the Ottoman Court Registers of Beirut and Damascus." Presented at "Refashioning the Arab-Islamic Worlds: A Distinguished Speaker Series on the Political and Cultural Transformation of the Greater Middle East," University of Toronto, Toronto, October 2006.
- "Compromising Justice and Discriminating Tolerance: Jewish Life in Ottoman Damascus." Presented at "The Saleh Sassoon Mahlab Lecture Series on the History of Muslim/Jewish Relations," Concordia University, Montréal, October 2005.
- "Lebanon in WWI: A Reconsideration." Presented at "World Wars in the Twentieth Century: Politics, History, Memory," University of California at Santa Cruz, February 2005.
- "Minorities, Historiography and the Ottoman Empire." Presented at "Beyond the Clash of Civilizations: Missionaries, Conversion and Tolerance in the Ottoman Empire," Rice University, Houston, April 2004.
- "Inside the Ottoman Courthouse: Territorial Law at the Intersection of State and Religion." Presented at MESA, Washington, D.C. November 2002.
- "Everything but the Plague: Telling Tales of another War in Lebanon." Presented at "The Middle East in the Two World Wars," Harvard University and Tufts University, Cambridge, MA, May 2002.
- "Safarbarlik: Remembering the Great War in Syria." Presented at MESA, San Francisco, November 2001.

- "The Qadi on Trial: Legal Practice and the Politics of Accommodation." Presented at "The Application of Islamic Law in Courts," University of Leiden, Leiden, The Netherland, October 2001.
- "The Qadi Court Records of Ottoman Damascus." Presented at "Workshop on the Ottoman Court Records," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2001.
- "Ottoman Syria and the Great War: Memory and Identity." Presented at "Memory and Violence in the Middle East and North Africa," Rice University, Houston, March 2001.
- "Across the Courtyard and in the Courthouse: Residential Space, Legal Justice, and Sectarian Boundaries in Ottoman Damascus." Presented at "The 19th International Congress of Historical Sciences, Oslo, August 2000.
- "Safarbarlik: Collective Memory and Identity." Presented at "Syria III Conference: Bilad al-Sham: Processes of Identities and Ideologies from the Eighteenth Century to the End of the Mandatory Period," Erlangen, Germany, July 2000.
- "The Sijill as Legal Source." Presented at "Workshop on Approaches to Islamic Law," Princeton University, Princeton, May 2000.
- "Across the Courtyard and in the Courthouse: Residential Space, Legal Justice, and Sectarian Boundaries in Ottoman Damascus." Presented at "Rethinking Muslims and Jews: Interdisciplinary Perspectives," Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. February 2000.
- "Across the Courtyard and in the Courthouse: Residential Space, Legal Justice, and Sectarian Boundaries in Ottoman Damascus." Presented at MESA, Washington, D.C., November 1999.
- "Safarbarlik: Memory and the Evolution of Syrian Identity." Presented at the AHA, Washington, D.C., January 1999.
- "Justice Transcribed: Documenting Legal Practice in the Muslim Court." Presented at "Workshop on Law and Its Application in the Ottoman Empire," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, April 1998.
- "The Historian at the Shari^ca Court: Judging the Evidence Concerning Legal Practice." Presented at MESA, Washington, D.C., December 1995.
- "Textual Differentiation in the Damascus Sijill: Religious Discrimination--or Politics of Gender?" Presented at MESA, Research Triangle Park, NC, November 1993.
- "Discriminating Texts: Orthographic Marking and Social Differentiation in the Court Records of Ottoman Damascus." Presented at "The Arabic Sociolinguistics Symposium," The University of Edinburgh, July 1993.

- "Rethinking Communal Exclusivity: The Politics of Urban Space in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Damascus." Presented at MESA, Portland, October 1992.
- "Orthographic Practice and Semantic Discrimination Regarding *Ahl al-Dhimma* in the Shari^ca Court Records of Damascus." Presented at MESA, Washington, D.C., November 1991.
- "Egyptian Rule in Syria: Mercantilism, Trade, and the Syrian Economy." Presented at MESA, San Antonio, November 1990.
- "The Intercommunal Crisis in 1860 Damascus: The Sijill as a Source for the Rhythm and Upheaval of Everyday Life." Presented at MESA, Toronto, November 1989.
- "The Damascene Jewish Community in the Latter Decades of the Eighteenth Century: Aspects of Socio-economic Life Based on the Registers of the Shari^ca Courts." Presented at "Syrian Lands in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries," Erlangen, Germany, July 1989.

Conference Presentations

- "When Mothers Ate Their Children: Wartime Cannibalism and Other Transgressions of the Culinary Kind." Presented at The Faces of War, LMU, Los Angeles, October 2013.
- "When Mothers Ate Their Children: Wartime Cannibalism and Other Transgressions of the Culinary Kind." Presented at the Western Ottomanists' Workshop (WOW) meeting, UCLA, March 2013.
- "Tut Tut ^cA Beirut: 1846: A Mulberry Shari^ca Court." Presented at "Middle East Studies: 50 Years of Inquiry and Change: Conference in Honor of Roger Owen," Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, May 2008.
- "Imagining a Charitable Future: The History of Muslim, Jewish and Christian Relations in the Middle East." Presented at "Territoriality, Tolerance, and the Historical Imagination," University of Toronto, Toronto, October 2006.
- "Minorities, Religion, and Historiography." Presented at the California Middle East Social and Cultural History Association (CALMESCHA), Stanford University, February 2004.
- "Inside the Ottoman Courthouse: Territorial Law at the Intersection of State and Religion." Presented at "Religion and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire," UCLA, April 2002.

SERVICE

Service to the University

Committee Service

Member, the Faculty Senate, 2014-

Faculty Advisor, Student for Justice in Palestine (SJP), 2014

Member, the UCCC Assessment Sub-Committee, Spring 2014

Member, the UCCC Exploration Approval Sub-Committee, 2013-2014

Member, the Grievance Committee, Spring 2013

Faculty Advisor, Middle East Student Club, 2009

Member, Sabbatical Review Committee, Spring 2007

Public Lectures and Events at LMU

Participant. "Remembering the Armenian Genocide: A Hundred Years Later." October 2015.

Interview. LMU Magazine, "The Middle East Refugee Crisis." October 2015.

Organizer and Participant. "Q and A Session on the Middle East." October 2014.

Participant. "ISIS: In the Name of Islam?" October 2014.

Lecturer. "A Brief History of Jordan." LMU Center for Service and Action, April 2014.

Participant. SJP panel on the Israeli Occupation, March 2014.

Participant. LMU Town Hall: "The Syria Question." Organized by LMU, KABC Radio, and Fox 11, September 2013.

Moderator. "Your Fatwa Does not Apply Here." Organized by the Marymount Institute, LMU, September 2013.

Lecturer. Four lectures on Palestinian History, SJP, LMU, fall 2012.

Organizer and Speaker. "The Right to Veil." LMU, October 2011.

Organizer and Speaker. "Minarets in Western Skies: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Islam." LMU, September 2010.

Discussant. Jewish Book Series, LMU, September 2009.

Speaker. LMU Armenian Student Association event, LMU, April 2009.

Speaker. "Changing Perspectives: Finding Peace in the Holy Land." A *Passion Magazine* event, LMU, March 2009.

Organizer and Speaker. "Gaza: The Political Game, the Human Catastrophe." LMU, January 2009

Speaker. "The Great War and Its Legacies." President's Day, LMU, March 2008.

Participant. "Understanding Iran Today." LMU, October 2007

Co-organizer. "Mission Failed? The US War in Iraq: What Now?" A series of five speakers, LMU, spring 2006.

Speaker. "Beyond the Uses and Abuses of the Past: The Historical Imagination and the Palestine/Israel Conflict." WPO Santa Monica Bay Mini-University at LMU, October 2006.

Speaker. "Beyond the Uses and Abuses of the Past: The Historical Imagination and the Palestine/Israel Conflict." President's Day, LMU, March 2006.

Speaker. "Barbarians Revisited in the Age of Evil Empire: Aeschylus' *The Persians*." LMU, March 2004.

Speaker. "Mad! Idea: Race and Ethnicity Night." LMU, April 2003.

Organizer. Middle East Cultural Series (including Mystical Legacies, a concert of Middle Eastern traditional music, the UCLA Racy Ensemble). LMU, April 2003.

Speaker. "The First Amendment in Times of War." LMU, April 2003.

Organizer. "War: Up Close and Very Personal." LMU, March 2003.

Speaker. "The Hidden Wars of Desert Storm." LMU, February 2003

Speaker. "Open Forum on Iraq." ASLMU, November 2002.

Speaker. "Peace Rally," ASLMU. LMU, November 2002.

Organizer. "ASLMU Student Forum: The War against Iraq." LMU, October 2002.

Speaker. "The Palestine/Israel Conflict." LMU, April 2002.

Speaker, "The US and the World." LMU, October 2001.

Speaker: "Forum on the Events of September 11." LMU, September 2001.

Service to the College

Chair, BCLA Faculty Development Committee (FDC), 2015-2016

Member, BCLA NEH Review Committee, fall 2012

Chair, BCLA Scholarship and Research Committee, 2010-2011

Member, BCLA Scholarship & Research Committee, 2009-2010

Member, Grade Dispute Committee, 2007-2009

Service to the Department

Departmental Committees

Chair, Faculty Development Committee, 2013-Present

Member, Curriculum Committee, 2011-2012

Organizer, "The Dockweiler Faculty Presentations." 2008-2012

Chair, Search Committee: History of the Mediterranean World, 2010-2011

Chair, History Department Writing Awards Committee, 2002-2005; 2009-2010

Chair, Search Committee: German History, 2005-06

Member, Search Committee: Russian History, 2002-2003

Member, Search Committee: Asian History, 2000-2001

Departmental Events

Organizer. The Historical Lives of Commodities Speaker Series, 2015-16

Organizer and Participant. "Destruction of Artifacts and Monuments." October 2015

Organizer. "The Historian at the Cinema." March 2015

Organizer. "The First World War Centenary" Speaker Series. 2014-2015

Organizer and Speaker. Colloquium: "Slavery in History." January 2015

Organizer and Speaker. Colloquium: "Women's Bodies and the State." February 2014

Organizer and Participant. "The Historian at the Archive." October 2013

Organizer and Speaker. Colloquium: "Revolution in History." September 2011

Organizer and Speaker. Colloquium: "Revolution in History." March, 2011

Presenter. "Christian Legal Fiction at the Muslim Court: Justice the Color of Mulberries." The Dockweiler Talks, October 2009

Organizer and Speaker. "Iraq: Why History is So Cool?" October, 2002

Drafting Departmental Documents

The Department of History Standards for Tenure and Promotion Reviews, 2008; 2013

The Department of History Guidelines for Faculty Searches, 2011

The Department of History Governance Document, 2010

The Department of History Diagnostic Test, December 2005

Service to the Profession

President, Board of Directors, PARC (Palestine American Research Center), 2010-Present Contributor: "An Ornithologist in Iceland." In *Being Palestinian: Personal Reflections on Palestinian Identity in the Diaspora*, ed. Yasir Suleiman, Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, forthcoming, 2016.

Speaker. "Remembering the Great War in Lebanon: Everything including the Plague." NYU WWI Teachers Workshop. NYC, October 2015.

Speaker. "Remembering the Great War in Syria and Lebanon: Everything including the Plague." Presented at the California Council for the Social Studies, Los Angeles, CA, March 2014.

Chair. Panel at A Conference in Honor of Roger Owens' Award of the Giorgio Levi Della Vida Medal, the Center for Near Eastern Studies at UCLA, May 2012.

Member, Selection Committee: *The Giorgio Levi Della Vida Award in Islamic Studies* bestowed by the Gustav E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, 2011.

Member, Editorial Board, Al-Shabaka: The Palestinian Policy Network, 2010-2011.

External Reviewer: Tenure application, Middlebury College, fall 2010.

Organizer, Panel at MESA, 2010.

Discussant, Panels at MESA 2003; 2009; 2010.

Chair, PARC Fellowship Committee, 2007-2009.

Reviewer, SSRC Grant Application, 2008.

Associate Editor for pre-Modern History, MESA Bulletin, 2004-2008

Participant. Lines in the Sand: The Middle East and the Great War, Young Indy Documentaries, JAK Film Inc, Lucasfilm Ltd., Fall 2007.

Chair, MESA Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award (Social Sciences), 2006.

Member, Board of Directors, PARC, 2005-2009.

Organizer. California Middle East Social History Association meeting, UCLA, October 2005.

Discussant. The Berkshire Conference, Claremont-McKenna College, CA, June 2005.

Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee, Department of History, UCLA.2005; 2008

- Member, MESA Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award (Social Sciences) Committee, 2005. Member, MESA Meeting Program Committee, 2004.
- Chair, Umer Lutfi Barkan Article Prize Committee, The Turkish Studies Association biennial award for best article in the fields of Turkish and Ottoman studies, summer 2003.
- Reviewer: Book and Article Manuscripts: Syracuse University Press, 1999; Oxford University Press, 2004; *IJMES*, 1993; 2001; 2002; *Islamic Law and Society*, 2014. *Divan*, 2015.

Book Reviews

- Review of *A Land of Aching Hearts: The Middle East in the Great War*, by Leila Tarazi Fawaz. In *Journal of Social History* (December 2015).
- Review of A Common Justice: The Legal Allegiances of Christians and Jews under Early Islam, by Uriel I. Simonsohn. In Journal of the American Oriental Society 134.4 (2014).
- Review of *Coptic Christianity in Ottoman Egypt*. By Febe Armanios. In *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* (December, 2012).
- Review of Ottoman *Brothers: Muslims, Christians and Jews in Early Twentieth-Century Palestine*, by Michelle U. Campos. In *Journal of Palestine Studies* (December, 2012).
- Review of "Off the Straight Path": Illicit Sex, Law, and Community in Ottoman Aleppo, by Elyse Semerdjian. In Journal of Middle East Women's History 7:3 (Fall, 2011).
- Review of *Everyday Life & Consumer Culture in 18th Century Damascus*, by James Grehan. In *Journal of Social History* 43 (Winter 2009).
- Review of Local Court, Provincial Society and Justice in the Ottoman Empire: Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution in the Cankiri and Kastamonu (1652-1744), by Bogac Ergene. In MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies (Spring 2008).
- Review of *Family and Court: Legal Culture and Modernity in Late Ottoman Palestine*, by Iris Agmon. In *Journal of Palestine Studies* 142 (January 2007).
- Review of *Mosul before Iraq: Like Bees Making Five-Sided Cells*, by Sarah D. Shields. In *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 38 (December 2004).
- Review of The *Christians and Jews in the Ottoman Arab World: The Roots of Sectarianism*, by Bruce Masters. In *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 9 (Summer 2003).
- Review of *The Culture of Sectarianism: Community, History, and Violence in Ottoman Lebanon*, by Ussama Makdisi. In *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 34 (February 2002).
- Review of *Making Big Money in 1600: The Life and Times of Isma^cil Abu Taqiyya, Egyptian Merchant*, by Nelly Hanna. In *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 32 (November 1999).
- Review of In the House of the Law: Gender and Islamic Law in Ottoman Syria and Palestine, by Judith E. Tucker. In The Turkish Studies Association Bulletin 23 (Spring 1999).
- Review of A World Within: Jewish Life as Reflected in Muslim Court Documents from the Sijill of Jerusalem (16th Century), by Amnon Cohen. In International Journal of Middle East Studies 29 (February 1997)

Service to the Community

Speaker. "Women and Islam." Manhattan Beach Community Church (MBCC), December, 2015.

Speaker. "Minorities in Muslim Societies." MBCC, October, 2015.

Speaker. "The Palestine/Israel Conflict (2)": (MBCC) June 14, 2015.

Speaker. "The Palestine/Israel Conflict (1)": MBCC, June 7, 2015.

Participant. Human Rights Watch Panel on Israel, Los Angeles, May 2015.

Speaker. "Forum for Peace." Pepperdine University, CA, March 2010.

Speaker. "The Middle East in the News." An event organized by and at the home of a local Westchester family, June 2007.

Speaker. "The British Mandate in Palestine." Presented at "Co-existence, Co-resistance and Co-operation," a series of lectures sponsored by Women in Black and the Palestine Aid Society, UCLA, May 2004.

MC, Edward Said Memorial Service, UCLA, November 2003.

Speaker. "Views from the Middle East." UCLA Fulbright Visiting Scholar Program, May 2003.

Speaker. "Panel on Palestinian Nationalism." UCLA, 2003.

Speaker. "On the Events of September 11," St. Alban's Church, Westwood, Los Angeles, September 2001.

Speaker. "Why Are Middle Eastern Women Veiling?" The American University of Beirut, July 2001

Speaker, "Zionism and Palestinian Nationalism, A Tale of Two Narratives." UCLA Hillel Forum, May 2001.

Cultural Consultant, LA Prosecutor's Office, 1998, 1999.

Speaker, "Arab and Jew: Relations in the New Millennium." Presented at Ivri-Nasawi, an association of Sephardic and Mizrahi artists and writers, East LA Jewish Community Center. November 1999.

Radio interview on the Israeli elections, "Which Way LA," July 1999.

GRANTS

Loyola Marymount University Faculty College Fellowship, 2002.

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2001.

Loyola Marymount University Summer Research Grant, 1998.

Turkish Studies Association Dissertation Grant, 1991-1992.

Social Science Research Council Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1988-1989.

AWARDS

Umer Lutfi Barkan Article Prize: The Turkish Studies Association biennial award for best published article in the fields of Turkish and Ottoman studies, 2001.

Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award: The Middle East Studies Association award for best dissertation in the field of the humanities, 1996.

Ibn Khaldoun Award: The Social Science Research Council award for best graduate student paper in the field of Middle East Studies, 1994.