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Academic Positions

University of California, Davis, CA

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2018-Present

California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, CA

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2017-2018

California State University Fresno, CA

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2016-2017

Williams College, Williamstown, MA

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Middle Eastern History, 2014-2015

Education

Ph.D., History, Northeastern University (2014). Dissertation: *Making Nations, in the Mahjar: Syrian and Lebanese Long-Distance Nationalisms in New York City, São Paulo, and Buenos Aires, 1913–1929* (Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, chair).

B.A., History, Georgia State University (2007).

Publications (and *forthcoming)

Book

* *Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925*. Forthcoming with Oxford University Press (March 2019).

Journal articles

"Former Ottomans in the ranks: pro-Entente military recruitment among Syrians in the Americas, 1916–1918." *Journal of Global History* 11, no. 1 (March 2016): 88-112.

"Sound minds in sound bodies: transnational philanthropy and patriotic masculinity in *al-Nadi al-Homsi* and Syrian Brazil, 1920–1932." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46, no. 2 (May 2014): 259-283.

"Transnational modes and media: the Syrian press in the *mahjar* and emigrant activism during World War I." *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East Migration Studies* 1, no. 1 (February 2013): 32-57.

Book chapters/edited collections

* "'Claimed by Turkey as subjects': Ottoman migrants, foreign passports, and Syrian

nationality in the Americas, 1915-1925," in *The Subjects of Ottoman International Law*, edited by Christopher Low and Lale Can. Forthcoming with University of Indiana Press.

"The Syrian and Lebanese American Federation: a case for connection," in *Connections and Ruptures: America and the Middle East*, edited by Robert Myers, 273-288. Beirut: American University of Beirut Press, 2011.

Short form original work

"An archaeology of rare books in Arab Atlantic history," *Journal of American Ethnic History* 37, no. 3 (Spring 2018): 77-83.

Entries in *Cultural Exchange in a Time of Global Conflict: Colonials, Neutrals, and Belligerents during the First World War* sourcebook, King's College London. November 2016.

"Photograph of an Arab American intelligence officer" <https://goo.gl/fU3KJT>

"Letter by an Arab American soldier writing home" <https://goo.gl/jFvMc1>

"The other Arab revolt: Syrian mobilization at the microlevel." *World War I in the Middle East and North Africa* National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar web project, Georgetown University, July 2014. <https://goo.gl/xyoD1N>

Book reviews

Review of *The War with the Ottoman Empire*, by Jeffrey Grey. *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 23, no. 1/2 (2017): 126-128.

Review of *Crescent Over Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino USA*, edited by María Narbona, Paulo Pinto, and John Karam. *Journal of American Ethnic History* 36, no. 4 (Fall 2017): 100-102.

Review of *Displacement and Dispossession in the Modern Middle East*, by Dawn Chatty. *Syrian Studies Association Bulletin* 16, no. 2 (Fall 2011).

Other publications

"What we can learn about America's other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918)," *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses*, 8 February 2017. <https://goo.gl/szW7GM>

"Mother Syria and Syrian motherhood: imagining *mahjar* nationality between ideal and real." *Zaytoon Graduate Student Journal* 1 (Spring 2009): 5-16.

Selected Grants and Fellowships

Social Science Research and Instructional Council Grant, CSU Fresno (2017)

Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley (2015-16)

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Middle Eastern History, Williams College (2014-15)

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant, "World War I in the Middle East," Georgetown University (2014)

American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship (2013-14)

Gillis Summer Research Grant, History Department, Northeastern University (2012)
Resident Research Affiliate, Lebanese Emigration Research Center, Notre Dame University
(Jami'a Sayyida al-Louaize), Zouk Musbih, Lebanon (2011-12)
Lucille Zanghi Dissertation Research Grant, Northeastern University (2011)
Immigration History Research Center Grant-in-Aid, University of Minnesota (2009)
American Institute of Yemeni Studies Arabic Language Fellowship (2008, deferred)

Selected Academic Honors

Syrian Studies Association Dissertation Prize, for *Making Nations, in the Mahjar: Syrian and Lebanese Long-Distance Nationalisms in New York City, São Paulo, and Buenos Aires, 1913-1929* (2016)
Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize, Northeastern University, for "Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: Transnational Philanthropy and Patriotic Masculinity in al-Nadi al-Homsî and Syrian Brazil, 1920-32" (2013)

Selected Presentations (and *forthcoming)

Invited talks

"Passports and the Production of Post-Ottoman Syrian Nationality, 1918-1921," Middle East Center/Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, 29 May 2018.
"War Stories: World War I in the Syrian Diaspora." Keynote address, History Graduate Student Symposium, California State University, Fresno, 16 April 2016.
"War Stories: World War I in the Syrian Diaspora." Sultan speaker series, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 3 March 2016.

Paper presentations

- * "Many Diasporas, One Valley: Middle Eastern refugee resettlement and the politics of community in California's central valley," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 3-6 January 2019.
- * Roundtable, "Refugees and the Resettled: the challenges of engaged research within Middle Eastern American communities." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 15-18 November 2018. Session sponsored by the Arab American Studies Association.
- * "Passports and Migrant Repatriation: Reclaiming the Post-Ottoman Syrian Diaspora," Minorities at the 1919 Paris Conference: Race, Empire, and Law Conference, American University, Washington D.C., 1-2 November 2018.
- * "Factory and the Café: working-class feminisms and the politics of emasculation in the interwar Syrian mahjar," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 15-18 November 2018.
- * "Banning Muslims by Executive Order: Immobilizing Ottoman Migrants through the Passport Regime in the United States, 1918-1924," Bucarius Young Scholars Forum, German Historian Institute West, University of California Berkeley, October 2018.
- "Mandating the Mahjar, Domesticating Diasporas: the Early French Mandate and Lebanon's Census of 1921," French Colonial Historical Society, 31 May-2 June 2018.
- "Banning Muslims by Executive Order: Immobilizing Ottoman Migrants in America," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 4-7 January 2018.

- “War Relief and Arab Émigré Politics in the Syrian Mahjar.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18-21 November 2017.
- “Paper Syrians: Passport Fraud in the Syrian American Mahjar during the First World War.” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, 5-7 July 2017.
- “Travelling Syrians, Immovable Turks: Former Ottomans, Repatriation, and Passport Fraud at the Close of Empire, 1918-1920.” The Stakes in Middle East and North African Migration Studies Workshop, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, 21-22 April 2017.
- “Absent without leave: Criminalizing Syrian Migrants during the First World War.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 7-10 April 2017.
- Roundtable, “Arab American History: the State of the Field.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 7-10 April 2017.
- “Informal Archives: Combatting State-centrism with Rare Manuscripts,” Syrian Studies Association Meeting, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18 November 2016.
- “The Wilsonian Moment and ‘New Syria:’ Arab Nationalism in the Syrian Mahjar.” Western Ottomanists Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 10-11 March 2016.
- “Becoming ‘Syrian’ on the battlefield: Ottoman emigrant troops on the Western Front.” Cultural Encounters during Global War, 1914-18, King’s College London, 20-23 January 2016.
- “The Other Arab Revolt: Émigré Arab Nationalism and an American Mandate for Syria, 1916-20.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 7-10 January 2016.

Conference sessions organized/chaired

- * Session organizer: “Refugees and the Resettled: the challenges of Public History research within Middle Eastern American communities.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 3-6 January 2019.
- Session organizer, “Filtering Frontiers: Migrants, Refugees, and Borders in the Arab Middle East.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 5-8 January 2018.
- Session organizer, “Humanitarianism in the Ottoman Empire during World War I.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 19-22 November 2017. Sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies.
- Session organizer, “Transborder Networks: Middle Eastern Migrants and the Americas.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 6-9 April 2017.
- Session organizer, “Sykes-Picot at 100: Maps, Memoirs, and Migrants in First World War Studies.” Special roundtable session at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18-21 November 2016.

Teaching

Current courses

- HIS 102X: Bans and Border Walls (Winter 2019)
- HIS 110: Global Migration History (Spring 2019)
- HIS 193B: History of the Modern Middle East from 1914 (Spring 2019)

Selected Public Humanities and Media

Interview with American History TV (CSPAN3) on Syrian immigrants in the United States during the First World War. Aired 17 June 2017. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?425541-18/syrian-immigrants-world-war>

“Resources for Migration and Refugee Histories of the Middle East,” *IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society* blog, 30 March 2017. <https://goo.gl/jTmjcb>

“Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” *IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society* blog, 27 March 2017. <https://goo.gl/QKseM3>

“What we can learn about America’s other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918).” *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses*, 8 February 2017. <https://goo.gl/szW7GM>

Research consulting, Aljazeera Plus series on Syrian immigration to the United States. “The Lost Syrian Neighborhood in Boston.” February 2017. <https://goo.gl/7xQaAn>

Led USCIS officer training session, “Syrian Refugees and Asylum, Historical Considerations.” US Citizenship and Immigration Services Asylum Office, San Francisco, 18 November 2015. Berkeley CMES summary: <https://goo.gl/GclwME>

Research Languages

Arabic; Spanish; Portuguese; French

Professional Organizations

Middle East Studies Association, American Historical Association, Syrian Studies Association, Arab American Studies Association

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