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## Academic Appointments

University of California, Davis (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 (Fresno, CA)  
Lecturer, Department of History, 2016-2017

Williams College (Williamstown, MA)  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of 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"

M.A., History, Northeastern University (2009)

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

## Book

*Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2019. Paperback release 2021.  
Awarded 2020 Arab American Book Award (Evelyn Shakir Award for Non-Fiction), 2019 Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, and 2019 Syrian Studies Association Book Award.  
Reviewed in the *American Historical Review*, the *Journal of American History*, *Contemporary Levant, Mashriq & Mahjar*, and *Global Change, Peace & Security*

## Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"'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 Lâle Can and Michael Christopher Low, 216-237. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, October 2020.

"Arab Labor Migration in the Americas, 1880–1930." In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press. May 2019.

"An Archaeology of Rare Books in Arab Atlantic History." *Journal of American Ethnic History* 37, no. 3 (Spring 2018): 77-83.

"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* (the Homs Club) 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.

“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.

“Mother Syria and Syrian Motherhood: Imagining Mahjar Nationality between Ideal and Real.” *Zaytoon Graduate Student Journal* 1 (Spring 2009): 5-16.

### Sourcebook Entries

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

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

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

### Academic Awards

Arab American National Museum (Dearborn, MI)

Arab American Book Award, Evelyn Shakir Award for Nonfiction, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2020

Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (Raleigh, NC)

Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2019

Syrian Studies Association

SSA Book Prize, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2019

SSA Dissertation Prize, for “Making Nations, in the Mahjar: Syrian and Lebanese Long-Distance Nationalisms in New York City, São Paulo, and Buenos Aires,” 2016

Northeastern University (Boston, MA)

Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize, for “Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: Transnational Philanthropy and Patriotic Masculinity in Syrian Brazil,” 2013

### Selected Fellowships and Grants

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Fellowship, 2021-2022

UC Davis Humanities Institute (DHI) Faculty Research Fellowship, Spring 2021

UC Santa Cruz Seed Grant (with Lily Balloffet), 2019

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

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) / Andrew Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2013-2014

### **Books Reviewed**

Review of *When the War Came Home: The Ottomans' Great War and the Devastation of an Empire*, by Yiğit Akin. *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*, forthcoming.

Review of *Arab Routes: Syrian Pathways to California*, by Sarah M. A. Gualtieri. *Arab Studies Journal* 28, no. 2 (Fall 2020): 153-157.

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).

### **Recent Lectures, Workshops, and Presentations**

#### Book talks

- University of California, Santa Barbara, 19 October 2020.—Held virtually/COVID19
- California State University Sacramento, 23 April 2020—Cancelled/COVID19
- University of California, Berkeley, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 5 February 2020.
- University of Copenhagen, Centre for European Studies, 25 October 2019.
- Williams College, Departments of History and American Studies, 9 October 2019.
- George Washington University, Institute for Middle Eastern Studies, 12 September 2019.
- University of California Santa Cruz, Latin American and Latino Studies, 9 May 2019.
- University of Cincinnati, Taft Research Center, 14 March 2019.
- University of California Davis, Migration Research Cluster, 14 February 2019.

#### Invited Lectures

- “Syrians at the Border: Comparative Smuggling Economies Using Bureau of Investigation Crossing Cards,” UC Davis Global Migration Center, 11 March 2020.
- “Migration and the Druze in America,” American Druze Foundation and Georgetown University Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Los Angeles, 29 February 2020.
- “Ladies Aid as Labor History: Working Class Formation in the Interwar Syrian American Mahjar,” Massachusetts Historical Society, Boston, 15 October 2019.

- Ottoman and Syrian Migration to the Americas roundtable (with Steven Hyland), New York University Center for Ottoman and Turkish Studies, 16 September 2019.

#### Invited Workshops

- Faculty respondent for Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at the German Historical Institute’s Pacific Regional Office, University of California Berkeley, 12-14 October 2020.—Held virtually/COVID19
- Faculty respondent for Turning Points: the Middle East and Balkans in the Post-Ottoman Moment (1918-1923) graduate student workshop at University of California Berkeley, 6-7 February 2020.
- Presented paper, “Tyranny and Freedom, Darkness and Light: Rewriting Ottoman History from the Arab Mahjar,” at The Early Modern Christian Cultural and Literary Heritage in the Eyes of Nahḍa Scholars Workshop, University of Oxford, 26-27 June 2019.

#### Paper presentations

- “Border Anxieties: Middle Eastern Merchants and the Textile Trade on the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands, 1909-1929,” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, 19-21 May 2021.—Held virtually/COVID19
- “Prayer Rugs in the Desert: Muslim Migrants in U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 16 November 2019.
- “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.

#### Teaching

University of California Davis (Davis, CA)		2018-present
History 19	Introduction to Global Migration	
History 102x	Comparative Bans and Border Walls	
History 110w	Partition! When Borders Cross Us	
History 110w	Global Migration History	
History 114	Comparative Histories of Partition	
History 193a	History of the Modern Middle East, 1750-1914	
History 193b	History of the Modern Middle East from 1914	
ME/SA 180	Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East and South Asia	
History 201w	Advanced Topics: Global Migration History	
History 203(a/b/c)	Second Year Graduate Research Seminar	

#### Current Professional Service

##### Editorships

- 2020-present Book Series Co-Editor, “Refugees and Migrants within the Middle East” at American University of Cairo Press (coeditors Dawn Chatty and Annika Rabo)
- 2020-present Journal Co-Editor, *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Migration Studies* (co-editors Akram Khater and Andrew Arsan)

## Advisory Boards

- 2021- Book Series Advisory Board, "Migrations in History" at De Gruyter Press  
2020-2022 Member at Large, Arab American Studies Association  
2018-2021 Treasurer, Lebanese Studies Association

## Recent Public Humanities

- 2020 "Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year," *Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter*. <https://mailchi.mp/iehs.org/iehs-newsletter?e=0699207f2f#mctoc1>
- 2019 New Books Out Now interview with *Jadaliyya*, August 13, 2019. <https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/39876/Stacy-D-Fahrenthold,-Between-the-Ottomans-and-the-Entente-The-First-World-War-in-the-Syrian-and-Lebanese-Diaspora,-1908-1925-New-Texts-Out-Now>
- 2019 New Books Network interview, June 18, 2019. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/stacy-fahrenthold-between-the-ottomans-and-the-entente-the-first-world-war-in-the-syrian-and-lebanese-diaspora-1908-1925-oxford-up-2019/>
- 2019 "Essential Readings: Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies," *Jadaliyya*, April 30, 2019. <http://jadaliyya.com/Details/38580>
- 2019 "A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production," *Migrant Knowledge*, March 27, 2019. [wp.me/paHRgm-Bt](http://wp.me/paHRgm-Bt)
- 2019 "World War I in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora," *Ottoman History Podcast*, March 2, 2019. <http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2019/03/ottomans-entente.html>
- 2019 "What I'm Reading" interview with History News Network on new research in Middle Eastern migration history. January 2019. <https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/170721>

## Research Languages

Arabic; Spanish; Portuguese; French

## Professional Organizations

Middle East Studies Association  
American Historical Association  
Syrian Studies Association  
Lebanese Studies Association  
Arab American Studies Association  
Immigration and Ethnic History Society

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