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# Academic Positions

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California Davis, 2021-present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of California Davis, 2018-2021

Assistant Professor, Department of History, California State University Stanislaus, 2017-2018

Lecturer, Department of History, California State University Fresno, 2016-2017

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, Williams College, 2014-2015

Lecturer (GSI), Department of History, Northeastern University, 2010-2013

# Education

Ph.D. Northeastern University, History, 2014

Dissertation: “Making Nations, in the Mahjar: Syrian and Lebanese Long-Distance Nationalisms in New York City, São Paulo, and Buenos Aires” (Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, chair)

M.A. Northeastern University, History, 2009

B.A. Georgia State University, History, 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 2021.

# Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Ladies Aid as Labor History: Working Class Formation in the Mahjar*.*” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 17, no. 3 (November 2021): 326-347. In press.

“Return Migration and Repatriation: Myths and Realities in the Interwar Syrian Mahjar.” *Routledge Handbook on Middle Eastern Diasporas*, edited by Dalia Abdelhady and Ramy Aly. Forthcoming.

“‘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. [URL](https://oxfordre.com/americanhistory/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199329175.001.0001/acrefore-9780199329175-e-598).

“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 (Feb 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.” [URL](http://sourcebook.cegcproject.eu/items/show/206).

“Letter by an Arab American soldier writing home.” [URL](http://sourcebook.cegcproject.eu/items/show/207).

# Work in Progress

Book manuscript titled “Working Class Cosmopolitans: Syrian Textile Workers in the Arab Atlantic, 1900-1934”

# Academic Awards

Arab American Book Award, Evelyn Shakir Award for Nonfiction, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, Arab American National Museum (Dearborn, MI), 2020

Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (Raleigh, NC), 2019

Syrian Studies Association Book Prize, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2019

Syrian Studies Association Dissertation Prize, for “Making Nations, in the Mahjar,” 2016

Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize, for “Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: Transnational Philanthropy and Patriotic Masculinity in Syrian Brazil,” Northeastern University (Boston, MA), 2013

# Recent Fellowships and Grants

## External

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2021-2022

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, 2013-2014

## Institutional

UC Davis Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship, 2021

UC Davis Academic Senate Small Grant in Aid, 2019

# Books Reviewed

Review of *When the War Came Home: The Ottomans' Great War and the Devastation of an Empire*, by Yiğit Akın. *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 7, no. 2 (Winter 2020): 264-267.

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

## Invited lectures

“Unmentionables: Smuggling and the Syrian Lace Trade in the Borderlands,” Newberry Seminar for Borderlands and Latino/a Studies, Chicago, 29 April 2022.

“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.

## Workshops organized

“Migration and Diaspora in Middle East/North African Studies,” *Mashriq & Mahjar* graduate student virtual work in progress workshop, August 24/26, 2021. 17 participants.—held virtually/COVID19.

“Arab American Studies Association, Interrupted,” virtual workshop on research, pedagogy, and public advocacy in Arab American studies, April 9/16, 2021. 45 participants.—held virtually/COVID19.

## Paper presentations

“Border Anxieties: Middle Eastern merchants and the textile trade in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands,” 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.

“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.

“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.

“Claimed by Turkey as subjects? The Ottoman Arab diaspora, foreign passports, and contested repatriation rights at the close of empire, 1918-1925,” The Last Ottoman Generation and Interwar Europe, University of Copenhagen, 5-6 December 2018.

# Current Teaching

**University of California Davis**

2018-present

## Courses Taught

History 19 Introduction to Global Migration

History 102x Comparative Bans and Border Walls (syllabus)

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 Forced Migration in the Middle East and South Asia ([syllabus](https://hcommons.org/deposits/item/hc%3A38157/))

History 203(a/b/c) Second Year Graduate Research Seminar

History 201w Advanced Topics: Global Migration History ([syllabus](https://hcommons.org/deposits/item/hc%3A29089/))

# Current Professional Service

## Editorships and Advisory Boards

Book Series Editor, “Refugees and Migrants within the Middle East” at American University of Cairo Press (coeditors Dawn Chatty and Annika Rabo), 2020-present

Journal Editor, *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Migration Studies* (coeditors Akram Fouad Khater and Andrew Arsan), 2020-present. [URL](https://muse.jhu.edu/journal/785).

Book Series Advisory Board, “Migrations in History” at De Gruyter Press, 2021-present. [URL](https://www.degruyter.com/serial/MIH-B/html).

## Disciplinary Sectional Work

Program Committee, Immigration and Ethnic History Society, 2021

Member at Large, Arab American Studies Association (elected), 2020-2022

Treasurer, Lebanese Studies Association (elected), 2018-2021

# Broadcast, Print, or Electronic Media

“American historian Stacy Fahrenthold: Arab emigrants played a role in demanding independence,” interview with *al-Jazeera,* February 22, 2021. [URL](https://www.aljazeera.net/news/cultureandart/2021/2/22/%D8%AD%D9%88%D8%A7%D8%B1-%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D8%A4%D8%B1%D8%AE%D8%A9-%D8%B3%D8%AA%D8%A7%D9%8A%D8%B3%D9%8A-%D9%81%D9%87%D8%B1%D9%86%D9%8A%D8%AB%D9%88%D9%84%D8%AF-%D8%AD%D9%88%D9%84).

“Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year,” *Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter,* December 2020. [URL](https://mailchi.mp/iehs.org/iehs-newsletter?e=0699207f2f#mctoc1).

New Books Out Now interview with *Jadaliyya,* August 13, 2019. [URL](https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/39876/Stacy-D-Fahrenthold%2C-Between-the-Ottomans-and-the-Entente-The-First-World-War-in-the-Syrian-and-Lebanese-Diaspora%2C-1908-1925-New-Texts-Out-Now).

New Books Network interview*,* June 18, 2019. [URL](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/).

“Essential Readings: Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies,” *Jadaliyya*, April 30, 2019. [URL](https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/38580).

“A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production,” *Migrant Knowledge,* March 27, 2019. [URL](https://migrantknowledge.org/2019/03/27/syrian-american-advice-booklets-as-knowledge-production/).

“World War I in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora,” *Ottoman History Podcast*, March 2, 2019. [URL](https://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2019/03/ottomans-entente.html).

“What I’m Reading” interview with History News Network on new research in Middle Eastern migration history. January 2019. [URL](https://historynewsnetwork.org/article/170721).

Interview with American History TV (CSPAN3) on Syrian immigrants in the United States during the First World War. Aired 17 June 2017. [URL](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. [URL](https://iehs.org/middle-east-resources/).

Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” *IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society* blog, 27 March 2017. [URL](https://iehs.org/stacy-d-fahrenthold-teaching-migrant-histories-in-shadow-of-trump/).

“What we can learn about America’s other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918).” *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses*,8 February 2017. [URL](https://tropicsofmeta.com/2017/02/08/what-we-can-learn-from-americas-other-muslim-ban-back-in-1918/).

“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. [URL](https://goo.gl/xyoD1N).

# Research Languages

Arabic; Spanish; Portuguese; French

# Professional Organizations

Middle East Studies Association

Syrian Studies Association

Lebanese Studies Association

Arab American Studies Association

Immigration and Ethnic History Society

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