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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Davis

Associate Professor, Department of History 2021-present
Assistant Professor, Department of History 2018-2021

California State University, Stanislaus

Assistant Professor, Department of History 2017-2018

California State University, Fresno

Lecturer, Department of History 2016-2017

Williams College

Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History 2014-2015

EDUCATION

Northeastern University

Ph.D. History 2014
M.A. History 2009

Georgia State University

B.A. History and Psychology, Honors 2007

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Modern Middle Eastern History (especially Syria and Lebanon); Global Migration and Diaspora Studies;
Arab Migration to the Americas; Borderlands, Partition, and Refugees

PUBLICATIONS

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.

Winner: Arab American National Museum Evelyn Shakir Book Award; Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies; Syrian Studies Association Book Award. *Honorable mention:* Lebanese Studies Association Book Award.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“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, 301-315. London: Routledge, 2022.

“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.

“‘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* 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.

Editorial

- Stacy Fahrenthold and Akram Khater. ““From Forgotten Shores to a Port of Call: Ten Years at Mashriq & Mahjar,” *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Migration Studies* 10, no. 1 (2023): 1-8.

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* 7, no. 2 (2020): 264-267.
- Review of *Arab Routes: Syrian Pathways to California*, by Sarah M. A. Gualtieri. *Arab Studies Journal* 28, no. 2 (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).

Encyclopedia 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.”
- “Letter by an Arab American soldier writing home.”

Select Writing Online

- “Syrian merchants on Madeira Island,” The Lausanne Project, a project of the Gingko Library, October 14, 2022. <https://thelausanneproject.com/2022/10/14/fahrenthold/>
- “Finding fraternity thousands of miles from home, in Syrian São Paulo,” Syria Untold, February 25, 2022. <https://syriauntold.com/2022/02/25/finding-fraternity-thousands-of-miles-from-home-in-syrian-sao-paulo/>
- “Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year,” Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter, December 2020. <https://mailchi.mp/iehs.org/iehs-newsletter?e=0699207f2f#mctoc1>
- “Essential Readings: Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies,” Jadaliyya, April 30, 2019. <https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/38580>
- “A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production,” Migrant Knowledge, March 27, 2019. <https://migrantknowledge.org/2019/03/27/syrian-american-advice-booklets-as->

[knowledge-production/](#)

“Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society blog, 27 March 2017. <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. <https://tropicsofmeta.com/2017/02/08/what-we-can-learn-from-americas-other-muslim-ban-back-in-1918/>

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Davis Humanities Institute Research Cluster Grant Seminar “Refugee California: Histories of Refugee Settlement”	2023-2024
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship	2021-2022
Davis Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship	2021
Arab American Book Award, Evelyn Shakir Award for Nonfiction Arab American National Museum	2020
Honorable Mention, Lebanese Studies Association Book Prize	2020
Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (NCSU)	2020
Syrian Studies Association Book Prize	2019
UC Davis Academic Senate Small Grant in Aid	2019, 2023
UC Santa Cruz Seed Grant (with Lily Balloffet)	2019
CSU Fresno Social Science Research and Instructional Council Grant	2016
Syrian Studies Association Dissertation Prize	2016
Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies University of California Berkeley	2015-2016
Andrew Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Middle Eastern History Williams College	2014-2015
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant “World War I in the Middle East,” Georgetown University	2014
American Council of Learned Societies/ Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2013-2014
Northeastern University, Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize	2013
Resident Researcher, Lebanese Emigration Research Center Notre Dame University Louaize, Lebanon	2011-2012
Northeastern University, Gillis Family Graduate Research Grant	2011
Northeastern University, Lucille Zanghi Graduate Research Grant	2011
American Institute of Yemeni Studies (AIYS) Language Fellowship (deferred)	2008
Immigration History Research Center Grant in Aid, University of Minnesota	2009

INVITED LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS (last 3 years)

Invited Lectures

“Mahjar Matters: writing a history of the World War I in Syria’s diaspora,” keynote presentation at Migration and the First World War workshop, University College London, May 16, 2023.

“Unmentionables: women, garment work, and labor politics in the Arab American mahjar,” Arab American Studies Program, University of Michigan Dearborn, March 29, 2023.

“Unmentionables: smuggling and the Syrian lace trade in the borderlands,” Newberry Library Seminar in Borderlands and Latino/a Studies, Chicago, 29 April 2022.

“The Lebanese diaspora,” Lebanon Dissertation Summer Institute, Arab Studies Institute and American University of Beirut’s Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, June 16, 2021.

“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.

Invited Workshops

- “Migration and Refugees,” at the Great War in the Middle East and North Africa Workshop, Yale University Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 12-13 May 2022.
- Faculty respondent for Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at the German Historical Institute’s Pacific Regional Office, University of California Berkeley, 12-14 October 2020.
- 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.

Conference Presentations

- “The Post-Ottoman World,” three-part invitational Seminar Session at the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 4-7, 2024.
- “Late Ottoman Migration,” roundtable at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 2-5, 2023.
- “Fase Siria: the improvised Syrian American textile industry on Madeira Island,” Atlantic Crossings: Forms of Temporary Labour Migration around 1900 workshop, Universität Bern, October 19-20, 2023.
- Organizer and presenter, “Middle Eastern and South Asian Immigration Studies: a roundtable,” solicited panel of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS), Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Los Angeles, 30 March 2023.
- “Asian Diasporas” invitational roundtable organized by the AHA, American Historical Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, 6 January 2023.
- “Paper Syrians: migrant smuggling in American borderlands and repatriation to French Lebanon,” in Ordinary Ottomans: World War I Settlement and Experiences of the End of Empire, University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, 11-12 November 2022.
- “Publishing in Arab American studies,” Arab American Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego State University San, 26 March 2022.
- “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.

Workshop Organizing

- “New Perspectives on Middle East Migrations,” multidisciplinary workshop in migration studies, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, February 18-20, 2022.
- “Migration and Diaspora in Middle East/North African Studies,” Mashriq & Mahjar graduate student virtual work in progress workshop, August 24-26, 2021.
- “Arab American Studies Association, Interrupted,” virtual workshop on research, pedagogy, and public advocacy in Arab American studies, April 9-16, 2021.
- “Mobility and Confinements in the Americas,” two-day workshop at UC Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation, April 29, 2020. 9 participants—Cancelled/COVID19.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

At University of California Davis, 2018-present

Undergraduate Lecture Courses and Seminars: Introduction to Global Migration (HIS 019); Comparative Bans and Border Walls (HIS 102x); Migration and the Modern Middle East (HIS 102r); Partition! When Borders Cross Us (HIS 110w); Global Migration History (HIS 110w); Modern Palestine and Israel (HIS 113); Comparative Histories of Partition (HIS 114); History of the Modern Middle East, 1750-1914 (HIS 193a); History of the Modern Middle East from 1914 (HIS 193b); Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East and South Asia (MSA 180)

Graduate Seminars: Global Migration History (HIS 201w); Diaspora in Middle East, Africa, South Asia

(HIS 201w); Second Year Graduate Research Seminar (HIS 203); Dir. Readings: The Syrian American Diaspora (Mahjar) (HIS 298)

Advising and Mentorship

Postdoctoral Mentorship

Heba Alnajada, UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship (2022-2023)

Dissertation Committees

Charles Sills (chair, History, modern Syria); Ashley Somawang (History, modern Europe; migration); Beshara Kehdi (Cultural Studies, Arab American studies); Cetin Ozdemir (Sociology, refugee studies); Bedros Torosian (History, UC Irvine, Middle Eastern diasporas); Sevin Sagnic (Sociology, UC San Diego, refugee studies)

Graduate Preliminary/Qualifying Exam committees

Faith Bennett (History, 2023); Ashley Somawang (History, 2023); Bedros Torosian (UC Irvine, 2022); Beshara Kehdi (Cultural Studies, 2022); Cetin Ozdemir (Sociology, QP co-chair, 2021); Sevin Sagnic (UC San Diego, 2021)

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Ali Misleh (2024); Brandon Jetter (2021); Shana Khan (2021); Maryann McNamara (2020); Saranjit Uppal (2020); Julian Mel Leus (2019)

California State University Stanislaus (Turlock, CA), 2017-2018

Courses: Ancient Mediterranean World (History 3120); Modern Assyrian History: a People's History of Diaspora (History 4950); Senior Thesis Research Seminar (History 4990)

California State University Fresno (Fresno, CA), 2016-2017

Courses: History of the Modern Middle East; World War I in the Middle East; Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East; Gender and Sexuality in Islamic History

Williams College (Williamstown, MA), 2014-2015

Courses: Modern Middle Eastern History, 1800-present; Migration, Displacement, and Dispossession in the Middle East

Northeastern University (Boston, MA), 2010-2013

Courses: Middle Eastern History to 1800; The Modern Middle East, 1800 to present; Global Migration Study Abroad: Program Assistant, Dialogue of Civilizations Study Abroad Program in Damascus, Syria (2010)

CURRENT SERVICE

At University of California Davis

College of Letters and Sciences

Courses of Instruction Committee, 2022-24

Department of History

Graduate Program Chair and Vice Chair, 2023-present

Area Chair, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African history (MESAA), 2022-23

Honors Committee, 2022-23

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
Book Series Advisory Board, “Migrations in History” at De Gruyter Press, 2021-present

Select Broadcast, Print, or Electronic Media

“American historian Stacy Fahrenthold: Arab emigrants played a role in demanding independence,”
interview with Othman Amghour for al-Jazeera Culture, February 22, 2021.
Jadaliyya “New Books Out Now” interview, August 13, 2019.
New Books Network interview, June 18, 2019.
“World War I in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora,” Ottoman History Podcast, March 2, 2019.
“What I’m Reading” interview with History News Network on new research in Middle Eastern migration
history. January 2019.
Interview with American History TV (CSPAN3) on Syrian immigrants in the United States during the
First World War. Aired 17 June 2017.
“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.

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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