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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Davis

Professor, Department of History and Middle East/South Asia Studies Program, 2025–

Associate Professor, Department of History, 2021–2025

Assistant Professor, Department of History, 2018–2021

California State University (Stanislaus and Fresno campuses)

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

Director, Sarguis Modern Assyrian Heritage Project, 2017–2018

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

Williams College

Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of History, 2014–2015

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Northeastern University, 2014

M.A., History, Northeastern University, 2009

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Unmentionables: Textiles, Garment Work, and the Syrian American Working Class. Stanford University Press, Worlding the Middle East series, 2024.

Awarded the Nikki Keddie Book Award, Middle East Studies Association (2025); and the David Montgomery Book Award, Organization of American Historians and Labor and Working-Class History Association (2026).

Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908–1925. Oxford University Press, 2019.

Awarded the Evelyn Shakir Book Award, Arab American National Museum (2020); the Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies (2020); and the Syrian Studies Association Book Award (2019). Honorable mention, Lebanese Studies Association Book Award (2020).

Journal Articles & Book Chapters

“Coda: Do They Strike There? Class and the Counterarchive in the Syrian Mahjar.” In “Atlantic Crossings,” edited by Agnes Gehbald, Philipp Horne, and Rea Vogt, *Comparativ* 35, no. 1/2 (2025): 146–150.

Fahrenthold, Stacy 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.

“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. Routledge, 2022.

“Ladies Aid as Labor History: Working Class Formation in the Mahjar.” *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 17, no. 3 (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, Michael Christopher Low, Kent F. Schull, and Robert Zens, 216-237. University of Indiana Press, 2020.
- “Arab Labor Migration in the Americas, 1880-1930.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press, 2019.
- “An Archaeology of Rare Books in Arab Atlantic History.” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 37, no. 3 (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 (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 (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 (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. American University of Beirut Press, 2011.
- “Mother Syria and Syrian Motherhood: Imagining Mahjar Nationality between Ideal and Real.” *Zaytoon Graduate Student Journal* 1 (2009): 5-16.

Sourcebooks, Curricular Materials, & Scholarly Writing Online

- Fahrenthold, Stacy D. and Beth Slutsky, eds., *The Middle East in Historical Context*, State of California Inquiry Sets in Middle Eastern and Arab American History. California History Social Science Project and Regents of the University of California, 2025. Four sets, 77 pp. [URL](#)
- “The Syrian Merchants on Madeira Island,” The Lausanne Project, a project of the Gingko Library. [URL](#).
- “Finding Fraternity Thousands of Miles from Home, in Syrian São Paulo,” Syria Untold, 2022. [URL](#).
- “Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year,” Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter, 2020. [URL](#).
- “Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies,” Jadaliyya, 2019. [URL](#).
- “A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production,” Migrant Knowledge: A Network of the German Historical Institute Washington, 2019. [URL](#).
- “Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” IEHS Online: The Immigration and Ethnic History Society Blog, 2017. [URL](#).
- Entries in *Cultural Exchange in a Time of Global Conflict: Colonials, Neutrals, and Belligerents during the First World War* sourcebook, King’s College London. Two entries: “Photograph of an Arab American intelligence officer” and “Letter by an Arab American soldier writing home.”

Reviews of Books

- Review of *Refugee Voices in Modern Global History: Reckoning with Refugeedom*, by Peter Gatrell, Katarzyna Nowak, Lauren Banko, and Anindita Ghoshal. *History: Reviews of New Books* 54, no. 3 (2026): 1-3.
- 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*, eds. María Narbona, Paulo Pinto, and John Karam. *Journal of American Ethnic History* 36, no. 4 (2017): 100-102.

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

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

Research Grants & Fellowships

Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, “Academic Freedom from Below: Rethinking the Social Role of the University and the Meaning of Shared Governance.” Rana Jaleel and Stacy Fahrenthold, 2025-2027

University of California Davis College of Letters and Sciences Dean’s Faculty Fellowship, 2024-2027

University of California Office of the President special funding initiative, Addressing Bias and Bigotry. “The Middle East in Historical Context.” Stacy Fahrenthold, Beth Slutsky, Baki Tezcan, and Ali Anooshahr, 2024-2025

University of California Davis Humanities and Social Sciences Stimulating Exceptional and Essential Discovery (SEED) Grant, 2024-2025

University of California Davis Humanities Institute Research Cluster Grant. “Middle Eastern and South Asian Refugee Diasporas in California.” Stacy Fahrenthold and Nicole Ranganath, 2023-2024

National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2021

American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew W. Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2013

Research Residency, Lebanese Emigration Research Center, Notre Dame University, Zouk Mosbeh, Lebanon, 2011

Awards

David Montgomery Book Award, Organization of American Historians and Labor and Working-Class History Association, for *Unmentionables*, 2026

Nikki Keddie Book Award, Middle East Studies Association, for *Unmentionables*, 2025

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

Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2019

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

SELECT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

“Why Historians Must Reclaim the American Historical Association,” op-ed in *Inside Higher Ed*, February 5, 2026. [URL](#)

“Textile Workers and Syrian American Working-Class History,” interview with Afikra Podcast, December 22, 2025. [URL](#)

K12 teacher training session, “Struggles and Solidarity: Arab American immigration history and the labor movement,” Contra Costa County Board of Education, March 28, 2025.

Othman Amghour, "الهجرة السورية: من مصانع نيويورك الى الحدود المكسيكية", ("Syrian emigration, from New York factories to the Mexico border"), al-Modon November 13, 2025. [URL](#)

Jadaliyya "New Books Out Now" interview on Unmentionables, April 21, 2025. [URL](#).

"La inmigración sirio-libanesa a EEUU: protesta e integración," (Syrian and Lebanese immigration to the United States: protest and integration), interview with Manuel Férez, Informe Orient Medio, September 4, 2024. [URL](#).

"المؤرخة الأميركية ستايسي فهرينثولد للجزيرة نت: المهاجرون العرب لعبوا دورا في المطالبة بالاستقلال," (Historian Stacy Fahrenthold: Arab emigrants played a role in demanding independence), interview with Othman Amghour, al-Jazeera Culture, February 22, 2021. [URL](#)

Jadaliyya "New Books Out Now" interview on Between the Ottomans and the Entente, August 13, 2019. [URL](#).

"World War I in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora," Ottoman History Podcast, March 2, 2019. [URL](#).

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses taught at UC Davis: Introduction to Global Migration (HIS 019) » Global Migration (HIS 110) » Modern Palestine/Israel (HIS 113) » Comparative Histories of Partition (HIS 114) » Modern Middle East, 1750-1914 (HIS 193A) » Modern Middle East, 1914-present (HIS 193B) » Proseminar: Migration & the Modern Middle East (HIS 102R) » Proseminar: Bans and Border Walls (HIS 102X) » Proseminar: Histories of Campus Protest: Academic Freedom from Below (HIS 102X) » Proseminar: Migrants & Refugees in the Middle East and South Asia (MSA 180)

Graduate seminars taught at UC Davis: First-Year Graduate Research Seminar (HIS 200A-B) » Second-Year Graduate Research Seminar (HIS 203A-B-C) » Global Migration History (HIS 201W) » Diaspora in the Middle East, Africa, & South Asia (HIS 201W) » Arab American Historiography (HIS 201M) » Modern Arab History (HIS 201M) » The Syrian American Diaspora (HIS 298)

SELECT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorships

Associate Reviews Editor, American Historical Review, 2026-

Editorial Boards

Editorial Board, Journal of American Ethnic History, 2025-

Editorial Board, Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies, 2026-

Editorial Board, Migrations in History book series at De Gruyter Press, 2021-

Scholarly Societies

Organization of American Historians (OAH)

OAH Ad Hoc Committee to Support Rebuilding Educational Infrastructure in Gaza, 2026-

Immigration and Ethnic History Society (at OAH)

Executive Board, 2025-2027