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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, Davis
- Professor, Department of History and Middle East/South Asia Studies Program, 2025-
  - Affiliate Faculty, Cultural Studies Graduate Group, 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

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

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

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. *Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925*. Oxford University Press, 2019.

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

### Journal Articles & Book Chapters

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Coda: Do They Strike There? Class and the Counterarchive in the Syrian Mahjar." In "Atlantic Crossings," eds. 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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Ladies Aid as Labor History: Working Class Formation in the Mahjar." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 17, no. 3 (2021): 326-347.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "'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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Arab Labor Migration in the Americas, 1880-1930." *In Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History*. Oxford University Press, 2019.

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

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "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]

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "The Syrian Merchants on Madeira Island," The Lausanne Project, a project of the Gingko Library, 2022. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Finding Fraternity Thousands of Miles from Home, in Syrian São Paulo," Syria Untold, 2022. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year," Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter, 2020. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies," Jadaliyya, 2019. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production," Migrant Knowledge: A Network of the German Historical Institute Washington, 2019. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump," IEHS Online: The Immigration and Ethnic History Society Blog, 2017. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. "What We can Learn about America's Other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918)." Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses, 2017. [url].

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. 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

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. 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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. 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 (2020): 264-267.

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

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

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. 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.

Fahrenthold, Stacy D. 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

Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California Berkeley, 2015-2016

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

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

Researcher in Residence, 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

Honorable Mention, Lebanese Studies Association Book Prize, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 2020

Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Moise Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, for *Between the Ottomans and the Entente*, 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

## RECENT PRESENTATIONS & TALKS (*since 2023)

### Invited Lectures

"Assyrians of Angel Island: refugees and America's immigration quota laws, 1921-1924." Beth Mardutho Syriac Institute Summer Language Course, Piscataway, June 18, 2026.

"The quota trap: how a 1921 law turned genocide survivors into 'illegal' immigrants." College of Letters & Sciences Deans Faculty Fellows Public Lecture Series, University of California Davis, Davis, April 21, 2026.

"Printing press, power loom: pursuing labor and class in Arab American archives." New York City and Global Migration Summer Institute, New York University Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York July 25, 2024.

"Arab American labor history: Syrians, the IWW, and the Bread and Roses Strike of 1912." United Auto Workers teach-in at the Popular University for the Liberation of Palestine, University of California Davis, Davis, June 7, 2024.

Keynote address, "Mahjar matters: writing a history of World War I in Syria's diaspora." Migration and the First World War workshop, University College London, London, May 16, 2023.

"Unmentionables: women, garment work, and labor politics in the Arab American mahjar." Center for Arab American Studies, University of Michigan Dearborn, March 29, 2023.

**Workshop & Conference Presentations**

Organizer and discussant, "No exceptions: Palestine and the American historical imagination." Organization of American Historians, San Francisco, April 1-4, 2027. Session solicited by the OAH Ad Hoc Committee to Support Rebuilding Educational Infrastructure in Gaza.

"Snowballs and bayonets: John Ramey and the politics of childhood in Syrian American labor history." American Historical Association, New Orleans, January 7-10, 2027. Session sponsored by the Radical History Review.

"Labor in the Middle East: New histories from the inside out." Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, November 19, 2026.

"Kimuna dreaming: Syrian, Lebanese, and Palestinian women workers in the U.S. textile industry," 250 Years of American Textiles, Cotsen Textile Traces Study Center, George Washington University, November 13, 2026.

"The Assyrians of Angel Island: displacement, resettlement and immigration detention after World War I." Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 21-24, 2026. Session sponsored by the Assyrian Studies Association.

Roundtable organizer, "Archives, passports, and life histories." Middle East Studies Association, Boston, November 21-24, 2026.

"True people with no country: Assyrian refugees and America's 'other Asia' quota." American-Islamic Exchanges in the Long 19th Century, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Brown University, Providence, February 26-27, 2026.

"Assyrians of Angel Island." Work in progress series, May Ziadeh Palestinian and Arab Studies Program and Department of History, University of California Berkeley, February 11, 2026.

"Teaching Palestine and the Middle East: academic freedom in times of crisis." American Historical Association, Chicago, January 8-11, 2026. Session sponsored by the Peace History Society.

Panel chair, "Teaching migration history under authoritarianism." American Historical Association, Chicago, January 8-11, 2026. Session co-sponsored by the Radical History Review and Historians for Peace and Democracy.

Panel chair, "Matter out of place: dirt, waste, and marginality in the modern Middle East." Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC, November 22-25, 2025.

"Picketing the Syrian shop." Understanding the Global Middle East, Middle East Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison, April 11, 2025.

"U can't touch this: academic freedom and the 'problem' of Palestine." Organization of American

Historians, Chicago, April 3-5, 2025. Late breaking session sponsored by OAH Committee on Academic Freedom.

"Picketing the Syrian shop: confronting mahjari capitalism and its archival afterlives." American Historical Association, New York City, January 3-6, 2025. Session sponsored by the Labor and Working-Class History Association and the Society for Historians of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era.

Panel chair, "Global currents of colonial violence and Third World intellectual exchange: looking south toward Palestine." American Historical Association, New York City, January 4, 2025. Session sponsored by the Radical History Review.

Roundtable, "Palestine studies in California." May Ziadeh Palestinian and Arab Studies Program, University of California Berkeley, November 12-13, 2024.

"Syrian American garment workers and the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of New York City." Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association annual meeting, Northwestern University, Evanston, October 25-27, 2024.

"Picketing the Syrian shop: confronting mahjari capitalism and its archival afterlives." Arab American Studies Association annual meeting, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, April 12-14, 2024.

"The post-Ottoman world." Three-part invitational seminar at the American Historical Association, San Francisco, January 4-7, 2024.

Roundtable, "Late Ottoman migration." Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, November 2-5, 2023.

"Fase Síria: the improvised Syrian American textile industry on Madeira Island." Atlantic Crossings: Forms of Temporary Labour Migration around 1900, Universität Bern, October 19-20, 2023.

Organizer and presenter, "Middle Eastern and South Asian immigration studies: a roundtable." Session solicited by the Immigration and Ethnic History Society, Organization of American Historians, Los Angeles, March 30, 2023.

Roundtable, "Asian diasporas. Session solicited by the AHA, American Historical Association, Philadelphia, January 6, 2023.

**Workshops Convened**

"Reenvisioning Our University: AF and Shared Governance," Academic Freedom from Below Mellon Sawyer Seminar Workshop #3, University of California Davis, April 29-30, 2027. 24 participants.

"Campus Protest and the Transformation of Institutional Knowledge: AF in Practice," Academic Freedom from Below Mellon Sawyer Seminar Workshop #2, University of California Davis, February 11-12, 2027. 26 participants.

"Other Archives: Social Movements and AF Beyond Campus," Academic Freedom from Below Mellon Sawyer Seminar Workshop #1, University of California Davis, October 29-30, 2026. 24 participants.

Authors Workshop for Modern MENA Migrations Handbook, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese

Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, Sept 1-4, 2026. 22 participants.

Seminar, Refugee California: Middle Eastern and South Asian Refugee Diasporas in the Golden State, University of California Davis Humanities Institute research workshop, May 24-25, 2024. 8 participants.

## SELECT PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & PRESS

Guest host (with Natalia Deeb-Sossa), "Compact 2.0, Ethnic Studies, and the academic freedom threats of this moment." *The Lower Frequencies*, podcast of the University of California Ethnic Studies Council, October 7, 2023. [url]

Op-ed, "Why historians must reclaim the American Historical Association." *Inside Higher Ed*, February 5, 2026. [url]

Podcast, "Textile Workers and Syrian American Working-Class History." *Afikra*, December 22, 2025. [url]

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

"New Books Out Now: Unmentionables." *Jadaliyya*, April 21, 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.

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

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

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

## CURRENT TEACHING

**University of California Davis** **Davis, CA, 2018-**

**Undergraduate courses**

Introduction to Global Migration (HIS 019)
Global Migration History (HIS 110)
History of Modern Palestine/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, 1914-present (HIS 193B)
Proseminar: Migration and 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**

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, and South Asia (HIS 201W)
Arab American Historiography (HIS 201M)
Modern Arab History (HIS 201M)
The Syrian American Diaspora (HIS 298)

## CURRENT 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, 2026-2029
Editorial Board, Druze Studies Journal, 2027-
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
Executive Board, 2025-2027 (elected)