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EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Davis

Associate Professor, Department of History 2021-present
Affiliated with the Middle East/South Asian Studies Program, the Global Migration Center, and the Human Right Studies Program
Assistant Professor, Department of History 2018-2021

California State University, Stanislaus

Assistant Professor, Department of History 2017-2018
Director, Sarguis Modern Assyrian Heritage Project

California State University, Fresno

Lecturer, Department of History 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, Honors, Georgia State University, 2007

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Middle Eastern history (particularly modern Syria and Lebanon); global migration and diaspora studies; Arab migration to the Americas; borderlands, partition, and refugees; global labor histories.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

UC Davis Humanities and Social Sciences Stimulating Exceptional and Essential Discovery Grant, 2024
UC Davis Humanities Institute Research Cluster Grant, 2023-24
National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2021-22
UC Davis Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship, 2021
Arab American Book Award, Evelyn Shakir Award for Nonfiction, Arab American National Museum, 2020
Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, 2020
Honorable Mention, Lebanese Studies Association Book Prize, 2020
Syrian Studies Association Book Prize, 2019
CSU Fresno Social Science Research and Instructional Council Grant, 2016
Syrian Studies Association Dissertation Prize, 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, 2013-14
Northeastern University, Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize, 2013
Resident Researcher, Lebanese Emigration Research Center, Notre Dame University, Lebanon, 2011-12
Northeastern University, Gillis Family Graduate Research Grant, 2011
Northeastern University, Lucille Zanghi Graduate Research Grant, 2011
Immigration History Research Center Grant in Aid, University of Minnesota, 2009
American Institute of Yemeni Studies (AIYS) Language Fellowship (deferred), 2008

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

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, Michael Christopher Low, Kent F. Schull, and Robert Zens, 216-237. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 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 Forewords

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 Akın. *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.”

Online Articles

“Syrian Merchants on Madeira Island,” The Lausanne Project, a project of the Ginkgo Library, October 14, 2022. [URL](#). Translated to [TR](#)

“Finding Fraternity Thousands of Miles from Home, in Syrian São Paulo,” Syria Untold, February 25, 2022. [URL](#). Translated to [AR SP](#)

“Teaching Arab American History through Digital Collections: Agenda for a Plague Year,” Immigration and Ethnic History Society Newsletter, December 2020. [URL](#).

“Essential Readings: Emigration from the Levant, 1870-1930: a Primer in Mahjar Studies,” Jadaliyya, April 30, 2019. [URL](#).

“A Little Advice: Syrian American Advice Booklets as Knowledge Production,” Migrant Knowledge, March 27, 2019. [URL](#).

“Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society blog, 27 March 2017. [URL](#).

“What we can learn about America’s other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918).” Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses, 8 February 2017. [URL](#)

RECENT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

“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, April 29, 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, March 11, 2020.

“Migration and the Druze in America,” American Druze Foundation and Georgetown University Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Los Angeles, February 29, 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, May 12-13, 2022.

Faculty respondent for Bucerius Young Scholars Forum at the German Historical Institute’s Pacific Regional Office, University of California Berkeley, October 12-14, 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, February 6-7, 2020.

Conference Presentations

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

“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 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,” solicited panel of the Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS), Organization of American Historians annual meeting, Los Angeles, March 30, 2023.
 “Asian diasporas” invitational roundtable organized by the AHA, American Historical Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, January 6, 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, November 11-12, 2022.
 “Border anxieties: Middle Eastern merchants and the textile trade in the U.S.-Mexico borderlands,” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, May 19-21, 2021.

Workshop Organizing

“Middle East Migration Studies: Taking Stock, Plotting New Paths,” *Mashriq & Mahjar* workshop at the Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, May 16-18, 2024.
 “Publishing in Arab American studies,” Arab American Studies Association annual meeting, San Diego State University, March 26, 2022.
 “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.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

University of California Davis

Courses Taught:

HIS 019	Introduction to Global Migration
HIS 102R	Proseminar: Migration and the Modern Middle East
HIS 102X	Proseminar: Comparative Bans and Border Walls
HIS 110W	Topics: Global Migration History
HIS 113	History of Modern Palestine/Israel
HIS 114	Comparative Histories of Partition
HIS 193A	History of the Modern Middle East, 1750-1914
HIS 193B	History of the Modern Middle East from 1914
MSA 180	Proseminar: Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East and South Asia
HIS 200	First Year Graduate Research Seminar
HIS 201W	Advanced Topics: Global Migration History
HIS 201W	Advanced Topics: Diaspora in the Middle East, Africa, South Asia
HIS 203	Second Year Graduate Research Seminar
HIS 298	Directed Readings: The Syrian American Mahjar (Diaspora)

Postdoctoral Mentor:

Heba Alnajada, UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship (2022-23), currently Assistant Professor of Architecture, Boston University

Dissertation Committees:

Charles Sills (chair), History, UC Davis
 Beshara Kehdi, Cultural Studies, UC Davis, “Diasporic Dreaming: the Organization of Arab Students and Educating the Crisis”
 Cetin Ozdemir, Sociology, UC Davis, “No Safe Place for Refugees: a Comparative Analysis of Afghan Refugees’ Insecurity in the United States and Turkey”

Şevin Gülfer Sağrıç, Sociology, UC San Diego, “Refugee Governance in the Middle East: a Comparative Historical Analysis”

Bedros Torosian, History, UC Irvine, “Whiteness Across Waters: Domesticating Euro-American Racialisms and Masculinities in Service to Ottoman Imperial Subalternities”

Diogo Bercito, History, Georgetown University

California State University Stanislaus

Courses Taught: 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

Courses Taught: History of the Modern Middle East (HIS 107); World War I in the Middle East (HIS 109); Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East (Soc/Sci 150); Gender and Sexuality in Islamic History (Soc/Sci 150)

Williams College

Modern Middle Eastern History, 1800-present (History 207); Migration, Displacement, and Dispossession in the Middle East (History 306)

Northeastern University

Course Taught: Middle Eastern History to 1800 (History 1185); The Modern Middle East, 1800 to present (History 1290); Global Migration History (History 2730)

Study Abroad Experience: 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, 2023-present

Vice Chair, Department of History, 2023-present

Professional Service

Editorships and Advisory Boards

Associate Editor, *Mashriq & Majjar: Journal of Middle Eastern and North African Migration Studies* (coeditors Akram Fouad Khater and Andrew Arsan), 2020-present

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

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

LANGUAGES

Arabic (reading and writing proficiency, some speaking); Spanish (reading and writing); Portuguese (reading only); French (reading only)

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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