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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, History and Middle Eastern Studies, 1992.

M.A., Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs, New York, NY, 1985.

B.A., Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, NY, 1983.

**RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Professor, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles, 2005-.

Sheikh Zayed Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies, American University of Beirut, 2002-2003.

Associate Professor, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles, 1999-2005.

Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of California at Los Angeles, 1995-1999.

**RECENT HONORS AND GRANTS**

Department of Education/Title VI Travel/Research Grant, Summer 2004.

Research Grant, G.E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, Summer 2003.

Faculty Research Grant, Department of History, UCLA, Winter 2003.

UCLA Academic Senate Grant, Annually 1998-Present.

Fellowship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 1999-2000.

President's Research Fellowship in the Humanities, University of California, 1999-2000.

Faculty Excellence Award, presented by the UCLA chapter of Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society, 1998.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**BOOKS**

Editor, *Religion and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire* (forthcoming).

*Israel-Palestine Conflict: One Hundred Years of War* (Cambridge, ENG: Cambridge University Press, September 2005).

*The Modern Middle East: A History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2004).

*Divided Loyalties: Nationalism and Mass Politics in Syria at the Close of Empire* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998).

**ARTICLES**

"The Politics of Notables Forty Years After," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, forthcoming.

"Globalization, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East: The Current Crisis in Historical Perspective," *Global Development Studies* (Winter 2004/Spring 2005).

"Islamism and Nationalism: Common Roots, Common Destinies," *Beiruter Blaetter: Mitteilungen des Orient-Institutes Beirut*, 10-11 (March 2004).

"Zionism and the Representation of 'Jewish Palestine' at the New York World's Fair, 1939-1940" *The International History Review* XXII:1 (March 2000).

"Modernity and Its Discontents: On the Durability of Nationalism in the Arab Middle East," *Nations and Nationalism* 5:1 (January 1999).

"The League of Nations and the Question of National Identity in the Fertile Crescent," in *World Affairs* (Summer 1995).

"The Social Origins of Popular Nationalism in Syria: Evidence for a New Framework," in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (November 1994).

"Demonstrating Communities in Post-Ottoman Syria," in *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* XXV:1 (Summer 1994).

#### **CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES**

"Collective Memory and Nationalist Narrative: Recounting the "Syrian Experience" of the First World War," in Najwa Al-Qattan (ed.), *The First World War in the Middle East and Collective Memory* (forthcoming).

"Modernities, Religion, and the Construction of Gender in Early Twentieth Century Damascus," in James L. Gelvin (ed.), *Religion and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire* (forthcoming).

"Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc?: Reassessing the Lineages of Nationalism in Bilad al-Sham," in Thomas Philipp and Christoph Schumann (eds.), *From the Syrian Land to the State of Syria* (Würtzburg: ERGON Verlag, 2004).

"T.E. Lawrence and Historical Representation," in Charles Stang (ed.), *The Waking Dream of T.E. Lawrence: Essays on His Life, Literature, and Legacy* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 2002).

"Secularism and Religion in the Arab Middle East: Reinventing Islam in a World of Nation States," in Derek R. Peterson and Darren Walhof (eds.), *The Invention of Religion: Rethinking Belief and Politics in History* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2002).

"Developmentalism, Revolution, and Freedom in the Arab Middle East: The Cases of Egypt, Syria, and Iraq," in Robert H. Taylor (ed.), *The Idea of Freedom in Asia and Africa* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2002).

"(Re)Presenting Nations: Demonstrations and Nationalisms in Pre-Mandate Syria," in F. Moge Gocek (ed.), *Social Constructions of Nationalism in the Middle East* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2002).

"Napoleon in Egypt as History and Polemic," in Irene Bierman (ed.), *Napoleon in Egypt* (Reading,

ENG: Ithaca Press, 2003).

"The Other Arab Nationalism: Syrian/Arab Populism in Its Historical and International Contexts" in James Jankowski and Israel Gershoni (eds.), *Rethinking Nationalisms in the Arab World* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1997).

"The Ironic Legacy of the King-Crane Commission," in David W. Lesch (ed.), *The United States in the Middle East: A Historical Reassessment* (Boulder: Westview Press, 1995).

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

Mark LeVine, *Overthrowing Geography: Jaffa, Tel Aviv, and the Struggle for Palestine 1880-1948*, *Journal of Palestine Studies*, forthcoming.

Ussama Makdisi, *The Culture of Sectarianism: Community, History, and Violence in Nineteenth-Century Lebanon*, *American Historical Review* 107:1 (February 2002).

Eugene L. Rogan, *Frontiers of the State in the Late Ottoman Empire: Transjordan, 1850-1921*, *Middle East Journal* 54:4 (Autumn 2000).

Elizabeth Thompson, *Colonial Citizens: Republican Rights, Paternal Privilege, and Gender in French Syria and Lebanon*, *The International History Review* 22:4 (December 2000).

Kathleen Christison, *Perceptions of Palestine: Their Influence on Middle East Policy*, *Political Science Quarterly* 115:1 (Spring 2000).

Hasan Kayali, *Arabs and Young Turks: Ottomanism, Arabism, and Islamism in the Ottoman Empire, 1908-1918*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (February 1999).

Nicolaos Van Dam, *The Struggle for Power in Syria: Politics and Society under Asad and the Ba'ath Party*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 31 (1997).

Tamara Sonn, *Interpreting Islam: Bandali Jawzi's Islamic Intellectual History*, *The Middle East Journal* 4 (Autumn 1997).

Rashid Khalidi et al., *The Origins of Arab Nationalism*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 20:1 (1993).

### **RECENT CONFERENCES**

"The United States and the Middle East: A Political Economy Approach," Plenary Session: America in the Middle East/The Middle East in America, Center for American Studies and Research, American University in Beirut, December 2005.

Workshop on Syria, Middle East Programme, Royal Institute of International Affairs/Chatham House, June 2005.

"Inventing Syria," Conference: "Syria after Iraq," UCLA, April/May 2004.

Respondent, "Beyond the Clash of Civilizations: Missionaries, Conversions, and Tolerance in the

Ottoman Empire,” Rice University, April 2004.

“Islamism and Nationalism: Common Roots, Common Destinies,” Conference: “The Arab State of Islam,” UCLA, March 2004.

“Middle East History as Global History,” California Middle East Social and Cultural Historical Association (CALMESCHA), February 2004.

“Globalization, Ossama Bin Laden, and American Failures in the Middle East, 1971-2003” Conference on “Other Globalizations: Histories, Trans-regionalisms, and Cultural Formations,” Rockefeller Foundation/U.C. Humanities Research Institute, University of California, Santa Cruz, February 2004.

“Nation and State in the Modern Mediterranean: A Structural Approach,” Conference: “Mediterranean Studies, Identities and Tensions,” American University in Beirut, June 2003.

“Nationalism and Islamism: Conflict or Concord?,” Conference Series: “The Islamic World: A Century of Transformation,” University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, September 2002.

“Rethinking Religion in the Late Ottoman Empire,” “Modernities, Religion, and the Construction of Gender in Early Twentieth-Century Damascus,” Conference: “Religion and Society in the Late Ottoman Empire,” UCLA, April 2002.

“Collective Memory and Nationalist Narrative: Recounting the ‘Syrian Experience’ of the First World War,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, November 2001.

Chair and Discussant, “The Concept of Civilization in the Middle East,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, November 2001.

“Alternative Modernities and Constructions of Gender in Post-Hamidian Damascus,” Ninth International Congress of Economic and Social History of Turkey, Dubrovnik, Croatia, August 2001.

Chair and Discussant, “Rethinking Labor History in the Middle East,” American Historical Association, January 2001.

“Post Hoc Ergo Propter Hoc?: Reassessing the Lineages of Nationalism in Bilad al-Sham,” Third Conference on Bilad al-Sham, Erlangen, Germany, July 2000.

“Secularism and Religion in the Arab Middle East: Reinventing Islam in a World of Nation States,” Conference: After Secularism/Religion: Interpretation, History, and Politics, MacArthur Program on Global Change, Sustainability and Justice, University of Minnesota, May 2000.

“What T.E. Lawrence Got Wrong and Why: Lessons for a New Millenium,” Conference: T.E. Lawrence at the End of the Twentieth Century, Santa Clara University, May 2000.

“‘Pious’ Ulama, ‘Overly-Europeanized Deceivers,’ and the Debate about Women in Early Twentieth-Century Damascus,” Syria Studies Group, Georgetown University, April 2000.

“Zionism and the Representation of ‘Jewish Palestine’ at the 1939 New York World’s Fair,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, November 1999.

“Developmentalism, Revolution, and Freedom in the Arab Middle East: The Cases of Egypt, Syria, and Iraq,” Center for the History of Freedom, Washington University, October 1999.

“Rethinking Nationalism in the Arab Middle East (No, Seriously): Some Complaints and Some Research Problems,” Interdisciplinary Conference: The Middle East: Ancient to Modern Times, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 1999.

“The Primordialization of Syrian Identity,” American Historical Association Conference, January 1999.

“Peasants (and Townsmen) into Syrians: The Emergence of Territorial Nationalism in Syria,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, December 1998.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

“America and the Middle East: A Historical Overview,” Special Session, Organization of American Historians, March 2005.

“Globalization, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East,” Clarke Center for the Interdisciplinary Study of Contemporary Issues (Dickinson College)/Carnegie Council on Ethics and International Affairs, April 2004.

“Rethinking Islamic Movements,” University of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus, May 2003.

“Nationalism and Islamism: Common Roots, Common Destinies,” Orient-Institut der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, Beirut, Lebanon, April 2003.

“Nationalism and Islamism: Common Roots, Common Destinies,” Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, November 2002.

“‘The Power of Religion’: Why We Don’t Have a Clue and What Might Be Done to Clue Us in,” University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, September 2002.

“Alternative Modernities and the Construction of Gender in Late Ottoman Damascus,” Feminist Research Seminar, UCLA, February 2002.

“‘The Power of Religion’: Why We Don’t Have a Clue and What Might Be Done to Clue Us in,” G.E. von Grunebaum Center for Near East Studies, UCLA, December 2001.

“Secularism and Religion in the Arab Middle East: Reinventing Islam in a World of Nation States,” UCLA Center for the Study of Religion, January 2001.

“Understanding the Roots of 11 September” (2001-2002): Chapman College; Los Angeles Pierce College; University of California, Irvine; University of California, Riverside; University of California, Santa Barbara.

“‘Pious’ Ulama, ‘Overly-Europeanized Deceivers,’ and the Debate about Women in Early Twentieth-Century Damascus,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, March 2000.

“Culture Wars, Early Twentieth-Century Damascus Style,” Pennsylvania State University, February

2000.

“The Resilience of Nationalism in the Arab Middle East,” University of California, Berkeley, January 1999.