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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of History, California State University Stanislaus, 2017-Present  
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, California State University Fresno, 2016-2017  
Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in Middle Eastern History, Williams College, 2014-2015

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Department of History, Northeastern University, 2014  
M.A. Department of History, Northeastern University, 2009  
B.A. Department of History, Georgia State University, 2007

## PUBLICATIONS (and \*forthcoming)

### Book

\* *Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War and the Syrian Diaspora, 1908-1924*.  
Under contract with Oxford University Press.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“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 (February 2013): 32-57.

### Chapters in Edited Collections

\* “‘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 Christopher Low and Lale Can. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, forthcoming.

“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.

### Short Form Work

\* “An archaeology of rare books in Arab Atlantic history,” five-scholar roundtable edited by Sarah M.A. Gualtieri. *Journal of American Ethnic History*, in press 2018.

Entries in *Cultural Exchange in a Time of Global Conflict: Colonials, Neutrals, and Belligerents during the First World War* sourcebook, King's College London. November 2016.

“Photography of an Arab American military intelligence officer” <https://goo.gl/RtlPLZ>

“Letter by an Arab American soldier writing home” <https://goo.gl/vNshL6>

“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. <https://goo.gl/xyoD1N>

### **Book Reviews**

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).

### **Other Publications**

“What we can learn about America’s other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918),” *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses*, 8 February 2017. <https://goo.gl/szW7GM>

“Mother Syria and Syrian motherhood: imagining *mahjar* nationality between ideal and real.” *Zaytoon Graduate Student Journal* 1 (Spring 2009): 5-16.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

### **Working Book Project**

*Border Anxieties: Surveillance and Policing Middle Eastern Migrants in America.*

*Working Class Cosmopolitans: Syrian Textile Workers in the Mahjar.*

### **Article**

“Factory and the café: gender anxieties and working-class history in the interwar Syrian *mahjar*.”

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

### **Fellowships and Grants**

2017	Social Science Research and Instructional Council Grant, California State University, Fresno
2016 – 2017	Provost’s Grant in Islamic Studies, California State University, Fresno
2015 – 2016	Visiting Scholar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2015	Mellon Travel Grant, University of California, Berkeley
2014 – 2015	Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in Middle Eastern History, Williams College
2014	National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar Grant, “World War I in the Middle East,” Georgetown University

- 2013 – 2014 American Council of Learned Societies/Andrew Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2012 Gillis Summer Research Grant, History Department, Northeastern University
- 2011 – 2012 Resident Research Affiliate, Lebanese Emigration Research Center, Notre Dame University (Jami'a Sayyida al-Louaize), Zouk Musbih, Lebanon
- 2011 Lucille Zanghi Dissertation Research Grant, Northeastern University
- 2009 Immigration History Research Center Grant-in-Aid, University of Minnesota
- 2008 American Institute of Yemeni Studies Arabic Language Fellowship (deferred)

### **Paper Prizes**

- 2016 Syrian Studies Association Dissertation Prize, for *Making Nations, in the Mahjar: Syrian and Lebanese Long-Distance Nationalisms in New York City, São Paulo, and Buenos Aires, 1913–1929*
- 2013 Christina Gilmartin Memorial Paper Prize, Northeastern University, for “Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: Transnational Philanthropy and Patriotic Masculinity in al-Nadi al-Homsi and Syrian Brazil, 1920–32”

## **SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

\* “Paper Syrians: Passports and the Production of Post-Ottoman Syrian Nationality, 1918-1921,” Voices of the Middle East series, Near and Middle East Studies Program, University of Washington, 29 May 2018.

“War Stories: World War I in the Syrian Diaspora.” Keynote address, History Graduate Student Symposium, California State University, Fresno, 16 April 2016.

“War Stories: World War I in the Syrian Diaspora.” Sultan speaker series, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 3 March 2016.

“The Other Arab Revolt: on Syrian American Mobilization from the Microlevel.” Research in Progress talk at NEH Summer Institute on World War I in the Middle East, Georgetown University, 10 July 2014.

“Defining Ourselves, Teaching the Youth: The Arab-American Federation Movement and Diaspora Nationality, 1935–1950.” Research in Progress Talk at the Immigration History Research Center Archives, University of Minnesota, 9 October 2009.

### **Paper Presentations**

\* “Mandating the Mahjar, Domesticating Diasporas: the Early French Mandate and Lebanon’s Census of 1921,” French Colonial Historical Society, 31 May-2 June 2018.

“Banning Muslims by Executive Order: Immobilizing Ottoman Migrants in America,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 4-7 January 2018.

“War Relief and Arab Émigré Politics in the Syrian Mahjar.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18-21 November 2017.

“Paper Syrians: Passport Fraud in the Syrian American Mahjar during the First World War.” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, 5-7 July 2017.

“Travelling Syrians, Immovable Turks: Former Ottomans, Repatriation, and Passport Fraud at the Close of Empire, 1918-1920.” The Stakes in Middle East and North African Migration Studies Workshop,

Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, 21-22 April 2017.

“Absent without leave: Criminalizing Syrian Migrants during the First World War.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 7-10 April 2017.

Roundtable, “Arab American History: the State of the Field.” Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 7-10 April 2017.

“Informal Archives: Combatting State-centrism with Rare Manuscripts,” on roundtable session, “Doing Syrian Studies at a Time of Crisis,” Syrian Studies Association Meeting, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18 November 2016.

“The Wilsonian Moment and ‘New Syria:’ Arab Nationalism in the Syrian Mahjar.” Western Ottomanists Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, 10-11 March 2016.

“Becoming ‘Syrian’ on the battlefield: Ottoman emigrant troops on the Western Front.” Cultural Encounters during Global War, 1914-18, King’s College London, 20-23 January 2016.

“The Other Arab Revolt: Émigré Arab Nationalism and an American Mandate for Syria, 1916–1920.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 7-10 January 2016.

“On Behalf of Martyred Syria: Syrian American War Veterans and the Bid for a U.S. Mandate in Syria, 1918–1920.” Lines of Identity: Middle Eastern and North African Diasporas Workshop, University of Manitoba. 4-6 December 2015.

“Enemy Aliens or Alien Slackers? Ottoman Immigrants on the American Home Front, 1914–18.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 17-20 November 2015.

“Moveable Type: A Syrian Press from São Paulo and Ottoman Constitutional Culture, 1908–1914.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting, 27-30 May 2015.

“Between Treason and Cowardice: Syrian American Military Recruiting in World War I.” Bodies in Motion: Middle Eastern Migrations Workshop, Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, 12-13 March 2015.

“Sound Minds in Sound Bodies: *al-Nadi al-Homsi* and Patriotic Masculinity in Syrian Brazil, 1920–1932.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 7-10 October 2013. Panel sponsored by the Arab American Studies Association.

“Mandating the Mahjar: How the Lebanese Census of 1921 Created a National Constituency Abroad.” The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: The Mandates in Global Perspective Workshop, Princeton University, 21-22 September 2013.

“Men of the Nation, Men of the Cloth: Lebanese Diasporic Nationalism and the Church, 1919–1932.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 19-22 November 2012. Panel sponsored by the Syrian Studies Association.

“The Syrian Press in the Mahjar and Emigrant Activism during WWI.” The Mashriq & the Mahjar Workshop, Khayrallah Program for Lebanese Diaspora Studies, North Carolina State University, 13-15 April 2012.

“Seeds for the Sower: Amin Rihani and Revolution.” Second International Conference on Lebanese-American Literary Figures, Notre Dame University, Lebanon, 5-7 April 2011.

“The Syrian and Lebanese American Federation: a Case for Connection, 1935–1948.” Connections and Ruptures: America and the Middle East, American University of Beirut, 3-6 January 2010.

### **Conference Sessions Organized/Chaired**

Session Organizer, “Filtering Frontiers: Migrants, Refugees, and Borders in the Arab Middle East.”

American Historical Association Annual Meeting, 5-8 January 2018.

Session Discussant, "Gendering Migration and Transnationalizing Gender in the Middle East and North Africa." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 19-22 November 2017.

Session Organizer, "Humanitarianism in the Ottoman Empire during World War I." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 19-22 November 2017. Sponsored by the Society for Armenian Studies.

Session Chair, "Movement and Migration in the Ottoman Empire," British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, 5-7 July 2017.

Session Organizer, "Transborder Networks: Middle Eastern Migrants and the Americas." Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, 6-9 April 2017.

Session Organizer, "Sykes-Picot at 100: Maps, Memoirs, and Migrants in First World War Studies." Special roundtable session at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 18-21 November 2016.

Session Organizer, "Black Market Mobilities: Clandestine Trades and Traffic in the Middle East, 1880-1940." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 17-20 November 2015.

Session Organizer, "The Transnational Middle East: Political Society and Culture in Middle Eastern Diasporas." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, 7-10 October 2013.

## TEACHING

### California State University, Stanislaus

HIST 3120: Ancient Mediterranean World (Lecture, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

HIST 4960: Senior Seminar (Research Seminar, Fall 2017)

HIST 4950: Modern Assyrian History (Topics Seminar, Spring 2018)

### California State University, Fresno

SSCI 150T: Gender and Sexuality in Islamic History (Seminar, Fall 2016)

HIST 107: History of the Modern Middle East (Lecture, Fall 2016)

HIST 109: World War I in the Middle East (Lecture, Spring 2017), Course Project: [\*World War Alla Turca: War Reporting on the Ottoman Front\*](#)

SSCI 150T: Migrants and Refugees in the Middle East (Seminar, Spring 2017)

### Williams College

HIST 207/ARAB 207: Modern Middle Eastern History (Lecture/Seminar, Fall 2014)

HIST 306/ARAB 306: Migration, Displacement, and Dispossession in the Middle East (Seminar, Spring 2015)

### Northeastern University

As instructor of record:

HIST 1290: The Modern Middle East, 1800 to Present (Fall 2012, Spring 2013)

HIST 1185: Middle Eastern History to 1800 (Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012)

HIST 2360: Global Migration History (Spring 2011)

As teaching assistant:

HIST 1185: Introduction to Middle Eastern History to 1800

INST 1290/HIST 1290: The Modern Middle East, 1800 to Present

### Education Abroad Programs

Program Assistant, Northeastern University Dialogue of Civilizations: Syria (Summer 2010): Developed

new summer program in Damascus, Homs, and Aleppo with Shakir Mustafa. Assisted with courses in Arabic language and contemporary Syrian culture.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

### **Service to the Profession**

Editor, H-Migration Listserv, 2015-Present

Co-coordinator, Women Historians of the Middle East (WHOME), 2014-Present

Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

Member at Large, 2016-2017

Secretary Treasurer (501c3), 2013-2015

Administrator, First World War in the Middle East Scholarly Network, 2015-2017

Selection Committee, Syrian Studies Association Book Award, 2017

Selection Committee, Evelyn Shakir Arab American Book Award, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, MI, 2014-2016

Manuscript Reviewer for *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle Eastern Migration Studies*, *Amerasia Journal*, *American Journal of Undergraduate Research*, Bloomsbury Academic, Routledge Middle East Studies Series, and University of Arkansas Press

Indexed boxes 135-147 (Arabic language materials) for the Michael W. Suleiman Collection, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, Michigan

### **California State University, Stanislaus**

Director, Francis Sarguis Modern Assyrian Heritage Project, 2017-Present

Selection Committee Chair, Sarguis Student Fellowship for Modern Assyrian Studies, 2017-Present

Faculty Advisor, Assyrian Student Club, 2017-Present

### **California State University, Fresno**

Organizer, Symposia Series in Islamic Studies, California State University, Fresno, 2016-2017

Faculty Mentor, College of Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Fellowships, 2017

Sheila Her (Public Policy), "Media Portrayals of Refugees and Resettlement: a Comparative Study of the Hmong and Syrian Cases"

Faculty Advisor, No Lost Generation Student Organization, 2016-2017

Workshop Organizer, "Religious & Ethnic Minorities in the Ottoman Empire," with Armenian Studies Program, 3 February 2017.

## **PUBLIC HUMANITIES WORK AND MEDIA**

\* Interview with Carmen Morad on *Modern Assyrian*, Assyrian National Broadcasting (SAT). 17 January

2018. To air February 2018.

Interview with American History TV (CSPAN3) on Syrian immigrants in the United States during the First World War. Aired 17 June 2017. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?425541-18/syrian-immigrants-world-war>

KVPR Valley Edition program, “For Fresno’s Syrian Refugees, Assistance Workers Say Community is Key to Recovery.” 3 April 2017. <https://goo.gl/K1mAs0>

“Resources for Migration and Refugee Histories of the Middle East,” *IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society* blog, 30 March 2017. <https://goo.gl/jTmjcb>

“Teaching Migrant and Refugee Histories in the Shadow of Trump,” *IEHS Online: the Immigration and Ethnic History Society* blog, 27 March 2017. <https://goo.gl/QKseM3>

“What we can learn about America’s other Muslim Ban (Back in 1918).” *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses*, 8 February 2017. <https://goo.gl/szW7GM>

Research consulting, Aljazeera Plus series on Syrian immigration to the United States. “The Lost Syrian Neighborhood in Boston.” February 2017. <https://goo.gl/7xQaAn>

Interview with ABC 30 Fresno, “Fresno State struggling with immigration restrictions and what they could mean for campus,” 31 January 2017. <https://goo.gl/aYKoH5>

Interview with Fresno Bee, “Trump executive order on immigrants bars people with ties to the central San Joaquin valley,” 31 January 2017. <https://goo.gl/lrUcy1>

Interview with GVwire.com on the Syrian conflict and Syrian refugee resettlement in Fresno. 9 December 2016. Clip of Part 1: <https://goo.gl/6QmiAj>

Led USCIS officer training session, “Syrian Refugees and Asylum, Historical Considerations.” US Citizenship and Immigration Services Asylum Office, San Francisco, 18 November 2015. Berkeley CMES summary: <https://goo.gl/GclwME>

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Arabic, Spanish, Portuguese, French

## **SCHOLARLY ASSOCIATIONS**

Middle East Studies Association, American Historical Association, Syrian Studies Association, Arab American Studies Association

\* References available upon request

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