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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2016-present** Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University –
Bloomington
- 2007-2016** Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University –
Bloomington
- 2009-2016** Adjunct Assistant Professor of History, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2005-2007** Assistant Professor of History, The University of Memphis
- 2004-2005** Visiting Instructor of African and Middle Eastern History, Franklin and Marshall College
- 2003** Lecturer in History, Georgetown University

EDUCATION

- 2005** Ph.D. with Distinction, History of the Middle East and North Africa,
Georgetown University. Dissertation: “*Enter the Future!:* Exemplars of
Bourgeois Modernity in Post-WWII Syria.” Dissertation Advisor: Judith Tucker
- 2000** M.A. with Distinction, Arab Studies, Georgetown University
- 1996** B.A. Summa Cum Laude, History, University of Houston

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2015** *Syria's Democratic Years: Citizens, Experts, and Media in the 1950s*, Indiana
University Press, 2015

Articles in Peer-Review Journals

- 2015** “‘Behind Cinerama’s Aluminum Curtain’: Cold War Spectacle and Propaganda at
the First Damascus International Exposition,” The Journal of Cold War Studies 17,
no. 4 (Fall 2015), pp. 59-85.
- 2014** “Middle East Historiography: Did We Miss the Cultural Turn?” History Compass
12/2 (2014), pp. 178-186. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/hic3.v12.2/issuetoc>
- 2010** “Presenting the ‘True Face of Syria’ to the World: Urban Disorder and
Civilizational Anxieties at the First Damascus International Exposition,”
International Journal of Middle East Studies, 42, no. 3 (2010), pp. 391-411.
- 2009** “Peasants into Syrians?” Quick Studies, As You See It. International Journal of
Middle East Studies 41, no. 1 (2009), pp. 4-6.

Encyclopedia Articles

- 2008** “The Baghdad Pact.” *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: Volume I*, Ruud van Dijk, et
al, eds. New York: Routledge, 2008, pp. 55-57.

- 2008** "Syria." *Encyclopedia of the Cold War: Volume II*, Ruud van Dijk, et al, eds. New York: Routledge, 2008, pp. 872-874.

Book Reviews

- 2016** *British Imperialism and "the Tribal Question": Desert Administration and Nomadic Societies in the Middle East, 1919-1936*, by Robert S. G. Fletcher. The American Historical Review, 2016 121 (2): 686-687.
- 2007** *The Modern Middle East: A History*, by James L. Gelvin. Teaching History: A Journal of Methods, 32 (1), Spring 2007.
- 2006** *Being Modern in the Middle East: Revolution, Nationalism, Colonialism, and the Arab Middle Class*, by Keith David Watenpaugh. Syrian Studies Association Newsletter, 12 (2), Fall 2006.

Works in Progress

- "The Public Security Police Speak with the 'Voice of Syria': The Arab World's First Experiment with Authoritarian Culture" (Article in preparation for submission to Cultural and Social History)
- "'The Conquest of the Desert': War, Motorized Transport, and Environmental Imaginaries in the Twentieth-Century Arab East." (Article in preparation for submission to The American Historical Review)

HONORS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- 2016-2017** Membership, Institute for Advanced Studies (Princeton), School of Historical Studies (alternate)
- 2016-2017** Fellowship, National Humanities Center (alternate among 449 applicants)
- 2011-2012** Core Fulbright Scholar Award to Syria, Council for International Exchange of Scholars (Withdrawn due to uprising in Syria)
- 2010** Best Article Prize, Syrian Studies Association, 2010, for "Presenting the 'True Face of Syria' to the World: Urban Disorder and Civilizational Anxieties at the First Damascus International Exposition," International Journal of Middle East Studies, 42, no. 3 (2010), pp. 391-411.
- 2009** New Frontiers In the Arts and Humanities Exploration Traveling Fellowship, Office of the Vice-Provost for Research, Indiana University
- 2009** Overseas Research Grant, Office of the Vice-President for International Affairs, Indiana University
- 2008, 2009** Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University
- 2006** Best Dissertation Prize, Syrian Studies Association, 2006, for '*Enter the Future!': Exemplars of Bourgeois Modernity in Post-WWII Syria*
- 2005** Distinction in Dissertation, Department of History, Georgetown University,
- 2005** Faculty Research Grant, Franklin and Marshall College
- 2003-2004** Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Department of History, Georgetown University
- 2001-2002** Research Associate, French Institute for Arab Studies (IFEAD) in Damascus

- 2001-2002** Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship for Syria
- 2000-2001** Fulbright Research Grant for Syria, Institute of International Education
- 2000** Distinction in Comprehensive Doctoral Exams, Department of History, Georgetown University
- 1999** Scholarship, School of Languages, Middlebury College
- 1998, 2003** Piepho Research Grant (competitive), Georgetown University
- 1997-2005** Fellowship, Department of History, Georgetown University
- 1997-1998** Al-Sayyid Hassan Taher Scholarship, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
- 1997** Scholarship, Summer Language Study, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
- 1996-1997** Scholarship, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University
- 1996** *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Houston
- 1996** Excellence in German Literature Award, Dept. of Modern and Classical Languages, University of Houston
- 1995-1996** Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, Department of History, University of Houston

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2016** Roundtable, "Where is Culture Now? The Place of Culture in Middle East Studies," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, November 17th-20th, 2016
- 2016** "A State without Citizens: The Tragedy of Syrian History," Invited talk, Wofford College, October 11, 2016
- 2016** "Local Actors: Syria and Iraq," *ISIL and its Regional and International Implications*, Conference sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Middle East and the Center for American and Global Security, Indiana University, October 6th-8th, 2016
- 2016** Global Trends Critique Workshop, National Intelligence Council, Center on American and Global Security, Indiana University – Bloomington, July 8, 2016.
- 2016** "The Etiquette of Mobility in the Global 1950s: American Automobiles, Syrian Streets, and the Imperatives of Order," Invited presentation, conference on "The Global Middle East in the Age of Speed," Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Birmingham (UK), June 2nd-3rd, 2016
- 2016** "A State without Citizens: The Tragedy of Syrian History," Invited talk, Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut, March 16, 2016
- 2016** "A State without Citizens: The Tragedy of Syrian History," Invited talk, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Center for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University, February 16, 2016
- 2015** "Russia's Growing Involvement in Syria," Invited presentation, Center on American and Global Security, Indiana University, December 2, 2015
- 2015** "The Voice of Syria: Mass Media and the Arab World's First Cult of Personality," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November

21st-24th, 2015

- 2015** "A State without Citizens: The Tragedy of Syrian History," Invited talk, Department of History, Franklin and Marshall College, November 12, 2015
- 2015** "A State without Citizens: The Tragedy of Syrian History," Invited presentation, Conference on Theorizing Current Transformations in the Middle East and North Africa Conference, Northwestern University, October 21st-24th, 2015
- 2015** Global Trends 2035 Workshop, National Intelligence Council, Center on American and Global Security, Indiana University – Bloomington, April 2nd-3rd, 2015.
- 2015** "The Public Security Police Speaks with the Voice of Syria: The Arab World's First Experiment with Authoritarian Culture," Invited talk, Institute for Middle East Studies, The George Washington University, February 12, 2015
- 2014** "Back Again: Us & Iraq": Panel Discussion on the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, Center for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University, September 22, 2014
- 2014** "Commemorating the Martyr of Arabism in Post-Colonial Time and Space: The Symbolic Power of Staff Colonel 'Adnan al-Malki's Remains," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2nd-5th, 2014
- 2013** "Is the Syrian Revolt Necessarily a Sectarian Conflict?" Reform and Revolution in the Arab World, Indiana University-Bloomington, April 12th-13th, 2013
- 2013** "The Struggle for Syria Resumes," Syria in Crisis, Indiana University-Bloomington, February 14th, 2013
- 2012** Roundtable, "Cosmopolitanism and Modernity in the 20th Century Middle East." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, November 17th-20th, 2012
- 2012** "The Role of Culture and Religion in the Levant Region," Invited talk, 1st Armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas, July 16, 2102
- 2012** "Why Have They Remained Loyal? A Cultural History of the Syrian Armed Forces," Invited talk, CENTCOM, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida, July 9, 2012
- 2011** "'A New Kind of Propaganda': State Building, the Cold War, and the Damascus International Exposition," Invited talk, Middle East Studies Center, The Ohio State University, February 9, 2011
- 2010** "'The Conquest of the Desert': Global Capitalism, Western Imperialism, Arab Nationalism, and the Reformulation of Boundaries in the Twentieth-Century Arab East." Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, November 18th-21st, 2010
- 2010** "Behind the Aluminum Curtain: The United States Information Service at the First Damascus International Exposition." Conference on "Cold War Cultures: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Perspectives," University of Texas at Austin, September 30th-October 3rd, 2010
- 2010** "Presenting the 'True Face of Syria' to the World," Faculty and Graduate Student Colloquium, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington, February 17, 2010

- 2007** “Adnan al-Malki, the ‘Martyr of Arabism’: Murder, Masculinity, and Secular Sacrifice in Post-WWII Syria.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, November 2007
- 2006** “Piety as Non-Conformity: The Holy Fool in the Ottoman Arab East,” The University of Memphis Phi Alpha Theta Lecture Series, November 2006.
- 2006** Roundtable Participant, Conference on Current Political Issues in the Middle East, Invited presentation, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, April 17, 2006
- 2005** “‘Lights that Dazzle the Viewer:’ Bourgeois Industry, Consumption, and Leisure at the Damascus International Exposition of 1954.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2005
- 2005** “Creating Failed and Rogue States: Modern Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon in World Historical Context,” Seventh Annual Summer Teacher Workshop, Center for Contemporary Studies, Georgetown University, June 2005
- 2003** “‘The Policeman is the Friend of the Kids’: The Journal of the General Security Police and the Marketing of Security in Post-WWII Syria,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Anchorage, Alaska, November 2003
- 2000** Symposium Report: Syria Study Group, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Spring 2000
- 1998** “History as Told in Ba’thi Secondary School Textbooks,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, December 1998

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2015** “The Humanitarian Crisis in Syria,” International Education Week, Invited talk, Ivy Tech Community College, November 16, 2015
- 2015** “Europe’s Refugee Crisis,” Roundtable Discussion, The Institute for European Studies, Indiana University – Bloomington, October 1, 2015
- 2015** “Syria: The History behind the Civil War,” Great Decisions Series, Center for the Study of the Middle East, Indiana University – Bloomington, May 12, 2015
- 2014** “The US and ISIS: Is War the Answer?,” Panel Discussion, Monroe County Public Library, November 11, 2014
- 2013** “Syria: How We Got Here,” Mini University, Indiana University, June 13, 2013
- 2012** Interview on Internet Outage in Syria, WIBC Afternoon News, November 29, 2012
- 2012** Interview on the Syrian Uprising, WIUX News Hour, February 3, 2012.
- 2007** “The U.S. in the Middle East,” Great Decisions Series, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University – Bloomington, October 3, 2007
- 2007** Discussion Moderator, “Films from Syria,” Fourth Annual College of Liberal Arts Foreign Film Series, Towson University, March 6, 2007
- 2006** “Iraq: The Unnatural State,” Public Address, The University of Memphis High School Scholars’ Seminar, 2005-2006, April 25, 2006
- 2006** “Living and Doing Research in a ‘Rogue State,’” Public Address, College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Reception, University of Memphis, October 2005
- 2003** “A Look at Syria Today,” Public Symposium, Invited talk, University of Alaska at

Anchorage, November 2003

- 2003** “World History in the American University: An Overview,” *Il mondo come orizzonte tra globalizzazione e interculturalita’* [World History Conference and Workshop for High School Teachers], Brescia, Italy, March 2003

COURSES TAUGHT

Indiana University – Bloomington

Introduction to Islamic Civilization (Survey), The Historiography of the Modern Middle East (Directed Reading), The Making of the Modern Middle East (Survey), Iraq and Syria in the Twentieth Century (Graduate Colloquium), Theory and Method in Middle East Historiography (Graduate Colloquium), Middle East History through Literature and Film (Upper-Level Undergraduate), The Cultural History of the Middle East (Graduate Colloquium)

The University of Memphis

The Philosophy of History (Graduate Colloquium), The Development of World Civilization II (Survey), The Modern Middle East (Survey), The Modern Islamic World (Survey), Modern Iraq (Honors Forum), Modern Syria (Directed Reading)

Franklin and Marshall College

Africa North and West (Survey), The Modern Middle East (Survey), The Islamic World (Survey), The Colonial Experience in Africa (Survey), Iraq and Syria in the Twentieth Century (Undergraduate Seminar), Slavery in the Atlantic World (Honors Thesis), US-Iraqi Relations (Directed Reading), Colonial North Africa (Directed Reading), The Ba’th Party (Directed Reading)

Georgetown University

Middle East Civilization II (Survey)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2016** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (3) for Alecia Binhack, Marine Brichard, Sardar Dautov. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2016** Co-Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Çan Badahir Yüce, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2015-2016** Chair, Curriculum Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2015** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (5) for Abdullah Alotaibi, Kevin Pace, Ben Priest, Liz Watkins, Lin Zhao. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2015-present** Faculty Advisor, IU Bloomington Semper Fidelis Society
- 2014** Member, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for İnçi Aksu, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2014-present** Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Sarah Azmeh, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2014** Panel Chair, “Muslim Discourses on Revolution, Liberty, and the Rule of Law” Mapping the Landscapes of Islamic Studies Conference, Indiana University -

Bloomington, November 2nd, 2014

- 2014** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (11) for John Boyd, Troy Cummins, Alex Davidson, Henry Ensher, Garrett Guinivan, Katie Larson, Lindsey Pullum, Yasser Sultan, Bridget Trent, Jennifer Webeck, Will Zander. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2013** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (7) for Huseyin Arslan, Gregory Auclair, Benjamin Burnett, Fred Perry, Basem al-Raba'a, Anne Willborn. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2013** Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Feriha Perekli, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2013** Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Jedidiah Anderson, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2013** Member, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Theresa Dazey, Department of History, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012-present** Advisor, Ph.D. Student Ghassan Nasr, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012-2015** Advisor, Ph.D. Student Jedidiah Anderson, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012-2013** Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Ahmad Alqinai, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012-2013** Member, Lectures and Awards Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012** Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Khaled Albateni, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2012** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (5) for Inçi Aksu, Musaed Alenezi, Zehra Guven Kilicarslan, Katie Peoples, Catharine Wayne. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011-present** Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Nabil Ouassini, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011-2012** Member, Student Fulbright Grant Review Committee, Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011-2012** Member, Middle East History Search Committee, Department of History, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011-2012** NELC Departmental News Editor, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011-2012** Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Bloomington Faculty Council, Indiana University
- 2011** Chair, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Ahmad Alqinai, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2011** Member, Faculty Salary Review Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures

- 2011** Faculty Mentor, International Studies Capstone Project for Lena Grote
- 2011** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (3) for Danie Becknell, Addison Hertzberger, Cal Margulis, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010-present** Advisor, Ph.D. Student Khaled Albateni, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010-2013** Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Kalani Craig, Department of History, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010-2013** Chair, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Ahmad Alqinai, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010-2012** Member, Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Waed Athmaneh, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010-2011** Member, Faculty Affairs Committee, Bloomington Faculty Council, Indiana University
- 2010** Reader, Summer Pre-Dissertation Travel Grants, Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2010** Faculty Mentor, International Studies Capstone Project for Alex Davidson
- 2010** Faculty Mentor, International Studies Capstone Project for Sam Schilling
- 2010** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (2) for Theresa Dazey, Luke Huber. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009-2013** Member, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Ahmad Almallah, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009-2011** Member, Executive Advisory Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009-2010** Recording Secretary, Faculty Meetings, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009** Member, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Sheila Akbar, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009** Member, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam Committee for Kalani Craig, Department of History, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committee for Alyssa Spartz, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2009** Member, Graduate Admissions and Student Affairs Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2008-2009** Member, Ad Hoc Memorial Lecture Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2008-2009** Webpage Coordinator, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2008** Member, MA Comprehensive Exam Committees (2) for Ahmad Alqinai, Cory Rutz. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2008** Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and

- Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2007-2008** Member, Graduate Admissions and Student Affairs Committee, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2007-2008** Recording Secretary, Faculty Meetings, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2007-2008** Member, Middle East Conflict and Reform Group, Indiana University – Bloomington
- 2006-2007** Member, Modern Middle East History Search Committee, Department of History, University of Memphis
- 2006-2007** Member, Departmental Self-Study Committee, Department of History, University of Memphis
- 2006-2007** Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, University of Memphis
- 2006** Co-director, Fulbright Student Workshop, Center for International Programs and Services, University of Memphis
- 2005-2006** Member, Asian History Search Committee, Department of History, University of Memphis
- 2005** Faculty Advisor, Arab Students' Association, University of Memphis
- 2004-2005** Member, Africana Studies Committee, Franklin and Marshall College
- 2004-2005** Advisor, History of the Islamic World Search Committee, Department of History, Franklin and Marshall College

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2015-present** Reader, Oxford University Press
- 2015-present** Reader, Diplomatic History
- 2012** Member, Best Dissertation Prize Committee, Syrian Studies Association
- 2011** Member, Best Article Prize Committee, Syrian Studies Association
- 2009-present** Reader, Routledge Academic Publications, Middle East Studies Series
- 2009** Reviewer (Alternate), Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad Program
- 2007** Judge, Tennessee History Day (Tennessee state-wide competition)
- 2006-2009** Book Review Editor, H-Levant (a subsidiary of H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences OnLine)
- 2006** Panel Chair, "Advertising in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective" Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2006
- 2006** Judge, Tennessee History Day (Tennessee regional and state-wide competitions)
- 2005-present** Reader, International Journal of Middle East Studies
- 1996-1998** Member, Editorial Board, Arab Studies Journal

CONSULTING

- 2012-present** Consulting Expert, Lewis & Kappes, PC, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2011-2012** Consulting Expert, Moshe & Stimson, LLP, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2011** Consulting Expert, Science Applications International Corporation, McLean, Virginia

2010-2012 Consulting Expert, Rice, Amundsen, and Cooper, PLLC, Memphis, Tennessee

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic: Speak, read, write

Levantine Arabic Dialect: Speak

German: Read, write

French: Read

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES

1998-present Member, Middle East Studies Association

2000-present Member, Middle East Social and Cultural History Association

1999-present Member, American Historical Association

1999-present Member, Syrian Studies Association