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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

University of California, Berkeley

PhD in History, 2015

Dissertation: "Schooling the State: Educators in Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan c.1890-c.1960"

MA in History, 2009

Brown University – Providence, RI

Bachelor of Arts in Middle East Studies, 2006

Magna Cum Laude, Honors in Middle East Studies, Phi Beta Kappa

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Full time academic appointments:

University of Colorado Boulder

Assistant Professor, History Department

2018-Present

Endowed Professor of Israel/Palestine Studies in the Program in Jewish Studies

Furman University

2016-2018

Assistant Professor, History Department

Co-Chair, Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor

Visiting appointments:

Harvard University

Non-Resident Fellow at the Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for International Affairs

2019-2020

Visiting Associate at the Middle East Initiative, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for International Affairs

2018-2019

Harvard University

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

2015-2016

Tel Aviv University, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies

2014-2015

Guest Scholar

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

Teachers as State-builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East Princeton University Press, Princeton, N.J. 2022

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

"The Historiography of Education in the Modern Middle East" *History of Education*, 52: No. 2-3, 2023, 311-329 <https://doi-org.colorado.idm.oclc.org/10.1080/0046760X.2022.2127006>

"A World of Tomorrow": Diaspora Intellectuals and Liberal Thought in the 1950s," *Journal of Palestine Studies*, 50:2, 2021, 92-107
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0377919X.2021.1889875>

"The Next Generation of Cultivators': teaching agriculture in Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan (1920-1960)". *Histoire de l'Education*. No. 148, 2019, 143-164
<https://doi.org/10.4000/histoire-education.3653>

"Bursary Scholars at the American University of Beirut: Living and Practising Arab Unity," *The British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 42, No. 4, October 2015. 599-617
<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/wyJsm8x9mB7zAiNjMJbW/full>

"Pedagogical paradox: Education and Internationalization in the Mandates for Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq)," *Kufa Review*, No. 2, Issue 3, Summer 2013, 53-72
http://journals.uokufa.edu.iq/index.php/Kufa_Review/article/view/226

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

"The Little Persian Agent in Palestine: Husayn Ruhi, British Intelligence, and World War I," *The Jerusalem Quarterly*, Issue 66, September 2016, 65-74
<http://www.palestine-studies.org/jq/fulltext/202341>

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

"Local and Colonial Educators in the Mandates for Iraq and Palestine: Contested Expertise within National and International Frameworks" in Philippe Bourmaud, Norig Neveu, Chantal Verdeil, *Experts Et Expertise Dans Les Mandats De La Société des Nations : Figures, Champs, Outils*. Paris, Presses de l'Inalco, 2020. 313-330

"Education Policy in Iraq: Competing Visions of the State." in Benjamin Isakhan, Shamiran Mako and Fadi Dawood (eds.), *State and Society in Iraq: Citizenship under Occupation, Dictatorship and Democratization*, London, I.B. Tauris, 2017. 90-108

POPULAR ARTICLES AND PODCASTS (NOT PEER REVIEWED)

"Schooling the Nation" with Gilad Halpern. Tel Aviv Review, January 2024.
<https://tlv1.fm/the-tel-aviv-review/2024/01/08/schooling-the-nation/>

"Teachers as State-Builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East" with Reuben Silverman. New Books Network. March 2023.
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/teachers-as-state-builders>

"Teachers as State-Builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East." New Texts Out Now, *Jadaliyya*. October 7, 2022.

<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/44475>

"The American University of Beirut and the British Mandates" with Chris Gratien, Huma Gupta and Nir Shafir. Ottoman History Podcast, No. 213, March 2016.

Editor's pick for best podcast, 2016.

<http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2016/03/AUB-british-mandate.html>

"The Museum of Textbooks (Jordan)," *HAZINE*, October 9, 2014.

<http://hazine.info/museumoftextbooks/>

"Educators and Revolutions in the 20th century Middle East" with Douglas O'Reagan. Historical Outreach. No. 3, 2014.

<http://historicaloutreach.blogspot.com/2014/04/educators-and-revolution-in-20th.html>

"Iraqi Archival Sources in Israel," *The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) Newsletter*, Issue No. 8-1, Spring 2013. p. 12.

<http://uruk-warka.dk/news/01-2014/TAARII%20-%20Behnam%20Abusouuf%20web.pdf>

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Outstanding Book Award, History of Education Society
- 2023 Kayden Research Grant, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2020, 1 Center for Humanities & the Arts Small Grant Program, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2019 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
- 2019 The National Academy of Education Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship
- 2017 Research and Professional Growth Grant, Furman University
- 2017 John Block Fund Award, History Department, Furman University
- 2017 Summer Institute for Israel Studies Fellowship, Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University
- 2015 The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Dissertation Prize
Awarded bi-annually to the best U.S. doctoral dissertation on modern/ medieval Iraq.
- 2014 Dissertation Write-up Fellowship, History Department, University of California Berkeley
- 2013 The National Academy of Education Spencer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2013 The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq Research Fellowship for U.S. Scholars

- 2012 Sultan Program of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley
Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2012 Palestinian American Research Center Dissertation Fellowship
Declined due to additional funding received.
- 2011 Institute of International Education Graduate Fellowship for International Study with Funding
from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
*Received for dissertation archival research in the United Kingdom, Lebanon, Jordan and Israel in lieu of the
canceled Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.*
- 2011 Graduate Division University of California Berkeley Dean's Dissertation Research
Fellowship
- 2010 Graduate Division Summer Grant, University of California Berkeley
- 2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship, University of California Berkeley
Received for Arabic language study, Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Damascus, Syria.
- 2007 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Scholarship, University of California Berkeley
Received for Arabic language study at the University of California, Berkeley
- 2007 History Department Fellowship, University of California Berkeley
- 2006 Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University
- 2006 Samuel C. Lamport Prize in International Understanding, Brown University

TEACHING

University of Colorado Boulder– Boulder, CO Instructor of Record

History Today: Nationalism & Collective Memory in Israel/Palestine	<i>Upper Division Course with a study abroad component</i>
History of Modern Israel/Palestine	<i>Upper Division Course</i>
Readings in Global History: Transnational History	<i>Graduate Seminar</i>
Jewish History Since 1492	<i>Lower Division Lecture Course</i>
Modern Childhood in Israel/Palestine	<i>Upper Division Seminar/ Graduate Seminar</i>
Students and Revolutions	<i>Lower Division Seminar</i>

Individualized Instruction:

PhD student committee member:

Tiffany Beebe, second reader	Spring, 2022
Michael Bunch	
Kathleen King	

Undergraduate honors thesis committee member:

Sarah Collins	Spring, 2022
Samantha McKinsey	Spring, 2022
Gigi Saad, co-advisor	Spring, 2023
Shane Ball	Spring, 2023

Capstone project advisor:

Shane Ball	Fall, 2022
Julia Leone	Spring, 2022

Furman University – Greenville, SC
Instructor of Record

Introduction to the Modern Middle East	<i>Lower Division Lecture Course</i>
Last Islamic Empires: Ottomans, Safavids and Mughals	<i>Lower Division Lecture Course</i>
The Arab/Israeli Conflict	<i>Upper Division Lecture/Seminar</i>
Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Capstone Course	<i>Upper Division Seminar</i>

University of California, Berkeley – Berkeley, CA
Graduate Student Instructor or Reader

World Cities	<i>Lower Division Lecture</i>
The United States and the World Since 1919	<i>Lower Division Lecture</i>
Introduction to the History of the Modern Middle East	<i>Lower Division Lecture</i>
Jews and Muslims	<i>Lower Division Lecture</i>

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 “Reading, Writing, Revolution? Teachers and the Making of the Modern Middle East.” Ole Miss University. Sponsored by the History Department, the Department of Teacher Education, the University Lecture Series, University of Mississippi Hillel, and the Oxford Jewish Federation
- 2023 “Teachers as State-builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East” The Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies
- 2023 “Re-Making the Middle East” Rhodes College.

- 2023 "Islam and Gender" Rhodes College.
- 2023 "Teachers as State-builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East," Global Studies in Education Program, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign
- 2023 "Teachers as State-builders: Education and the Making of the Modern Middle East" Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Haifa
- 2022 "Religion and Standardized Testing in the Modern Middle East" Workshop in Religion and Education, Stanford Graduate School of Education.
- 2021 "Testing the Transnational: Standardized Testing in Israel", "Across Borders: Transnational/Comparative Approaches to the History of Jewish Education" Conference, at Stanford Graduate School of Education and the Taube Center for Jewish Studies in the Stanford School of Humanities & Sciences.
- 2020 "Testing Zionism: An Imperial and Middle Eastern History of the Bagrut" Scholars Seminar on Israel Studies, Brandeis University
- 2019 "Standardized Testing: An Imperial Legacy of the Modern Middle East" Harvard Middle East and North Africa Workshop at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- 2018 "Teachers without borders: Education across Britain's Middle Eastern Mandates" "Reordering the Middle East 1912-1948" Conference, Center for European Studies, Harvard University
- 2017 "A Practical and Impractical History of the Liberal Arts" Francis Bonner American Scholar Lecture Series
- 2016 "Sykes-Picot and the Modern Middle East" "High Noon at the Upcountry History Museum" Public lecture series
- 2016 "Schooling the State: A Transnational History of Public Education and Governance in the 20th Century Middle East" The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University
- 2016 "Reading, Writing, Revolution: Educators in the Interwar Middle East" The Watson Institute, Brown University
- 2015 "Teachers into Ministers: A History of Public Education and Regime Stability in the Middle East" The Harvard Kennedy School of Government
<http://belfercenter.hks.harvard.edu/publication/26164/podcast.html>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Teaching Israel-Palestine" Roundtable presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2023 "Policies and Palestinian Education: Standardized Testing from the Mandate into the Israeli State" The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies

- 2023 “National Claims to Universal Standards: Examinations, Development and Decolonization,” International Standing Conference for the History of Education Annual Meeting
- 2023 “Local, National and Colonial Criteria: Standardized Testing in Britain's Middle Eastern Mandates.” The British Mandate in Palestine: Regional and Global Contexts, The Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 2023 “National Claims to Universal Standards: Knowledge Production, Examinations and Decolonization” Becoming Independent; Institutions and Epistemologies of Knowledge Production in the Age of Decolonisation workshop, Cambridge University.
- 2022 “The Test and the Nation: Transnationalism, Sovereignty, and the History of Israel’s Standardized Testing” The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2022 “Apostles of Knowledge: Modernity, Domesticity and the Transnational Schoolmistresses of 20th century Iraq” The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2022 “Merit and the Middle East: an Israeli-Palestinian history of standardized testing.” “Is there an Israeli History without Palestinian History?” International Workshop at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute
- 2022 “Testing the Waters: Palestinian Arab Educators, Zionism and Imperialism” Association for Israel Studies Annual Meeting
- 2021 “Decolonization and Standardized Testing across the Modern Middle East” The History of Education Society Annual Meeting
- 2020 “Standardized Futures: A political history of Jordan’s Tawjihi” The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2020 “A Tale of Three Exams: The Shared Origins of Israel’s Bagrut and Jordan’s Tawjihi in the Mandate for Palestine” The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2020 “Global Iraq: Gender, Education and Travel” Iraqi Studies: Past, Present, and Future, Columbia University
- 2019 “The Gender of Teaching in Mandate Palestine” The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2019 “Intellectuals and Imperialisms in the Mandate for Palestine” The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2018 “Teaching Palestine in the Context of Jewish Studies” The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2018 “Colonialism and Cultivation: The Politics of Teaching Agriculture in the Mandate for Palestine” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting
- 2018 “Endowed Chairs and Professors of Israel Studies and Israel/Palestine Studies: Opportunities

- and Challenges.”
The Annual Conference of the Association for Jewish Studies
- 2017 “Colonial Crossings: Educational networks across Britain’s Middle Eastern Mandates”
The North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting
- 2017 “Learning Exile: Palestinian Educators Abroad”
Palestinian Historians of Palestine Colloquium, Kings College London
- 2017 “Educating the Arab World: Intellectuals, Theory and Practice in 20th Century Iraq”
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 “‘Ruhi the Ingenious’: A Transnational Agent during the First World War”
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 “A Culture of ‘Cram’: Standardized Testing in Britain’s Middle Eastern Mandates”
The North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting
- 2016 “Border Crossings: Educational Networks across Britain’s Mandates in the Middle East”
The History of Education Society Annual Meeting
- 2015 “Subversive Teachers and the Limits of Rebellion: Government Schooling across the Interwar Middle East”
The Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting
- 2015 “Local and Colonial Educators in the Mandates for Iraq and Palestine: Contested Expertise within National and International Frameworks”
“Experts and Expertise in the League of Nations Mandates: Figures, Fields and Tools”
International Conference INALCO (Paris)/Institut universitaire de France/Université Jean Moulin– Lyon3/Institut français du Proche-Orient (Ifpo)
- 2014 “Learning Exile: Palestinian Students and Educators Abroad 1940-1957”
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2014 “‘The Creation of World-Mind’: British Civil Servants, Education, and the Mandates for Iraq and Palestine”
American Historical Association Annual Meeting, (Panel Organizer)
- 2013 “Teachers into Ministers: Palestinian and Jordanian Educators 1917-1958”
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2012 “‘Are They Educating Their Pupils for a World in which They are To Be First or Second?’: Government Schools and Citizenship in the Mandates for Mesopotamia(Iraq) and Palestine”
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2010 “Pedagogical paradox: Education and Internationalization in the Mandates for Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq)”
International Standing Conference for the History of Education (ISCHE) 34, Society for the

History of Children and Youth & Disability History Association
Finalist for the ISCHE Conference Paper Prize Award.

- 2010 “Subjectivity at the Limits of a Colonial State: A Good Teacher in the Mandate for Palestine”
 The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (Panel Organizer)

SERVICE

Committee Work:

- 2022- Associate Director of Graduate Studies and member of the Executive Committee,
 Present University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies. (On parental leave Fall 2023)
- 2022 Singer Chair Search Committee member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of
 History, University of Colorado Boulder
- Graduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies
- 2021-2 Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish
 Studies
- 2021 Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado Boulder History Department
- 2020-1 Organizer of Israel/Palestine Event Programming, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2019-
 Present
- 2017 Furman University Curriculum Committee
- 2017 Co-Chair, Furman University Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor

Outreach:

- 2023 Interview with Voice of America Korea on the history of the Israel-Hamas war
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3d9b652m50U&t=34s>
- 2023 Interview with Fox 31 on the history of the Israel-Hamas war
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZKs1nu4uvv4R_qCU8mQSAKqqwYOxG0pS/view
- 2023 Interview with Jennifer Soules “The how and what of the latest Israel-Hamas war”, CU
 Boulder Today
- 2023 “The History and Context of the Israel-Hamas War” public talk given at the Nederland
 Public Library and the Estes Valley Public Library
- 2023 “Israel, Biden-Trump, Tesla, and Netflix” Interview with “The Tape”, Bloomberg Radio
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/audio/2023-10-19/israel-biden-trump-tesla-and-netflix>

- 2022 “Know Your Nosh: Food, Jewishness, & Identity” November 14, 2022. Co-organizer.
- 2021 “Israel, Palestine, and the United States: An Evening of Learning and Conversation with the Jewish Studies Faculty” October 28, 2021. Participant
- 2021 “The Promised Lands? A Film Series on Israel/Palestine and the United States with Ahmed Mansour & Dan Chyutin” October 18, 2021. Organizer
- 2021 “The History of Israel/Palestine” Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice Northern Arizona University. January 22, 2021
- 2021 “Violence in Gaza halted for now” Global Insight, Arirang Television, May 25, 2021.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n11G_KFnrig
- 2021 “International community divided over Middle East conflict” Foreign Correspondents, Arirang Television, May 20, 2021.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mDZOtcZtj6Y>
- 2020 “The End of the Tunnel is Dark: Reflections on the Covid-19 Pandemic Under Occupation with Weaam Hammoudeh” October 27, 2022. Organizer
- 2020 “Under Quarantine: Immigrants and Disease at Israel’s Gate with Rhona Seidelman” October 22, 2020. Organizer
- 2020 “Public Education and Regime Stability in the Modern Middle East” Congregation Bonai Shalom, Boulder, Colorado, March 4, 2021.
- 2020 “Exams in Extremis: Standardized Testing, Politics, and Crisis in the Middle East” University of Colorado Boulder Peak to Peak Lecture Series, November 19, 2020
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tuqd3ZBDCI&feature=emb_title
- 2020 “Israel’s Annexation in Historical Perspective” Chavurah Public Lecture Series, Denver, Colorado, June 28, 2020.
- 2020 “A brief history of Palestinian nationalism and the Palestinian/Arab/Israeli Conflict” The Peace and Dialogue Leadership Initiative, Yale University, February 11, 2020
- 2019 “Introduction to the History of Israel/Palestine and the Israeli/Palestinian Conflict” University of Colorado Denver Executive MBA program, Denver, Colorado, March 13, 2019.

BOOK REVIEWS

“Hilary Falb Kalisman; Educating Palestine: Teaching and Learning History under the Mandate. *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review* 1 December 2021; 12 (2): 171–175.

“Statecraft by Stealth: Secret Intelligence and British Rule in Palestine,” by Steven B. Wagner; and “Britain’s Pacification of Palestine: The British Army, the Colonial State, and the Arab

Revolt, 1936–1939”, by Matthew Hughes, *Journal of Military History*, Vol. 85, No. 1, January 2021. 252-255

"Michael Brenner: In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea." *Contemporary Jewry* 39, no. 3-4 , 2019, 547-549

“Cyrus Schayegh. *The Middle East and the Making of the Modern World* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2017). Pp. 496. \$49.95 Cloth. ISBN 9780674088337.” *Review of Middle East Studies* 52, no. 2, 2018, 428-431

"Review of Marwa Elshakry *Reading Darwin in Arabic: 1860-1960*," *Arab Studies Journal*, Vol. XXV, No. 1, Fall 2016, 181-185

"Review of Rabab El-Mahdi and Philip Marfleet,(eds.) *Egypt: The Moment of Change*," *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 16, No. 1, January-March 2011. 215-217

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Association for Jewish Studies
History of Education Society
Middle East Studies Association
North American Conference on British Studies

LANGUAGES

Arabic: High intermediate speaking, reading, and writing.
Low-intermediate speaking in Palestinian and Syrian dialects
Hebrew: Advanced speaking, reading and writing.