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### EDUCATION

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#### **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 APPOINTMENTS

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#### **University of Colorado Boulder**

Assistant Professor, History Department

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

2018-Present

#### **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

#### **Furman University**

Assistant Professor, History Department

Co-Chair, Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor

2016-2018

#### **Harvard University**

Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

2015-2016

#### **Tel Aviv University, The Zvi Yavetz School of Historical Studies**

Guest Scholar

2014-2015

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### **BOOKS IN PREPARATION**

*Schooling the State: Education and Governance in the Modern Middle East*

*Standardized Testing: An Imperial Legacy of the Modern Middle East*

**ARTICLES**

“The Next Generation of Cultivators’: teaching agriculture in Iraq, Palestine and Transjordan (1920-1960)”. *Histoire de l’Education*. No. 148, 2019

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

"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. p. 599.  
<http://www.tandfonline.com/eprint/wyJsm8x9mB7zAiNjMjW/full>

"Pedagogical paradox: Education and Internationalization in the Mandates for Palestine and Mesopotamia (Iraq)," *Kufa Review*, No. 2, Issue 3, Summer 2013, p. 53.  
[http://www.uokufa.edu.iq/journals/index.php/Kufa\\_Review/article/viewFile/226/pdf\\_60](http://www.uokufa.edu.iq/journals/index.php/Kufa_Review/article/viewFile/226/pdf_60)

**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. p. 313

"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. p. 90.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

“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. 252–55

"Michael Brenner: In Search of Israel: The History of an Idea." *Contemporary Jewry* 39, no. 3-4 , 2019: 547-49.

“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, p. 428.

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

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

**POPULAR ARTICLES AND OUTREACH**

“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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Tuqd3ZBDCI&feature=emb_title)

“A brief history of Palestinian nationalism and the Palestinian/Arab/Israeli Conflict” The Peace and Dialogue Leadership Initiative, Yale University, February 11, 2020

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

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

"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>

"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>

## SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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- 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

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### University of Colorado Boulder– Boulder, CO

Instructor of Record

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| 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> |

### Furman University – Greenville, SC

Instructor of Record

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| 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

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| World Cities | <i>Lower Division Lecture</i> |
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The United States and the World Since 1919 *Lower Division Lecture*

Introduction to the History of the Modern Middle East *Lower Division Lecture*

Jews and Muslims *Lower Division Lecture*

## PRESENTATIONS

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### INVITED TALKS

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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

- 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
- “Educating the Arab World: Intellectuals, Theory and Practice in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Iraq”  
The Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2017 “Britons, Orientalism and Homosexuality in the Interwar Middle East”  
The North American Conference on British Studies Annual Meeting  
*Accepted but unable to attend.*
- 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

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- 2020- Present Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado Boulder Program in Jewish Studies
- 2020- Present Undergraduate Studies Committee, University of Colorado Boulder History Department
- 2019- Present Organizer of Israel/Palestine Event Programming, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2017 Furman University Curriculum Committee
- 2017 Co-Chair, Furman University Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

## LANGUAGES

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