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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2014-present Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola University Maryland.
2009-2014 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Loyola University Maryland.
2007-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of History and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (joint appointment), Indiana University.
2006-2007 Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.

EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. with Distinction, Middle Eastern and North African History, Georgetown University. Dissertation: "Being Different: Intersexuality, Blindness, Deafness, and Madness in Ottoman Syria." Winner of the 2008 Harold N. Glassman Award for best dissertation in the Humanities, Georgetown University, and Honorable Mention, Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award for best dissertation in the Humanities (MESA).
2000 M. A. with Distinction, Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
1993 B. A. with First Class Honors, Arabic with Persian, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK.

SELECT PRIZES, AWARDS, AND HONORS

2016 Winner, 2016 Disability History Association Outstanding Publication Award.
2015 Honorable Mention, 2015 British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies 2015.
2015 Dean's Achievement Award, Loyola University Maryland.
2008 2008 Harold N. Glassman Award for best dissertation in the Humanities, Georgetown University.
2007 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award for best dissertation in the Humanities. Honorable mention. Awarded by the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA).
2007 Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies, First Prize for the essay "Blindness in the Early Modern Middle East." Awarded by the Society for Disability Studies.

SELECT PUBLICATIONS

"Physical Disabilities in the Premodern Arab World." In *Oxford Handbook of Disability History*, ed. Catherine Kudlick, Kim Nielsen and Michael Rembis. New York: Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2018.

Disability in the Ottoman Arab World, 1500-1800. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014.

"Teaching the History of Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa." *Perspectives on*

History 50:8 (November 2012): 40-42.

“The Body in Islamic Law.” In *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History*, ed. Stanley N. Katz, 298-301. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Female Life Cycle: Menstruation and Menopause.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Bonnie G. Smith, vol. 2, 264-266. New York: Oxford University Press, 2008.

“Disability.” In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Josef Meri, vol. 1, 208-209. New York: Routledge, 2006.

“The Deaf in Ottoman Syria, 16th-18th Centuries.” *Arab Studies Journal* 12-13 (Fall 2004/Spring 2005): 10-25.

“‘We Want People to Think the Unthinkable:’ An Interview with Nizar Saghieh.” *Middle East Report* 230 (2004): 34-36. (On LGBT rights groups in Lebanon).

“Conducting Research in Lebanon: An Overview of Historical Sources Outside of Beirut (Part II)” (co-authored with Nadya Sbaiti). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 38, no. 1 (2004): 187-195.

“Conducting Research in Lebanon: An Overview of Historical Sources in Beirut (Part I)” (co-authored with Nadya Sbaiti). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 37, no. 2 (2003): 68-79.

Book Reviews

Review of Sherine Hamdy, *Our Bodies Belong to God: Organ Transplants, Islam, and the Struggle for Human Dignity in Egypt*, in *Review of Middle East Studies* 50, no. 1 (2016): 92-94.

Review of Dana Sajdi, *The Barber of Damascus: Nouveau Literacy in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Levant* in *The Arab Studies Journal* 24, no. 1 (Spring 2016): 276-280.

Review of Bruce Masters, *The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire, 1516-1918: A Social and Cultural History*, in *The Middle East Journal* 69, no. 1 (Winter 2015): 158-159.

SELECT FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| 2017 | National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Project Director, “Global Histories of Disability,” a four-week Summer Institute for College and University Teachers that will be held at Gallaudet University in June and July 2018. |
| 2016 | National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar, “Transcending Boundaries: The Ottoman Empire, Europe, and the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800.” Washington, DC. |
| 2016, 2017 | Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland. |
| 2015, 2016 | Dean’s Supplemental Professional Development Fund Grant, for research in London, U.K., and in Berlin, Germany. |
| Summer 2012 | Enriching Classroom Teaching Grant, Loyola University Maryland. |
| Spring 2012 | Junior Research Sabbatical, Loyola University Maryland. |
| 2009-2012 | Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland. |
| 2008 | Overseas Conference Fund Grant, Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, Indiana University. |

- 2007, 2008 Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship.
 2007 Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History, The American Historical Association (AHA).
 2004-2005 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
 2004 Young Scholars Award, Cosmos Club Foundation, Washington, DC.
 2003-2004 Royden B. Davis Dissertation Fellowship, Georgetown University.
 2002-2003 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.
 2001-2002 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship.
 2001-2002 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (declined).
 2002 Institute of Turkish Studies Grant for Turkish language study at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.
 2001 Eastern Consortium Scholarship for Turkish language study at New York U.

SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED TALKS

- March 2017 “The Disabled Body in Nineteenth-Century Orientalist Photography.” Paper presented at the Interdisciplinary Nineteenth-Century Studies Conference in Philadelphia, PA.
 March 2017 “Empire, Charity, and the Construction of Disability: The Case of the British Syrian Mission, 1860-1918.” Paper presented at “Empires of Charity,” an interdisciplinary one-day workshop organised by the Poverty Research Network, the University of Warwick, U.K.
 Dec. 2016 Invited panelist, “Recent Work in Disability Studies,” University of Oklahoma.
 Sept. 2016 “Why the History of Disability in the Middle East Matters.” VPAA Faculty Scholarship Series, Loyola University Maryland.
 March 2016 “Disability History in Comparative Perspective: The Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe.” Invited public lecture at the University of Oklahoma.
 Nov. 2015 “Disability in the Middle East, Past and Present: An Introduction.” Invited participation in the workshop “Disease and Disability in the History of the Middle East” at the University of Maryland.
 Oct. 2015 “Disability in the Ottoman Arab World.” Invited talk, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar, Columbia University.
 April 2015 “Girls’ Education in Islamic Societies: A Historical Overview.” Invited public lecture at Shepherd University, WV.
 Jan. 2015 “Doing Disability History in Non-Western Societies: A Perspective from the Arab World.” Paper presented at the panel “Living with (and without) the Americans with Disabilities Act: Reflections, Refractions, and Reactions in Disability History.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
 March 2014 “Writing the History of Disability in the Middle East: The State of the Field.” Paper presented at the symposium “Disability, Revolution, and the Politics of Hope” held at the American University in Cairo, Egypt.
 April 2013 “Disability in Middle Eastern History.” Invited talk at Middlebury College, VT.
 Feb. 2012 “What Is the History of Disability in the Middle East, and Why Does It Matter?” Invited talk at the Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA.
 Jan. 2011 “The Challenges of Teaching the History of Women in the Middle East.” Invited presentation at a roundtable entitled “Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Women’s History.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston.
 Nov. 2010 “From Holy to Impostor: The *Majdhub* in Early 20th-Century Syria and Lebanon.”

- Jan. 2010 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
 “Does God Hear Silent Prayers? Deafness in Ottoman Syria.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- July 2008 “Preaching to the Choir? Muslim Preachers and Their Sermons in Ottoman Syria.” 77th Anglo-American Conference of Historians, London, UK.
- June 2008 “Blindness in the Arab-Islamic World: A Historical Perspective.” Society for Disability Studies 21st annual conference, New York City.
- Nov. 2007 “Paracelsus in Ottoman Medicine: The Case of Ibn Sallum (d. ca. 1670).” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- April 2007 “Disability and Education in the Arab World: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues.” Education and Change in Qatar and the Arab World, Doha, Qatar.
- Nov. 2006 “Sources for the History of Beirut.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

- HS 101: The Making of the Modern World: Europe
 HS 107: The Making of the Modern World: The Middle East
 HS 397: Women and Gender in the Arab World
 HS 449: The Modern Middle East through Literature and Film
 HS 481: Seminar: The History of Disability in Comparative Perspective
 HS 489: Seminar: America in the Middle East

Graduate Courses (Previously taught at Georgetown University and Indiana University)

- HIST 668: Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa
 HIST 760: Arab Historiography
 HIST 765: Culture, Islam and the Body
 MAAS 519: The Body in Arab-Islamic Cultures
 HIST 785: Research Seminar in Middle Eastern History
 HIST 685: Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern History
 NELC 690: Research in Arabic Texts: Biography and Autobiography

SELECT SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2017-present Chair of the Board, Disability History Association
 March 2017 MESA Program Committee Member
 2017-present Member of the Manuscript Review Board of *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal Manuscript*.
 2017 Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference
 2015-present Member, Editorial Review Board, *Disability Studies Quarterly*.
 2014-2016 Board Member and Treasurer, Disability History Association.
 Jan. 2016 Peer Reviewer, NEH-Kluge Fellowship.
 Nov. 2015 “Disability in the Medieval Islamic World,” a video teaching module for “The Global Middle Ages,” an Initiative on Technology Enhanced Learning (ITEL) project, Georgetown University.
 2006-present Peer reviewed articles for *The American Historical Review*, *Medieval Encounters*, *The Arab Studies Journal*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *History Compass*, *Middle East Report*,

- 2010-2015 Member of the Selection Committee, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education.
- 2013-2016 Peer Reviewer for the Society for the Disability Studies Annual Conference (Orlando 2013, Minneapolis 2014, Atlanta 2015, Phoenix 2016).
- 2014 Peer Reviewer, National Resource Centers Competition (Title VI), U.S. Department of Education.
- 2010 Member of the Selection Committee, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, National Resource Center on the Middle East, Georgetown University.
- 2010 Peer reviewer, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) Competition, Social Science Research Council.
- 2006-2009 Transliteration consultant, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

SELECT COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- June 2014 “Women in Middle Eastern History: Introduction and Overview;” “The Harem and the Veil: Myths and Realities;” “Women in the Arab Uprisings.” Presentations for K-12 teachers at the World History Institute, Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, MD.
- Oct. 2010 “Islamic Law & Gender.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teachers entitled “Islamic Law and the Muslim Community.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- July 2010 “Islamism and Gender in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teachers entitled “Approaches to Teaching the Middle East.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- June 2009 “Women and Gender in the Middle East.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teacher entitled “Approaches to Teaching the Middle East.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- 2007-2008 Academic advisor for an exhibit on Egypt, the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis.
- Nov. 2006 “Women in the Middle East.” A workshop for Charles County Public Schools teachers, Maryland.

LANGUAGES

English, Arabic, Italian, French, Ottoman Turkish (read), Persian (read), Spanish (read)