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EDUCATION

- 2015 **Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, NJ
Ph.D. in History
- Dissertation: "Sisters of Men': Syrian and Lebanese Women's
Transnational Campaigns for Arab Independence and Women's Rights,
1910-1949"
- 2008 **Dartmouth College**, Hanover, NH
A.B. *cum laude* in History with honors

EMPLOYMENT

- Sept. 2015 - Present **Seattle University**, Seattle, Washington
Tenure-track Assistant Professor, International Studies Program
Associate appointment, History Department

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2017 "Review Essay: Digitizing Women's and Gender History in the Middle
East," *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* (in press).
- 2016 "Arab Internationalism and Gender: Perspectives from the Third Session
of the UNCSW, 1949" *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 49.3
(2016): 778-583.

Book Chapters

- 2017 "Feminism as Global Endeavor" in *Routledge Global History of Feminism*, Bonnie G. Smith, ed. (Routledge, forthcoming).
- 2016 "'Women's point of view was apt to be forgotten': The Liaison Committee of International Women's Organizations' Campaign for an International Women's Convention, 1920-1953" in *The Institution of International Order: From the League of Nations to the United Nations*, Simon Jackson and Alanna O'Malley, eds. (University of Pennsylvania Press, in press), 263-307.

Conference Volumes

- 2016 "Activist as Expert: Representation from the French Mandate for Syria on the Committee of Experts on the Legal Status of Women" in *Experts and Expertise in the League of Nations Mandates: Figures, Fields, and Tools* (in press).

Book Reviews

- 2017 "Negotiating Palestinian Womanhood: Encounters between Palestinian Women and American Missionaries, 1880s-1940s," Enaya Hammad Othman. *Women and Social Movements* 21.2. Online.
- 2015 "Arab Feminisms: Gender and Equality in the Middle East," ed. Jean Said Makdisi, Noha Bayoumi, and Rafif Rida Sidawi. *Women's History Review* 24:2.
- 2014 "Women in Iraq: Past Meets Present," by Noga Efrati. *Women's History Review* 23:3.
- 2014 "Women and Knowledge in the Mediterranean," ed. Fatima Sadiqi. *Mashriq & Mahjar*. 2:1. Online.

Manuscripts in Submission

- 2016 "Whose Right to Define Women's Rights?: Syrian and Lebanese Activists and the 'Women's Question' at the League of Nations."

Manuscripts in Preparation

- 2017 "For All the World's Women": *Transnational Women's Movements in Syria*

and Lebanon, 1910-1960 (book manuscript)

2016 "Sisters in Asia': Advancing Alternative Notions of Women's Rights in the Interwar Period, 1920-1945."

Web-Based Publications

2017 "From Charity Work to Crafting Constitutions: Women and Social and Political Transformation in the Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean, 1860-1960," *Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820* (Alexander Street Press), January.

2014 "'Researching the Middle East and North Africa after 2011: Challenges, Queries, and Questions' Symposium Report," *Jadaliyya*, November 1.

"Workshop Report: 'Arab Nationalism: From the Ottoman Empire to the Colonial Mandates,'" University of Basel, September 11-12, 2014," *H-Turk*, October 2.

FELLOWSHIPS

2016-2017 Jesuit Mission Fellowship, Seattle University

2016 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Seattle University

2014 - 2015 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Rutgers University

2013 - 2014 Institute for Research on Women Fellowship, Rutgers University
"Decolonizing Gender/Gendering Decolonization" Seminar

2011 - 2012 Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis Fellowship, Rutgers University
"Narratives of Power: New Articulations of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class" Seminar

2008- 2009 Fulbright IIE, Manama, Bahrain; Amman, Jordan
Researched historical trends in the rights vocabularies used by women in Bahrain.

INVITED TALKS

- 2017 "Migratory Histories: Case Studies of the Armenians, Palestinians, and Egyptians," part of "Migrations within the Middle East" Roundtable, University of Washington-Seattle, February 23.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Conferences Organized

- 2014 "Researching the Middle East and North Africa after 2011: Challenges, Queries, and Questions" Research Symposium, Rutgers University, October 17.
- 2011 33rd Annual Warren I. Susman Graduate Conference, "The Inescapable Interrelatedness of ... Things," Rutgers History Department, March 26.

Panels Organized

- 2016 "Digitizing Women's and Gender History: A Way Forward for the Field?" *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 17-20.
- "Shaping International Governance: The League of Nations and UN in the Middle East (1920-1985)," co-organized with Anat Mooreville, *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 17-20.
- 2015 "Contesting the Meaning of 'International' Governance: Minorities and the League of Nations," *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 2-5.

Papers Presented

- 2017 "Seeking 'Eastern' Representation: Syrian and Lebanese Women and the Development of International Women's Rights Norms at the League of Nations," *Berkshire Conference on Women*, June 1-4.
- 2016 "Lebanese Women, 'Eastern' Women's Rights, and the UN Commission on the Status of Women," *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 17-20.
- "The All-Asian Women's Conference And 'Oriental' Women's Rights," *South-South Workshop: Intellectual History across Middle East and South Asia, 1857-1948*, October 20-21.

- "Pursuing Equality in Asia: Regional Women's Rights Consciousness at the All-Asian Women's Conference," *The Global Pursuit of Equality: Women, Networks and Networking 1800-2000*, Oxford, September 26-27.
- "Photos as Petitions: Photos as Petitions: Syrian Nationalists Campaign for Independence at the League of Nations," *World History Association Conference*, July 2-5.
- 2015 "Opportunities and Challenges: Digitizing Sources in Women's History from the Middle East for an English-Speaking Audience," with Seçil Yilmaz, *Women's History in a Digital World*, May 21-22.
- "'Our Great Disappointment': Arab Women's Campaigns for Representation on the League of Nations Committee on the Legal Status of Women," *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, January 2-5.
- "The Committee of Experts on the Legal Status of Women and Measuring the Status of 'All the World's Women,'" *Experts and Expertise in the League of Nations Mandates: Figures, Fields and Tools*, Paris, March 26-27.
- 2014 "Adopting 'Arab': World War I and the Development of Women's Pan-Arab Activism," *International Congress on War History Studies*, Çanakkale, Turkey, November 6-8.
- "Pan-Regional Internationalisms: A Counter-Concept to Universal Internationalism?," *Fourth European Congress on World and Global History*, September 4-7.
- "Syrian Women, Arab Independence, and Transnational Arab women's Activism in the 1920s and 1930s," *Transnational Feminisms Summer Institute*, July 7-11.
- "'Syrian,' 'Lebanese,' 'Arab,' 'Eastern,' 'Oriental': Women's Conferences and the Search for an Identity," *(Un)Civil Society, Past and Present*, April 4-6.
- 2013 "Arab Women, The League of Nations, and the Politicization of Women's Rights," *Harvard Conference on International History*, March 14-15.
- 2012 "Before the 'Days of Rage': Registers of Bahraini Women's Activism," *Legal Reform and Political Change Affecting Women in the MENA Region*, Oxford, June 12-13.

"The Progressive Mystique: A Short History of State Feminism in the Kingdom of Bahrain," *BRISMES Graduate Section Annual Conference*, June 11.

"Tracing Transnationalisms: Pan-Arab Women's Activism, 1920-1940," *Susan B. Anthony Institute's 19th Annual Gender and Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference*, March 23-24.

2011 Comment on the February 2011 uprising in Bahrain for a retirement symposium for Gene R. Garthwaite, *Crossing at the Green: Dartmouth in the Middle East*, April 8-9.

2010 "Two Seas and Two Sides: Bahraini Women's Activism, 1955 - 2005," *Columbia Middle East, South Asia and African Studies Conference*, April 15-17.

Discussant

2016 "Digitizing Women's and Gender History: A Way Forward for the Field?" *Middle East Studies Association Conference*, November 17-20.

2012 "The Role of the Independent Judiciary in Emerging Democracies," *Columbia Society of International Law's 38th annual Friedmann Conference*, Columbia University, April 3.

CAMPUS TALKS

2015 "The Syrian Conflict in Historical Perspective," Global Awareness Program, October 20.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Seattle University

History of the Modern Middle East - Fall 2015

Women and Gender in the Modern Middle East - Winter 2016, Fall 2016

Middle East and America since 1776 - Winter 2017

Arab-Israeli Conflict - Spring 2017

Women's Rights as Human Rights: A Historical Inquiry - Spring 2016, Fall 2016

Global Histories: Encounters and Exchanges - Winter 2016, Spring 2016, Winter 2017,
Spring 2017

Rutgers University

History of the Modern Middle East (50-50 Hybrid) - Summer 2014
Expository Writing - Fall 2013 (English Department)
History of the Modern Middle East - Summer 2013
Age of European Global Expansion - Summer 2012
Arab-Israeli Conflict - Spring 2012 (Teaching Assistant)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016	Book manuscript research in institutional and family archives in Beirut, Lebanon; London, England.
2012 - 2013	Dissertation research in governmental and institutional archives in Beirut, Lebanon; Geneva, Switzerland; Paris and Nantes, France; Cambridge, MA and Washington, DC.
2012	Research Assistant for <i>America's Oil Wars</i>
2011	Pre-dissertation research in Paris, France; Geneva, Switzerland; Rome, Italy; Cairo, Egypt; and Beirut, Lebanon
2009	Fulbright research in Bahrain

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

2017	Founder and co-editor with Beth Baron of the Arab Women's History Project (AWHP) a digital humanities initiative launching in spring 2017.
2016 - Present	Women Historians of the Middle East Prize Committee
2014 - Present	Associate Editor of the <i>Bilad al-Sham</i> (Greater Syria) - 1900-1960, documents in the "Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean, 1860-1960" section of <i>Women and Social Movements in Modern Empires since 1820</i> (Alexander Street Press).

2014 - 2016 AMEWS Program Committee

University Service

Seattle University

2016 - Present College of Arts and Sciences Global Affairs Committee

2016 - Present Fulbright Selection Committee

2015 - Present Convened the "Rights and Justice" Faculty Research Seminar

2016 Organized the "Medical Knowledge and Scientific Discovery in the 20th Century Middle East" Speakers Series," which brought three outside speakers to campus.

Rutgers University

2011-2015 Founder and President of Middle East Studies Graduate Forum (MESGF)

Departmental Service

Seattle University

2016 - 2017 Advisor for *Sigma Iota Rho*, The Honors Society for International Studies

2016 - 2017 Learning Outcome Assessment - International Studies

2016 - 2017 Historian of the Ancient World search committee member - History Department

2016 - 2017 Sociologist of Developing World search committee member - International Studies Program

2015 - 2017 Honors Thesis Advisor - International Studies Program and History Department

Rutgers University

2009 - 2013 Graduate Education Committee - History Department

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2016 - 2017 "The Syrian Refugee Crisis in Historical Perspective," a six-part lecture series at the Seattle University Women's Club, October - May.
- 2017 Moderated World Affairs Council discussion with Reem Asaad, "Saudi Arabia and Socio-Economic Change in the Digital Age," January 27.
- 2016 Keynote address, "Beijing +21: The Beijing Platform for Action and its Impact on Women's Rights Around the World Today," at the Center for Women & Democracy's "State of Women in the World," November 17.
- 2015 – Present International Rescue Committee volunteer (Seattle area)
- 2015 - Present Salaam Cultural Museum volunteer

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Arabic - spoken fluency in Levanti colloquial; reading proficiency

- 2010-2015 President of "Munakasha," a weekly Arabic discussion circle in NYC
- 2010 Middlebury Summer Language School (Arabic), Oakland, CA · Level 3
- 2008 - 2009 Qasid Language Institute, Amman, Jordan · Level 2

French - speaking proficiency; reading

Italian - fluent

AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association
 Association of Middle East Women's Studies
 Women Historians of the Middle East (WHOMES)
 American Historical Association