

# LAURA FRANCES GOFFMAN

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## *Curriculum Vitae*

University of Arizona  
School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies  
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## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2020-Present Assistant Professor of Health Studies of the Middle East and North Africa, School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies, University of Arizona
- 2019-2020 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, “The Lifetimes of Epidemics in Europe and the Middle East,” Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages, University of Oslo

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Department of History**, Modern Middle East, August 2019  
Georgetown University, Washington, DC

**Dissertation (Distinction): “Medical Frontiers: Health, Empire, and Society in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, 1862-1959”**

Advisors: Judith Tucker, Osama Abi-Mershed, Mustafa Aksakal,  
Carol Benedict, Fahad Ahmad Bishara

**M.A., Near Eastern Studies**, May 2012  
New York University, New York, NY

**B.A., History**, May 2009, Phi Beta Kappa  
Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Articles

“Waiting for AIDS in Kuwait,” in “The AIDS Crisis is Not Over,” eds. Emily K. Hobson and Dan Royles, special issue, *Radical History Review* 140 (forthcoming, May 2021).

“Malaria and Empire in Bahrain, 1931-1947,” *Gulf Studies Center Monographic Series* No. 7 (March 2020): 1-30.

“Sa`id Ahmad Al-Jinahi’s *I was in Dhufar*: Gendered Militarization and Modern Space in Revolutionary Oman,” *Women’s History Review* 27, no. 5 (2018): 819-836.

## **Book Review Essay**

“Medicine and Health in the Modern Middle East and North Africa,” *Arab Studies Journal* 27, no. 2 (Fall 2019).

### *Works Reviewed:*

Omar Dewachi, *Ungovernable Life: Mandatory Medicine and Statecraft in Iraq* (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2017); Khaled Fahmy, *In Quest of Justice: Islamic Law and Forensic Medicine in Modern Egypt* (Oakland, California: University of California Press, 2018); Richard C. Parks, *Medical Imperialism in French North Africa: Regenerating the Jewish Community of Colonial Tunis* (Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 2017).

## **Book Review**

David Held and Kristian Ulrichsen, (Eds.), *The Transformation of the Gulf: Politics, Economics and the Global Order*. (New York: Routledge, 2012). *Journal of International and Global Studies* 6 (2015): 95-96.

## **FELOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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### **EXTERNAL AWARDS**

- 2015-2016 Visiting Researcher, Qatar University, Center for Gulf Studies, Doha, Qatar  
2014 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, US Department of Education, Washington, DC. Multi-Country award, including Qatar, Oman, India, Zanzibar, United Kingdom  
2013 Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center Summer Arabic Language and Media (SALAM) Scholarship, Washington, DC  
2010-2012 Academic Year Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (FLAS), Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, NY  
2011 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellow (FLAS), Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, NY

### **INTERNAL AWARDS**

#### *GEORGETOWN*

- 2018-2019 Royden B. Davis Teaching Fellow, Georgetown University Department of History  
2015 Georgetown University, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Travel Grant  
2012, 2016, 2017, 2018 Georgetown University, Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant

## **AWARDS**

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### **WRITING**

- 2019 Ph.D. Dissertation Award, The Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS), New Orleans, LA  
2018 Graduate Student Article Prize, Women Historians of the Middle East (WHOME), San Antonio, TX

- 2014 Graduate Paper Prize, The Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies (AGAPS), Washington, DC
- 2011 Falak Sufi Near Eastern Studies Department Memorial Essay Prize, Honorable Mention, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, NY

### **TEACHING**

- 2017 Dorothy Brown Student Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching Assistantship, Georgetown University, Department of History
- 2017, 2018 Graduate Student Teaching Award, Nominee, Georgetown University, College of Arts and Sciences

### **INVITED TALKS**

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- 2020 Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, NY, “Virtual Panel: Epidemics & Quarantine in Middle Eastern History.”
- 2019 Centre for Islamic and Middle East Studies, The University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, “Disorder and Diagnosis in the Gulf and Arabian Peninsula.”
- 2016 The Center for Gulf Studies at Qatar University, Doha, Qatar, “Malaria and the Urban ‘Native’ in New Delhi, Muscat, and Manama 1935-1943.”

### **CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

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#### **Workshops**

- 2019 Lifetimes of Epidemics in Europe and the Middle East, The University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway, “Waiting for AIDS in Kuwait.”
- 2016 The Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, ‘Arab Gulf Cities in Transition: Space, Politics and Society’: “Urban Space and the Campaign Against Mosquitoes: Combatting Malaria in New Delhi, Muscat, and Manama 1935-1943.”

#### **Panels Organized**

- 2018 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, ‘Medical Mobilities and Transformations in the Global Middle East’: “Quarantine Stations, Regional Sovereignities, and Local Populations in the Early Twentieth-Century Persian Gulf.”
- 2016 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, ‘Experiences of Transnational Institution-Building in the Arabian Gulf and Indian Ocean Regions’: “Hospitals and their Communities in Early Twentieth-Century Bahrain and Muscat.” Panel sponsored by the Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies.
- 2013 Middle East History and Theory Conference, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, ‘Gender and Empire in the Modern Middle East’: “A Zanzibari Princess Speaks to Imperial Europe: The Nineteenth-Century Memoirs of Emily Ruete.”

## **Papers Presented**

- 2020 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, ‘Transnational Technoscience and Political Power in Palestine, Turkey, and the Gulf’: “Alternative Histories: Al-Tibb Al-Shaabi, Nostalgia, and Nationalism in the Contemporary Gulf,” forthcoming.
- 2019 Gulf Studies Symposium, American University of Kuwait Center for Gulf Studies, Kuwait, “The Production of Gulf Populations through Malaria Control: Public Health, Empire, and Oil Companies in Bahrain and Saudi Arabia, 1938-1959.”
- 2018 Georgetown Environment Initiative Syndemics Workshop, Washington, DC, ‘Rethinking Syndemics: Innovating Approaches in History, Methodology, and Current Events’: “Thinking Syndemically in the 1870s: Medical Topographies of Muscat and Zanzibar.”
- 2017 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, ‘Circulating Science and Scaling Innovation: Science and Technology Studies in the Middle East’: “Qatar Biobank: Crafting the Ethno-Nation through the Genetic Disease Landscape.”
- 2017 History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, ‘Public Health in Global Contexts’: “Ethnic Space and Medical Practice in Informal Empire: British Doctors and Malaria Science in Muscat, Oman: 1877-1915.”
- 2016 South and Central Asia Fulbright Conference, Jaipur, Rajasthan (India), “Landscaping and Malaria Prevention in Muscat 1926-1945.”
- 2013 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, ‘Politics and Tribal Identity’: “Incorporating Ibadis of the Mzab into Algerian Nationalism and Pan-Islamism.”
- 2012 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, ‘Palestine: The Mandate and its Aftermath’: “‘Under the Strenuous Conditions of the Modern World’: Organizing Arab Education in Mandatory Palestine.”

## **Discussant**

- 2017 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, ‘The Gulf: Visualizing the National Narrative.’ Panel sponsored by the Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies.
- 2017 Middle East and North Africa Seminar Series, Georgetown Institute for Global History, Department of History, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, Fahad Ahmad Bishara: “Writing Across the Waters: Space, Time, and History on an Indian Ocean Dhow.”

## **TEACHING**

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### **University of Arizona, School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies**

#### **Instructor**

- 2020 History of the Modern Middle East

### **Georgetown University, Department of History**

#### **Instructor**

- 2018 Medicine and Power in the Middle East  
2017 Middle East I

**Teaching Assistant**

2017 Women and Gender in the Middle East  
2016 Middle East I  
2015 Sex, Love, and Race in American Culture  
2014 Middle East II  
2014 Africa II  
2013 Atlantic History

**Workshop Participant**

2013 Proposal Development for Changes in the History Department General Education Requirement for the College

**LANGUAGES**

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Arabic: Reading and Speaking (Advanced); French: Reading (Proficient)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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Middle East Studies Association  
Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies  
Awards Coordinator, 2020-Present  
American Historical Association