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# EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of

Arizona, 2018-present

Assistant Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Arizona, 2011-2018

Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, 2008-2011

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, 2006- 2008

# EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 2006

(with Honors)

*Dissertation:* “Affirmation and Resistance: Press, Poetry and the Formation of National Identity among Palestinian Citizens of Israel, 1948-1967”

*Committee:* Rashid Khalidi (chair), A. Holly Shissler, Ian Lustick

*Major Field*: Modern Middle Eastern History

*Minor Fields*: Islamic Civilization, Qur’anic Studies

M.A. University of Chicago, Middle Eastern Studies, 1999

B.A. Benedictine University, 1997

English Language and Literature, Secondary Education (minor), Summa cum Laude, Scholar’s Program

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Monograph:**

*Brothers Apart: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Arab World* (Stanford: Stanford University

Press, 2017).

Winner: 2018 Palestine Book Award

**Peer Reviewed Articles:**

“Palestinian Engagements with the Black Freedom Struggle before 1967,” *Journal of*

*Palestine Studies,* 48, no. 4 (Summer 2019): 17-32.

“’My Struggle Embraces Every Struggle’: Palestinians in Israel and Solidarity with Afro- Asian Decolonization Movements,” *Arab Studies Journal*, 22, no. 1 (Spring 2014): 74-101.

“Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Discourse on the Right of Return, 1948-1959.” *Journal of Palestine Studies* 40, no. 4 (Summer 2011): 45-60.

“The Marginal as Central: *Al-Jadid* and the Development of a Palestinian Public Sphere, 1953–1970,” *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication* 3, no. 3 (November 2010): 333-351.

**Chapters in Peer Reviewed Books:**

“Between Two States and One: Palestinian Citizens of Israel,” in *Rethinking Statehood in*

*Palestine*, edited by Leila Farsakh (forthcoming with Edinburgh University Press)

“Non-Zionists, Anti-Zionists, Revolutionaries: Palestinian Appraisals of the Israeli Left,

1967-1973,” in *The Arab Lefts: Histories and Legacies 1950s-1970s*, edited by Laure Guirguis (forthcoming with Edinburgh University Press)

“Looking Out, Cheering On: Global Leftist Vocabularies among Palestinian Citizens of

Israel,” in *The Global Sixties: Conventions, Contests, and Countercultures*, edited by

Jadwiga E. Pieper Mooney and Tamara Chaplin (London: Routledge, 2017), 255-

272.

**Book Chapter:**

“My Resilient Flag,” in *Being Palestinian: Personal Reflections on Palestinian Identity in the*

*Diaspora*, edited by Yasir Suleiman (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press,

2016), 287-295.

**Book Reviews (selected):**

Adel Manna`, *Al-Nakba wa’l-Baqa’: Hikayat Filastiniyiin dhallu fi Haifa wa’l-Jalil* (Nakba and Survival: The Stories of Palestinians who Remained in Haifa and the Galilee (2017). *American Historical Review* (forthcoming)

Matthew Craig Kelley, *The Crime of Nationalism: Britain, Palestine, and Nation-Building on the Fringe of Empire* (2018). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 49.4 (2019): 695-97.

Shira Robinson, *Citizen Strangers: Palestinians and the Formation of Israel’s Liberal Settler State* (2013). *Arab Studies Journal* 26.2 (2018): 150-4.

Zareena Grewal, *Islam is a Foreign Country: American Muslims and the Global Crisis of Authority* (2014). *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 32 (2015): 113-6.

Ilan Peleg and Dov Waxman*, Israel’s Palestinians: The Conflict Within* (2008). *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 45 (2013): 631-633.

Hillel Cohen, *Army of Shadows: Palestinian Collaboration with Zionism, 1917-1948*, tr. Haim Watzman(2008). *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 41 (2009): 506-507.

# FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

Palestine Book Award, 2018

Tucson Public Voices Fellow, The OpEd Project, 2017-18

Center for Middle Eastern Studies Faculty Research Travel Award, University of

Arizona, Summer 2017

Provost’s Author Support Fund, University of Arizona, Spring 2017

Junior Faculty Research Leave, University of Arizona, Spring 2015

SBSRI Faculty Professorship, University of Arizona, Fall 2012

Finalist, Five Star Faculty Teaching Award, University of Arizona Honors College, 2010

University of Chicago Century Fellowship (Tuition and Stipend), 1999-2004

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Courses Taught:**

MENA 160 A1: Religion of Islam (Tier 1 General Education)

MENA 277A: History of the Middle East, 600-1453 (Tier 2 General Education)

MENA 277B: History of the Middle East, 1453-present (Tier 2 General Education)

MENA 334: Islamic Thought (Tier 2 General Education)

MENA 463/563: Gender Issues and Women’s Literature in the Middle East

MENA 480/580: The Middle East in the 20th Century

MENA 484/584: History of the Arab-Israeli Conflict

MENA 496/596B: Palestinian Culture and Society

MENA 595D Introduction to the Study of the Middle East

MENA 696Y: Nationalism and Islam

**Thesis & Dissertation Committees:**

Primary Advisor on Four Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees

Primary Advisor, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium Thesis

Primary Advisor on Five M.A. Thesis/Dept. Paper Committees

Committee Member on Ph.D. Comprehensive Exam and/or Dissertation Committees

for Seventeen Students (2011-present)

**INVITED LECTURES (selected)**

“Brothers Apart: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Arab World,” University of

California, Los Angeles, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, April 22, 2019.

“Brothers Apart: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Arab World,” University of

Alabama, Huntsville, March 7, 2019.

“Brothers Apart: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Arab World,” Princeton

University, Near Eastern Studies, November 8, 2018.

“Before Ferguson and Gaza: How Black-Palestinian Solidarity Impacts Social Justice

Work Today,” Stockton University, MA in Holocaust and Genocide Studies,

October 25, 2018

“Brothers Apart: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the Arab World,” Columbia

University, Center for Palestine Studies, October 2, 2018.

“Palestinian Cultural Resistance from the Nakba to Today,” University of Chicago,

Center for Middle Eastern Studies, May 2, 2018.

“Shared Solidarity: Palestinians and African Americans in the 1960s and Today,”

Benedictine University Global Studies Forum, Lisle, IL, February 4, 2016.

“Boycott and Solidarity: Palestinian Citizens of Israel and the 1968 World Youth

Festival,” University of Arizona CMES Lecture Series, Tucson, April 17, 2015.

**CONFERENCES AND SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS (selected)**

“Centering the Subjectivity of Palestinian Mothers,” National Women’s Studies

Association,” Atlanta, November 11, 2018.

“Affirming Humanity: Palestinian Views of African-American Struggles in the 1950s

and ‘60s,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 21, 2016.

“Colonial and Anti-Colonial Discourses Regarding Palestinian Women in Israel,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, November 23, 2015.

“Boycott and Solidarity at the 1968 World Youth Festival,” New Directions in

Palestinian Studies International Conference, Brown University, March 7, 2015.

“‘And for Us, Too:’ Decolonization Movements and the Palestinian Counterpublic in Israel,

1960-1967,” American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago, January 7, 2012.

“Revolution in Egypt: An Analysis,” panel sponsored by the National Lawyers Guild Southwest Regional, University of Arizona James E. Rogers School of Law, April 10, 2011.

**PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH (selected)**

Presenter, “Palestinian Refugees Nearly 70 Years Later,” UA Center for Middle Eastern

Studies Educators’ Workshop, January 28, 2017

Keynote Speaker, “Insha’allah and Alhamdulillah: Concepts of Time and Responsibility in

Middle Eastern Cultures,” UA Center for Middle Eastern Studies Educators’

Workshop, August 26, 2016.

Presenter, “Muslim-American Identities,” UA Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Educators’ Workshop, January 23, 2016.

**PUBLIC WRITING AND OP-EDS (selected)**

[“Rashida Tlaib’s Critics Have Palestinian History All Wrong,”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/05/17/rashida-tlaibs-critics-have-palestinian-history-all-wrong/?noredirect=on) *Washington Post, Made By History,* May 17, 2019.

[“What Support for Ilhan Omar Tells Us About the Left,”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/03/14/what-support-ilhan-omar-tells-us-about-left/) *Washington Post, Made By History*, March 14, 2019.

[“’From the River to the Sea’ Doesn’t Mean What You Think It Means,”](https://forward.com/opinion/415250/from-the-river-to-the-sea-doesnt-mean-what-you-think-it-means/) *The Forward*, December 3, 2018.

[“Gaza’s Remarkable Women,”](https://garnetnews.com/2018/05/18/gazas-remarkable-women/) *Garnet News, May 18, 2018.*

[“How the Embassy Moves Widens the Partisan Divide over Israel,”](https://thehill.com/opinion/campaign/387810-how-the-embassy-move-widens-the-partisan-divide-over-israel) *The Hill*, May 15, 2018.

[“For Palestinians, The Nakba Is Not Just a Tragedy But a Triumph,”](https://forward.com/opinion/401003/for-palestinians-the-nakba-is-not-just-a-tragedy-but-a-triumph/) *The Forward*, May 13, 2018.

[“It’s Time to Put to Rest the Myth that Palestinian Mothers Don’t Love Their Children,”](https://forward.com/opinion/396333/its-time-to-put-to-rest-the-myth-that-palestinian-mothers-dont-love-their/) *The Forward,* March 11, 2018.

[“How Israel has Strained America’s Relationship with the UN,”](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2017/12/28/how-israel-has-strained-americas-relationship-with-the-u-n/) *The Washington Post, Made By History,* December 28, 2017.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (selected)**

Book Review Editor for modern Middle East books, *International Journal of Middle East*

*Studies*, 2019-present

Book Manuscript Reviewer for:

Stanford University Press

University of California Press

Article reviewer for:

*Arab Studies Journal*

*Journal of Palestine Studies*

*Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*

*Feminist Formations*

**UNIVERSITY, SCHOOL and DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES (selected)**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, MENAS, 2017-present

Member, SBS Undergraduate Council (2017-present)

Member, SBS Diversity and Inclusion Committee (2019-present)

Honors Faculty Advisor, MENAS, 2013-present

**CONSULTING**

Expert Witness, Political Asylum Hearing, Law Office of Zayed Al-Sayyed, Tucson,

2016.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Middle East Studies Association

American Historical Association

Palestinian American Research Center

Association of Middle Eastern Women’s Studies

Al-Shabaka – The Palestinian Policy Network

# LANGUAGES

Native English

Near-native fluency in Arabic (reading and speaking)

Fair Hebrew and Spanish (reading and speaking)

Reading French