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Department of History
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Education:

9/73-6/81

The University of California at Los Angeles
Department of History
Doctorate of Philosophy, 6/81
Master of Arts, 6/74

9/70-1/73

The City College of New York (CCNY)
Department of History
Bachelor of Arts, 1/73

Manhattan Community College
Associate of Arts 1/1970

Employment Experience:
(selection)

9/89-present

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Department of History
Professor and Chair (1996-2004)

9/85-9/89

Birzeit University, The West Bank
Chair (1985-1989)
Department of History, Geography and Political Science

6/84-8/85

The University of California at Los Angeles,
Department of History
Visiting Lecturer

Awards and Honors:

- 2020 Spring- Sabbatical Leave, The Life and Time of Qadi Abu Bakr, Chief Judge of Seville.
- 2020 Summer-American Institute for Maghrebi Studies Grant, Rabat, Morocco (deferred due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Fulbright Research Award, Morocco, and Spain (accepted, alternate)
- 2017 Fulbright Group Project Abroad (GPA). Department of Education Grant to lead 12 teachers to Morocco. Summer 2017.
- 2013/14-2015/16- Cal Poly Pomona. *Teacher Scholar Awards*. One course release time each academic year for research on Natural history of Damascus.
- 2011/1-2012- Fulbright Fellowship, Damascus Syria (Cancelled due to civil war)
- Spring 2012-Sabbatical Leave, "Women in Mamluk Damascus."
- Summer 2012-Research and Scholarship and Creative Activities Grant, Cal Poly Pomona.
- 2006-The Getty Museum-University of Washington Institute, "Reconstructing the Past in the Middle East," Istanbul, Turkey. July 2006.
- 2004/05- American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE). An annotated edition of *Ta'rikh al-Jazari*
- 2004/05 -Fulbright Fellowship-Damascus, Syria (declined)
- 2003-Summer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar on St. Francis of Assisi and his times. Siena, Italy.
- 1997-Summer Research Grant, the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Cairo.
- 1996- Summer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar on Statecraft and War in the Christian and Islamic Traditions; Rutgers University.
- 1994/95-The Annenberg Distinguished Visiting Professor-Department of History, University of Pennsylvania. (Declined)
- 1993/94- Fulbright Senior Scholar Lecture/Research Fellowship, Department of History, Damascus University, Damascus, Syria.
- 1993- Summer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar on Islam and the Scientific Tradition, Columbia University.
- 1981/82- American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Cairo, Egypt.
- 1979/80 and 1978/79- University Fellow, UCLA.

1977/78- Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, Cairo, Egypt.

1976/77, 75/76, 74/75- National Defense Foreign Language (Title VI) Fellowship.

Passed Ph. D. examinations with distinction, Department of History, UCLA.

Doctoral Fields:

Islamic History until 1500
The Modern Middle East
North African history
Arabic literature

Research Interests:

- Damascus in the Mamluk period: Natural and Social History
- A biography of Abu Bakr ibn al-al-Arabi, Chief Qadi of Seville
- Ta'rikh al-Jazari*. (A 14th century manuscript annotated edition)
- Social and economic issues in early Islamic history.
- The *Mu'tazila* and the development of *Kalam* (Islamic theology).
- Saint Francis and the Franciscans in the Middle East.
- Periodization of Islamic History (500-1500 C. E.)
- Modern politics in the Middle East.
- Islamic Revival and Political Islam.
- Qur'anic Studies-The Social Origin of *Naskh* (Abrogation) in the Qur'an.
- Merchant Capital and Islam.

Courses taught at Cal Poly Pomona:

History of World Civilizations (Ancient, the middle period and the Modern)
Early Islamic history (500-1055)
Islamic history in the middle ages (12th-18th Centuries).
History of the Modern Middle East (from the 19th Century).
History of Pre-Colonial North Africa including Islamic Spain.
History of Modern North Africa.
Seminar on Religion and Power: Islam and Christianity and their Relation to the State.
History Methods and advanced Historiography
History and Historians
Various topics under HST 399 (undergraduate seminar) and HST 691 (graduate seminar)
Islamic Science in World History.
History of Modern Iran.

Service and Committee Membership at Cal Poly Pomona

Organized Education Abroad Program, Morocco Summer 2019
Co-Chair of Campus Committee on the Meaning and Purpose of GE
Member of the Academic Senate (4 3-year terms, 1 term 2years)
Chair of the General Education Committee of the Academic Senate (14/15-through Semester Conversion, current)
Co-Chair, Curriculum Conversion Coordinating Committee (Semester Conversion –2018)
Chair of the Senate's Academic Programs Committee (07/08, 08/09, 09/10)
Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee (1997/1998)
Member of the Senate's General Education Committee
Member and vice-chair, Faculty and Staff Affairs Committee

Member of the Faculty Merit Pay Review Committee
Various Search Committees for Deans and Associate Deans

Chair of the Department of History (two four-year terms, 1996-2004)
CLASS Representative to the Honors Program Founding Committee
Chair of the University Council of Department Chairs
Chair, College Council of Department Chairs
Graduate Coordinator and Graduate Adviser, Department of History.
Member of the Graduate Council.
Chair, RTP Committee, IGE Department (09/10, and member several times)
Organized and Led Education Abroad Program, al-Akawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco, Summer 06 and Summer 07.
Developed a three-week Education Abroad Program. Maseno University, Kisumu, Kenya, and a two-week summer program in San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua.
Member, the California Department of Education Textbook Adoption Committee.
Member, the California Department of Education Content Review Committee.
Member and Chair of the Malcolm Kerr Dissertation of the Year Award Committee (Middle East Studies Association of North America).

Publications List

Articles:

"Fire and Ice: Extreme Weather Conditions in Early Mamluk Damascus." In preparation.

"The Famine of 1295 A.D. in Cairo and Damascus: A Comparative Source Critique." In preparation.

"Health and Hygiene in Mamluk Damascus," in the Proceedings of the Conference on Mamluk Syria, July 2015, University of Bonn. (Forthcoming)

"Turning Obituaries into Life Histories: Women of Mamluk Damascus," Proceedings of the Conference: Writing Women's Lives, Istanbul, 2014, Yeditepe University and Oxford University Press. 2015.

"The Silk Weavers' Rebellion in Alexandria in 727/1327 C.E.: Religious xenophobia, homophobia or economic grievances?" *Mamluk Studies Review* vol. XVI (Fall 2012), 123-142.

"Crime and Punishment in Mamluk Damascus," *Osmanli Arastirmalari: Journal of Ottoman Studies* 36 (Fall 2010) 13-33. Also published in *Beyond Dominant Paradigms in Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Studies: A Tribute to Rifa'at Abou-El-Haj*. Edited by Donald Quataert and Baki Tezcan, Center for Islamic Studies: Istanbul, 2010.

"Francis Preaching to the Sultan: Art and Literature in the Hagiography of the Saint," in *Finding Francis*, edited By Cynthia Ho, Beth Mulvaney and John Downey, Palgrave: London, 2009.

"Abdallah ibn Jud'an," *Encyclopedia of Islam*. Ed. By John Nawas, et. al. Brill: Leiden, 2008.

"Practice and Reform in 14th Century Damascene Madrasahs," *Mamluk Studies Review*, XI no. 1 (2007), pp. 71-83.

"Specificities of Islamic Thoughts," *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Interfaith Studies* 6, no. 2 (Winter 2004) 121-149.

Ibn al-Qalanisi; Khawandamir; Evarist Levi-Provencal; al-Qalqashandi
Encyclopedia of Historiography. Edited by R.D. Woolf, Garland Press 1996.

"U. N. Sanctions on Libya," "Israel's Deportation of Hamas members," "Egypt's fight against Islamists," in *The Twentieth Century: Great Events, Supplement*. Edited by A.J. Sobczak, Salem Press, 1996.

"Abbasid Religious Inquisition as Social Policy: The Persecution of the *Zanadiqa*." *Arab Studies Quarterly* (Spring,1994).

"^CAdb al-Qadir al-Gilani;" "The ^CUlama;" "^CUmar b. al-Khattab," *Dictionary of the Middle Ages*, Edited by J. Strayer, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1984.

"Social and Economic conditions in pre-Islamic Mecca," *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 14, no. 3, 1982

"Conceptualizing Islamic history," *Journal of Trends in History*, New York, vol. 2 no. 3, 1982. Also appeared in *The Middle East and North Africa*, The Hayworth Press, New York, 1982.

Books: *Merchant Capital and Islam*. Austin: The University of Texas Press, 1990.

Who Makes History: Palestinian Experience in Oral History. with Tom Ricks and Adel Yahya. Tamer Institute for Community Education, Jerusalem, 1994.

Papers presented at conferences:

"Tales of the Miraculous and Early Mamluk Society." 68th Annual Conference of the American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Kansas City, MO. April 20-23, 2017.

"The Famine of 1295 C. E. in Cairo and Damascus: A Source-Critical Analysis. The American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 15-17, 2016.

"Natural and Environmental History of Mamluk Damascus." Conference on Mamluk Syria from Saladin to 1516. University of Bonn, July 2015.

"The Social Origin of Qur'anic abrogation: al-Suyuti on Naskh" Mamluk Studies Conference, Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy, June 23-25, 2014.

"Turning Obituaries into life histories: Women of Mamluk Damascus" Writing Women's Lives, Yeditepe University, Istanbul, Turkey, April 19-20, 2014

"Crime and Punishment in Mamluk Damascus" *Beyond the Dominant Paradigm in Middle Eastern and Ottoman Studies: A Conference in Honor of R. A. Abou El-Haj*. 26 April 2010, Binghamton University.

"The Silk Weavers Rebellion in Alexandria: Homophobia, Xenophobia or Economic Rebellion" American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference, New York, N. Y. April 2005.

"Francis Before the Sultan" American Research Center in Egypt Annual Conference, Tuscon, AZ, April 2004.

"Francis of Assisi in Art and Literature" Panel Organizer and Chair. Hawaii Annual Conference on the Social Sciences and Humanities. Honolulu, HI, January 2004.

"Situating Middle Eastern History in Global History," World History Association Conference, Boston, June 2000.

"Arab Kingship or Universal Rule: A Framework for the Study of Umayyad History," The Middle East Conference, University of California Santa Barbara, March 25th, 2000.

"The *Mihna* and the Periodization of Islamic History" MESA annual Conference, San Francisco, 1997.

"The Social Origins of *Naskh* (Abrogation) in the Qur'an," The First Annual International Research Forum. Cal Poly Pomona. March 1996.

"Oral History of the *Intifada*: A Challenge to Formal Historians." The Tamer Conference on Oral History, Ramallah, The West Bank, July 1994.

"Ibn al-Jazzar and pediatric medicine in Medieval Islamic history." National Endowment for the Humanities Seminar on Islam and the Scientific Tradition. Columbia University. Summer, 1993.

"The Frankish Wars and their effect on Palestine," Birzeit University, The West Bank, March 1992.

"Periodization of Islamic History: The role of *Iqta*" MESA annual conference, San Antonio, TX, November 1991.

"The Social Significance of Religious Inquisition in Early Islam" The World History Association annual conference, Provo, Utah (1990)

Panel Discussant: Periodization of Islamic history, MESA annual conference, Toronto, Canada (1989)

"The *Mu^ctazila*: A Theological/Philosophical School in search for Alternatives," MESA annual conference, Baltimore, MD (1987)

"Periodization and the role of merchant Capital: A new approach to Egyptian history," American Research Center in Egypt annual conference, San Francisco, CA (1980)

"The rise and expansion of Arab merchant capital," MESA, Washington D.C. (1988)

"New approach to the study of the Khawarij," Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual conference, Ann Arbor, MI (1978)

Book Reviews:

The History of the Maghrib, by Abdulla Laroui, *Journal of Historical Research*, Tripoli, vol. 1 (1979) (in Arabic)

Economic Relations between the Arab East and the West, by Galal Amin, *Journal of Historical Research*, vol. 1 (1979) (in Arabic)

Arab Public Opinion toward Arab Unity, by Sa^cd al-Din Ibrahim, *Journal of Historical Research*, Tripoli, vol. 3 (1981) (in Arabic)

Slaves on Horses: The Evolution of Islamic Polity, by Patricia Crone, *The Muslim World*, vol. LXXIII (1983)

The Early Islamic Conquests, by Fred M. Donner, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 15 (1983)

al-Fustat: Its Foundation and Early Development, by Wladyslaw Kubiak, *Ufahamu*, African Studies Center, UCLA, vol. 13 (1983)

The Early Abbasid Caliphate: A Political History, by Hugh Kennedy, *UCLA Historical Journal*, vol. 4 (1987)

Economic Survey of Syria During the 10th and 11th Centuries, by Muhsin Yusuf, *MESA Bulletin*, (Winter/1988)

The Crusades Through Arab Eyes, by Amin Maalouf, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, (Fall/1988)

Ta'rikh al-Tabari. vol. XXIX al-Mansur and al-Mahdi. Translated by Hugh Kennedy, *Middle East Studies Bulliten* (Jan. 1992)

Meccan Trade and Islam. by Robert Simon, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. (Summer, 1993)

Muslim-Christian Encounters: Perceptions and Misperceptions by W. M. Watt. *The History Teacher* Spring, 1993

Ta'rikh al-Tabari. vol XII. The Battle of al-Qadisiyya and the Conquest of Syria and Palestine. Translated by Y. Friedmann. *Journal of Semitic Studies*. Manchester, England. 1994

Ta'rikh al-Tabari. vol. XXXIII. Storm and Stress along the Northern Frontiers of the Abbasid Caliphate. Translated by C. Bosworth. *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*. 1994.

Ta'rikh al-Tabari. vol. III. The Children of Israel. Translated by R. Brinner. *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*. 1994.

The Middle East Since 1914. By Ritchie Ovendal. *The History Teacher*. 1994

Science, Religion and Learning: The Cambridge History of Arabic Literature. R.B. Serjeant, et al (eds.) *British Society for Middle Eastern Studies*. 1994.

History of Palestine: 634-1099. By Moshe Gil. *Middle East Journal*. 1995.

Zandaqa et Zindiqs en Islam au second siecle de l'Hegire. By Melhem Choker. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. 1995.

The History of al-Tabari, vol. XI: The Challenge to the Empires A.D. Translated by Yahya Blankinship. *Journal of Semitic Studies*. Spring, 1996.

The End of the Jihad State: The Reign of Hisham ibn Abd al-Malik and the Collapse of the Umayyads. By Khalid Yahya Blankinship. *Middle East Studies Bulletin*. 1995.

The History of al-Tabari, vol. XXVIII. Abbasid Authority Affirmed. Translated by Jane Dammen McAuliffe. *Journal of Semitic Studies*.

A History of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. By Mark Tessler. *Journal of Church and State*.

Palestinian Peasants and Ottoman Officials. By Amy Singer. *Arab Studies Quarterly*.

Rediscovering Palestine: Peasants and Merchants in Jabal Nablus. By Beshara Doumani. *Journal of Arab Studies Quarterly*.

Review Essay on Hasan al-Turabi: The Making of an Islamic Fundamentalist. *Al-Jadid: Journal of Arab Culture*.

Against Islamic Extremism: The Thought of Mohammed S. al-Ashmawi. By Helen Fluehr-Lobban. *Al-Jadid: Journal of Arab Culture*.

The Eye of the Beholder: The Life of Muhammad. By Uri Rubin. *Bulletin of the Middle Eastern Studies Association*.

Gateway to Hell, Gateway to Paradise: The North African Response to the Arab Conquest. By Elizabeth Savage. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*.

Mongols and Mamluks: The Mamluk-Ilkhanid Wars. By Ruven Amitai-Preiss. *Bulletin of the Middle Eastern Studies Association*.

The Challenge of Fundamentalism: The New World Disorder. By Bassam Tibi.
Al-Jadid: Journal of Arab Culture. Los Angeles.

The Cambridge History of Egypt. The Islamic Period vol. 1. By Carl Petry, ed.
American Historical Review.

Muslim Kingship: Power and the Sacred in Muslim, Christian and Pagan Traditions. By Aziz al-Azmeh, *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies.* Amman, Jordan.

The New Mamluks: Egyptian Society and Modern Nationalism. by Amira El-Azhary Sonbol. *Al-Jadid-Journal of Arab Culture.* Los Angeles.

The Unthought in Contemporary Islamic Thought. By Muhammad Arkoun.
Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies, Amman, Jordan.

