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EDUCATION

Ph.D., History (Modern Middle East), Stanford University, 2003

M.A., History, Stanford University, 1995

A.B. *magna cum laude*, History, Harvard University, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor with tenure, Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, 2012-present

Associate Professor, Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies (core appointment), and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (by courtesy), 2012-present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, 2005-2012

Assistant Professor, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Washington University in St. Louis, 2007-2012 (by courtesy)

Lecturer, Department of History, Stanford University, 2003-2004

PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

A City Consumed: Urban Commerce, the Cairo Fire, and the Politics of Decolonization in Egypt
Stanford University Press, 2012

Awarded the 2013 Roger Owen Book Award from the Middle East Studies Association

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

“Stone by Stone”: The Landscape Politics of Egypt’s Aswan High Dam, 1956-1973
book research funded by the American Council of Learned Societies

Prophet of Sustainability: Hassan Fathy and “Natural Energy” Architecture
(biography book project under development)

ARTICLES IN PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

“Following Absence: Plot Lines of Erasure and Ruination in the Middle East and North Africa: An Introduction,” co-authored with Anne-Marie McManus, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (CSSAAME) 44.2 (August 2024): 277-286. <https://doi.org/10.1215/1089201X-11233112>

“Vanishing Nubia: Following Botanists in Egypt,” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (CSSAAME) 44.2 (August 2024): 327-341; for special section, *Following Absence*. <https://doi.org/10.1215/1089201X-11233120>

“Architectural Design for Procuring Thermal Comfort’: Hassan Fathy, Nubia, and Desert Building,” accepted for publication in *International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, Special Issue: ‘Climate Change and the Built Environment in the Islamic World’, 13:2 (May 2024), pp. 361–91, https://doi.org/10.1386/ijia_00145_1.

“City of the High Dam: Aswan and the Promise of Postcolonialism in Egypt,” *City & Society*, vol. 29, no. 1 (April 2017): 213-235.

“States of Law and Sexuality in the Middle East,” (book review essay: books by Afary, Bier, Efrati, Hasso, and Kern) *Journal of Women’s History*, vol. 27, no. 2 (summer 2015): 182-193.

“Beyond the Urban,” a contribution to the “Public Space Roundtable,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 46, no.1 (February 2014): 172-174 (invited submission).

“Entangled Communities: Interethnic Relationships among Urban Salesclerks and Domestic Workers in Egypt, 1927-1961,” *The European Review of History/Revue européenne d’histoire*, vol. 19, no. 1 (February 2012): 113-139.

“Salesclerks, Sexual Danger, and National Identity in Egypt in the 1920s and 1940s,” *Journal of Women’s History*, vol. 23, no. 3 (Fall 2011): 63-88.

“National Socks and the ‘Nylon Woman’: Materiality, Gender, and Nationalism in Textile Marketing in Semicolonial Egypt, 1930-1956,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 43, no. 1 (February 2011): 49-74.

“*Sharikat al-Bayt al-Misri*: Domesticating Commerce in Egypt, 1931-1956,” *Arab Studies Journal*, vol. 7.2/8.1 (Fall 1999/Spring 2000): 75-107.

CHAPTERS AND ENTRIES IN EDITED VOLUMES

“Embanking Aswan with the Desert’s Edge,” *Comparative Deserts: Transnational and Interdisciplinary Approaches*, edited by Brahim El Guabli; forthcoming, University of Liverpool Press; submitted October 2022.

“Dams, Ditches, and Drains: Managing Egypt’s Modern Hydroscape,” chapter for *Oxford Handbook of Modern Egyptian History*, edited by Beth Baron and Jeff Culang. Pp. 196-216 (Oxford University Press, 2024); <https://doi.org/10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190072742.013.4>.

“Building the Past: Rockscapes and the Aswan High Dam in Egypt,” in *Water on Sand: Environmental Histories of the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Alan Mikhail. Pp. 181-205 (New York: Oxford University Press, 2013).

“Economics: Advertising and Marketing: Egypt,” entry for *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Volume 4, Suad Joseph et al (eds.). Pp. 118-120 (Leiden: Brill, 2006).

“Introduction,” with Saba Mahmood, for special issue, “Contested Politics: Religious Disciplines and Structures of Modernity,” *Stanford Humanities Review*, vol. 5, no. 1 (Fall 1995). Coeditor with Mahmood of this issue, which focused on the Middle East and South Asia and included contributions from Talal Asad, Gauri Viswanathan, Barbara Metcalf, Suad Joseph, Joel Beinin, Aron Rodrigue, and Jane Collier.

“‘Difference’ and Tolerance in the Ottoman Empire,” interview with Aron Rodrigue, *Stanford Humanities Review*, vol. 5, no. 1 (Fall 1995): 80-90.

SPECIAL JOURNAL ISSUES

Co-guest editor, with Anne-Marie McManus, “Following Absence: Objects of Ruination in the Middle East and North Africa,” thematic special section for *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* (44.2, August 2024).

BOOK REVIEWS

“Retro-Rivering: A roundtable review of Faisal H. Husain, *Rivers of the Sultan: The Tigris and Euphrates in the Ottoman Empire*,” H-Net Environment Roundtable Vol. 14, no. 6 (June 2024): 12-19; <https://networks.h-net.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/env-roundtable-14-6.pdf>.

Review of *The Last Nahdawi: Taha Hussein and Institution Building in Egypt*, by Hussam R. Ahmed, for the *American Historical Review* 129, no.1 (March 2024): 348-350; doi: 10.1093/ahr/rhad507.

Review of *Street Sounds: Listening to Everyday Life in Modern Egypt*, by Ziad Fahmy, for the *Journal of North African Studies*, forthcoming; published online Aug. 15, 2022; DOI: 10.1080/13629387.2022.2111148.

Review of *The Rise of the Egyptian Middle Class: Socio-Economic Mobility and Public Discontent from Nasser to Sadat*, by Relli Shechter, for *Review of Middle East Studies*, vol. 56, no. 1 (June 2022): 150-52; DOI: 10.1017/rms.2022.19.

Review of *Understanding Cairo: The Logic of a City Out of Control*, by David Sims, for *Urban Studies Journal*, vol. 51 (May 2014): 1346-1348.

Review of *Revolutionary Womanhood: Feminisms, Modernity, and the State in Nasser’s Egypt*, by Laura Bier, for *Journal of World History*, vol. 24, no. 2 (June 2013): 488-491.

Review of *Cairo: Histories of a City*, by Nezar AlSayyad, for *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 44, no. 4 (November 2012): 835-836.

Review of *Silent No More: Special Needs People in Egypt*, by Leslie Lababidi in collaboration with Nadia El-Arabi for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* vol. 38, no. 2 (May 2006): 327-8.

“Review Essay: *Women in Middle Eastern History: Shifting Boundaries in Sex and Gender*, edited by Nikki Keddie and Beth Baron; and *Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate*, by Leila Ahmed,” *Middle East Report*, 190 (September-October 1994): 30-31.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

SPEED (Seeding Projects for Enabling Excellence and Distinction in Research Program) Grant, Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, April 2024

Competitive Post-Tenure Course Release, Dean’s Office, Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis (awarded December 2023; for fall 2024)

Faculty Reading/Writing Group Grant, Center for the Humanities, Washington University, 2024-25
For the project, “Writing Biography”; co-convended with Dr. Lori Watt

Research Grant, Provost’s Office COVID Faculty Support Initiative, Washington University in St. Louis, November 2022

Outstanding Faculty and Staff Award, Graduate Student Senate, Washington University in St. Louis, May 2021

Dean’s Community Response Award, Faculty of Arts & Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis, 17 December 2020

Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Cultures, The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, 2016-23
For the project: “Grounding the Ecocritical: Materializing Wastelands and Living on in the Middle East”; with Dr. Anne-Marie McManus
Project website: <https://www.materializingwastelands.org>

Arts and Sciences Summer 2016 Collaborative Seed Grant, Washington University, 2016
For the project: “Wasteland Literacies”; with Dr. Anne-Marie McManus

Mellon New Directions Fellowship, 2014-2016; taken in 2017-2018; extended to 2023
For the project, “Heat: Recent Egyptian Histories”

Faculty Seminar Grant, Center for the Humanities, Washington University, 2014-2020
For “Wastelands,” co-convended with Dr. Anne-Marie McManus

Roger Owen Book Award from the Middle East Studies Association, 2013
For *A City Consumed*

Weiner Summer Research Grant, Washington University in St. Louis, 2014-2019

The American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship, January to December 2012
For the project, “The Politics of Environment, Culture, and National Development in the Building of the Aswan High Dam in Egypt, 1956-1971”

American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) research fellowship for 2011-2012 (declined)
For the project, “The Politics of Culture and National Development in the Building of the Aswan High Dam in Egypt, 1956-1971” (ARCE research associate affiliation in 2012)

Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History, 2010
The American Historical Association

Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, 1997-1998
Stanford Humanities Center, Stanford University

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship for the Social Sciences and Humanities, 1997

Harris Fellowship in History, 1998
Stanford University

Graduate Research Opportunity Program Grant, 1996-1997
School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University

Dissertation Research Fellowship, 1996-1997
The American Research Center in Egypt (declined)

Full-year Fellowship, Center for Arabic Study Abroad, 1995-1996
American University in Cairo, Egypt

Dissertation Workshop on Cultural History/Cultural Studies, May 1995
Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East, Social Science Research Council, Istanbul

Graduate Fellowship, 1991-1995
History Department, Stanford University

Mellon Foundation Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award, 1992

Undergraduate Summer Research Travel Grants to Egypt, 1988
For Honors Thesis, "Discourses of Social Change: An Analysis of the 1985 Personal Status Law Debate in Egypt"; Harvard University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Center for International Affairs, and Institute for International Development

CONFERENCE PLANNING

Convener (and presenter), with Anne-Marie McManus, "Following Absence: Objects of Ruination in the Middle East and North Africa," Final Symposium for the Mellow Sawyer Seminar: "Grounding the Ecocritical: Materializing Wastelands and Living on in the Middle East," June 10-12, 2021 (virtual).

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

"Prophet of Sustainability: Hassan Fathy's 'Natural Energy' Architecture in Egypt, the Arabian Peninsula, and New Mexico," Faculty Spotlight Lecture, Washington University in St. Louis, August 20, 2024.

"Designing Thermal Comfort: Hassan Fathy's 'Natural Energy' Architecture," Conference on the Environment and Climate Change in the Middle East, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 12, 2024.

- “Nubian ‘Desert’ Knowledge: Transforming Local Environmental Practice into a Force for a Global Urban Poor,” European Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Bristol, UK, July 7, 2022 (virtual presentation on hybrid panel).
- “Cities on Fire: Environmental Histories of Urban Conflagrations,” discussant comments on a double panel session, European Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Bristol, UK, July 4 and 5, 2022 (virtual presentation on hybrid panels).
- “Figuring Date Palms: Compensation to Sudanese Nubians in the Wake of the Aswan High Dam, 1960-1964,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Eugene, OR, March 26, 2022 (in person).
- “‘The People’s Joy’? The Aswan High Dam and Architectures of State Power in Egypt,” invited lecture, School of International Studies, American University, Washington, D.C.; and panelist for “Peace on the River? The Nile, the Jordan, and the Middle East in an Era of Climate Change” conference (in person), March 14-15, 2022.
- “Searching for Egypt’s Relic Palm: Botanists and *Medemia argun* in the Nubian Desert,” Following Absence Sawyer Seminar Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis (virtual), June 11, 2021.
- “Desert Edges: Aswan’s Twentieth-Century Necropolis,” Comparative Deserts Conference, Williams College (virtual), May 21, 2021.
- Discussant-Interviewer for UCLA webinar on Deborah A. Starr’s new book, *Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema*, November 16, 2020 (virtual; [recorded](#)).
- “Behind the Grout Curtain: Cold-War Struggles over Stabilization Technologies in Building the Aswan High Dam in 1960s Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, virtual, October 7, 2020.
- “Nubian ‘Desert’ Knowledge: Transforming Local Environmental Practice into a Force for a Global Urban Poor,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, March 2020 in Ottawa (paper accepted but conference canceled due to pandemic).
- “Imagining Middle Eastern Deserts as World Futures: New Directions in Desert Humanities and Arid Lands Research,” Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, November 6, 2019.
- “The Risks and Rewards of Middle Eastern Environmental History,” Roundtable participant, American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, April 13, 2019.
- “Desert Development: The Date Palm Industry of the 1930s between the Middle East and the United States,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, November 18, 2018.
- “Urgency, Waste, and the Affective Politics of Construction at Egypt’s Aswan High Dam,” invited lecture at the School of History and Sociology, Georgia Tech, Atlanta GA, April 9, 2018.
- “Blasting the North African Desert: ‘Foreign’ Expertise and the Building of the High Dam at Aswan,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Conference, Chicago, March 30, 2017. Panel co-organizer, “Hydropower, Nationalism, and Foreign Expertise in Africa and Asia.”

- “Into the Desert Waste: Fixing Egypt’s Frontiers,” University of Pennsylvania Libraries Conference, “To the Ends of the Earth,” March 3, 2017.
- “The Stone Sustains: Disaster Anxiety and the Aswan High Dam, 1956-1980,” Middle East Studies Association 50th Annual Meeting, Boston, November 18, 2016.
- “Egypt’s Nile: Postcolonial Reclamation of River and Nation in the ‘Final Flood’ of the 1960s,” paper presented to the Interdisciplinary Workshop on Water, Technology and the Nation-State, The University of Manchester, England, October 27, 2016.
- “Egypt’s Bright Beacon to Africa: The Affective Politics of the Aswan High Dam in Decolonization and Regional Development in the 1960s,” invited paper and presentation to the Porter L. Fortune, Jr. History Symposium “Cold War Development and Developmentalism in Global Perspective,” University of Mississippi, March 3-5, 2016; also presented to the History Department Workshop, Washington University, September 7, 2016.
- “Documenting the Arab Uprisings,” presentation and roundtable participant, Middle East Studies Association 48th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 24, 2014.
- “Opportunity in Aswan: Provincial Urban Consumption and Mobility in Post-colonial Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association 48th Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 23, 2014.
- “Aswan: A Provincial Egyptian City on the Cold War Frontier,” invited lecture for the City Seminar, Washington University, September 30, 2014.
- “Egypt’s ‘Search for Dignity’: Decolonization and the Aswan High Dam,” invited paper presented to the Arab Studies Conference: Decolonization and its Discontents, U.C. Davis, May 3, 2014.
- “Delimiting Sinai and Constructing Aswan: Naturalizing Egypt’s Modern Frontiers,” invited lecture at the Institute for Middle East Studies, The George Washington University, Washington, D.C., April 7, 2014.
- “The Aswan High Dam’s New Landscape of Heat,” American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting, San Francisco, March 14, 2014.
- “Managing Aswan: A Frontier City’s New Landscape of Heat,” invited paper presented to the conference “Delimiting Egypt,” The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, February 21, 2014.
- “The Ecology of Natural Boundaries: Fixing Egypt’s Frontiers,” invited keynote lecture, The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, February 20, 2014.
- “Urban Consumption and Mobility: Aswan City and Postcolonial Citizenship in Egypt of the 1950s and 1960s,” invited paper presented to the conference “A Critical Engagement with the Study of Middle Eastern Cities,” Princeton University, May 9-11, 2013.
- “A City Consumed,” Center for the Humanities Eleventh Annual Faculty Book Celebration, Washington University in St. Louis, November 29, 2012.
- “Islam and Commercial Marketing in Mid-Twentieth-Century Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association 46th Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 20, 2012.

- “Captive Consumers? Shopping, Urban Space, and the Colonial Politics of Middle Eastern Consumption,” an invited lecture at the UCLA Center for Near Eastern Studies, November 13, 2012.
- “Egyptian Consumption ‘After the Dam,’” Middle East Studies Association 45th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 2, 2011.
- “Egyptian Decolonization and the Aswan High Dam,” Cold War and Decolonization Reading Group, Washington University in St. Louis, November 15, 2011.
- “‘To Drown the Past to Save the Future’: Narratives of Time and Family in the Building of the Aswan High Dam,” Middle East Studies Association 44th Annual Meeting, San Diego, C.A., November 21, 2010.
- “‘A Pyramid for the Living’: The Politics of Environment, Race, and National Development in the Building of the High Dam in Egypt, 1956-1971,” History Department Colloquium Series, Washington University in St. Louis, April 21, 2010.
- “Ethnic Entanglements: Relationships among Salesclerks and Domestic Workers in Cairo, 1927-1961,” Islamic Studies Roundtable, Washington University in St. Louis, October 20, 2009.
- “Entangled Communities: The Polyvocal and Multiethnic Worlds of Salesclerks and Domestic Workers in Egypt, 1927-1961,” presented in workshop 15, “The Mediterranean: A Colonial Sea?” 10th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Montecatini Terme, Italy, 25-28 March 2009.
- “Toward a Cultural History of the High Dam at Aswan,” invited paper presented to the 3rd Annual Middle East Center Symposium: Egypt, Florida State University, February 27, 2009.
- “Nylon, Gender, and Commodity Politics in Egypt, 1930s-1950s,” invited paper presented to the Research Workshop, New York University’s Kevorkian Center, October 20, 2008.
- “The Polyvocality of Commerce in Egypt, 1927-1961,” invited paper presented to the “Entangled Lives: Social Encounters in the Mediterranean and Beyond,” Mediterranean Studies Forum, Stanford University, May 4-5, 2008.
- “The ‘Problem’ with Shopping: Salesclerks in Egyptian Department Stores, 1909-1956,” presented to the workshop “Between Society and the Market: Novel Approaches to the Business History of the Middle East,” 8th Mediterranean Research Meeting, European University Institute, Montecatini Terme, Italy, 21-25 March 2007; paper also presented to the Junior Faculty Workshop, Department of History, Washington University in St. Louis, March 2, 2007.
- “Department Stores and Communities of Urban Commerce in Egypt, 1890s-1950s,” Middle East Studies Association 39th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 22, 2005.
- “From ‘Foreign Silks’ to ‘The Nylon Woman’: Politics of Textile Technologies and Cloth Consumption in Semi-Colonial Egypt, 1920-1956,” American Historical Association 116th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 4, 2002.
- “Mirrors of Colonialism: Plate Glass, Commerce, and Vision in Egypt, 1896-1956,” Middle East Studies Association 35th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 19, 2001.

“Bodies of Goods: Salesclerks, Display, and Selling in Egyptian Commerce, 1901-1956,” California Middle East Social and Cultural History Association meeting, University of California at Los Angeles, April 21, 2001.

“Working in the Egyptian National Archives and Library,” California Middle East Social and Cultural History Association meeting, Stanford University, January 13, 2001.

“*Fursa `Azima?*: Purveying Power through Commodities in Egyptian Commerce, 1901-1956,” Middle East Studies Association 34th Annual Meeting, Orlando, Fla., November 19, 2000.

Conference Organizer and Commentator for “Edges of Empire” panel, Problems in the Study of Empires and Cultures: A Symposium, Stanford University, May 15, 1999.

“*Sharikat al-Bayt al-Masri*: Domesticating Commerce in Egypt, 1931-1961,” Middle East Studies Association 32nd Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL; Organized panel, titled “New Commodifications: Translating and Circulating the Household in Modern Egypt”; December 5, 1998.

“*Gawz Gazma/Gawz Kawari`*: Commodity Communities and Commerce in 1940s and 1950s Egypt,” 13th Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, The University of Chicago, May 9, 1998.

“Fabrics of Power: Textile Technologies and Anti-Colonialisms in Egypt, 1920-1958,” Conference titled “Materializing Cultures: Science, Technology, and Medicine in Global Context,” Stanford University, May 1, 1998.

“Commodities and Commercial Space in Egypt, 1907-1961,” Stanford Humanities Center, March 5, 1998.

“Luxor Fashions and Store-Front Sphinxes: The Circulation of Textiles in Egypt, 1920s-1950s,” Middle East Studies Association 31st Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 24, 1997.

“Fashioning Taste: Representing the Self and Nation Through Commodities in Egypt, 1907-1961,” Social Science Research Council Fellows Conference, Cairo, Egypt, March 19, 1997.

“Cultural Commodities: Department Stores, Gender, and Nationalism in Egypt, 1907-1961,” dissertation proposal presented to the Workshop on Cultural History/Cultural Studies, sponsored by the Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East, Social Science Research Council; Istanbul, May 1995.

“Writing the Harem: Authorial Presence and Feminotopic Imaginings in Lady Montagu’s *Turkish Embassy Letters* and Alev Croutier’s *Harem*,” Third Annual *Jusur* Conference on the Middle East, University of California at Los Angeles, May 13-14, 1994; and Comparative Women’s/ Gender History Workshop, Stanford University, December 7, 1993.

“Contesting Politics Through Economic Liberalism: Hegemonic Allegories of ‘Women’s Status’ in Egypt,” Modern Thought and Literature Graduate Student Conference titled “When Worlds Collide: Culture and the Crisis of the Nation,” Stanford University, April 16-17, 1993.

PEDAGOGY PRESENTATIONS

“Security and Conduct in the Research Field,” guest lecture in International Field Research Course, Stanford University, March 3, 2005.

“Theories and Strategies of Lecturing,” Workshop in Teaching, History Department, Stanford University, September 26, 1998.

“Feminist Pedagogy,” guest lecture in Pedagogy Seminar for entering graduate students, History Department, Stanford University, April 27, 1998; and April 10, 2000.

“Surviving the TA Experience: Mediating Between Students and Professors,” Workshop in Teaching, History Department, Stanford University, October 1, 1994.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023	Reviewer, Fulbright National Screening Committee
2023-2024	Chair, History of Science Search Committee, History, Washington University
2023-2024	Member, Graduate Studies Committee, History, Washington University (advisory)
2023-2024	Member, OGS Advisory Council, Washington University (graduate studies)
2021-2022	Member, OGS Advisory Council, Washington University (graduate studies)
2021-2022	Mentor, Dream Project: Cities and Inequalities, Global Urban History Project
2021-22	Member, Marshall Selection Committee Internal Nomination, Washington University
May 2021	Reviewer, First Book Workshop for Amr Kamal, CUNY
March 2021	External Reviewer, Modern Endangered Archives Program, UCLA
2018-2021	Director of Graduate Study, History; and in JIMES, Washington University
2018-2021	Member, Advisory Committee, History, Washington University
2017-2022	RDE Advisory Committee, Center for the Humanities, Washington University
2019-2020	Member, Executive Committee, Graduate Council, Graduate School, WU
2020	Member, Center for the Humanities, Medal Recipient Planning Committee (Patti Smith), Washington University
2018-2022	Member, “History of the Present” Faculty Reading Group, Washington University
2017-2018	Co-coordinator and presenter for symposium honoring Joel Beinin on his retirement, Stanford University, 25-26 May 2018
2019	Member, Program Committee, MESA Annual Meeting 2019
2017	Chair, Roger Owen Book Award Committee, MESA
2015-2019	Member, Editorial Board, <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i>

2016-2017	Director of Graduate Study, History, Washington University
2016-2017	Member, Advisory Committee, History, Washington University
2016-2017	Member, Working Group Two, Planning Committee for NEH NextGen PhD Grant, Washington University
2016-2017; 2021	Member, Graduate Council Policies and Services Committee, Washington University
2014-2020	Co-Convenor, Wastelands Faculty Seminar, Washington University
2015	Member, Program Committee, Association for Middle East Women's Studies
2014-2015	Member, Fulbright Faculty Campus Committee, Washington University
2014-2015	Co-Chair, Colloquium Committee, JINELC, Washington University
2014-2015	Member, Search Committee (JINELC) for Islamic Studies
2014-2015	Member, Search Committee (University Libraries) for Subject Librarian in Islamic and South Asian Studies
2014	Member, Professor of the Practice Review Committee, Washington University
2013	Member, Nominating Committee, Association for Middle East Women's Studies
2013-2015	Member, Graduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Washington University
2013 (jan-dec)	Interim Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, Washington University
2013-2014	Elected Member, Advisory Committee, Department of History, Washington University
2013	Member, Graduate Council Policies and Services Committee, Washington University
2013	Member, Merle Kling Fellowship Selection Committee, Washington University
2008-2011	Member, University Bookstore Advisory Committee, Washington University
2012-2013	Member, Search Committee (JINELC) for Modern Arabic Literature and Culture
2006-2011	Faculty Advisor, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Washington University Chapter
2006-2010, 2011	Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of History, Washington University
2008-2011; 2013-2015	Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies, Washington University

2005-2007	Member, Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies Executive Committee, Washington University
2008-2009	Member, Jewish, Islamic, and Near Eastern Studies Speakers Committee, Washington University
2006-2007	Member, Joint Search Committee (History-IPH) for Enlightenment Europe, Washington University
1998-1999	Joint Coordinator, Empires and Cultures Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center
1995	Senior Editor, <i>Stanford Humanities Review</i> ; on editorial board 1992-1994
2004-present	Manuscript reviewer/referee: <i>International Journal of Middle East Studies</i> ; Stanford University Press; University of Washington Press; Palgrave Press; Syracuse University Press; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; University of Nebraska Press, <i>Journal of Middle East Women's Studies</i> ; <i>Comparative Studies in Society and History</i> ; <i>History Compass</i> ; <i>Women's Studies Quarterly</i> ; <i>City & Society</i> ; <i>Journal of Social History</i> ; <i>Environmental History</i> ; <i>Technology and Culture</i> ; <i>Archival Science</i>

PH.D. DISSERTATIONS (CHAIR)

2022-present

Richard Harrod, "Building the Renaissance: Sultan, Sultanate, and Transnational Development in Oman in the Late-Twentieth Century," History Department, Washington University in St. Louis (committee chair)

2017-present

Mark Beirn, "Urban Mobility, Empire, and Airports in Twentieth-Century Berlin," History Department, Washington University in St. Louis (committee chair)

2009-2014

Beverly (Levine) Tsacoyianis, "Making Healthy Minds and Bodies in Syria, 1899-1961"; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis (committee chair); tenured, University of Memphis, 2021

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

2021-2024

Sayed Qashou, "Reading Mood in the Post-Oslo Palestinian Novel: Shame, Melancholy, Hope," Department of Comparative Literature, Washington University in St. Louis

2023-present

Bridget Kelly, "Black Women, Anti-Colonial Mobilization, and the Harlem Uprising," History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2021-2022

Nan-Hsu Chen, "Frontier Dynamics, Local Actors, and the Politics of Statelessness in a Nineteenth-Century East Asian Borderland," History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2021-present

Josiah Schmidt, "Entangled Landscapes: German Peasants and Colonial Americans in Networks of Ecology and Economy, 1600-1800," History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2020-present

Ruochen Chen, “Steamship in the Heartland: Comparative Political Economy of Two Treaty-Port Networks, 1870s-1920s China”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2019-present

Michael Mendez, “Environmental Devastation in Medieval Languedoc: The Ecological Impact of the Albigensian Crusades”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2018-2019

Taylor H. Desloge, “The Tortured Pre-History of Urban Blight: African American St. Louis and the Politics of Public Health, 1877-1940”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2016-2019

Waseem-Ahmed Bin-Kasim, “Sanitary Segregation: Cleansing Accra and Nairobi, 1908-1963”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2016-2019

Sarah Siegel, “By the People Most Affected: Model Cities, Citizen Control, and the Broken Promises of Urban Renewal”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2010-2015

Sara Jay, “Cultural Exchange among the Transnational Algerian Jewish Community, 1962-1980”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2011-2014

Jacob Labendz, “Re-Negotiating Czechoslovakia: The State and the Jews in Communist Central Europe, the Czech Lands, 1945-1990”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2012-2014

Muey Saeteurn, “Cultivating Their Own in Kenya: A Social History of Maragoli Farmers and Development, 1955-1978”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

2012-2013

Michelle Repice, “The Mobile Makeover: The Limits of American Automotive Freedom, 1918-1939”; History Department, Washington University in St. Louis

PUBLIC LECTURES AND PUBLIC WRITING

“Egypt’s Arab Spring at 10: The Work of Political Anniversaries,” Human Ties Features, Center for the Humanities blog, Washington University in St. Louis, March 1, 2021

<https://humanities.wustl.edu/features/nancy-y-reynolds-egypt-arab-spring-10-years-political-anniversaries>

“A History of the Arab Spring,” Ladue High School History Club, virtual lecture, March 1, 2021.

“Beyond Violence and Rhetoric: A Primer on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict,” Adult Education Forum, Holy Communion Episcopal Church, St. Louis, October 26, 2014.

“Unfinished Revolution or Civil War: Current Political Struggles in the Middle East,” Women’s Society of Washington University in St. Louis, October 23, 2013.

“Women and the Gender Politics of Egypt’s Islamist Movement,” for “The Crisis in Egypt: A Public Symposium” at Washington University in St. Louis, September 23, 2013.

“The Crisis in Egypt: A Public Symposium,” (organizer) Washington University in St. Louis, September 23, 2013.

“Understanding a New Egypt,” Great Decisions Forum of the World Affairs Council, St. Louis, MO, March 14, 2013.

“Rereading: History and the Middle East,” Annual Cum Laude Society Dinner Keynote Address, The Hotchkiss School, Lakeville, CT, May 9, 2008.

“Women in the Modern Middle East,” St. Louis Forum, January 2007.

“Conflict in Lebanon: Histories and Contexts” guest lecturer to International Leadership Program freshman seminar, Washington University, September 19, 2006.

“Women and Islam,” International Leadership Program fall conference, Washington University, November 7, 2005.

“Israel/Palestine after Disengagement,” Students for a Peaceful Palestinian-Israeli Future Colloquium, Washington University in St. Louis, November 30, 2005.

ADDITIONAL SERVICE TO EDUCATIONAL AND ARTS INSTITUTIONS

Member, Committee on Arts of Africa, The Art Institute of Chicago, 2024-present

Member, Board of Trustees, John Burroughs School, St. Louis, Missouri, 2017-2023
Committees: Diversity and Education, Tuition Aid; Executive Committee
Chair, Tuition Aid Committee (2019-2023)

Member, Board of Directors, Harvard Alumni Association, Harvard University, 2019-2022
Regional Director for Clubs and SIGs

Member, Board of Trustees, Forsyth School, St. Louis, Missouri, 2008-2014
Committees: Multicultural, Personnel, Executive, Plant and Land, Board Chair Selection
Chair, Multicultural Committee, 2009-2011
Secretary to the Board, 2011-2012

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Modern Standard and Egyptian colloquial) and French

Advanced Language Training

Center for Arabic Study Abroad, American University in Cairo, June 1995-May 1996

Arabic Language School, Middlebury College, Advanced (level four) intensive immersion in Modern Standard Arabic, June-August 1993

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association, since 1993

Middle East Studies Association, since 1993
 Association for Middle East Women's Studies, since 2005
 American Society for Environmental History, since 2011
 Urban History Association, since 2013
 Global Urban History Project, since 2017
 Women Historians of the Middle East (WHOME), since 2014
 European Society for Environmental History, since 2022
 Society for the History of Technology, since 2021
 Society of Architectural Historians, since 2023
 History of Science Society, since 2023

COURSES TAUGHT

Women in the Modern Middle East
 Introduction to Islamic Civilization
 Middle East in the Twentieth Century
 Colonial Cities and the Making of Modernity
 Shopping and Consumption: Historical Approaches
 History of the Late Ottoman Middle East
 Palestine, Israel, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict
 Graduate Core Seminar: Social and Cultural History of the Modern Middle East
 Beyond the Harem: Women, Gender, and Revolution in the Modern Middle East
 Egypt and the Arab Spring: Middle Eastern Revolution in Historical Perspective; an Advanced Seminar
 The Literature of History (graduate seminar)
 Law and Revolution in Modern Egypt: A Methods Seminar
 Between Sand and Sea: History, Environment, and Politics in the Arabian Peninsula
 Research Seminar for M.A. Students in Jewish, Islamic, and Middle Eastern Studies

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