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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

07/19 – present	The American University in Cairo Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science	Cairo, Egypt
09/18 – 05/19	Orient Institut-Beirut Doctoral Fellow	Beirut, Lebanon
09/07 – 06/11	The American University of Beirut Instructor, Department of English	Beirut, Lebanon

EDUCATION

2019	PhD – Political Science NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: Evanston, IL Dissertation: <i>Minorities in Times of Conflict: Civil War in Lebanon and Syria</i> Committee: William Reno (chair), Wendy Pearlman, Hendrik Spruyt Major: Comparative Politics; Minor: Methods
2014	M.A. – Political Science NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: Evanston, IL
2007	Master de Recherche en Sciences Sociales ECOLE DES HAUTES ETUDES EN SCIENCES SOCIALES: Paris
2004	Maîtrise de Lettres Modernes – Comparative Literature UNIVERSITÉ DE LA SORBONNE-NOUVELLE – PARIS III: Paris
2002	Licence de Lettres Modernes – Comparative Literature UNIVERSITÉ DE LA SORBONNE-NOUVELLE – PARIS III: Paris
2001	Bachelor of Arts – Psychology, Philosophy and French MERCER UNIVERSITY: Macon, GA Minor: Photography <i>Cum Laude</i>

PUBLICATIONS, REVIEWS & COMMENTARY

- “The Kurds of Syria.” *Arab Studies Journal*. Fall 2017, Vol 25, No. 2, pp 226–36.
- “Race, Medicine, and Genocide.” Cockerham, William (ed.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*. New York: Wiley. 2014.
- “An Open Letter on Syria to Western Narcissists,” *The Huffington Post*. October 30, 2013.

Review of *The Arabs and the Holocaust: The Arab-Israeli War of Narratives* by Gilbert Achcar. *The National* (Dubai). August 2, 2010.

Review of *The Ghosts of Martyrs Square: An Eyewitness Account of Lebanon's Life Struggle* by Michael Young. *The National* (Dubai). June 26, 2010.

"Serve But Don't Swim." *The Executive* (Beirut). No. 122, Sept. 2009.

"Arabic for Lovers: A Lexicon for Beginners," *Publio* (Beirut). No. 4, 2009.

The United Nations World Water Development Report: Water, A Shared Responsibility. Oxford: Berghahn Books / Paris: UNESCO. 2006. (editor).

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

"Continuity and change in Rojava: State building in wartime Syria," book chapter accepted for publication.

"Identity-coding in the study of 'sectarian' and 'ethnic' conflict"

"Counterinsurgency and the 'resistance axis': Diffusion of 'war on terror' rhetoric"

"The PKK years in Syria: Impacts on domestic Kurdish politics"

"Counting co-ethnics: Nation building and the census in Lebanon and Hasaka, Syria"

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2018 - 2019 Max Weber Foundation, Orient-Institut Beirut, Doctoral Fellow

2016 - 2017 Kellogg School of Management Dispute Resolution Research Center research grant

2015 - 2016 Fulbright-Hays DDRA – Turkey and Democratic Republic of Congo

Fall/Winter 2015 FLAS Dissertation research abroad Fellowship (Istanbul)

Summer 2015 FLAS Summer Language Fellowship (Advanced Arabic – Rabat, Morocco)

Spring 2015 FLAS Academic Year Fellowship (Swahili)

Winter 2014 Project on Middle East Political Science Research grant (Lebanon)

Summer 2013 Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant (Turkey/Syria border)

Summer 2013 Crown Family Middle East Research Travel Award (Beirut, Lebanon)

Summer 2013 Morris Goodman African Language Award (Advanced Arabic, Beirut, Lebanon)

Summer 2012 Critical Language Scholarship (Advanced Arabic – Tangier, Morocco)

Summer 2012 Hans Panofsky Pre-Dissertation Award (Shousha camp – Tunisia/Libya border)

Summer 2012 Buffett Center for International and Comparative Studies Summer Research Travel Award (Shousha refugee camp – Tunisia/Libya border)

TEACHING

"Introduction to Contemporary Politics," American University of Cairo (fall 2019)

“Introduction to Politics,” American University of Cairo (fall 2019)
“Introduction to Research Methods in Political Science,” American University of Cairo (fall 2019)
“Advanced Academic Writing: Contemporary Africa,” American University of Beirut (2007-2011).
“Man’s Inhumanity to Man: Violence in the 20th century,” Civilization Studies Program, American University of Beirut (Fall, 2008).
“English for International Business,” American University of Beirut (2007-11).
“Enrichment Course in English,” American University of Beirut (2007-2008).

AFFILIATIONS

Doctoral Fellow - Max Weber Stiftung, Orient-Institut Beirut
Research Affiliate - Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut
Graduate Affiliate – Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University

SERVICE

Middle East Research and Information Project (MERIP), Futures Committee (2017)
Assistant Master – Northwestern University Residential College of Cultural and Community Studies (2013-2015)
Co-Chair – Northwestern University MENA Graduate Group (2013-2014)
Board, Northwestern University Student Parent Alliance (2014-2016)
Faculty Advisor, Student Book Club, American University of Beirut (2008-2010)

LANGUAGE SKILLS

French – fluent
Arabic (MSA & Levantine) – advanced
Swedish – intermediate
Turkish – advanced beginner
Swahili – advanced beginner

FIELDWORK

Lebanon (greater Beirut, Shouf, Aley) – 3+ years
Turkey (Istanbul, Gaziantep, Antakya) – 1+ year
Tunisia (Tunis, Shousha refugee camp) – 1 month
Rwanda (Kigali) – 2 months
Democratic Republic of Congo – 6 months

Germany (Berlin) – 1 month

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Digital Islamic Humanities: Textual Corpora and the Islamic Humanities,
Brown University, 2014

Doctoral Dissertation Summer Workshop: Researching Lebanon, Arab Studies Institute
& Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of Beirut,
2016

Intensive Turkish language study: Dilmer Language Teaching Center, Istanbul, Fall 2015.
Swahili language training, Amani Language Institute, Goma, DRC, Fall 2016.

PRESENTATIONS

“Communities and Conflict in Lebanon and Syria: A Minority Report,” American
University in Cairo.

“Rojava: Tensions between Democratic Confederalism and State-Building in Northern
Syria,” Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies, American University of
Beirut

“The Evolution of Rojava: Nation and State Building in Wartime Syria,” Serbest Kurdish
Studies Conference, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, June 1-2, 2018

“Minority Group Strategies in Times of Conflict,” ISA, April 2018 (San Francisco)

“Minority Agency: Ethnic Institutions & Conflict Narratives in Syria and Lebanon,”
International Conference on Middle Eastern and North African Studies:
Dynamics of Inclusion and Exclusion in the MENA, March 10-12, 2018
(Marrakesh Morocco)

“Minority groups in times of conflict: Civil war in Lebanon and Syria,” Midwest Political
Science Association, 2014.

“Navigating civil war: Sub-Saharan migrants in Libya,” Program of African Studies,
Northwestern University, 2013.

SOFTWARE

R, STATA, SPSS, QGIS, Python