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Curriculum Vitae

Mailing Address:

University of California, Santa Cruz
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EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Santa Cruz

Assistant Professor of History
(since July 2012)

Bard College

Assistant Professor of History and Middle Eastern Studies (July 2010 – June 2012)
Contributing faculty member in Environmental and Urban Studies and Africana Studies

The American University in Cairo

Assistant Professor of History (January - May 2010)

The University of Texas at Austin, *Institute for Historical Studies*

Junior Fellow (September 2009 – December 2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Stanford University

Department of History, September 2009

Cultivating the State: Cash Crop Agriculture, Irrigation, and the Geography of Authority in Colonial Southern Egypt, 1868-1931

Joel Beinin (chair), Richard Roberts, and Richard White

Examination Fields: Modern Middle Eastern History, African History, the Ottoman Empire, and Early Islamic History (Examination Passed with Distinction, September 2004)

Master of Arts in Arab Studies, *with distinction*

Georgetown University, Washington, DC (2001)

Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences, *minor in Middle Eastern history*

Stanford University, Stanford, CA (1998)

PUBLICATIONS

The Lived Nile: Environment, disease, and material colonial economy in Egypt
(forthcoming, July 2019, Stanford University Press)

“Labor-time: Ecological bodies and agricultural labor in 19th and early 20th-century Egypt” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 50 no. 2 (May 2018): 195-212.

“The Dirty Subject of the First World War” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 no. 4 (November 2014): 781-783.

“A Draft of the Colony: Historical Imagination and the Production of Agricultural Geography in British-Occupied Egypt” in *Environmental Imaginaries of the Middle East and North Africa*. Edited by Edmund Burke III and Diana K. Davis. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2011.

“Re-Envisioning Egypt, 1919-1952” *Arab Studies Journal* 14 no. 2 (Fall 2006): 166-168.

“The Elite Nation?” *Arab Studies Journal* 13/14 no. 2/1 (Fall 2005/Spring 2006): 207-212.

“Said, *Science and Politics in Egypt: A Life’s Journey*” *Middle East Report* 236 (Fall 2005): 47-48.

“Review Essay: R.J. Barendse, *The Arabian Seas: The Indian Ocean World of the Seventeenth Century*, Linda Boxberger, *On the Edge of Empire: Hadhramawt, Emigration and the Indian Ocean, 1880s-1930s*, and Leila Tarazi Fawaz and C.A. Bayly, eds., *Modernity and Culture: From the Mediterranean to the Indian Ocean*” *Arab Studies Journal* 11/12 (Fall 2003/Spring 2004): 143-149.

“Regulation of p53 by Hypoxia: Dissociation of Transcriptional Repression and Apoptosis from p53-Dependent Transactivation” (with Constantinos Koumenis, Rodolfo Alarcon, Ester Hammond, Patrick Sutphin, William Hoffman, Maureen Murphy, Yoichi Taya, Scott W. Lowe, Michael Kastan, and Amato J. Giaccia) *Molecular and Cellular Biology*, 21 no. 4 (February 2001): 1297-1310.

“Bax protein is not involved in hypoxia-induced apoptosis” (with Sheri D. Marquez, Constantinos Koumenis, and Amato J. Giaccia) *International Journal of Radiation Oncology* 42 no. 1 supplement 1 (1998): 136.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Department III, Working Group “Art of Judgment,” Visiting Scholarship, January 2019 – July 2019

UCHRI Junior Faculty Manuscript Workshop Award, 2016-2017

National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend Award Winner, 2016

Hellman Fellow, 2015-2016

Committee on Research, Special Research Grant, 2015-2016

Faculty Fellowship, Humanities Institute, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2014-2015

New Faculty Research Grant, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2013

Social Science Research Council Book Fellowship, 2012

Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows in British Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2010

James Birdsall Weter Memorial Fund Dissertation Grant, 2008-2009

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, 2007-2008

Distinguished Departmental Scholar, Stanford History Department, 2007-2008

American Research Center in Egypt, U.S. Department of State ECA fellow, 2006-2007

Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2005-2006

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant, 2005-2006

Stanford University Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, May 2004

Center for Arabic Study Abroad, CASA II fellowship. The American University in Cairo, January - May 2005

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, 2003-2004. Language: Swahili. Department of African Studies, Stanford University

Stanford University Graduate Fellowship, 2002-2007

Center for Arabic Study Abroad, CASA I fellowship. The American University in Cairo. June 2001 – May 2002

Merit scholar, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University. September 1999 - May 2001

SELECT INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Invited talks

“Parasites of Political Economy.” Invited talk for “Histories of Economy in the Middle East.” University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2018.

“Origin Stories: Constructing the liver in Egypt through epidemics of schistosomiasis and hepatitis C.” Invited talk, History of Science Seminar, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 2018.

“Thinking the Political Economic Body.” Invited talk at the “Techno-politics and Empire” conference, University of California, Berkeley, November 2017.

“Revolution No More: The trajectory of Egyptian politics since 2011.” Invited talk at the Monterrey Bay World Affairs Council, Carmel, CA, October 2017.

“Environmental Disease in 19th and 20th-century Egypt.” Invited talk at the ORIAS Summer Institute for Teachers on “Environmental History,” University of California, Berkeley, June 2017.

“Impact of U.S. Policies in the Middle East.” Invited talk with Ella Ben Hagai, Resource Center for Nonviolence, Santa Cruz, CA, March 2017.

“An Environmental History of Egypt’s Radical Future: The nationalization of the Suez Canal Company, the project to construct the Aswan High Dam, and the material lives of the colonial past.” Invited talk at the “Suez at 60” symposium, University of California, Santa Barbara, November 2016.

“Environmental Disease in Egypt.” Invited talk at the University of Florida, Gainesville, November 2015.

“Nile Articulations: Producing Irrigation as Science in Colonial Egypt.” Invited paper presented at the Agrarian Studies Workshop, Yale University, November 2014.

“Nile Articulations: Producing Irrigation as Science in Colonial Egypt.” Invited talk at the Environmental Studies Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, October 2014.

“Embodied Politics and Bilharzia Infection in Colonial Egypt.” Invited talk at the “Culture, History, and Environment Symposium” University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2013.

Invited presenter for the “Facing Egypt’s Challenges” panel, sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin, Madison, November 2013.

“Embodied Politics and Bilharzia Infection in Colonial Egypt.” Invited talk at the “Cultural Studies Symposium,” University of California, Santa Cruz, October 2013.

“The Gritty Underworld of the Nile River: The politics and science of waterborne infection in colonial Egypt.” Invited talk at “Communities Like You – Animals and Islam,” The Annual Conference of the Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 2013.

“Reclaiming Egypt: A discussion of the history, politics, and future of Egypt's revolution.” Invited talk at Bard High School Early College – Manhattan, March 23, 2011.

Organizer and presenter, “Reclaiming Egypt: A panel discussion of the history, politics, and social roots of Egypt's popular protest” with Mustafa Abu Sway (Al-Quds/Bard), Omar Cheta (NYU), and Karim Tartoussieh (NYU), Bard College, February 3, 2011.

“The Taming of Egypt’s Nile: People, power, and politics in the transformation of Egypt’s environment.” Invited talk delivered at “Running Dry: Water in the Middle East and North Africa, an intensive summer course for K-16 educators,” The Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, July 2010.

Invited workshops

“Figuring the Egyptian Endemic: The Endemic Disease Section of the Egyptian Ministry of Public Health and the formulation of tropical medicine, 1928-1944.” Workshop on the “The Globalization of Science in the Middle East and North Africa, 18th – 20th centuries,” Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA, March 2017.

“The Nature of Labor: Time, labor, and the ecologies of disease in Egypt in the long nineteenth century.” Workshop on “Medicine and Knowledge in the Middle East,” Graduate Center, City University of New York, April 2016.

“Violent Articulations: Environmental transformation, colonial authority, and new material subjects in colonial southern Egypt.” Workshop on “Violence, Colonialism, and Empire in the Modern and Contemporary World,” The British Academy, London, England, June-July 2015.

“The Nile in his Blood: Claude Barlow’s self infection with bilharzia and the history of an Egyptian epidemic.” Workshop on “Scientific Orthodoxy,” the Harvard program in Science, Religion, and Culture, Harvard University, April 2014.

“A Flooded and Soiled State: The 1902 Aswan Dam and the Materiality of Colonial Authority.” Paper presented at “Globalizing Histories of Science, Technology, and Medicine: Conceptual and Methodological Problems,” New York University, Abu Dhabi, The United Arab Emirates, May 2013.

“Parts and Pieces of the Nile: Environmental infrastructure, agricultural space, and the production of historical subjectivity in early twentieth-century Egypt.” Paper presented at “Big dams: investigating their spatial and temporal politics in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia,” Zentrum Moderner Orient Berlin, Berlin, Germany, June 2012.

“Nostalgia, Aspiration, and the Quest to Contain Egypt’s Revolution.” Paper presented at “Utopias and Dystopias in the Global South,” Centre for Indian Studies in Africa, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, November 2011.

“A Technified Nile and the Production of Agricultural Space.” Paper presented at the “Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis *Articulation(s)* Conference.” Amsterdam, March 2010.

Conference Presentations

“Liberating the Laboring Body: Disease, labor, and public health discourse in Egypt, 1940-1956.” Paper presented at the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Kings College, London, United Kingdom, June 2018.

“The Waste that Capital Made: Cotton, parasitic disease, and the racialization of Egyptian bodies.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Riverside, CA, March 2018.

“Integrating Race and Gender in the Environmental History Classroom.” Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society for Environmental History, Riverside, CA, March 2018.

“The Trans-Atlantic Schistosome: The wartime travels of *Schistosoma haematobium* between Cairo and New York.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA, August 2017.

“Figuring the Egyptian Endemic: Bilharzia infection and imaginations of the endemic in late 19th and early 20th-century Egypt.” Paper presented at the bi-annual meeting of the European Society for Environmental History, Zagreb, Croatia, June 2017.

“The Well-Watered Subject: Economy, Disease, and the relationship between space and subjectivity in colonial Egypt.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, Denver, CO, January 2017.

“The Well-Watered Subject: Economy, Disease, and the relationship between space and subjectivity in colonial Egypt.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 2016.

“A Flood of Possibility: Making environmental futures in colonial Egypt.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental Historians (ASEH).” Washington, DC, March 2015.

“Troubling Medical Practice: bilharzia treatment in Egypt between two world wars.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA),” Washington, DC, November 2014.

“Scales of Nile Geography: The 1902 Aswan dam and the materiality of agricultural geography.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental Historians (ASEH).” San Francisco, CA, March 2014.

“The Evolving Properties of the Colonial State: Practicing Colonial Rule through Agriculture in Egypt’s South.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA),” Denver, Colorado, November 2012.

“A Flood of Disease: The new human geography of the agricultural environment in twentieth-century Egypt.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the History of Science Society,” San Diego, California, November 2012.

“Colonizing Egypt from the Ground Up: The management of soil, sweat, and crops in nineteenth-century Egypt.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the American Society of Environmental Historians (ASEH).” Madison, WI, March 2012.

“The Power of Sweetness.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA).” San Diego, CA, November 2010.

“Agriculture, Water, and Senses of Time in Colonial Egypt.” Paper presented at the “Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA).” Boston, MA, November 2009.

“Drafting a Map of the Egyptian Environment: The 1902 Aswan Dam and the Production of Geography in Colonial Egypt.” Paper presented at the Institute for Historical Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2009.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, History Department, Santa Cruz, California, Assistant Professor

Undergraduate courses:

- “Medicine and the Body in the Colonial World,” Spring 2018
- “Art, Culture, and Mass Media in the Arab Middle East,” Fall 2016
- “Social Movements in the Middle East,” Spring 2015, Spring 2018
- “The Ottoman Empire,” Fall 2013, Fall 2016
- “Making Space in the Colonial and Post-Colonial Worlds,” Winter 2013
- “Interrogating Politics in the Post-Colonial Middle East,” Winter 2013, Winter 2014, Spring 2015, Winter 2018
- “The Making of the Modern Middle East,” Fall 2012, Winter 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2017, Winter 2018, Fall, 2018

Graduate courses

- “History and the Spatial Turn: Making Space, Place, and Geography in History,” Fall 2013, Fall 2018
- “The Contours of the New Middle East History,” Spring 2017

BARD COLLEGE, Historical Studies and Middle Eastern Studies, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, Assistant Professor

- “Postcolonial Politics in the Modern Middle East,” Spring 2012
- “The United States and the Middle East: A History,” Spring 2012

- “History of the Modern Middle East,” Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011
- “The Environment in History in the Middle East and Africa,” Spring 2011
- “First Year Seminar: The Self and Society in the Liberal Arts,” Spring 2011, Spring 2012
- “Making Space in the Colonial and Postcolonial World,” Fall 2011
- “Conquest, Revolution, and Empire in the Ottoman World,” Fall 2010

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, History Department, Cairo, Egypt,
Assistant Professor

- “The Middle East in the Twentieth Century,” Spring 2010
- “Nature and the Environment in the Middle East,” Spring 2010

THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO, History Department, Cairo, Egypt,
Lecturer

- “The Political and Social History of 20th Century Egypt,” Spring 2008
- “A Critical Introduction to Middle East Studies,” Fall 2007

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT DAVIS, Department of History, Davis, CA,
Lecturer

- “Colonialism Unraveled: The Making and Unmaking of European Colonial Systems in the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa,” Fall 2004

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Department of History, Stanford, CA, Teaching Assistant

- “Africa in the Twentieth Century, 1870-1990,” Winter 2004
- “Israel, Palestine, and the Arab-Israeli Conflict,” Fall 2003

RESEARCH LANGUAGES: English (native), Arabic (fluent), French (advanced)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE

Member, Diversity Committee, American Society for Environmental History.

Advisory Committee Member, Genomics Institute, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2017-current.

Principal Investigator, Research Cluster on “Race, Violence, Inequality, and the Anthropocene,” Funded by the Humanities Institute, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2016-2018.

Steering Committee Member, Center for Emerging Worlds, University of California at Santa Cruz, 2016-2018.

Associate director, Center for Emerging Worlds, University of California at Santa Cruz, 2014-2015.

Humanities Division Representative, Academic Freedom Committee, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

Graduate Education Committee, History Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, Fall 2018.

Undergraduate Education Committee, History Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2012-2013, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

Consultant, The American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE), Cairo, Egypt.
“Project on the impact of groundwater on Karnak Temple.” Luxor, Egypt, June 2007.

REFERENCES

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