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EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D. with Distinction, Middle Eastern and North African History, Georgetown University.
- 2000 M. A. with Distinction, Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- 1993 B. A. with First Class Honors, Arabic with Persian, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, UK.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2021-2023 Director, Loyola International Nachbahr Huis, Leuven, Belgium
- 2019-2021 Chair, Department of History, Loyola University Maryland
- 2014-present Associate Professor, Department of History, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2009-2014 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2007-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of History and Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures (joint appointment), Indiana University.
- 2006-2007 Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellow, The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

- HS 101 The Making of the Modern World: Europe
- HS 107 The Making of the Modern World: The Middle East
- HS 394 Colonialism and Nationalism in the Middle East and North Africa
- HS 397 Women and Gender in the Middle East
- HS 398 Global Histories of Disability
- HS 406 and 407 History Honors Thesis Seminar I and II
- HS 449 The Modern Middle East through Literature and Film
- HS 481 Seminar: The History of Disability in Comparative Perspective
- HS 489 Seminar: America in the Middle East
- HS 491 Seminar: Migration, Displacement, and Refugees in the Middle East
- HS 498 Seminar: Histories of Intellectual Disability
- GT 401 Internship: Global Studies International Experience
- FOZP1A European History and Culture (for Loyola students studying abroad in Belgium)

Graduate Courses (taught at Georgetown University and Indiana University)

- HIST 668: Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa
- HIST 760: Arab Historiography
- HIST 765: Culture, Islam, and the Body
- MAAS 519: The Body in Arab-Islamic Cultures
- HIST 785: Research Seminar in Middle Eastern History
- HIST 685: Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern History

TEACHING ENHANCEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 2021 “Revaluating the Humanities in General Education: Building on the Success of Cornerstone.” Two-day workshop organized by the American Historical Association and The Teagle Foundation.
- 2019 Jack and Anita Hess Teaching Faculty Seminar (one week), “Disability, Eugenics, and Genocide: Nazi Germany, Its Antecedents and Legacy,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 Global Service-Learning Institute, intensive one-day training, Haverford College
- 2018 Center for Community, Service, and Justice (CCSJ), semester-long Service-Learning Faculty Fellow Seminar, Loyola University Maryland

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2014 *Disability in the Ottoman Arab World, 1500-1800*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2014. Paperback edition in 2016. Winner of the 2016 Disability History Association Outstanding Book Award. Honorable Mention, 2015 British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies (administered at Cambridge University).

Edited Volumes (Section Editor)

- 2023 Section editor, with Geoffrey Reaume, of “History of Disability” (6 chapters). *Handbook of Disability: Critical Thought and Social Change in a Globalizing World*. General editors Marcia H. Rioux, José Viera, Alexis Buettgen, Ezra Zubrow. Springer.

Book Chapters and Journal Articles

- 2023 “Disability History: Introduction.” In *Handbook of Disability: Critical Thought and Social Change in a Globalizing World*, co-authored with Geoffrey Reaume. General editors Marcia H. Rioux, José Viera, Alexis Buettgen, Ezra Zubrow. Springer.
- 2022 “The Body and Revolution in the Middle East.” Co-authored with Sherene Seikaly. In *Routledge Handbook on Women in the Middle East*, edited by Suad Joseph and Zeina Zaatari, 135-146. New York: Routledge.
- 2019 “Disability Studies in The Middle East and North Africa: A Roundtable.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 51, no. 1: 109-134. Invited organizer, editor, and contributor of “Disability Studies in the Middle East and North Africa: A Field Emerges,” 109-112.
- 2018 “Physical Disabilities in the Premodern Arab World.” In *The Oxford Handbook of Disability History*, edited by Catherine Kudlick, Kim Nielsen and Michael Rembis, 71-84. New York: Oxford University Press. *The Oxford Handbook* is the winner of the 2021 Rosen Prize of the American Association for the History of Medicine and the winner of the 2019 Disability History Association Outstanding Book Award.
- 2005 “The Deaf in Ottoman Syria, 16th-18th Centuries.” *Arab Studies Journal* 12-13 (Fall 2004/Spring 2005): 10-25.
- 2004 “Conducting Research in Lebanon: An Overview of Historical Sources Outside of Beirut (Part II),” co-authored with Nadya Sbaiti. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 38,

- no. 1: 187-195.
- 2003 “Conducting Research in Lebanon: An Overview of Historical Sources in Beirut (Part I),” co-authored with Nadya Sbaiti. *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 37, no. 2: 68-79.

Encyclopedia Articles, Interviews, Reflection Pieces

- 2012 “Teaching the History of Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa.” *Perspectives on History* 50, no. 8: 40-42.
- 2009 “The Body in Islamic Law.” In *The Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History*, ed. Stanley N. Katz, 298-301. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2008 “Female Life Cycle: Menstruation and Menopause.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in World History*, ed. Bonnie G. Smith, vol. 2, 264-266. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 2006 “Disability.” In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Josef Meri, vol. 1, 208-209. New York: Routledge.
- 2004 “‘We Want People to Think the Unthinkable:’ An Interview with Nizar Saghih.” *Middle East Report* 230: 34-36. (On LGBT rights groups in Lebanon).

Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of Sherine Hamdy, *Our Bodies Belong to God: Organ Transplants, Islam, and the Struggle for Human Dignity in Egypt*, in *Review of Middle East Studies* 50, no. 1: 92-94.
- 2016 Review of Dana Sajdi, *The Barber of Damascus: Nouveau Literacy in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Levant* in *The Arab Studies Journal* 24, no. 1: 276-280.
- 2015 Review of Bruce Masters, *The Arabs of the Ottoman Empire, 1516-1918: A Social and Cultural History*, in *The Middle East Journal* 69, no. 1: 158-159.

Work in Progress

“Suicide in Early Modern Syria.” 10,000-word journal article to be submitted for review in June 2023.

A History of Women and Gender in the Middle East and North Africa. Book co-authored with Judith Tucker and Nadya Sbaiti. Under contract with Cambridge University Press. In preparation.

Disability History in the Modern Middle East. A 12-chapter volume co-edited with Beverly Tsacoyianis. Under contract with Bloomsbury Publishing. In preparation.

Disability in the Late Ottoman and Colonial Middle East (tentative title). A monograph on the history of disability in the 19th and early 20th centuries. In preparation.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2016 Winner, 2016 Disability History Association Outstanding Book Award.
- 2015 Honorable Mention, 2015 British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle Eastern Studies 2015 (administered at Cambridge University).
- 2015 Dean’s Achievement Award, Loyola University Maryland.

- 2008 2008 Harold N. Glassman Award for best dissertation in the Humanities, Georgetown University.
- 2007 Irving K. Zola Award for Emerging Scholars in Disability Studies, First Prize for the essay “Blindness in the Early Modern Middle East.” Awarded by the Society for Disability Studies.
- 2007 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award for best dissertation in the Humanities. Honorable mention. Awarded by the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA).

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2019, 2023 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2018 Fellow in the 2019 Jack and Anita Hess Faculty Seminar, “Disability, Eugenics, and Genocide: Nazi Germany, Its Antecedents and Legacy,” United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.
- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Project Director, “Global Histories of Disability,” a Summer Institute for College and University held at Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, June 18 - July 13, 2018.
- 2016 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Scholar, “Transcending Boundaries: The Ottoman Empire, Europe, and the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800.” Washington, DC.
- 2016, 2017 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2015-2016 Senior Research Sabbatical, Loyola University Maryland. .
- 2012 Enriching Classroom Teaching Grant, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2012 Junior Research Sabbatical (one semester), Loyola University Maryland.
- 2009-2012 Summer Research Grant, Loyola University Maryland.
- 2007, 2008 Indiana University Summer Faculty Fellowship.
- 2007 Bernadotte E. Schmitt Grant for Research in European, African, or Asian History, The American Historical Association (AHA).
- 2004-2005 Charlotte W. Newcombe Dissertation Fellowship, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.
- 2004 Young Scholars Award, Cosmos Club Foundation, Washington, DC.
- 2002-2003 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship.
- 2001-2002 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship.
- 2001-2002 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (declined).
- 2002 Institute of Turkish Studies Grant for Turkish language study at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 “Disability in the Ottoman Empire.” US Naval Academy in Annapolis, November 17.
- 2019 “Disability in Middle Eastern History: Challenges and Possibilities.” University of Delaware, April 10.
- 2019 “Disability Studies in the Middle East and North Africa: A Field Emerges.” Georgetown University, March 27.
- 2016 “Recent Work in Disability Studies.” University of Oklahoma, December 2.
- 2016 “Disability History in Comparative Perspective: The Ottoman Empire and Early

- Modern Europe.” University of Oklahoma, March 24.
- 2015 “Disability in the Middle East, Past and Present: An Introduction.” The University of Maryland, November 12.
- 2015 “Disability in the Ottoman Arab World,” Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar, Columbia University, October 29.
- 2015 “Girls’ Education in Islamic Societies: A Historical Overview.” Shepherd University, WV, April 6.
- 2013 “Disability in Middle Eastern History.” Middlebury College, April 9.
- 2012 “What Is the History of Disability in the Middle East, and Why Does It Matter?” Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, February 14.

SELECTED CONFERENCES

Conferences Organized

- 2023 “[Histories of Disability and Emotions: An International Conference](#).” Co-organized with Ninon Dubourg and Pieter Verstraete. Leuven Centre for Health Humanities (KU Leuven), Online, June 13-15.

Papers Presented

- 2021 “Disability and Education in the Arab World: Historical Perspectives.” Sixth ENIUGH Congress on World and Global History, Turku, Finland (online).
- 2019 “Photography and Disability in the Late Ottoman Empire.” Middle East Studies Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 “Visual Representations of Disability in the Late Ottoman Empire.” International conference “Experiences of Dis/ability from the Late Middle Ages to the Mid-Twentieth Century,” Tampere University, Finland.
- 2018 “Disability and Education in the Arab World: Historical Perspectives.” International conference “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Disability: The MENA Region in the Modern Period,” Cairo, Egypt.
- 2018 “Suicide in Ottoman Syria.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- 2018 “Photographing Disability in the Ottoman Empire.” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (WOCMES), Sevilla, Spain.
- 2017 “Intersex in Early Modern Arab-Islamic Texts.” “Extraordinary Bodies in Early Modern Nature and Culture” Workshop, Uppsala University, Sweden.
- 2017 “The Disabled Body in Nineteenth-Century Orientalist Photography.” Nineteenth-Century Studies Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Empire, Charity, and the Construction of Disability: The Case of the British Syrian Mission, 1860-1918.” “Empires of Charity,” an interdisciplinary workshop, the University of Warwick, U.K.
- 2015 “Doing Disability History in Non-Western Societies: A Perspective from the Arab World.” “Living with (and without) the Americans with Disabilities Act: Reflections, Refractions, and Reactions in Disability History,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2014 “Writing the History of Disability in the Middle East: The State of the Field.” “Disability, Revolution, and the Politics of Hope,” a symposium held at the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

- 2010 “From Holy to Impostor: The *Majdhub* in Early 20th-Century Syria and Lebanon.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2010 “Does God Hear Silent Prayers? Deafness in Ottoman Syria.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 “Preaching to the Choir? Muslim Preachers and Their Sermons in Ottoman Syria.” 77th Anglo-American Conference of Historians, London, UK.
- 2008 “Blindness in the Arab-Islamic World: A Historical Perspective.” Society for Disability Studies 21st annual conference, New York City.
- 2007 “Paracelsus in Ottoman Medicine: The Case of Ibn Sallum (d. ca. 1670).” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2007 “Disability and Education in the Arab World: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues.” “Education and Change in Qatar and the Arab World,” Doha, Qatar.
- 2006 “Sources for the History of Beirut.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston.

Roundtable Participation

- 2023 “Narrating Disability in Early Modern Contexts.” Renaissance Society of America Annual Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2022 “Disability Studies in the Middle East and North Africa: A Roundtable.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2018 “Globalizing Disability History: Contributions from Latin America, the Middle East, South Asia, and East Asia.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2011 “The Challenges of Teaching the History of Women in the Middle East.” “Challenges and Opportunities of Teaching Women’s History.” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston.

SELECTED SERVICE AT LOYOLA UNIVERSITY MARYLAND

- 2019-2021 Chair, Department of History
- 2010-2019 Member, Global Studies Steering Committee
- 2018-2019 Member, Interfaith Innovation Board
- 2018 Chair, Search Committee, Director of Global Studies
- 2017 Member, Research and Sabbatical Committee
- 2017 Moderator of Diversity Reading Group in Disability Studies
- 2016 Chair, Search Committee, African History tenure-track position
- 2016-2019 Teaching and advising in the Messina program for first-year students
- 2013 Member, Enhancement of Teaching and Learning Committee
- 2013 Member, Academic Standards Committee

SELECTED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2017-2020 President, Disability History Association
- 2015-2022 Member, Editorial Review Board, *Disability Studies Quarterly*
- 2018-present Board Member, Middle East Studies Pedagogy Initiative
- 2021 Chair, Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Undergraduate Education Committee

- 2020 Peer Reviewer, University of Vienna/European Commission REWIRE (Reinforcing Women in Research) postdoctoral fellowship program
- 2019 Peer Reviewer, National Humanities Center Fellowship Competition
- 2018-2020 Member, Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Undergraduate Education Committee
- 2017-present Member of the Manuscript Review Board of *Review of Disability Studies: An International Journal Manuscript*
- 2017 Member, Program Committee, Disability Studies Association
- 2017 Member, Program Committee, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference
- 2014-2016 Board Member and Treasurer, Disability History Association
- 2016 Peer Reviewer, NEH-Kluge Fellowship
- Nov. 2015 “Disability in the Medieval Islamic World,” a video teaching module for “The Global Middle Ages,” an Initiative on Technology Enhanced Learning (ITEL) project, Georgetown University
- 2006-present Peer reviewed articles for *The American Historical Review*, *Medieval Encounters*, *The Arab Studies Journal*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, *History Compass*, *Middle East Report*, *Disability Studies Quarterly*, *Review of Disability Studies*, *Globalizations*
- 2010-2015 Member of the Selection Committee, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education
- 2013-2016 Peer Reviewer for the Society for the Disability Studies Annual Conference (Orlando 2013, Minneapolis 2014, Atlanta 2015, Phoenix 2016)
- 2014 Peer Reviewer, National Resource Centers Competition (Title VI), U.S. Department of Education
- 2010 Member of the Selection Committee, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, National Resource Center on the Middle East, Georgetown University
- 2010 Peer reviewer, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF) Competition, Social Science Research Council.
- 2006-2009 Transliteration consultant, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*

SELECTED COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2014 “Women in Middle Eastern History: Introduction and Overview;” “The Harem and the Veil: Myths and Realities;” “Women in the Arab Uprisings.” Presentations for K-12 teachers at the World History Institute, Bryn Mawr School, Baltimore, MD.
- 2010 “Islamic Law & Gender.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teachers entitled “Islamic Law and the Muslim Community.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- 2010 “Islamism and Gender in the Middle East: A Historical Perspective.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teachers entitled “Approaches to Teaching the Middle East.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.
- 2009 “Women and Gender in the Middle East.” Presentation at a workshop for K-12 teacher entitled “Approaches to Teaching the Middle East.” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University.

- 2007-2008 Academic advisor for an exhibit on Egypt, the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.
- 2006 "Women in the Middle East." A workshop for Charles County Public Schools teachers, Maryland.