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EDUCATION

- 2023** **PhD., History**, Concentration in Modern Middle East History (in progress)
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2017** **M.A., History**, Concentration in Modern Middle East History
Yale University, New Haven, CT
- 2012** **B.A., Political Science**
Grove City College, Grove City, PA
Magna Cum Laude, High Honors in Political Science
Study abroad at the American University in Cairo, 2010-2011

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 "Researching Modern Egypt Online," HAZINE.
- "The Chaldeans: Politics and Identity in Iraq and the American Diaspora," Book Review, *Arab Studies Journal* 28, no. 1 (Spring 2020), 122-126.
- "Orthodox Religion and Politics in Contemporary Eastern Europe," Book Review, *Journal for Religion, State and Society* 48, no. 2 (Summer 2020).
- 2019 "Researching Modern Coptic History: A Guide to the Archives in the US and Egypt," Archives Review, *Coptic Canadian History Project*.
- "Between Christ and Caliph: Law, Marriage, and Christian Community in Early Islam," Book Review, *Reading Religion*.
- 2018 "Orthodox Schism Reveals Political Dynamics in Russia and Ukraine," *Columbia Journal of International Affairs*.
- "Assessing Coptic Reform Through the International Christian Student Movement," *Coptic Canadian History Project*.
- 2016 "From the Cedars to the Frontlines: Danbury's Greater Syrian Immigrants and the Great War," *Connecticut History Review Journal*, 55, no. 2 (Fall 2016), 140-152.
- "The Armenian-Syrian Relief Fund in World War I-Era Connecticut," *Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project*, Fall 2016.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2020 "Hulu's ERA-Focused Mini-Series 'Mrs. America' Reveals an Ongoing Predicament of Progressive Politics," *Religion Dispatches*.
- "In the Garden of Eden with Shakira," *Sojourners*.
- 2019 "Ramy Kamel, Mada Masr, and Seeing Coptic Issues as Civil Liberties in Egypt," *Tahrir*

"What the Taming of Christian Spaces Reveals about Egypt's Security Complex," *Jadaliyya*

"Interview with Massoud Hayoun," *Palestine Square*

"Religious Liberty Shouldn't Come at the Expense of Human Rights," *Sojourners*

"El Salvador's Bukele at Crossroads in Relations with Ancestral Land," *Palestine Square*

"U.S. Evangelicals Trivialize Global Religious Persecution," *Sojourners*

"Are Christian Schools at Odds with Social Justice?" *Sojourners*

American Missionary Could Face Genocide Charges, But Brazil's Indigenous Communities Have a Bigger Problem," *Religion Dispatches*.

2018 "The Landmark 85-Year-Old Report Absent from Debates over Missionary's Death," *Religion Dispatches*.

"Pence's Empty Promises to Christians in the Middle East," *Yale Journal of International Affairs*.

"Syria's Christians Reckon with Survival," *Sojourners*.

2017 "Targeted Yet Faithful: Egypt's Copts, Wary of Restrictions, Celebrate Virgin Mary Feast," *Sojourners*.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 "The Gospel of Wealth: Charity and the Making of Ecumenical Elites in Egypt, 1881-1931," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, October 2020.

"Copts and the Nahda? Reconsidering the Regional and Transnational Ties of Modern Coptic History," International Coptic Congress, Brussels, July 2020.

"The Spectre Haunting Sunday School: Communism and the Christian Student Movement in the Global 60's, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference, June 2020.

"Between Heaven and Empire: Esther Fahmy Wissa's Advocacy in Interwar Egypt," UCSB Gender and Sexuality Workshop, June 2020.

"The Gospel of Wealth: Charity and the Making of Ecumenical Elites in Egypt, 1881-1931," Diasporas, Charity and the Construction of Belonging Workshop, Cairo, May 2020.

"Transgressive Kinships, Transnational Causes: Esther Fahmy Wissa's Advocacy in Interwar Egypt," California MENA graduate student conference, April 2020.

"Transgressive Kinships, Transnational Causes: Esther Fahmy Wissa's Advocacy in Interwar Egypt," Fourth Annual Coptic Canadian History Project Conference, April 2020.

"The Gospel of Wealth: Charity and the Making of Ecumenical Elites in Egypt, 1881-1931," Post-Sectarianism Workshop, University of Cambridge, January 2020.

- 2019 "Vanguard of the Persecuted? Middle East Christians and American Statecraft under Trump," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2019.
- Vanguard of the Persecuted? Middle East Christians and American Statecraft under Trump," American Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2019.
- "Refusal, Agency, and Modernity: Complicating Coptic Reform through the International Student Movement, 1919-1939," International Coptic Studies Symposium, June 2019.
- "For the Life of the World": Christian Activism and the Ecumenical Student Movement in the Global Sixties," Graduate Student Cold War Conference, George Washington University, May 2019.
- 2018 "Scandalizing the Nation: Islamic Law, Religious Diplomacy, and the Struggle over Sovereignty in Interwar Egypt," Southern California Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference, October 2018.
- "A Theology of American Evangelical Saviorism: Political Imagination, Religious Salvation, and the Plight of Christians in the Contemporary Middle East," Religion, Populism & Pluralism Conference, Yale University, May 2018.
- "That They All May Be One:" Global Ecumenism, National Coptic Reform, and the Egyptian Student Movement, 1900-1922," Second Annual Coptic Canadian History Project Conference, York University, April 2018.
- 2017 "Speaking in Tongues: Pentecostal Missions and the Politics of Survival in Twentieth Century Egypt," Converting Spaces Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 2017.
- 2015 "From the Cedars to the Frontlines: Danbury's Greater Syrian Immigrants and the Great War," Association for the Study of Connecticut History Annual Fall Conference, New Britain, CT, Nov. 2015.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2020 "The Superbowl Halftime Show: Race & Respectability," Invited lecture, Westmont College.
- 2019 "The Politics of Protection: Middle East Christians and American Statecraft Under Trump," Invited lecture, University of California, Santa Barbara.
- "Middle Eastern Christianity: Between Antiquity and Modernity," Invited lecture, University of Bridgeport.
- 2017 "Lest They Perish: Refugee Resettlement in Connecticut," Televised lecture, Connecticut Old State House Lecture Series.
- 2016 "Coming to America: The Story of Danbury's Lebanese Immigrants," Invited talk, Lebanon-American Club of Danbury.
- "Coming to America: The Story of Danbury's Lebanese Immigrants," Special guest lecture, Danbury History Museum.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Modern Europe, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2020

	The Middle East from Muhammad to the Nineteenth Century, Teaching Assistant, Winter 2020
	Interracial Intimacies, Reader, Winter 2020
2019	Intro to Mexican History, Teaching Assistant, Fall 2019
	Intro to Mexican History, Teaching Assistant, Spring 2019
	US History from 1970s to present, Reader, Winter 2019
2018	US History during the 1960s, Reader, Fall 2018

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2020	Orfalea Center Graduate Fellow Borchard European Studies Fellowship, 2020-21 History Associates Graduate Fellowship UCSB History Department Research Travel Award International Coptic Congress, Conference Travel Grant Graduate Student Association (GSA) Conference Travel Grant
2019	Center for Middle East Studies Conference Travel Grant MESA Graduate Student Travel Grant History Department Conference Travel Award Center for Middle East Studies, Summer Research Grant Steven Hay Scholarship Award History Associates Graduate Fellowship Graduate Student Association (GSA) Conference Travel Grant
2018	Center for Middle East Studies Conference Travel Grant UCSB History Department Fellowship Award, 2018-2023
2017	Yale Center for Race, Indigenous, and Transnational Migration Research Fellowship, Cairo Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship Finalist (FLAS) in Arabic at Yale University Critical Languages Scholarship (CLS) in Arabic, Noor Majan Institute in Oman
2016	Yale History Department, Oral History Fellowship Foreign Languages and Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS), Arabic in Morocco

PUBLISHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Editor, Arab Studies Journal	July 2019- Present
Read and copy-edit articles for a peer-reviewed academic journal.	
Editorial Intern, Journal for Palestine Studies	June – July 2019
Generated copy for sections, curated photo section, fielded potential reviewers for book review section, corresponded with publishers on advance copy requests, conducted interviews, and wrote articles for the journal's online platform Palestine Square.	
Graduate Assistant, Center for Middle East Studies (CMES), UCSB	Nov 2018 – June 2019
Coordinated the Center's programs and outreach by generating all print, e-mail, online, and social media publicity. Designed and distributed promotional materials for events, lectures, and conferences sponsored through the center.	

Photo Essay Editor, Yale Journal of International Affairs**May 2017- May 2018**

Reviewed, approved, and copy edited all incoming photo essay submissions. Coordinated the publishing schedule with editorial committee and managed the section.

Communications Assistant, Council on Middle East Studies (CMES), Yale University **Aug 2017- Jan 2018**

Helped coordinate the Council's publicity and outreach by managing e-mail marketing and social media platforms. Staffed and promoted events, lectures, and conferences. Served as a liaison between the press, special guests, and administrators.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Research Assistant, UCSB History Department****January 2020- April 2020**

Assisted Modern Middle East historian Sherene Seikaly with administrative tasks, class management, and manuscript copy-editing.

Freelance Research Assistant, Yale History Department**Oct 2017- May 2018**

Supported doctoral students, faculty members, and remote scholars with research projects. Tasks included: proofreading dissertation manuscripts, digitizing archival materials, transcribing oral histories, writing reports, and collating bibliographies.

Archival Consultant, St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo**August 2017**

Directed and conducted a short-term project generating a subject guide for the St. Andrew's United Church of Cairo's ecclesiastical archives. Solicited and secured funding and donations for the pre-planning and execution of the project.

Subject Research Writer, Connecticut State Library**Nov 2015- May 2016**

Developed research guides on immigration and humanitarian relief during World War I for the Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project. Tasks included keywording, indexing, and drafting introductions for topic guides.

Curatorial Assistant, Gunn Memorial Museum**July 2014- May 2015**

Managed the museum's permanent collections by ensuring proper cataloging, labeling, and storing of all incoming artifacts and archival material. Assisted the exhibitions committee to plan, research, design, and promote exhibits.

Researcher and Archival Assistant, Town of Newtown, Historians Office**Aug 2012- Jan 2015**

Provided support by transcribing documents, collecting sources, and proofreading drafts of articles and books. Secondary responsibilities included maintaining the town archives by sorting incoming accessions and cataloging archival collections.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2020	Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Nominating Committee
2019-2020	History Graduate Student Association, VP of Communication
2018-2020	UCSB Center for Middle East Studies, Graduate Committee

LANGUAGES

Native proficiency in English and Spanish

Advanced proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic (OPI score advanced high for MSA)

Intermediate reading proficiency in French, Portuguese, and Ladino

Beginner Persian and Judeo-Arabic