

Academic Positions

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Associate Professor, Department of History and Program for Comparative and International Studies

May 2018 to present

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor, Department of History and Program for Comparative and International Studies

June 2012 to May 2108

Education

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**, History, Summer 2012

Dissertation: *The War of Famine: Everyday Life in Wartime Beirut and Mount Lebanon (1914-1918)*

Chair: Beshara Doumani

Winner, 2012 Best Dissertation Syrian Studies Association

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**, History, Spring 2007

Chair: Beshara Doumani

B.A. **University of California, Berkeley**, Middle Eastern Studies, Spring 2004 (High Honors)

Honors Thesis: *Christian Minorities in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Aleppo*

Chair: Leslie Peirce

Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Center of Middle East Studies

B.A. **University of California, Berkeley**, Religious Studies, Spring 2004 (High Honors)

Emphasis: The History of Islam

Publication

Monograph

- *The Charity of War: Famine, Humanitarian Aid, and World War I in the Middle East*, Stanford University Press, forthcoming summer 2017.

Articles

- "Feeding the City: The Beirut Municipality and Civilian Provisioning during World War I." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (2014): 737-758.
- "Politics of Wartime Relief in Ottoman Beirut." *First World War Studies* 5 (2014): 69-82.
- "Food and Nutrition (Ottoman Empire/Middle East)." *1914-1918-Online International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2014-10-8.
- "Disease and Public Health (Ottoman Empire/ Middle East)." *1914-1918-Online International Encyclopedia of the First World War*, ed. by Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, issued by Freie Universität Berlin,

Berlin 2014-10-8.

Book Reviews

- "The Emergence of Minorities in the Middle East: The Politics of Community in French Mandate Syria" by Benjamin Thomas White", *English Historical Review*, (2015) 130 (547): 1602-1604.
- Leila Tarazi Fawaz *A Land of Aching Hearts; The Middle East in the Great War* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2014), for *Michigan War Studies Review* (in preparation).
- "Between State Amnesia and the Foot Soldier's Remembrance" review of Haugbolle, Sune, *War and Memory in Lebanon. H-Levant, H-Net Reviews*. October 2010.

Articles Under Review and in Preparation

- "Beyond Peripheries: Writing the History of World War I," submitted to *War & Society* November 2016 (under review)
- "The Insanities of Provisioning: The Lebanon Hospital for Mental Disease During the Great War," in preparation.
- "With a Camera to Syria: Genocide, Humanitarianism, and Colonial Encounters" in preparation to be submitted to *Journal of Genocide Research*.
- *An Abandoned Wretch, a Meddlesome Crank, and a University Scandal?: Academic Freedom in Times of War at the University of Michigan (1917-1918)* in preparation to be submitted to the *AHR*.

Selected Grants, Fellowships and Awards

- **Large Course Initiative Award**, LSA/CLRT University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2015
- **Eisenberg Faculty Fellowship (2014-15)**, Eisenberg Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. 2014-15
- **National Endowment for the Humanities**, Summer Seminar Grant, Georgetown University, Washington, DC. 2014
- **Syrian Studies Association (2012)**, Best Dissertation Award 2012
- **Dean's Normative Times Fellowship**, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2011-12
- **Allan Sharlin Memorial Grant**, Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2010-11
- **DAAD Graduate Fellowship**, German Academic Exchange Service, Berlin, Germany. 2010-11
- **Sultan Fellowship for Arab Studies**, Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2010-11

- **Mentored Research Award**, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2009-10
- **Research Travel Grant, Center for Middle East Studies**, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2009-10
- **Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor**, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2008
- **Pre-Dissertation Research Grant**, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2007
- **Andrew Mellon Travel Grant**, Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2007
- **Language Study Summer Grant**, History Department, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2006
- **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship**, University of California, Berkeley, CA. 2005-06

Invited Talks & Contributions

- “A City Under Siege: Beirut During the Great War.” Invited Lecture, [Baker Peace Conference](#), Ohio University, Athens, OH. March 25, 2016
- “World War I the End of the Lebanese Family? Transnationalism and Networks of Benevolence.” Invited Contribution, [Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World and MIHAN at the University of Manchester](#), Manchester, UK. December 11, 2015
- “A Purely Local Initiative: Civil Society and Wartime Relief in Ottoman Beirut.” Invited Lecture, [Middle East and North Africa History Seminar Series](#), Department of History Georgetown University, Washington, DC. November 19, 2015
- “Famine, Food, and Female Volunteerism in the Context of World War I in the Middle East.” Invited Lecture, [Crossing Borders: International Humanitarian and Peace Work during World War I](#), Department of History Dayton University, Dayton OH. April 9, 2015
- “The Syrian Famine in the Global Context.” Invited Contribution, [World War I in the Middle East](#), Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC. November 17, 2014
- “The War that Saved Empire: World War I in the Middle East.” Invited Lecture, [Northwood University’s Forum for Citizenship & Enterprise](#), Midland, MI. September 7, 2014
- “Emotional, Intimate and Family Histories,” Invited Contribution, [The Peripheries of World War I: New Methodological and Spatial Perspectives](#), New York University, NYU. May 15, 2014
- “Politics of Neutrality: American Humanitarian Relief in Ottoman Beirut.” Invited Lecture, [Americans in the Middle East](#) September 26, 2013

- Seminar Series* at Boston University, Boston, MA.
- “The War of Graffiti: Contested Spaces in Beirut.” Invited Lecture, *Center for Middle East and North African Studies*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. September 12, 2013
 - “Seeds of Conflict the Making of the Modern Middle East.” Invited Lecture, *Osher Life Long Learning Institute*, University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI. September 12, 2013
 - “Protecting the Innocent’: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre (1909).” Invited Lecture, *Armenian Studies Program*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. January 16, 2013
 - “Teaching Silences: Women as Change Makers in the Middle East.” Invited Lecture, *ORIAS Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers: Absent Voices: Experiences of Common Life in World History*, Berkeley, CA. July 12, 2011
 - “Women as Agents of Change: The Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” Invited Lecture, *Muslim Students Association Teach IN*, University of San Francisco, CA. February 25, 2011
 - “World War I: The Beginning of the End?” Invited Lecture, *University of California*, Berkeley, CA. August, 2010
 - “Methodology of Oral History.” Invited Lecture, Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon. May 15, 2010
 - “Seeds of Conflict: The French Mandate Rule in Syrian and Lebanon.” Invited Lecture, *University of California*, Berkeley, CA. March 2008

Organized Symposia, Exhibits, Panels and Workshops

- Rescue or Internment? Orphans of the Armenian Genocide.” *Workshop* Armenian Studies Program, Ann Arbor, MI. March 17, 2017
<https://www.ii.umich.edu/asp>
- “1917: Michigan’s Great War and Its Aftermath.” *Symposium* for Making Michigan, Bicentennial Celebration, Ann Arbor, MI. February 17, 2017
<https://lsa.umich.edu/bicentennial>
- “Sykes Picot at 100: Mapping, Migrants, and Myths.” *Roundtable*, Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Boston MA. November 19, 2016
<https://mesana.org>
- “Now or Never: Collecting, Documenting and Photographing WWI.” *Exhibit* for the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide, Armenian Studies Program, Ann Arbor, MI. January-April, 2015
<https://www.ii.umich.edu/asp>
- “Teaching about Genocide: Challenges and Approaches.” *Workshop*, Armenian Studies Program, Ann Arbor, MI. March 14, 2015
<https://teachinggenocideworkshop.wordpress.com>

- “Gender, Sexuality and Violence.” Graduate Student *Conference*, Rackham Global Engagement Seminar, Ann Arbor, MI. January 17, 2015
<https://gendersexandviolence.wordpress.com>

Conference Presentations & Contributions

- “An Abandoned Wretch, a Meddlesome Crank, and a University Scandal?: Academic Freedom in Times of War at the University of Michigan (1917-1918).” *1917: Michigan’s Great War and Its Aftermath*, U of M Bicentennial Celebration, Ann Arbor, MI. February 17, 2017
- Empires, Nations, Bodies: New Approaches to the Armenian Genocide, *Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association*, Denver, CO. Panel Chair and Discussant. January 7, 2017
- “Gender and Politics of Wartime Relief in Ottoman Beirut (1914-1918).” *Not all Quiet on the Ottoman Fronts: Neglected Perspectives on a Global War, 1914-1918*, Istanbul, Turkey. April 9, 2014
- “Feeding the City: Municipal Politics in wartime Beirut.” *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, New Orleans, LA. October 11, 2013
- “Diplomacy of Neutrality: Politics of American Humanitarian Relief in Ottoman Beirut (1914-1918).” *Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations*, Virginia, VA. June 22, 2013
- “Surviving the Great War: The Tribulations and Successes of the Syrian Protestant College’s Aid Campaign.” *Celebrating the AUB’s 150 Anniversary*, Beirut, Lebanon. May 13, 2013
- “The Politics of Humanitarian Aid: The Near East Relief in Greater Syria (1918-1923),” *Annual Ohio Academy of History*, Bowling Green, OH. April 6, 2013
- “Do Mothers and Fathers Devour their Children?’ : Death and Survival of the Family During the Lebanese Famine (1914-1918),” *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, Denver, CO. November 21, 2012
- “Soup Kitchens, Orphanages, and the Making of the Middle Class: American Relief Work in Beirut and Mount Lebanon During WWI,” *Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations*, Hartford, CT. June 30, 2012
- “Middle Eastern Women’s Voices: Art, Story, Song,” Chair and Discussant at the *Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians*, Berkeley, CA. May 4, 2012
- “The Orphan Child as a Historical Agent in Post-WWI Greater Syria,” *Fifth Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth*, New York, NY. June 24, 2011
- “Protecting the Innocent: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre, 1909.” *UC Davis Human Rights Initiative Symposium: Lost Children: The Transfer of Children during Genocide and Civil Conflict*, Davis, CA. May 17, 2011

- “Feeding the City: The Beirut Municipality and the Provisioning of Civilians During WWI,” *Western Ottomanists’ Workshop (WOW)*, Davis, CA. April 8, 2011
- The Ghost of War: Remembering the Great Famine in Beirut and Mount Lebanon (1914-1918),” History Students Association Conference on *Collective Memory: The Voices of Remembering and the Silences of Forgetting*, San Francisco State University, CA. April 4, 2011
- “City of Orphans: The Making of a Middle Class,” *Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, San Diego, CA. November 18, 2010

National and International Affiliations & Memberships

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Since 2010
- American Historical Association (AHA) Since 2012
- Syrian Studies Association (SSA) Since 2013
- International Society for First World War Studies (ISFWWS) Since 2015
- First World War in The Middle East and North Africa Scholarly Network Since 2014
- Freie Universität Berlin, Germany 2011
- Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon 2009-10
- American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon 2006, 2007, 2009-10
- German Orient Institute, Beirut, Lebanon 2009-10

Peer Reviews

- Stanford University Press
- Nebraska University Press
- Journal of Genocide Research
- Journal of Levantine Studies
- Childhood in the Past

Graduate Students

- Tugce Kayaal (NES, Dissertation Co-Chair)
- Dzovinar Derderian (NES, Dissertation Committee)
- Omer Sharir (History, Dissertation Committee)

Service

To the History Department, University of Michigan

Honors Committee, AY 2014-15, 2016-17, 2017-18.

- Held student informational meeting; evaluated honors student applications, selected incoming cohort, and taught the Junior’s Honors Colloquium (Hist 498).

Eisenberg Steering Committee, 2016-present.

- Reviewed funding and fellowship applications, annual budget, speaker nominations for future programming

Manoogian Chair Search Committee, AY 2014-15.

- Read and evaluated incoming applications, and took part in the committee's deliberations.

Graduate Student Conference on Gender, Sexuality and Violence, Winter 2015.

- Drafted Call for Papers w/ H. Tonomura
- Evaluated submissions
- Organized conference and commentators for student papers
- Created website: <https://gendersexandviolence.wordpress.com>

Rackham Global Engagement Seminar with Hitomi Tonomura (who took on the responsibility of arranging our conversation with academics and students in Japan), Winter 2014.

- Build a relationship with Sabanci University in Istanbul
- Arranged for the visit of Prof. Ayse Parla and her talk for History and Armenian Studies Program (ASP).
- Set up Skype Sessions with Prof. Parla to arrange for syllabus and student assignments
- Drafted instructions and Blue Jeans sessions and chats with students in the US and Turkey

Rackham Global Engagement Seminar, Winter 2014.

- Traveled to Istanbul and taught course at Sabanci University

Undergraduate Committee, AY 2013-14, Fall 2014.

- Evaluated new courses and requests for cross listing; drafted history department plagiarism policy w/ Matt Lassiter; held 2.5 hours of undergraduate advising appointments per week.

Graduate Student Job Skills Mock Interviewer, 2014.

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

- Hussein Bazzi (Advisor)
- Julia Jacovides (Advisor)
- Helena Ratte (Reader)

To the Program of International and Comparative Studies, University of Michigan

Faculty Review of Anthony Marcum, (Lecturer in PICS), Winter 2017.

- Reviewed and evaluated teaching statements, student evaluations, and academic activity, observed lecture, and composed report together with review committee.

PICS Grade Grievance Committee, Winter 2017.

- Reviewed and evaluated student's work and instructor's response and grading procedures and deliberated with committee about the validity of the student's grievance.

Faculty Review of Greta Uehling, (Lecturer in PICS), Winter 2014 & Fall 2016.

- Reviewed and evaluated teaching statements, student evaluations, and academic activity, composed report together with review committee.

Search Committee for Position in Global Health and the Environment, AY 2013-14.

- Read and evaluated files from Anthropology, Sociology, Economy, Psychology and Women Studies, conducted interviews with candidates, attended job talks.

Search Committee for Position in Political Economy and Development, AY 2012-13.

- Read and evaluated approx. 40 files from Political Science, conducted interviews with candidates, attended job talks.

Selection of Graduate Student Instructors for PICS 301, Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Winter 2016.

- Read and evaluated around 30 applications, conducted interviews, and made final selection

Undergraduate Honor Thesis

- Nour Soubani (Advisor)
- Emma Costello (Advisor) Virginia Voss Award for exceptional writing

To the Armenian Studies Program:

Member of the Executive Committee, 2012 to present.

- Advised on Programming, Evaluated applications of Post-Docs, Pre-Docs, Fellows, and Graduate Students. Set up Facebook Site for the program.
<https://www.facebook.com/ASPumichAA?ref=hl>

Workshop: “Rescue or Internment? Orphans of the Armenian Genocide,” March 2017.

- Drafted workshop agenda; invited guest and set up roundtable discussions.
<https://www.ii.umich.edu/asp>

Exhibit: Now or Never: Collecting, Documenting and Photographing WWI, AY 2014-15.

- Organized Exhibit in the Audubon Room about the journey of Francis Kelsey to the Middle East together with Kathryn Babayan. I helped select materials, wrote labels and promotional materials framing the exhibit and arranged for the opening speaker Hegnar Watenpaugh. <https://www.ii.umich.edu/asp>

Workshop: Teaching about Genocide: Challenges and Approaches, AY 2014-15.

- Drafted and presented proposal of workshop; invited guest and set up roundtable discussions. <https://teachinggenocideworkshop.wordpress.com>

To the University:

Wolverine Express, Center for Educational Outreach (CEO), Winter 2017.

- As part of an initiative of the Vice Provost for Equity, Inclusion & Academic Affairs, I visited Detroit high school where I introduced the University of Michigan and the discipline of History, as well as shared career experience with students.

Bicentennial Symposium: “1917: Michigan’s Great War and Its Aftermath,” Winter 2017.

- Organized Symposium for LSA theme semester “Making Michigan” marking the bicentennial of the University of Michigan.

Center for Middle East and North African Studies, Winter 2015

- MA thesis 2nd Reader: Nehal Amer, “Labor and the State: The Battle for Trade Union Freedom in Egypt’s Transitional Period,” MA Thesis, University of Michigan, 2015.

CLRT Teaching Academy Presenter Active Learning in Large Courses, August 2015.

- Presented a number of active learning strategies I use in my large lecture courses to new faculty.

Fulbright Campus Evaluation Committee, Fall 2014.

- Read applications, conducted mock interviews, and gave verbal and written feedback for candidates.

Provost Seminar: “Engaging Difference,” March 2014.

- Participated in group discussion around diversity in the classroom.

Rackham-CLRT Preparing Future Faculty, May 2014.

- Shared experience as a junior faculty at a Research University with Graduate students on the job market.

U.S. Student Fulbright Program Campus Evaluation Committee, Fall 2014.

- Read application materials, conducted interviews, provided students with feedback and wrote final evaluations to the national committee.

CLRT Teaching Academy Mentor Group, Winter 2013.

- Met twice with members of the CLRT group to discuss and workshop teaching issues.

Faculty Advisor of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars’ Michigan Chapter, 2013-2015.

- Advised students on their yearly outreach activities, facilitated chapter’s communications w/national headquarters, participated annual welcoming event.

To the Profession:

Section Editor (Ottoman/ Middle East) 1914-1918 Online Encyclopedia, 2016- to present.

- Duties include soliciting contributions as well as reviewing and editing first and last drafts of articles.

Syrian Studies Association (SSA) Member at-Larger, January 2015-2017.

- Duties include election officer and selecting SSA sponsored speakers for Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting.

Syrian Studies Association (SSA) Prize Committee, 2013-2016.

- Reviewed and evaluated dissertations, articles, and books submitted for the yearly SSA prize.

First World War Middle East and North Africa, Committee Member, 2015-to present.

- Duties include maintaining mailing list, website, and social media sites, organizing annual reception and discussions at the meeting of the Middle East Studies Association.
<https://fwwmena.history.lsa.umich.edu/home>