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Curriculum vitae

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Senior Assistant Dean for Research and Special Initiatives, 2018-Present
Elliott School of International Affairs, The George Washington University

Professorial Lecturer, Middle East Studies and International Affairs

EDUCATION

- 2018, Ph.D., Georgetown University, Department of History
Dissertation: "Sweetening the Pot: A History of Tea and Sugar in Morocco, 1850-1960"
Advisor: Osama Abi-Mershed
- 2010, M.A., The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs,
Middle East Studies
- 2005, B.A., Carleton College, American Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2022, "The Historical Geography of Azemmour: Environment and Empire on the Moroccan Atlantic Coast," *Journal of North African Studies* 27.5, pp. 1060-1080.
- 2019, "The History of the Tangier Difficulty: The American Civil War in Morocco," *Civil War History* 65.3, pp. 262-294.
- 2018, "Sugar for Sustenance: Nutrition Studies in French Colonial Morocco," *Global Environment* 11.1, pp. 36-57.
- 2016, "North African merchant networks of the western Mediterranean: New approaches to the nineteenth century," *The Journal of the Middle East and Africa* 7.3, pp. 269-281.
- 2012, "The Imaginative Geography of Amazigh Activism in Morocco," co-authored with Mona Atia, *Social & Cultural Geography* 13.3, pp. 255-274.

Book Chapters

- 2014, "The Great War on the Moroccan Front," in *The World During the First World War*, edited by Helmut Bley and Anorthe Kremers (Essen: Klartext, 2014).

Policy

2016, “Africa’s Last Colony: Algeria’s Polisario Front and the Western Sahara,” *Foreign Affairs*.

Encyclopedia Entries

2016, *Cambridge Dictionary of World History*, multiple entries, including: King Hassan II, ‘Abd al-Karim al-Khattabi, Mauritania, the Mahdiyya (Sudan), the Algerian FLN.

Miscellaneous

2023, “Morocco’s shocking run at the women’s World Cup is already leaving a mark.”

Washington Post. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2023/08/07/morocco-women-world-cup/>

2023, “In Morocco, no city can match Tangier’s famous café culture.” *Washington Post*.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/travel/2023/04/08/tangier-morocco-coffee-cafes/>

2022, “For Morocco, a World Cup run that transcends the sport.” *Washington Post*.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2022/12/13/morocco-world-cup-europe-colonization/>

2022, “Braving a summer trip to Barcelona with kids.” *Washington Post*.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/travel/2022/08/11/travel-barcelona-europe-summer-kids/>

2021, “For top horse racing without Triple Crown crowds, try Keeneland, not Churchill Downs.”

Washington Post, https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/horse-racing-keeneland-lexington-kentucky/2021/09/22/806f596e-1658-11ec-9589-31ac3173c2e5_story.html.

2021, “Why a 200-year-building in Morocco is the only National Historic Landmark Outside the U.S.” *Smithsonian Magazine*,

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/two-hundred-years-tangier-legislation-180977742/>.

2021, “They swam against the tide with a winter beach vacation. Verdict? Worth it.” *Washington Post*,

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/beach-winter-vacation-outer-banks/2021/01/28/3fbce71a-5f4c-11eb-9061-07abcc1f9229_story.html.

2020, “Why does American travel writing erase Black people?” *Al-Jazeera*,

<https://www.aljazeera.com/opinions/2020/9/27/why-does-american-travel-writing-erase-black-people/>.

2020, “He set out to show his son the D.C. area’s 68 Civil War forts. Protests made it more than a diversion.” *Washington Post*,

https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/travel/he-set-out-to-show-his-son-the-dc-areas-68-civil-war-forts-protests-made-it-more-than-a-diversion/2020/08/13/b86136d2-d354-11ea-9038-af089b63ac21_story.html.

2020, “The Diplomatic Intrigue That Gave Morocco a Cameo Appearance in the U.S. Civil War.” *Smithsonian Magazine*,

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/diplomatic-intrigue-gave-morocco-cameo-appearance-us-civil-war-180974015/>.

2017, “Morocco’s Answer to New York’s Bodega Breakfast Sandwich, *Roads & Kingdoms*, <https://roadsandkingdoms.com/2017/moroccos-bodega-breakfast-sandwich/>.

2017, “The Minty Appeal of Absinthe’s Forgotten Cousin,” *Roads & Kingdoms*, <https://roadsandkingdoms.com/2017/absinthes-forgotten-cousin/>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“The Social Life of Tea in Morocco” (book manuscript in revision)

“Emperitifs: Byrrh, Picon, and Empire in French North Africa”

“The History of the Southern Morocco Mission, 1880-1960”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021-Present, Bradley Foundation, Bradley Student Fellowship Program

2021-Present, US Embassy-Rabat and Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies Public Affairs Grant, Moroccan-American Studies Initiative

2017-18, American Council of Learned Societies, Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2017, Centre de recherches en histoire internationale et atlantique (CRHIA), Université de Nantes, Visiting Researcher

2015-16, Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant

2015-16, Georgetown University, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, Dissertation Travel Grant

2014-15, American Institute for Maghrib Studies Long-Term Research Grant

2015, European Society of Environmental Historians Travel Grant

2014, Cosmos Club Foundation Scholars Research Award

2013, Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award, American Institute of Maghrib Studies,

2013, Herrenhausen Travel Grant, Volkswagen Stiftung

2013, Georgetown University Piepho Research and Travel Grant

2012, Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, US Department of Education and Georgetown University

2010, Institute of Middle East Studies, George Washington University, Summer Research and Travel Grant

2008-10, The George Washington University, Banville Fellowship

2008-10, The George Washington University, High Achievement Scholarship

2001-05, Carleton College, National Merit Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The George Washington University

2022, “The Middle East Since World War II” (Spring)

2021, “Uses of History in International Affairs” (Fall)

- 2021, “Grant Proposal Writing” (Summer)
- 2020, “Grant Proposal Writing” (Summer)
- 2020, “Middle East Geography, Graduate Seminar” (Spring)
- 2019, “Geography of the Middle East and North Africa” (Fall)
- 2018, “Geography of the Middle East and North Africa” (Fall)

Georgetown University

- 2018, “World History II” (Summer 2018)
- 2015, “History of Africa I,” Teaching Assistant for Kathryn de Luna (Fall)
- 2013, “Modern Middle East,” Teaching Assistant for Judith Tucker (Spring)
- 2012, “The Islamic World,” Teaching Assistant for Jonathan A. C. Brown (Fall)

Other Teaching Experience

- 2015, School for International Training, Rabat, Morocco Program Student Research Advisor
- 2014, “American History and Politics,” Lecturer, Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program (Summer)
- 2004, College Summer Writing Program, Instructor, Carleton College (Summer)

INVITED TALKS

- 2023, “Identity and Geography in Morocco’s 2022 World Cup Run,” National Council on Geographic Education, Washington, DC
- 2023, “James Delong, the Tangier Legation, and a Global Civil War,” Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies, Tangier, Morocco
- 2023, “A More Global War: the US Civil War in Morocco,” AMIDEAST, Rabat, Morocco
- 2022, “Academic Adjacent Jobs,” American Institute for Maghrib Studies Fall Career Panel
- 2021, “Confederates in the Legation: the U.S. Civil War in Tangier,” Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies Bicentennial Conference, Tangier, Morocco
- 2019, “The Invention of Diet: How Colonialism Shaped Sustenance in the Modern Middle East,” Ignatius Seminar, Georgetown University
- 2019, “The Empire of Mali: A View from the Mashriq,” North American Invitational Model United Nations, Washington, DC
- 2018, “The Moroccan Sugar Industry, 1500-2000,” New York University Kevorkian Center K-12 Educator Training Workshop
- 2016, “Global Exchange and Transnational History in the Moroccan Archives,” Hassan II University, Casablanca
- 2015, “The Great Tea Debate in Nineteenth-century Morocco,” Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies, Tangier
- 2014, “Sugar, Tea, and Moral Economy in Precolonial Morocco,” Georgetown Food Studies Workshop
- 2012, “Amazigh Activists in Morocco: A Cultural Geography Approach,” The George Washington University, Middle East Studies Cornerstone, September 2010

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2023, “US-Moroccan Friendship and the American Civil War,” Morocco and the United States: The Past and the Present, l’Academic du Royaume du Maroc, Rabat, Morocco

- 2021, “Emperitifs: Byrrh, Picon, and Empire in French North Africa,” *Imperial Foodways: Culinary Economies and Provisioning Politics*, University of California-Santa Barbara.
- 2020, “The Tanjawi Taste for Tea and the Second World War,” Panelist/Organizer, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
- 2020, “Finding the China in Moroccan Tea Culture,” Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies Annual Conference, Tangier, Morocco
- 2018, “Food Studies and the Middle East: Past, Present, Future,” Roundtable Organizer Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 2018, “Women, Work, and the Idea of the Islamic City,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX
- 2018, “Sipping Sultan Stateside: Moroccan Mint Tea as a Global Commodity,” Khayrallah Center Food Studies Conference, NC State, Raleigh, NC (April 6-7)
- 2017, “Tea, Sugar, and Rural Consumers in Colonial Morocco,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (November 18-21)
- 2016, African Environments and Their Populations (Discussant) Georgetown University African History Workshop, Washington, DC (May 16)
- 2016, “An Island of Green Tea? Consumption and Connections across the West and North Africa,” Princeton University, “Jazirat al-Maghrib” Symposium (April 1-2)
- 2016, “Tea, Sugar, and Environmental Crisis in Morocco, 1880-1940” Rachel Carson Center, Munich, “Consuming the World” Symposium (March 10-12)
- 2015, “The Moroccan Merchant Diaspora in the Western Mediterranean,” Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (October 29-31)
- 2015, “Soft Wheat, Big Farms: French Agricultural Policy in wartime Morocco,” European Society of Environmental Historians, Versailles (June 30-July 3)
- 2013, “Gendered Drinking in French Colonial Morocco,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans (October 10-13)
- 2013, “Tea Drinking in the Sahara and Sahel: Nineteenth-Century Resistance,” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore (November 21-23)
- 2013, “World War I on the Moroccan Front” Herrenhausen Symposium, Hannover, Germany (October 28-30)

SERVICE

Board Member, Box2Box, 2023-Present
 Director, Moroccan American Studies Initiative (MASI), 2021-Present
 Editor, Moroccan/American (Podcast), 2023-Present
 Fellow, Tangier American Legation Institute for Moroccan Studies, 2019-Present
 Editorial Committee Member, Middle East Report (MERIP), 2019-2022
 Journal Manuscript Review: *Journal of North African Studies*, *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies*, *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *Identities*, *Global Environment*, *Geopolitics*
 Contributing Editor, *Ottoman History Podcast* (www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com)
 Contributing Editor, *Journal of Public and International Affairs*, 2009-2011

Departmental and University Service

2018-Present, Research Leadership Council Member, George Washington University
 2018-Present, Faculty Senate Research Committee, George Washington University
 2020-2022, Elliott School Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

2017-18, Middle East Area Representative, History Department, Georgetown University
2013-14, Assistant to the Director of Graduate Studies, History Department, Georgetown University
2013-14, Public Relations Officer, Graduate Student Organization, Georgetown University
2012-13, Doctoral Representative, Student Disciplinary Committee, Georgetown University
2008-11, Assistant to the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs
2008-10, Contributing Editor, Journal of Public and International Affairs, Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic: Reading/Speaking
French: Reading/Speaking
Spanish: Reading