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Education

PhD and MA in History, Vanderbilt University, projected for 2016.
Supervisors: Dr. Thomas A. Schwartz, Dr. Paul Kramer, and Dr. Leor Halevi.
Examination Fields: US in the World; Modern Middle Eastern and North African History; American History Since 1865, Spring 2014
Research interests: the diplomatic history of the Middle East and North Africa, Islamic History, and United States in the World in the twentieth century.
Honours BA with High Distinction, University of Toronto, 2006-2010.
Supervisors: Dr. Robert Bothwell and Dr. Arne Kislenko
Area of Concentration: History Specialist, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and American Studies Minor.
Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center, Rabat, Morocco, May-July 2012 and August-November 2013.
Completed intensive intermediate and advanced Modern Standard Arabic courses.
Qasid Institute for Modern Standard Arabic, Amman, Jordan, June-August 2010.
Completed intensive intermediate Modern Standard Arabic courses.

Awards and Honors

Recipient of Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning Graduate Student Fellowship, 2014-2015
Awarded Visiting PhD Fellowship at the Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University, August – October 2014
Awarded The Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council Doctoral Award to support three years of doctoral work, Fall 2014-Spring 2017
Awarded The Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research Award to conduct archival research in Tel Aviv, Israel, August 2014
Awarded The Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Summer Research Award to conduct archival research in Tel Aviv, Israel, September – October 2014
Awarded The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research Grant to conduct archival research in Tel Aviv, Israel, September – October 2014
Awarded the Sponsored Student Scholarship to attend the “Humanities Programming” Workshop at Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching, University of Maryland, August 2014
Awarded the full Ibn Battuta Merit Scholarship for Peace and Diplomacy from Qalam wa Lawh Language Center, Rabat, Morocco to cover three months of intensive Arabic language study for September – November, 2013.
Nominated for the K. Patricia Cross Future Leaders Award by the History Department of Vanderbilt University, Fall 2013.
Awarded the Rodney G. Dennis Short-Term Visiting Fellowship in the Study of Manuscripts at the Houghton Library, Harvard University 2013-2014.
Funded Participant “Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research,” George Washington University, May 2013
Recipient of HASTAC Scholar award from the Vanderbilt Center for Teaching, 2012-2013.
Recipient of Vanderbilt History Department Summer Funding for language training in Morocco, May – July 2012.
Recipient of the William Campbell Binkley Graduate Education Fund for archival research, March 2012.
Recipient of Vanderbilt University Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship 2011 – 2016.

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Current Projects

Dissertation, “Constructing Anti-Colonial Cairo: The United Arab Republic’s Role in Pan-Arabism and Pan-Africanism during the Cold War”, will examine the relationships between the rise of Pan-Arabism and Pan-Africanism in the late 1950s and early 1960s, connecting the rise of anti-colonialism across the continent. The project also examines the connections with Pan-Islamic and Ecumenical movements of the period, all within the broader context of Cold War diplomatic history.

“Lawmaking and the Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and Islamic Authority in the late Twentieth Century and Early Twenty-First Century.” Paper examines the creation and development of the International Islamic Fiqh Academy, within the broader context of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation. Part of a larger digital project entitled “International Islamic Organizations History Project”, which once completed will be a hub for information, scholarly works, and teaching resources on the OIC, as well as other international Islamic organizations.

“A Road Less Traveled and One Not Taken: The Life of Alford Carleton and the Rise of American Power in the Middle East.” Paper examines the trajectory of American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-WWII and the rise of American involvement in the region. Part of a larger digital project entitled “Mapping the Mission: A Digital Project on American Protestant Missionaries” which is a spatial history project that traces the networks of American Protestant missionaries and once completed will function as a hub for scholars of missionaries.

Conferences and Workshops

“Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of Supranational Islamic Fiqh Academies and Islamic Legal Authority in the late Twentieth Century and early Twenty-First Century” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, November 2014

“Towards the African Revolution: The United Arab Republic’s Role in Pan-Africanism” *Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa Annual Conference*, October 2014

Sponsored Participant “Humanities Programming” Workshop at the *Humanities Intensive Learning & Teaching*, University of Maryland, August 2014.

“Run Off the Map: The Life of Alford Carleton and the History of American Protestant Missionaries in the Third World during the Cold War” *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, June 2014.

“Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of the International Fiqh Academy and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late 20th and Early 21 Centuries” *American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies Annual Conference*, April 2014.

“Rethinking Missions in the Middle East: The Life of Alford Carleton and the History of United States-Middle East Relations,” *Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa Annual Conference*, November 2013. Declined due to scheduling conflict.

Selected participant for the *Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research* at the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies at The George Washington University, May 2013.

“Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems” *Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory Conference*, York University, April 2013.

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Invited Presentations

- “HASTAC” *Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, May 2014.
- “Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems” Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, January 2014.
- “HASTAC” *Digital Humanities Working Group Seminar*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, April 2013.
- “Adding Spatial Dimensions to Teaching” *GradSTEP Workshop*, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University, January 2013. Presented on how to use Google Fusion Tables and my experience using Neatline and GIS to Vanderbilt graduate students.
- “American Missionaries in the Middle East in the Nineteenth Century,” Guest Lecture in *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*, January 2013.
- “The Cold War Comes to the Middle East,” Guest Lecture in *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*, October 2012.

Teaching Experience

- Discussion Section Leader, *HIST120: The Arab Spring and Its Contexts*, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2014. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, <<http://arabspringanditscontexts.wordpress.com/>> and designed integrated digital activities for the course.
- Discussion Section Leader, *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Vanderbilt University, Spring 2013. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, available at <https://my.vanderbilt.edu/js256>. Designed class assignments including: an online field trip to the “King – Crane Commission Archive” at Oberlin College and a twitter response assignment.
- Discussion Section Leader, *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*, Vanderbilt University, Fall 2012. Facilitated discussion and responsible for grading.

Research Experience

- American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions Archive at Houghton Library and Shirley Graham DuBois Papers at the Schlesinger Library, Harvard University, Spring 2014
- Archives de Maroc and the Bibliothèque Nationale de Maroc in Rabat, Maroc, Fall 2013
- Researched and translated documents from the International Islamic Fiqh Academy and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation.
- Alford Carleton Family Papers, Oberlin College Archives, Spring 2012

Membership and Service

- Webmaster, Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University, 2013-2014.
 - Responsible for creating and managing the Graduate Student Council website.
 - Responsible for maintaining the GSC social media presence.
- Co-coordinator, “Geographic Imaginations and Spatial Humanities,” Robert Penn Warren Center for Humanities Graduate Seminar, 2013-2014. Responsible for creating seminar blog and helping facilitate discussions.
- Graduate History Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University, 2013-2014

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Membership and Service cont'd

Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory Scholar, Center for Teaching, 2012-2013. Responsible for blogging about graduate engagement with technology in the classroom. Responsible for contributing to both HASTAC and CFT websites.

Co-President, Graduate History Association, Department of History, Vanderbilt University, 2012-2013. Responsible for representing student concerns to the faculty and developing new programming. Built and maintained GHA website at <https://my.vanderbilt.edu/graduatehistoryassociation> and social media presence @GHA_Vanderbilt. Responsible for planning and executing the Annual Graduate History Association Conference; organizing professional development workshops; and coordinating social events for the department.

Member, Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa

Member, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Member, Middle East Studies Association

Member, American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies

Languages

Awarded Honours Bilingual Certificate in French from the Ontario Government.

Fluent in French, advanced knowledge of Arabic, and basic German skills.