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#### EDUCATION

- 1999-2004 Ph.D, Near Eastern Studies, **Princeton University**, NJ
- 1996-1999 M.A. Middle East Studies, School of History, **Tel Aviv University**, Israel
- 1993-1996 B.A. Middle East Studies, Arab Literature, **Hebrew University**, Israel

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019-Present Full Professor, History Department, University of Texas at Austin
- 2011-2019 Associate Professor, History Department, University of Texas at Austin
- 2005-2011 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Texas at Austin
- 2004-2005 Post-Doctoral Student, Hebrew University, Jerusalem

#### PUBLICATIONS

##### B o o k s

- 2018 *No Exit: Arab Existentialism, Jean-Paul Sartre and Decolonization* (Chicago: University Press of Chicago, 2018).
- 2009 *Gatekeepers of the Arab Past: Historians and History Writing in Twentieth-Century Egypt* (Berkeley: University Of California Press, 2009).

##### S p e c i a l I s s u e s

- 2024 Co-Editor, *Resilience*, Special Issue, *American Historical Review*, Volume 129, Issue 4, (December 2024).
- 2015 Editor, *Trauma and History*, Special Issue of *Historical Reflexion/Reflexions Historiques*, Vol. 41, Issue. 3. (2015).

## Articles

- 2024 "Resilience: A Genealogy," *American Historical Review*, Volume 129, Issue 4, (December 2024): 1396-1400, (With Wendy Warren).
- 2024 "Ha-Nazerism ke Teologia shel Shirur," in Meir Hatina and Orit Bashkin (eds.), *Ha-Sfinks be Idan shel Tmurut* (Tel Aviv: Resling 2024): 357-386.
- 2024 "Genocidal Mirroring in Israel/Palestine," *Journal of Genocide Research*, (June 2024): 1-15.
- 2024 "State, Intellectuals, and the Past," in Beth Baron and Jeffery Culang, (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Modern Egyptian History* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2024): 490-509.
- 2022 "Revolutionary Decolonization and The Formation of The Sacred: The Case of Egypt," *Past & Present* Volume 256, Issue 1, (August 2022): 239-281.
- 2021 "Palestine Comes to Paris: The Global Sixties and the Making of a Universal Cause," *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Vol. 50, Issue 1 (January 2021): 1-32.
- 2020 "Why Decolonization?" *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Volume 52 - Issue 1 (January 2020): 137-145. (Roundtable Convened with Cyrus Schayegh).
- 2020 "Arab Existentialism: What Was It?" *Yale French Studies*, No. 135-136 (Fall 2020): 171-188. Reprinted in Alfred Betschart, Juliane Werner (Eds.), *Sartre and the International Impact of Existentialism* (London: Palgrave, 2020): 253-272.
- 2018 "Haunted: The New Arabic Translation of Sartre's *Anti-Semite and Jew*." *Modern Intellectual History*, Volume 18, Issue 2 (2018): 1-24.
- 2018 "The Slow Revolution: May 1968 in the Arab World." *American Historical Review*, Volume 123, Issue 3 (2018): 733-738.
- 2016 "The Messy Career of Historicism: Reflections from the Middle East." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, Volume 36 No. 2 (2016): 337-344.
- 2015 "Trauma and Other Historians: An Introduction." *Trauma and History*, Special Issue of *Historical Reflexion/Reflexions Historiques*, Volume 41, Issue 3 (2015): 1-13.
- 2015 "Nahda: The Arab Project of Enlightenment." In Dwight Raynolds (ed.), *Cambridge Companion to Modern Arab Culture*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015: 54-74.
- 2013 "Homeward Bound: Husayn Muruwah's Integrative Quest for Authenticity." *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Volume 44, Issue (2013). 1: 21-52.
- 2012 "Arab Existentialism: A lost Chapter in the Intellectual History of Decolonization." *American Historical Review*, Volume 17, No. 4 (2012): 1061-1091.
- 2012 "The Traumatic Subjectivity of Sun 'Allah Ibahim's Dhat." *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Volume 43 (2012): 80-101.

- 2009 "The Professional Worldview of the *Effendi* Historian." *History Compass* 7/1 (2009): 306-328.
- 2008 "Common Skies Divided Horizons: Aviation, Class and Modernity in Early Twentieth Century Egypt." *Journal of Social History*, Volume 41, No. 4 (2008): 917-942.
- 2005 "Megamot Mukdamot ba Historiographia ha Mitzrit," [Early Trends in Modern Egyptian Historiography.] *Ha Mizrah Ha Hadash* [The New Orient], Volume 45 (2005): 23-44.
- 2004 "Jabarti of the Twentieth Century: The National Epic of 'Abd al-Rahman Rafi'i and Other Egyptian Histories." *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Volume 36 (2004): 429-450.
- 2001 "Embodiment of the Revolutionary Spirit: The Commemoration of Mustafa Kamil and Muhammad Farid." *History and Memory*, Volume 13, No. 1(2001): 85-113.

## Book Chapters

- 2015 "The Intellectual Revolt of the 1950s and the "Fall of the Udaba'." In Friederike Pannewick, Georges Khalil and Yvonne Albers (eds.), *Commitment and Beyond: Reflections on/of the Political in Arabic Literature since the 1940s*. Wiesbaden: Ludwig Reichert Verlag, 2015: 89-104. Reprinted with modifications as: "Changing the Arab Intellectual Guard: On the Fall of the Udaba', 1940-60." In Max Weiss and Jens Hansen (eds.), *Arabic Thought Against the Authoritarian Age: Toward and Intellectual History of the Present*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018: 41-61.
- 2004 "Sports, Society, and Revolution: Egypt in the Early 1950's," in Elie Podeh and Onn Vinclair (eds.), *Rethinking Nasserism*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2004: 144-162.

## Book Reviews

- 2024 *Melancholy Acts: Defeat and Cultural Critique in the Arab World*, by Nouri Gana. *Journal of Arabic Literature*, Vol. 55, No. 1 (2024): 200-206.
- 2023 *The story of the banned book: Naguib Mahfouz's children of the Alley* by Mohamed Shoair, *The Journal of North African Studies*, Volume 28, 2023 - Issue 5.
- 2020 *Revolutionary Justice: Special Courts and the Formation of Republican Egypt* By Yoram Meital, *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review*, Vol. 11, No. 2 (2020), 223-228.
- 2021 *Revolution and Disenchantment: Arab Marxism and the Binds of Emancipation* by Fadi Bardawil, *Journal of Arabic Literature*, April, 2021.
- 2018 *Field Notes: The Making of Middle East Studies in the United States*, by Zack Lockman. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Volume 50, Issue 3 (2018): 1-2.
- 2014 *Reading Darwin in Arabic, 1860-1950*, by Marwa Elshakry. *The American Historical Review*, Vol. 119

(5), 2014: 1818-1819.

- 2012 *Al-Insidad al-Tarikhi: li Madha Fashala Mashru' al-Tanwir fi-l' Alam al-' Arabi?* [The Historical Blockage: Why Did the Project of Enlightenment Failed in the Arab World?], by Salih Hashim. *Journal of Levantine Studies*, Vol. 2 No. 1 (2012): 177-178.
- 2010 *Contemporary Arab Thought: Cultural Critique in Comparative Perspective*, by Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab. H-Levant, H-Net Reviews.
- 2007 "The Intimate History of Collaboration: Arab Citizens and the State of Israel," Review of *Good Arabs: The Israeli Security Agencies and the Israeli Arabs, 1948–1967* and *Army of Shadows: Palestinian Collaboration with Zionism, 1917–1948*, by Hilel Cohen. *Middle East Report* (May 2007): 1-5.
- 2007 *The Disenchantment of the Orient: Expertise in Arab Affairs and the Israeli State*, by Gil Eyal. H-Net Book Review.
- 2006 *Re-Envisioning Egypt, 1919-1952*, by Arthur Goldschmidt, Amy Johnson and Barak Salmoni (eds.). *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 4 (2006): 632-634.
- 2004 *Secular Liberal and Left-Wing Political Thought in Egypt 1945-1958*, by Roel Meijer. *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 36, No. 2 (2004): 320-321.

## Encyclopedia Entries

- 2024 "Existentialism in the Muslim World" *Encyclopaedia of Islam III* (with Harald Viersen), 2024.
- 2018 "Salim Sarkis (1867–1926)." In Tarek El-Ariss (ed.), *The Arab Renaissance: A Bilingual Anthology of the Nahda*. New York: The Modern Language Association of America, 2018: 349-350.
- 2011 "‘Abd al-Rahman al-Rafi‘i." In Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampon (eds.), *Dictionary of African Biography*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011: 163-164.
- 2007 "Sports: Arab States." In Suad Joseph et.al (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, Vol. 3. Leiden: Brill, 2007: 440-441.

## Forthcoming

- 2025 "Arab Intellectual History of the Cold War," in Cyrus Schayegh, ed. *Cambridge Companion to the Cold War in MENA* (Expected 2025)

## Works in Progress

*The First Arabs: Their Struggle for Dignity, the Global 60s and the June Defeat* (Completed book)

manuscript)

## S e r v i c e

- 2024-        *Modern Intellectual History*, Board Member
- 2019-2023    *American Historical Review*, Board Member

## A w a r d s , P r i z e s a n d F e l l o w s h i p s

- 2022-2023    Simon Guggenheim Fellowship
- 2021-2022    Fellow of the Earl E. Sheffield Regents Professorship
2019.        Hamilton Book Award (Runner-up)
- 2017-2018    Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Berlin, Germany
- 2015-2016    Institute of Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2012-2013    National Endowment for the Humanities
- 2010-2013    Humanities Research Award, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
- 2011        Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas Board of Regents
- 2008        American Philosophical Society, Research Grant

## I n v i t e d   T a l k s

- 2025        “Arab Thought and the Cold War,” Graduate Institute, Geneva, January.
- 2024        “The Post-Post-Colonial Moment as an Abyss,” Columbia University, October.
- “The Arab world and the Demise of the Caliphate,” Dartmouth College, February .
- 2023        “Reconsidering the 60s Generation in the Arab World and Beyond,” Oxford University, December.
- “Rethinking the Arab 60s,” Dartmouth College, September.
- 2022        “Reconsidering the 60s Generation in the Arab World and Beyond,” University of Santa Cruz, November 2022.
- “Nasserism as a Theological System,” Tel-Aviv University, May, 2022.

- 2021 "Arab Existentialism and the Intellectual History of Decolonization," Seminario di Storia Globale, Roma III, May 2021.
- "Sartre's Oblivions in the Arab World: Intellectual History and Epistemology," DREAM Seminar, Berlin, May.
- 2019 "Jean-Paul Sartre, Decolonization, and the Question of Palestine," Pennsylvania State, October.
- "The Deep Origins of the Arab Spring," UT El Paso, March.
- "On the Arab Experience of Enlightenment," Dartmouth, May.
- 2018 "Arab Existentialism, Jean-Paul Sartre and Decolonization," Brandeis University, October.
- "Arab Existentialism and the Intellectual History of Decolonization," University of North Carolina, October.
- "No Exit: Arab Existentialism, Jean-Paul Sartre and Decolonization," Duke University, October.
- "No Exit: Arab Existentialism and Decolonization," Litteraturhuset Vandkunsten, Copenhagen, Denmark, June.
- "Sacred Cure: Political Theology and the Post-Colonial Arab Order," Europa im Nahen Osten-Der Nahen Osten in Europa [Europe in the Middle East-The Middle East in Europe] (EUME), Berlin, Germany, June.
- "No Exit: Arab Existentialism and Decolonization," Marburg University, Marburg, Germany, May.
- "Existentialism as Decolonization: The Case of the Arab World," Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic, May.
- "Book Talk: *No Exit: Arab Existentialism, Jean-Paul Sartre and Decolonization*," EUME, Berlin, Germany, March.
- "What did Gamal Abd al-Nasser Want?" Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, January.
- 2017 "Rethinking Jean-Paul Sartre and the Arab World," Göttingen University, Göttingen, Germany, December.
- "What was Arab Existentialism?: Inside the Intellectual History of Decolonization." Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Jena, Germany, September.
- 2015 "Arab Existentialism," Tel Aviv University, Tel-Aviv, Israel, December.
- 2014 "Sartre and Palestine," Rice University, Houston, TX, October 2014.
- "When Sartre's Ethics of Global Responsibility Met the Arab-Israeli Conflict." City University of New York, Graduate Center, New York, NY, April.
- 2013 "Jean Paul Sartre and the Arabs: What Went Wrong?" EUME, Berlin, Germany, June.

- “Arab Commitment and the 1967 Defeat.” Haifa University, Haifa, Israel, June.
- 2012 “Rethinking the Intellectual History of 1967.” Van Leer Institute, Jerusalem, Israel, August
- “Transnational Arab Thought and the Global Culture of the 1960s.” Hanyang University, Seoul, South Korea, July 2012.
- “Sweeping Storm: The Arab Spring and the New Face of the Middle East.” Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, November 2012.

## Conference Papers

2019. “Making a Scene: When Palestine Came to Paris,” *Western Society for French History*, Bozeman, Montana, October.
- 2018 “What was the Re-Birth Talk of the “Arab Man” All About?,” *Middle East Studies Association*, San Antonio, November.
- “Arab Existentialism: Its Scope, Function and Fate,” University of Vienna, September.
- “Dialogue with Bertrand Russell and Sartre, Lutfi al-Khuli, Cairo, 1968.” Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom, April.
- 2017 “What was Arab Existentialism?: Inside the Global Marketplace of Ideas and Its Icons.” Ben Gurion University, Beer Sheva`, Israel, January.
- 2016 “On the Late Arabic Translation of the *Réflexions sur la Question Juive*.” Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, December.
- 2015 “Jean Paul Sartre and the Arab World: A Reconsideration.” London University, London, United Kingdom, October.
- “Rethinking the Nahda.” Rice University, Houston, TX, October.
- “An Iconic Betrayal?: Jean Paul Sartre and the Arab World.” Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA, February.
- 2014 “Transnational Arab Thought and the Global Culture of Decolonization.” University of California, Davis, Davis, CA, May.
- 2013 “Between Existentialism and Socialist-Realism: The Intellectual Revolt of the 1950s.” Marburg University, Marburg, Germany, June.
- “Jean Paul Sartre and the Arabs.” American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January.
2012. “The Fall of the *Udaba* and the Changing of the Intellectual Guard, 1940-1960.” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, November.