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# Assistant Professor of History

Seattle Pacific University

# EDUCATION

PH.D, History of the Middle East and North Africa, Georgetown University, May 2018

Dissertation: “The Ba‘th Party in Baghdad: State-Society Relations through Wars, Sanctions, and Authoritarian Rule, 1950-2003”

M.A.-in-Passing, History, Georgetown University, 2014

M.A., Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 2011

M.A. thesis: “A Minority Within a Minority: A History of Women in the Egyptian

Coptic Orthodox and Evangelical Churches (1854 – Present)”

B.A., History Major and Latin American Studies Minor, Seattle Pacific University, 2008

University Scholars Honors Thesis: “From Bombs to the Ballot Box: A History of

the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt”

# CERTIFICATIONS

Apprenticeship in Teaching Program, Georgetown University, 2016

Refugee and Humanitarian Emergencies Graduate Certificate, Georgetown University, 2011

# INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND STUDY

2016: Fieldwork and interviews for dissertation in Iraq

2015: Archival research for dissertation in Egypt, UK, France

2014: Faculty co-leader, Pepperdine University student study trip to Morocco

2011: Fieldwork and interviews, research assistant, Jordan

2010: Fieldwork and interviews for M.A. thesis in Egypt

2009-2010: Arab League internship and Arabic language study in Egypt

2006: Middle East Studies Program, undergraduate study abroad, in Egypt, Turkey, Jordan, and Israel/Palestine

# PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“Rural Women, Resistance, and the Egyptian Family Planning Program, 1965-1980,” *Journal of Women’s History* 30, no. 2 (Summer 2018)

“Diaries of Iraqi Soldiers: Views from Inside Saddam’s Army,” *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies,* with co-author Joseph Sassoon, 12, no. 2 (Summer 2018)

“The Iraqi Occupation of Kuwait: New Historical Perspectives,” *Middle East Journal* 71, no. 4 (Autumn 2017): 607-682, with co-author Joseph Sassoon

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Petitioning Saddam: Voices from the Iraqi Archives,” chapter in *Truth, Silence and Violence in Emerging States: Histories of the Unspoken*, edited by Aidan Russell (Routledge Human Rights Series, forthcoming 2018)

Book review: “Aaron Faust’s ‘The Ba‘thification of Iraq: Saddam Hussein’s Totalitarianism,’” *International Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies* 12, no. 2 (summer 2018)

“Misconceptions about Human Trafficking in a Time of Crisis,” *Forced Migration Review* 45(2014): 58-59, with co-author Elzbieta Gozdziak

*Urban Refugees in Cairo* (Washington, DC: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies and the Institute for the Study of International Migration*,* 2012), with co-author Elzbieta Gozdziak

## INVITED TALKS

“Surviving Sanctions in Saddam Hussein’s Iraq,” Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, November 2017

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Slums and Subdivisions: Managing Sensitive Populations in Baghdad, 1950-1979” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2018

“Maintaining Body and Mind in Baghdad During Sanctions: A State-Society Perspective,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2017

“The Localization of Governance in Ba‘thist Baghdad,” The American Historical Association Annual Conference, January 2017

“The Political Economy of Rationing in Iraq, 1990-2003,” Stanford University’s Modern Middle East Workshop, December 2016

“Private Responses to State Violence: Letters and Petitions during Iraqi Sanctions,” Pierre de Bois Annual Conference on Contemporary History, September 2016

“Food as Power in Saddam Hussein’s Iraq,” The Hoover Institution’s Workshop on Authoritarian Regimes, July 2016

“Rural Women and the Egyptian Family Planning Program,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, November 2013

# EXTERNAL GRANTS

2017: United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Jennings Randolph Dissertation Fellowship

2017: American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Fellowship

2015 - 2017: Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fund Fellowship

2015: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) Research Fellowship

# INTERNAL GRANTS AND MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

2016 and 2013: Piepho Research and Travel Grant, Georgetown University

2015: Graduate School Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Georgetown University

2011-2017: Full-Tuition Merit Scholarship and Assistantship, Georgetown University

2011: Omani Student Grant for Research Travel, Georgetown University

2010: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies Full-Tuition Scholarship, Georgetown University

## AWARDS AND LEADERSHIP

2016: Graduate Student Teaching Award nominee, Georgetown University

2012: Sharabi Graduate Student Essay Competition winner “Peasant Resistance and the Egyptian Family Planning Program, 1965-1980,” Georgetown University

2008: Wesley E. Lingren Award: top honors’ program graduate at Seattle Pacific University

2008: Roy Swanstrom Award: top history graduate at Seattle Pacific University

# LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic (advanced proficiency in reading and writing)

Egyptian colloquial Arabic (intermediate proficiency in speaking)

Iraqi colloquial Arabic (intermediate proficiency in speaking)

Spanish (advanced proficiency in reading, intermediate proficiency in speaking and writing)

French (advanced proficiency in reading)