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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of History and College of General Studies 2023-present
University of Pittsburgh

Continuing Education/Special Program Instructor 2021-2023
Harvard University Division of Continuing Education

Lecturer, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature 2019-2022
Harvard University

Max Weber Post-Doctoral Fellow 2018-2019
European University Institute

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2018
Dissertation: “A Mandate to Protect: Imperial Encounters and Affective Ideologies between France and Lebanon, 1860-1931”

M.A., History, University of Wisconsin-Madison 2012
Thesis: “Women’s Honor and the ‘Black Shame’: Envisioning *Colored Frenchmen* and Respectable Comportment in the Occupied Rhineland”

B.A., Swarthmore College 2007
High Honors, History and Political Science

PUBLICATIONS

“Scandal in Fin-de-Siècle Beirut: Gender, Morality, and Imperial Prestige between France and Lebanon,” *Journal of World History* 28 no. 4, Special Issue: Gender and Empire (Dec. 2017): 371-393.

“Women’s Honour and the Black Shame: *Coloured Frenchmen* and Respectable Comportment in the Post-World War I Occupied Rhineland,” *German History* 33, no. 4 (Dec. 2015): 546-569.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“A Moral or Military Mandate? Allegiance, Intervention, and Martyrdom between France and Lebanon during the Great War” [intended for the *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2024]

“Politics of Protection: Enacting and Contesting the French Colonial Mandate in Greater Lebanon” [intended for *Gender and History*, 2024]

Colonizing the Great War: Race, Sex, and Violence in Imperial Borderlands [intended for Cornell University Press, 2025]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

A Global History of Piracy University of Pittsburgh, Department of History and College of General Studies	2023-2024
Xenophobia in Modern Europe University of Pittsburgh, Department of History and College of General Studies	2023-2024
The Rise of the Far Right in Europe Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard Extension School, and Harvard Summer School	2021-2023
Global Empires and Migration (Co-Instructor) Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature and Harvard Extension School	2021-2023
History of European Imperialism in North Africa Harvard University, Harvard Summer School and Harvard Extension School	2021-2022
Legacies of Revolutions: Self, Society, and State Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature	Fall 2021
France and its "Others:" Race, Nation, and Identity in (Post)Imperial Society Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature	Fall 2020
Gender and Empire in the Modern Mediterranean Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature	Spring 2020
Legacies of Loss: (Mis)Remembrance & Reconciliation in the Wake of Trauma Harvard University, Committee on Degrees in History and Literature	Fall 2019
Gender and Sexuality Across the Disciplines (Co-Instructor, Graduate Seminar) European University Institute, Department of History and Civilization	Fall 2018
Modern Mediterranean History, 1798 to the Present University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History	Spring 2018
Europe and the Modern World, 1815-2015 (Teaching Assistant) University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History	Fall 2015
Women and Gender in Modern Europe, 1750 to the Present (Teaching Assistant) University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of History	Spring 2015
<u>TEACHING and ADVISING AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS</u>	
Star Family Prize for Excellence in Concentration Advising Advising Programs Office, Harvard College	2021-2022
Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University	2021-2022
Stephen Botein Teaching Prize Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University	2021-2022

Certificate of Teaching Excellence
Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard University

Fall 2021

University Housing Honored Instructor
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Spring 2018

George L. Mosse Teaching Fellowship
Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2017-2018

Early Excellence in Teaching Award (History Department Nomination)
College of Letters & Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2015

RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship
Institute for Research in the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016-2017

Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship
Mellon Foundation, State of Wisconsin

Summer 2016

Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship
Social Science Research Council

2014-2015

Fulbright Doctoral Research Grant, France
Franco-American Commission for Educational Exchange

2013-2014

Jeanne Marandon Fellowship [declined]
Société des Professeurs Français et Francophones d'Amérique

2013-2014

Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute Fellowship
Center for German and European Studies, University of Minnesota

Summer 2013

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic
U.S. Department of Education

Summer 2011, 2012-2013

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

Graduate School Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Fall 2016

Chancellor's Dissertation Fellowship
Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Spring 2016

Graduate Student Summer Fieldwork Award
Institute for Regional and International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Summer 2016

History Department Research Scholarship
Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Summer 2016

Student Research Grant – Research Travel Award (Paris, France)
Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Summer 2016

Vilas International Research Travel Grant (Beirut, Lebanon) Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Fall 2014
Ouisconsin Field Research Scholarship Wisconsin Alumni Association – France Chapter	Spring 2014
International Graduate Student Field Research Award Division of International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison	Fall 2013
Chancellor’s Graduate Student Fellowship Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2010-2012

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Factory Girls and French Nuns: Childhood, Gender, and Labor in Early Twentieth-Century Mount Lebanon,” *Berkshire Conference of Women, Genders, and Sexualities* [“Big Berks”], Baltimore, MD, May 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19]

“The Sexual Geopolitics of a European Imperial Borderland: White German Women, French Soldiers, and Colonial Standards of Conduct,” *French Colonial Historical Society*, Annual Meeting, Buffalo, NY, May 2020 [canceled due to COVID-19]

“Imagining Martyrdom, Envisioning Lebanon: Maronite Patriarch Elias Hoyek at the Paris Peace Conference,” *The Making of a World Order: A Reappraisal of the Paris Peace Conference and the Treaty of Versailles*, American University of Paris, May 2019

“The Martyred Lebanese Nation: Lebanon, France, and the Politics of the Paris Peace Conference,” *Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism* Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, April 2019

“Orientalism of the Levant: French Ideologies of Empire and Histories of the Near East,” *Society for Francophone Postcolonial Studies* Conference, University of London, November 2018

“Myths of Protection and Pacification: Syria and Greater Lebanon under Early French Mandate Colonialism,” *Middle East Studies Association* Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2017

“A Frenchwoman’s Scandal in Fin-de-Siècle Beirut: Gender, Mobility, and Imperial Logics of Paternal Protection,” *World History Association* Annual Conference, Boston, MA, June 2017

“Proclaiming Allegiance and Promising Protection: Affective Discourses and Debates over Intervention between France and Lebanon during the Great War,” *French Colonial Historical Society* Annual Meeting, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 2017 (* Shorrocks Travel Award recipient)

“Civilizing and Silk-Spinning: French Industry, Women Religious, and Local Labor in Mount Lebanon,” *Society for French Historical Studies* Annual Conference, Washington, DC, April 2017

Roundtable Organizer and Participant, “Colonial Regime Change in the History of France’s Empire,” *Western Society for French History* Annual Conference, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, November 2016

“Devious Enemies of Europeans’ and an ‘Unworthy’ Frenchman: Conduct and Confrontation in Early Twentieth-Century Beirut,” *Society for French Historical Studies*, Nashville, TN, March 2016

“Insults, Honor, and Immorality in Broummana and Beirut: Local Encounters and French Consular Authority in Pre-World War I Lebanon,” *Western Society for French History* Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2015

“Modern Machines and Backward Levantines: The French Silk Industry and Colonialist Discourse in Early Twentieth-Century Lebanon,” *Göttingen Spirit Summer School* “Multiple Modernities,” Georg-August-Universität (Göttingen, Germany), September 2014

“An Italian Hothead, A French Silk Company, and the Transnational Culture of Authority in Pre-World War I Lebanon,” *Tensions of the Transnational*, Brunel University, (Uxbridge, United Kingdom), March 2014

“Encountering Colored Frenchmen: Honor, Shame, and Respectable Comportment in the Post-World War I Occupied Rhineland,” *International Society for First World War Studies* 2013 Conference, Paris, France, September 2013

INVITED TALKS

“Ideologies of Protection, Languages of Affection, and the Politics of Informal Empire,” *Imperial History Working Group*, European University Institute, Florence, Italy, 10 December 2018

“Encounters in Qraiyeh: Imperial Ideology and French Industry in a Lebanese Village, 1900-1930,” *Institute for Research in the Humanities*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 3 April 2017

“Discours du viol et de la respectabilité féminine dans la Rhénanie occupée,” *Séminaire – Première et deuxième guerres mondiales*, Université Paris X – Nanterre/La Défense, 17 April 2014

“Circuits of Silk: Commerce, Colonialism, and Cultural Encounters between Lebanon and Lyon, 1860-1930,” *Wisconsin Alumni Association – France Chapter*, Paris, France, 25 January 2014

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

First-Year Advisor, Board of Freshman Advisors 2021-2022
Advising Programs Office, Harvard University

Representative, Sub-Committee on Curriculum 2021-2022
Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University

Representative, Committee on Instruction 2019-2022
Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University

Representative, Sub-Committee on World Before 1800/Modern World 2019-2022
Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University

Representative, Sub-Committee on Prizes 2019-2022
Committee on Degrees in History and Literature, Harvard University

Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Student-Faculty Liaison Committee 2016-2017

Department of History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

ADVISING, EDITING, and TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Senior Tutor, Cambridge Coaching (www.cambridgecoaching.com)	2023-present
Associate Editor, The Writing Center (www.the-writing-center.com)	2007-present
Academic Advisor, College of General Studies, Boston University	2022-2023
Editorial Board, <i>Palimpsest</i> , College of General Studies, Boston University	2022-2023
Freelance Academic Editor, Allison Van Deventer (www.allisonvandeventer.com)	2022-2023

LANGUAGES

French (fluent)
German (advanced)
Italian (intermediate)
Modern Standard Arabic (intermediate)
Lebanese Arabic (basic)
Spanish (basic)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
French Colonial Historical Society
Middle East Studies Association
Society for French Historical Studies
World History Association

REFERENCES

Lauren Kaminsky
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and Literature, Harvard University
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