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Current Position

2016-2018 Assistant Professor, Gender Studies; Central European University

Education

2006-2013 Doctor of Philosophy (History), University of Toronto
“Iraqi Women in Diaspora: Resettlement, Religion and Remembrance in the Iraqi Diaspora in Toronto and Detroit, 1980 to present”
Supervisor: Professor Franca Iacovetta
Major Fields: Transnational Migration, Immigration, and Ethnicity; Women’s and Gender History; Modern Middle Eastern History

2005-2006 Master of Arts (History), Queen’s University
Supervisor: Professor Jane Errington

2000-2004 Bachelor of Arts (Honours in History), University of Calgary
First class honours; Dean’s List 2001-2002; 2002-2003; 2003-2004

External Awards

2013-2016 Provost Postdoctoral Fellow, University of South Florida (\$45,000 per annum)
2014 Oral History Landscapes of Injustice Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$40,000)
2013 SSHA Tilley Travel Grant (\$200)
2012 Oral History Association International Graduate Scholarship, Cleveland, Ohio (\$550)
2008-2011 Ontario Graduate Scholarship (\$45,000 over 3 years)
2008-2009 Canada-US Fulbright Award (\$15,000)
2008-2009 Mark C. Stevens Fellowship, Bentley Historical Library, Michigan (\$2,500)
2008-2009 Albert Shanker Educational Research Fellowship for Study of the American Fellowship of Teachers Collection, Wayne State Archives, Detroit (\$1,000)
2007 Howard Palmer Memorial Award, Canadian Ethnic Studies Association (\$500)

Internal Awards

2011-2012 Scace Graduate Fellowship, University of Toronto (\$10,000)
2010-2011 Vivienne Poy Chancellor’s Fellowship for the Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Toronto (\$30,000)
2009-2010 Jeanne Armour Award in Canadian History, Department of History (\$12,000)

- 2008-2009 Associates of the University of Toronto Awards for Study of the U.S. (\$3,000)
2007-2008 Margaret S. McCulloh Scholarship in Canadian Historical Research (\$2,500)
2005-2006 Queen's Graduate Award, Department of History (QGA) for Research (\$10,000)
2004-2005 Saint Mary's University Graduate Fellowship (\$15,000)
2003-2004 John Zaorzirny Alumni Award, University of Calgary (\$3,500)
2001-2004 Jason Lang Scholarship, Government of Alberta (\$1,000)

Peer-Reviewed Publications

The Transnational Lives of Iraqi Women: Negotiating Faith, Family and Community Across the Diaspora, (accepted and under contract with the Gender and Women series, University of Toronto Press), 263 pages

“*Qahwa and Kleiche: Drinking Coffee in Oral History Interviews with Iraqi Women in Diaspora*,” *Global Food History Journal*, (January 2017):

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/20549547.2017.1278347>

“Feminist Oral History: Assessing the Dueling Narratives of Iraqi Women in Diaspora,” *Sisters or Strangers: Immigrant, Ethnic, and Racialized Women in Canadian History*, second edition, Marlene Epp and Franca Iacovetta, eds., (University of Toronto Press, May 2016), 24 pages

“Third Parties in ‘Third Spaces’: The Multifaceted Role of Translator in Oral History Interviews with Iraqi Diasporic Women,” *Oral History Off the Record: Towards an Ethnography of Practice*, Palgrave Studies in Oral History, Stacey Zembrzycki and Anna Sheftel, eds., (Palgrave Macmillan: Toronto and London, 2014), 169-183

“Iraqi Women, Identity and Islam in Toronto: Reflections on a New Diaspora,” *Canadian Ethnic Studies Journal/ Études Ethniques au Canada*, 40, no. 3 (2008): 131-147

“The Welsh Reformation: Maintaining Identity through Language, 1580-1650,” *University of Calgary History Association Student Journal* (2004): 3-15

Book Reviews

Book review of Mahir A. Aziz, *The Kurds of Iraq: Nationalism and Identity in Iraqi Kurdistan*, (I.B. Taurus, 2015) in *Kurdish Studies* 4:1 (forthcoming, May 2016).

Invited Talks

“Making a Case for Feminist Research in the Fight Against Authoritarianism,” Keynote Address, *Teaching and Learning in Democracies Under Threat: Production and*

Transmission of Knowledge in Changing Societies, Graduate Conference in the Department of Sociology, Central European University (Budapest), September 2017

“Finding Faith, Finding Freedom: ‘Hijab Feminism’ and Political Subjectivity in Iraqi Diasporic Women’s Narratives,” University of Vienna, Gender Studies, December 2016

"Conversations with Iraqi Diasporic Women: Public and Private Negotiations of Religion, Sexuality, and Identity," *HerStories Café* (Toronto), November 2013

“The Hijab in Canada: Politics and Policy,” *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians, ‘Little Berks’* (Saratoga Springs), November 2011

“Speaking Across Generations: The Future of Women’s History,” *Canadian Committee on Women’s History/ Comité Canadien d’Histoire des Femmes Conference* (Vancouver), August 2010

Conference Paper Presentations

“Coffee Culture: Negotiating Space and Identity in Interviews with Transnational Iraqi Refugee Women,” *Canadian Historical Association Annual Meeting* (Calgary), June 2016

“New Political Feminism(s) in the Narratives of Iraqi Refugee Women,” *Social Sciences and History Association Annual Conference* (Baltimore), November 2015

“Oral History in the Middle East: Methodological, Theoretical, Epistemological and Ontological Challenges,” *Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference*, (Washington), November 2014, November 2014

“The Ties that Divide: Inclusion and Exclusion Amongst Ethnoreligious Communities of Iraqi Women in Detroit,” *Social Science and History Association Annual Conference*, (Toronto), November 2014

"Negotiating Modesty, Religiosity, and Sexuality in Toronto’s Iraqi Muslim Community,” *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians ‘Big Berks’*, (Toronto), May 2014

“Veiled Truths: Negotiating Modesty, Religiosity, and Sexuality in Toronto’s Iraqi Muslim Community,” *Social Science and History Association Annual Conference*, (Chicago), November 2013

“The Role of Coffee in Negotiating Space and Identity in Interviews with Transnational Iraqi Refugee Women,” *Ontario Women’s History Network Annual Meeting*, (Ontario), April 2013

“Negotiating Insider/Outsider Status in Oral History Interviews with Iraqi Diasporic Women,” *Oral History Association Annual Meeting*, (Cleveland), October 2012

“Generations of Difference Amongst Intergenerational Iraqi Refugee Women in Canada,” *International Council for Canadian Studies*, (Ottawa), May 2012

“Unveiling the Politics of *Hijab* for Iraqi Women,” *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians*, “*Big Berks*,” (Massachusetts), June 2011

“‘Becoming’ American and Canadian: Community Activism and Claims to Citizenship,” for session on, ‘Engaging the State from the Sidelines: Citizenship Stories of Inclusion, Exclusion and Activism in Canada,’ *Canadian Historical Association Annual Symposium: Telling Stories/Storytelling*, (Montreal), May 2010

“Requiem for Iraq: Resettlement, Remembrance and the Role of Women in the Iraqi Diaspora in Toronto, 1980 to 2007,” for session on, ‘Women in Diaspora: Memory, Religion and Custom in Post-War Canadian Immigrant Communities,’ co-sponsored by the Canadian Committee on Women's History, *Canadian Historical Association Annual Symposium: Authority in the Past, Authority of the Past*, (Ottawa), May 2009

“Gender in the Iraqi Diaspora: Toronto and Detroit, 1948 to Present,” *Women in the Multiethnic City/La Femme Dans la Ville Multiethnique*, (Milan, Italy), January 2008

“Restoring the National in Diaspora: Muslim Identity and Islam in Toronto, 1948 to 2008,” *Ethnicity, Civil Society, and Public Policy: Engaging Cultures in a Globalizing World*, *Canadian Ethnic Studies Association 19th Biennial Conference*, (Winnipeg), 2006

Symposia and Workshops

“Generations of Difference: Unveiling the Politics of *Hijab* for Iraqi Women,” *Prandium Lunchtime Seminar Series*, (Mississauga), November 2011

Invited to the book workshop, “Creating a Third Space for the Female Narrative,” *Off the Record: Unspoken Negotiations in the Practice of Oral History*, (Montreal), April 2011

Invited to present as part of the working group, “Memory and Diaspora: Reconstructing Iraqi History,” *Crossing Boundaries: Resituating North African and Middle East Studies*, Jackman Middle East History & Theory Working Group, (Toronto), February 2010

“Remembering ‘Iraq’: Indigeneity, Identity and Difference in Diasporic Narratives of Iraqi Women in Toronto,” *Thinking Beyond the Nation-state: A Symposium on Empires, Diasporas and Indigeneity*, (Buffalo), November 2009

Conference Participation

Session chair, "Talking and Taboo: Challenges in Interviewing around Intimate Topics," *Oral History Association Annual Meeting*, (Tampa), October 2015

Session organizer for "Contentious Stories and the Burdens of Listening: Reflecting on Oral History Practice," *Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences*, (St. Catherine's), May 2014

Session organizer for "Encounters with Iraqi Refugee Women: Gendering Trauma, Violence, and Memory in the Iraqi Diaspora," *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians*, 'Big Berks', (Toronto), May 2014

Session organizer for "Feminizing the Immigrant Body: Representing Beauty and Ethnicity in Diaspora," *Berkshire Conference for Women Historians*, 'Big Berks', (Massachusetts), June 2011

Session organizer for 'Engaging the State from the Sidelines: Citizenship Stories of Inclusion, Exclusion and Activism in Canada,' *Canadian Historical Association Annual Symposium: Telling Stories/Storytelling*, (Montreal), May 2010

Session organizer for 'Women in Diaspora: Memory, Religion and Custom in Post-War Canadian Immigrant Communities,' *Canadian Historical Association Annual Symposium: Authority in the Past, Authority of the Past*, (Ottawa), May 2009

Public Lectures

"Reshaping the Lives and Memories of Iraqi Migrant Women," presented to the Arab Community Center of Toronto in celebration of Women's International Day, 2011

Select Teaching Experience

Course Instructor

GENS5113: "Feminist Qualitative Methods," Central European University, fall 2017
This graduate course explores multiple methods that are used to listen, record and interpret oral histories and life narratives, with a particular focus on feminist methods that uncover silenced, vulnerable and marginalized voices. Class size: 22 students

GENS5080: "Islamic Feminism in Historical Perspective," Central European University, winter 2016. This graduate seminar explores historical trends that have precipitated gender-equality movements across the MENA region and in South Asia, in order to understand the parameters of an 'Islamic feminism' through text based analysis. Class size: 12 graduate students

GENS5072: “Gender and Migration: Local, National and Global Lives,” Central European University, fall 2016. This graduate seminar offers an intersectional approach to research on migration routes, migrant lives and communities, and the growing “refugee crisis”. Class size: 19 graduate students

HIS4039: “The Arab Uprisings: One Hundred Years of Revolution,” University of South Florida, spring 2016. Duties include designing, organizing and facilitating weekly seminars with senior undergraduate students in both the Department of History and the Honors College. Class size: 20 students.

HIS4014: “Theory and Methods of History,” University of South Florida, fall 2015. Duties include designing and organizing bi-weekly interactive sessions with students for this required core course with undergraduate students. Class size: 45 students.

HIS4098: “Women and Gender in the Middle East,” University of South Florida, spring 2014. Duties include designing, organizing and facilitating weekly seminars with senior undergraduate students. Class size: 15 students.

HIS3039: “The Modern Middle East in Global Perspective,” University of South Florida, winter 2014. Duties include designing, organizing and delivering bi-weekly lectures, supervising teaching assistants and marking coursework. Class size: 45 students.

HIS4098: “Oral History: Methods and Theory,” University of South Florida, spring 2014. Duties include designing, organizing and facilitating weekly seminars with senior undergraduate students. Class size: 5 students.

HIS 3930-013, “Diaspora, Migration, and Identity in North America,” University of South Florida, winter 2013. Duties include designing, organizing and facilitating weekly seminars with senior undergraduate students. Class size: 5 students.

Related Teaching

Peer Tutor, Arab Community Center of Toronto (ACCT), 2010 to 2013. In this position, I provided English language tutoring to recent refugees preparing for TOEFL exams.

Professional Activities

Participating Member of the GeST Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union, “Gender Studies Curriculum: A Step for Democracy & Peace in EU-Neighbouring Countries with Different Traditions,” 2016-current

Having joined the Central European Organizing Team after the project had been initiated, I have had the opportunity to lead workshops and give lectures at participant member meetings in Kaunas (Lithuania) and Tunis (Tunisia).

Co-Chair of the Provost Postdoctoral Organizing Committee, Annual Conference Workshop, 2013-2016

In this capacity, I work with other postdoctoral fellows to organize a yearly workshop and keynote speaker on topics related to the programs, including: citizenship and migration, global and local, narratives and telling stories.

Co-Chair of the Graduate Student Organizing Committee, and Steering Committee Member, Berks Conference of Women Historians, 2011-2014

As co-chair and steering committee member, I was involved in connecting graduate students from Canada and the U.S. with scholars in their field and helping them through the process of organizing panel submissions

Coordinator, Work in Progress Workshop, University of Toronto, 2009-2010

My role involved organizing monthly sessions for speakers presenting chapter drafts, conference papers and other works in progress

Research Assistant to Professor Franca Iacovetta, University of Toronto, 2008-2009

As RA, I worked on a book project examining the International Institute of Metropolitan Toronto

Intern, National Center for Human Rights, Amman, summer 2007 and 2008

As intern, I facilitated mediations between the Jordanian government and conducted research on outreach initiatives to increase funding for Iraqi refugees

Coordinator, Methodology Lab Reading Group, University of Toronto, 2007-2008

In conjunction with colleague Laurie Bertram, we organized monthly guest lectures and discussion sessions for graduate students and faculty members

Research Assistant to Professor Sandra den Otter, Queen's University, 2005-2006

This position involved investigating issues of nineteenth century colonial identity and law

Research Assistant to Professor Tim Stretton, Saint Mary's University, 2004-2005

My duties included transcribing early modern text from archival photographs into an excel spreadsheet

President, University of Calgary Undergraduate History Association, 2002-2004

During my two years as president of the Association, I mediated undergraduate faculty concerns, and organized lectures for undergraduate students

Professional Memberships

Association of Middle East Women's Studies (2010 to current)

Immigration and Ethnic History Association (2009 to current)

Canadian Historical Association (2007 to current)

Languages

Native fluency in English and Welsh
Reading and basic comprehension in Arabic
Reading and comprehension in French

References

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