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Education

2011	Ph.D., Anthropology, Michigan State University
2005	M.A., Anthropology, Michigan State University
2000	B.A., Anthropology and Philosophy, University of Florida
1998	A.A., Anthropology, Miami-Dade College
Dissertation:	Identifying Palestinians: Refugees and the Politics of Ethno-National Identity in Jordan

Positions Held

2018-Present	Assistant Professor, University of Memphis Memphis, TN
2018-Present	Affiliate Assistant Professor, University of Washington Seattle, WA
2011-2018	Senior Lecturer, University of Washington Seattle, WA
2010-2011	Faculty Diversity Teaching Fellow, Montgomery County Community College Blue Bell, PA
2009-Present	Senior Editor, The Islamic Monthly Boston, MA
2008-2010	Adjunct Instructor, Lansing Community College Lansing, MI
2008-2009	Adjunct Instructor, Michigan State University East Lansing, MI
2008	Adjunct Instructor, Kettering University Flint, MI
2008	Adjunct Instructor, Grand Valley State University Allendale, MI

Professional Awards and Positions

2017-2020	Human Rights Seat in the Member's Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee for the American Anthropological Association
2016	Distinguished Teaching Award (Nominee) University of Washington, Seattle
2015	Distinguished Teaching Award (Nominee) University of Washington, Seattle

Research Grants and Fellowships

2019	University of Memphis Faculty Research Grant for "Beyond Diaspora Islam: Transnational Networks and the Localization of Islam in Chile and Argentina"
2019	Global Religion Research Initiative International Collaborative Research Grant, Notre Dame University for "Beyond Diaspora Islam: Transnational Networks and the Localization of Islam in Chile and Argentina"
2018	American Academy of Religion Collaborative International Research Grant for "Somos Chilenos, Somos Musulmanes: Localizing Islam in Chile" with Dr. Matthew Ingalls, American University in Dubai
2016	Council of American Overseas Research Center Senior Fellowship
2016	Palestinian-American Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (alternate)
2015	Global Innovation Fund for Study Abroad Program in Jordan
2013-2014	Arab Council of Social Sciences Research Fellowship ¹
2010-2011	Montgomery County Community College Faculty Diversity Teaching Fellowship
2010	Michigan State University College of Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2007	Palestinian-American Research Committee Dissertation Completion Research Grant ²
2007	Wenner Gren Foundation Dissertation Completion Research Grant

¹ Co-investigator with Dr. Sahera Bleibleh

² The Palestinian American Research Council (PARC) accepted my application but could not award me the funds because I was approved for a Wenner Gren the same year.

- 2006 Fulbright IIE Doctoral Dissertation Research Award
- 2002-2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship
- 2004 National Science Foundation (NSF) Pre-Dissertation Research Grant

Publications

Peer-Reviewed:

2019 Palestinian Refugee Women and the Jenin Refugee Camp: Reflections on Urbicide and the Dilemmas of Home in Exile. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0042098018811789>

2018 Repetition and Extraordinary Living in the Gaza Camp. *Cultural Anthropology: Writing with Light* https://culanth.org/photo_essays/16-repetition-and-extraordinary-living-in-the-gaza-camp

2018 Materializing the Nation in Everyday Life: On Symbols and Objects in the Palestinian Refugee Diaspora. *Dialectical Anthropology*. 42(4): 409-427.

2018 Surviving Statelessness in Jordan. *Middle East Critique: Special Issue: Studying the Everyday in the Middle East: Power, Performance, and Survival*. 27(3): 275-288.

2018 “Free Speech” Against Critique. *South Atlantic Quarterly*. 117(1): 202-210.

2014 Between Religion and Nationalism in the Palestinian Diaspora. *Nations and Nationalism* 20(4). Pgs. 801-820.

2010 Human Rights and the Rightless: The Case of the Gaza Refugees in Jordan. *International Journal of Human Rights*. 15(7): 1031-1054.

Review Articles:

2020 Review of “Lived in Relief: Humanitarian Predicaments and Palestinian Refugee Politics” by Elana Feldman. *Anthropological Quarterly* (forthcoming)

2018 Review of “Crescent Under Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino USA” by Maria Del Mar Logrono Narbona, Paulo G. Pinto, and John Tofik Karam(eds.). *Reviewing Religion*: <http://readingreligion.org/books/crescent-over-another-horizon>

2018 Review of “Muslim Cool: Race, Religion, and Hip Hop in the United States” by Su’ad Abdul Khabeer. *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* 2(2): 105-110.

2014 Review of “The Anthropology of Islam” by Jens Kreinath. *Sociology of Islam*. 1(3-4):277-280.

Book Chapters:

2021 “The Stateless as Minority in Jordan” in *Minorities: Ethnic, Religious and Political groups in (Trans)Jordan 1921-2016*. (Eds.) Oahes, Idir and Paolo Maggiolini (eds.), *Muted*. Palgrave Press.

2016 “The Non-National in Jordan: Statelessness as Structural Violence Among Gaza Refugees” in Brondo, Keri (ed.), *Cultural Anthropology: Contemporary Public and Critical Readings*. Oxford University Press.

Other Publications:

2019 “The Detractors are Wrong: Islam Is Like Other Religions.” *Altmuslimah*.
<http://www.altmuslimah.com/2019/04/the-detractors-are-wrong-islam-is-like-other-religions/>

2018 “Fifty Years of Refuge in the Gaza Camp.” *Anthropology News: Maintaining Refuge*
<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2018/08/30/50-years-of-refuge-in-the-gaza-camp/>

2017 “Electricity Limited in the Gaza Strip” in *American Anthropological Association Committee for Human Rights Blog*. <http://humanrights.americananthro.org/electricity-limited-in-the-gaza-strip/>

2017 “Executive Disorder: Living the Ban in Seattle” in *Cultural Anthropology: Dispatches*.
<https://culanth.org/fieldsights/1184-executive-disorder-living-the-ban-in-seattle>

2017 “Trump, Immigration, and the Politics of Deception” in *The Islamic Monthly*.
<http://theislamicmonthly.com/trump-immigration-politics-deception/>

2017 “Feminism is for Everybody. Muslims Included” in *Critical Muslims: Relations* (21).
<http://criticalmuslim.com/issues/21-relations>

2016 “Fear and Mourning in the Shadow of Orlando” in *Contending Modernities – University of Notre Dame*. <http://blogs.nd.edu/contendingmodernities/2016/12/22/fear-and-mourning-in-the-shadow-of-orlando/>

2016 “The Crisis Unseen: Palestinians Flee Syria with Fewer Options than Ever” in *The Islamic Monthly*. Fall/Winter Issue.

2015 “The Intolerable Possibility of Slavery of Slavery: A Muslim Perspective” in *The Islamic Monthly*. <http://theislamicmonthly.com/the-intolerable-possibility-of-slavery-a-muslim-perspective/>

2014 “Does a Woman-only Pool Mean Segregation? Not Quite.” in *The Islamic Monthly*.
<http://www.theislamicmonthly.com/does-a-woman-only-pool-mean-segregation/>

2014 “Will the Real Salafi Please Stand Up!” in *The Islamic Monthly*.
<http://www.theislamicmonthly.com/will-the-real-salafi-please-stand-up/>

2013 “Displacing the Masses in Syria: A Crime of Commission” in *The Islamic Monthly*.
<http://www.theislamicmonthly.com/displacing-masses-in-syria-a-crime-of-commission/>

2013 “The Arab Spring and the End of Narrative Terror” in *The Islamic Monthly*.
<http://www.theislamicmonthly.com/the-arab-spring-and-the-end-of-narrative-terror/>

- 2011 “Muslim Women in the Push for Peace” in *The Huffington Post*:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-vicente-perez/muslim-women-in-the-push-_b_934469.html
- 2011 “The Role of Men in Religious Terrorism” (co-authored with Asma Uddin) in *The Huffington Post*: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/asma-uddin/breivik-bin-laden-masculinity_b_912041.html
- 2010 “Where are the Moderate Americans?” in *The Washington Post: On Faith*
http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/altmuslimab/2010/11/where_are_the_moderate_americans.html
- 2010 “An Interracial Marriage: Over My Dead Body” (Parts 1 & 2) in *Altmuslimab.com*
<http://www.altmuslimab.com/a/b/rsa/3908/> and <http://www.altmuslimab.com/a/b/rsa/3915/>
- 2010 “Body-talk and The Limits of Islamic Erotica” (Parts 1 & 2) in *Altmuslimab.com*
<http://www.altmuslimab.com/a/b/a/3693/> and <http://www.altmuslimab.com/a/b/a/3699/>
- 2008 Interview with Imam Warith Deen Muhammaed in *Islamica Magazine*
<http://www.islamicamagazine.com/general/IMAM-WARITH-DEEN-MOHAMMED.html> and
AltMuslim.com <http://www.altmuslim.com/a/a/a/2811/>
- 2008 Interview with Minister Louis Farrakhan in Dossier on Islam and Black America
in *Islamica Magazine*. (unpublished)
- 2007 “When Push Comes to Shove: Civil Society and the Promise of Peace.” *Islamica Magazine*, Issue #20 and <http://islamicamagazine.com/?p=828>
- 2007 “ Hamas and Fatah: A Regional Divide or a Beleaguered Government.” *Islamica Magazine*, Issue #19 and <http://islamicamagazine.com/?p=694>

Conference Attendance and Presentations

- 2020 (Un)Settling Middle Eastern Refuges: Regimes of Inclusion and Exclusion
in the Middle East, Europe, and the United States
Panelist: Everyday Living and the Struggle for Refuge Among Gaza Refugees
in Jordan
MacMillan Center, Yale University
New Haven, CT
- 2019 Central States Anthropological Society
Panelist on Roundtable: Walls and Borders
Peabody Hotel Conference Center
Memphis, TN
- 2019 Balancing the Mix: A Conference on Popular Music and Social Justice
Grunge, Pearl Jam, and the Politics of Dissensus

- Panelist: Popular Bands Sounding Off
University of Memphis
Memphis, TN
- 2017 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting
Everyday Life and the Politics of Survival among Ex-Gaza Refugees
Panel Organizer and Panelist: (Im)Mobilizing Agency in the Context of
Short, Medium, and Long-term Displacement in Jordan
Washington, DC
- 2017 Displacements and Diasporas: From the Middle East to Latin America
Seattle University
- 2017 Surviving Statelessness: Palestinian and Syrian Displacement in the
Contemporary Middle East
Seattle University
- 2016 Middle East Center
The Non-National in Jordan: Statelessness and Structural Violence among
Ex-Gaza Refugees
University of Washington, Seattle
- 2015 Muslim Masculinity In An Age of Feminism
Panelist: Masculinity, Politics and Activism
Princeton University, Princeton
- 2014 113th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Session: Of Proletarians, Politicos, and Patrilineages: producing political
economic anthropology of the contemporary Middle East and North Africa
Panelist: Violent Effects: Urbicide and the Reconstruction of the Jenin
Refugee Camp
Washington, DC
- 2014 11th Annual Western Regional International Health Conference
Panelist: Watch Your Language: Identity and Rhetoric in Research and Daily
Life
Seattle, WA
- 2012 Pacific North West – American Academy of Religion Annual Conference
Panelist: Pedagogies Roundtable: Teaching Islam
Seattle, WA
- 2012 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology in Baltimore
Session: The Arab Spring: Impacts and Opportunities in Times of Shifting
Boundaries
Panelist: Displacing the Masses in Syria
Baltimore, MD

- 2010 109th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Attendee
New Orleans, LA
- 2009 108th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Attendee
Philadelphia, PA
- 2009 Dr. William Derman Retirement Symposium: A Celebration of 40 Years of
Research, Scholarship, and Teaching
Panelist: Insights from the Inside: Reflections on Research and Scholarly
Pursuits
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
- 2008 3rd Annual Muslim Studies Conference: Muslims, Race, and the Public Sphere
Panelist: Latinos and the “Ethnic” Muslim: The Case of Jose Padilla
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
- 2007 106th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
Panel: Remaking Human Rights: Between Western Hegemony and Local
Hierarchy
Panelist: Gazans in Jordan: Between Local and International Recognition
Washington D.C.
- 2007 The Fourteenth General Conference of the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for
Islamic Thought (Love in the Holy Qur’an)
Attendee
Dead Sea, Jordan
- 2006 Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies
Attendee
Amman, Jordan
- 2006 University of Jordan: Palestinian Economics
Middle East Studies Center—Radisson SAS
Attendee
Amman, Jordan
- 2005 Martin Luther King Annual Student Leadership Conference
Presentation: *Islam and Non-Violence*
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
- 2003 Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference
Panel on Palestinian Nationalism
Presentation: *Beyond Terror: Anthropological Approaches to Violence and Martyrs*

Invited Lectures

- 2018 Catholic Attitudes on Islam: The Racialization of Islam and Media
Panelist with Drs. Sonora Jha and Nazir Harb Michel.
Seattle University
Seattle, WA
- 2016 The Intercultural Forum: Combating the Cancer of Extremism: Causes and
Remedies. Panelist with Drs. Hamza Zafer and Jamie Mayerfeld, University
of Washington
Seattle, WA
- 2016 Generosity Toward Thy Neighbor: Christian/Muslim Responses to
Immigration: Panelist with Dr. Michael Trice, Seattle University
Pacifica Institute, Bellevue
- 2016 Jackson School Middle East Center Speaker Series: The Non-National in
Jordan: Statelessness and Structural Violence among Ex-Gaza Refugees
Seattle, WA
- 2016 America's Response To Daish (ISIS): Panelist
Seattle Central Community College, Seattle
- 2015 Samuel E. Kelly Ethnic Cultural Center *Faculty Spotlight*: keynote speaker
University of Washington, Seattle
- 2011 Undergraduate Society for Comparative Sociology
Everyday Nationalism among Palestinian Refugees
University of Puget Sound
Tacoma, Washington
- 2011 Dean's Lecture
Palestinian Refugees and the Politics of Identity in Jordan
Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, PA
- 2011 Issues and Insights
The Middle East in Upheaval
Panelist
Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, PA
- 2011 Presidential Symposium
Dr. Charles Johnson: *The Freedom to Read: An Exploration of the Historical
Struggle for Literacy and the Freedom Gained through Reading*
Panelist

- Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, PA
- 2011 Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission
Getting to Know Your Neighbors: The Muslim Next Door
Panelist
Abington, PA
- 2010 Altmuslimah Presents:
Panelist: Relationships and Dating in the Muslim Community: Racism,
Colorism, Ageism, and some less serious stuff
Panelist
Washington D.C.
- 2010 Issues and Insights Lecture Series
Panelist: Islam and America
Montgomery County Community College
Blue Bell, PA
- 2009 Ending Occupations Teach-In
Panelist: Palestinian Refugees in Jordan: Notes from the Field
Calvin College
Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 Dangerous Fieldwork: Ethnography and Violence in the Field
Gender, Justice and Environmental Change
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
- 2009 Gaza Under Siege: Context, Conflict, and a Call for Action
Panelist: Recreating Colonial Gaza
Northwestern University
Evanston, IL
- 2008 Understanding The Palestine Conflict
Panelist: The Question of Palestine: 100 Years and Going
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI
- 2004 Current Events and Issues
The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict: A View from the Ground
Okemos High School
Okemos, MI
- 2003 Middle Eastern Community Outreach Panel (MECOP)
Panelist: The Palestinian/Israeli Conflict
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, MI

Professional References

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