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### Education:

2011	Ph.D., Socio-cultural 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
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:**

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| 2017-2019 | Human Rights Seat in the Member's Programmatic Advisory and Advocacy Committee for the American Anthropological Association |
| 2016      | Distinguished Teaching Award (Nominee)<br>University of Washington, Seattle   |
| 2015      | Distinguished Teaching Award (Nominee)<br>University of Washington, Seattle   |

**Research Grants and Fellowships:**

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| 2018      | American Academy of Religion Collaborative International Research Grant                     |
| 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 <sup>1</sup>                            |
| 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 <sup>2</sup> |
| 2007      | Wenner Gren Foundation Dissertation Completion Research Grant                               |
| 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:**

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<sup>1</sup> Co-investigator with Dr. Sahera Bleibleh

<sup>2</sup> 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.

2018 Repetition and Extraordinary Living in the Gaza Camp. *Writing with Light: Cultural Anthropology* [https://culanth.org/photo\\_essays/16-repetition-and-extraordinary-living-in-the-gaza-camp](https://culanth.org/photo_essays/16-repetition-and-extraordinary-living-in-the-gaza-camp) (with Elena Boffetta)

2018 Materializing the Nation in Everyday Life: On Symbols and Objects in the Palestinian Refugee Diaspora. *Dialectical Anthropology*. (Online First, Journal Assignment Pending <https://doi-org.offcampus.lib.washington.edu/10.1007/s10624-018-9505-x>)

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): 202-211.

2014 Between Religion and Nationalism in the Palestinian Diaspora. *Nations and Nationalism* 20(4): 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:

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>

2017 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:

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:

2018 Everyday Refuge (visual narrative essay forthcoming in special issue “Maintaining Refuge” in *Anthropology News*)

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](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](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](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:**

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| 2017 | Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting<br>Everyday Life and the Politics of Survival among Ex-Gaza Refugees<br>Panel Organizer and Panelist: (Im)Mobilizing Agency in the Context of Short, Medium, and Long-term Displacement in Jordan<br>Washington, DC  |
| 2017 | Displacements and Diasporas: From the Middle East to Latin America<br>Seattle University  |
| 2017 | Surviving Statelessness: Palestinian and Syrian Displacement in the Contemporary Middle East<br>Seattle University  |
| 2016 | Middle East Center<br>The Non-National in Jordan: Statelessness and Structural Violence among Ex-Gaza Refugees<br>University of Washington, Seattle   |
| 2015 | Muslim Masculinity In An Age of Feminism<br>Panelist: Masculinity, Politics and Activism<br>Princeton University, Princeton   |
| 2014 | 113 <sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting<br>Session: Of Proletarians, Politicos, and Patrilineages: producing political economic anthropology of the contemporary Middle East and North Africa<br>Panelist: Violent Effects: Urbicide and the Reconstruction of the Jenin Refugee Camp<br>Washington, DC |
| 2014 | 11 <sup>th</sup> Annual Western Regional International Health Conference<br>Panelist: Watch Your Language: Identity and Rhetoric in Research and Daily Life<br>Seattle, WA  |
| 2012 | Pacific North West – American Academy of Religion Annual Conference<br>Panelist: Pedagogies Roundtable: Teaching Islam<br>Seattle, WA   |

- 2012 72<sup>nd</sup> 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 109<sup>th</sup> American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting  
Attendee  
New Orleans, LA
- 2009 108<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 106<sup>th</sup> 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*  
Anchorage, Alaska

**Invited Lectures:**

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