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### CURRENT POSITION

1996-present Professor of History, UMass  
2005-2006 Visiting Professor, Alfred H. Howell Chair in History and Archaeology, American University of Beirut

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

1991-96 Associate Professor of History, UMass  
1988-91 Assistant Professor of History, UMass  
1984-88 Visiting Assistant Professor of History, New York University  
1982-84 Instructor of History, Harvard University, School of Extension Studies  
1982-83 Instructor of History, Wellesley College

### ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2003-04 Director, History Institute, UMass  
2003-04 Acting Director, Middle East Studies Program, UMass  
1997-2000 Chairman, Department of History, UMass  
1993-96 Graduate Program Director, Department of History, UMass  
1992-95 Director, Middle East Studies Program, UMass

### EDUCATION

1976-84 Oxford University D.Phil Oriental Studies  
1968-72 Oberlin College A.B. History  
1970-71 American University of Beirut, junior year

### BOOKS

- 1993 A Modern Middle Eastern History Reader ed. with Albert Hourani and Philip S. Khoury. London: Tauris, and Berkeley: University of California Press. Pp. 691. Translated into Arabic in three volumes as al-Sharq al-awsat al-hadith. Damascus: Dar Tlas, 1996. Revised English edition, London: Tauris, 2004.
- 1987 King Abdullah, Britain and the Making of Jordan. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. Pp. 289. Paperback edition 1990. Arabic translation, Abd allah wa sharq al-urdunn bayn baritaniyya wa al-hariqah al-sahyuniyya. Damascus: Cadmus Press, 2000.

## BOOKS IN PREPARATION

Damascus and the World: 1840 (working title). An analysis of the ritual murder trial that took place in Damascus in 1840 and of what the trial reveals about Damascene society, French cultural politics, and the place of Damascus in the imagination of the West.

Syria: A Country History. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

## ARTICLES

- 2002 “The Damascus Affair and the Beginnings of France’s Empire in the Middle East” in Modern Middle Eastern Studies: Reappraisals and New Perspectives, edited by Hakan Erdem, Israel Gershoni, and Ursula Wokoeck. Boulder: Lynne Reiner, 63-74.
- 2000 *al-Urdunn, the modern period*, in Encyclopaedia of Islam. Leiden: Brill, 886-887. (English and French editions).
- 1995 *Syria, Lebanon, and Jordan* (with Philip S. Khoury) annotated bibliography in The American Historical Association's Guide to Historical Literature (third ed., vol. 1). New York: Oxford University Press, 550-52.
- 1994 *Jordan: Bread, Freedom, or Both?* Current History, Feb: 87-90.
- 1991 *The Hashemites, Arab Nationalism and the Arab Revolt*, in Rashid Khalidi, et al (eds.), The Origins of Arab Nationalism. New York: Columbia University Press, 204-21.
- 1990 *Abdullah ibn Hussein*, in Bernard Reich (ed.), Political Leaders of the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa: A Biographical Dictionary. New York: Greenwood, 24-32.
- 1989 *Transjordan: The Structure of Cooperation with Britain*, in Claus Scharf and Linda Schatkowski Schilcher (eds.), Der Nahe Osten in der Zwischenkriegszeit. Die interdependenz politischer, wirtschaftlicher und ideologischer Entwicklung 1918-1939. Stuttgart: Franz Steiner Verlag, 52-64.
- 1988 *King Abdullah and Palestine, 1921-1948*, British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES) Bulletin 14: 37-41.
- 1987 *Jordan's Malaise*, Current History, Feb: 73-6 and 84-5.
- 1986 *A Passage to Independence: King Abdullah and Jordan, 1920-1951* in Edward Ingram (ed.), National and International Politics in the Middle East. London: Frank Cass, 187-205.
- 1984 *Bibliography of Published Works by A.H. Hourani*, International Journal of Middle East Studies 16: 553-63. Updated and reprinted in John Spagnolo, ed., Problems of the Modern Middle East in Historical Perspective. Reading, UK: Ithaca, 1992. Pp. 287-306.

**WORKING PAPERS** *Towards a Comparative History of the Middle East Under Mandate, 1920-1948*. Radcliffe College, The Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, 1989.

**REVIEWS** Over forty book reviews in International Journal of Middle East Studies, American Historical Review, Journal of Interdisciplinary History, International History Review, Muslim World, Journal of Palestine Studies, British Society of Middle East Studies Bulletin, Middle East Studies Association Bulletin, Middle East Report (formerly MERIP). List available on request.

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS**

- 1996 University of Massachusetts, Faculty Research Fellowship
- 1990 University of Massachusetts, Institute for the Advanced Study of the Humanities, Faculty Seminar Fellow
- 1988 National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship (year long)
- 1988 Fellow, Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute, Radcliffe College (year long)
- 1984 American Council of Learned Societies/Social Science Research Council, postdoctoral fellowship (year long)
- 1984 Honorable Mention, Malcolm H. Kerr dissertation competition in the social sciences, sponsored by Middle East Studies Association (MESA).
- 1982 Oberlin College Alumni Fellowship
- 1979 Special Research Grant, Oxford University Chest
- 1978-80 Special Grant for Dissertation Research, St Antony's College, Oxford

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

- 2003- Board Member, Syrian Studies Association
- 2003-2005 Chair, Prize Committee, Syrian Studies Association
- 2000- Trustee, American Center for Oriental Research (ACOR), Amman, Jordan
- 1999- Board Member, Arab Image Foundation, New York, Paris, Beirut
- 1999-2002 Board Member (elected), Middle East Studies Association
- 1999-2002 Chair, Ethics Committee, Middle East Studies Association
- 1994 Prize Committee, Albert H. Hourani book award, Middle East Studies Association
- 1992 Program Committee, Ninth Berkshire Conference on the History of Women
- 1987-93 Book review editor, modern history and politics, Middle East Studies Association Bulletin
- 1987-88 Organizer and participant, study group of recent scholarship on the modern Middle East, Harvard Center for Middle East Studies

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Nominating Committee (elected), Middle East Studies Association

**Manuscript Reader:** Cambridge University Press, University of California Press, University of Utah Press, Columbia University Press, SUNY Press, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Middle East Journal, Conflict Quarterly, International History Review

**Peer Review:** SSRC/ACLS International Field Research Fellowship Program, SSRC International Pre-dissertation Fellowship Program, SSRC Post-doctoral Fellowship Program, NEH Interpretive Studies Grants, NEH Fellowships for College Teachers and Independent Scholars, NEH Fellowships for University Teachers, American Center for Oriental Research (Amman, Jordan) Pre- and Post-doctoral Fellowship Programs, MacArthur Foundation

**Professional Organizations:** American Historical Association, Middle East Studies Association, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Syrian Studies Association.

List of papers given at professional conferences and public lectures available on request.