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CURRENT POSITION

Colorado College *Associate Professor*, Department of History
Director, Crown Faculty Center

EDUCATION

Princeton University Ph.D. 2006, Program in the History of Science
Dissertation: *Improving the Mind and Delighting the Spirit: Jabarti and the Sciences in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Cairo*

Master of Arts, History, May 2001

University of Jordan 1996-1998, Certificate of Study in Arabic Language and Literature

Yale University 1991-1995, B.A., *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
Double Major in Mathematics and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
Distinction in both majors

LANGUAGES

Arabic: professional written and spoken proficiency; Levantine dialect spoken
French: professional reading proficiency; written and spoken proficiency

SCHOLARSHIP

MAJOR WORKS-IN-PROGRESS

'Abd al-Rahman al-Jabarti and the strange sciences: sociability, rationality, and justice in Cairo's long eighteenth century. Book manuscript, in progress.

Negotiating Science, Islam, and the State in the Globalizing Middle East & North Africa, 18th - 21st Centuries, edited volume with Sahar Bazzaz, under review.

PUBLICATIONS

"Islamicate Knowledge Systems: Circulation, Rationality, and Politics" *The Wiley Blackwell History of Islam*, ed. by Armando Salvatore, Roberto Tottoli, Babak Rahimi. Wiley Blackwell, 2018.

“Abd al-Rahman al-Jabarti”, *Encyclopaedia of the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in Non-Western Cultures*, ed. by Helene Selin. Springer Science & Business Media, 2016.

“Locating the Sciences in Eighteenth-Century Egypt,” in *British Journal for the History of Science*, (2010), 43: 557-571

“Ahmad Damanhuri (1689-1778) and the utility of early-modern expertise in Ottoman Egypt,” in *Expertise and the Early Modern State*, ed. by Eric H. Ash, *Osiris*, vol. 25, 2010.

"Social Sciences" for *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of Islam and Philosophy, Science, and Technology*, ed. by Ibrahim Kalin, Oxford University Press, 2012 and ed. by John Esposito, Oxford University Press, 2009.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZER

Co-Organizer with Sahar Bazzaz of international conference: Globalization of the Sciences in the Middle East and North Africa, 18th – 20th centuries. The College of the Holy Cross, March 2017 (<https://globalizationofscience.wordpress.com>)

BOOK REVIEWS

Murphy, Jane H. Review of *The Lighthouse and the Observatory Islam, Science, and Empire in Late Ottoman Egypt* (Cambridge University Press, 2018) by Daniel A. Stolz. *Nazariyat*, forthcoming.

----- Review of *The World in a Book: Al-Nuwayri and the Islamic Encyclopedic Tradition* (Princeton University Press, 2018) by Elias Muhanna. *Annals of Science*, forthcoming.

----- Review of *Learned Patriots: Debating Science, State and Society in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire* by M. Alper Yalçınkaya. *Centaurus* 57 (2015): 266-268.

----- Review of *Environmental Imaginaries of the Middle East and North Africa*. Edited by Diana K. Davis and Edmund Burke III. *Environmental History* 20, no. 1 (2015): 145-147.

----- Review of *The Zodiac of Paris: How an Improbable Controversy over an Ancient Egyptian Artifact Provoked a Modern Debate between Religion and Science* by Jed Z. Buchwald and Diane Greco Josefowicz, *The British Journal for the History of Science*, Vol. 45 (June 2012), 296-298

----- “Rethinking History for a New Islamic Science,” Review of *Science and Islam* by Muzaffar Iqbal, *Science*, Vol. 320 (16 May 2008), 876

SELECTED DELIVERED PAPERS & CONFERENCES

“Classifying and Knowing Nature: Practicing The Reasoned Sciences in Egypt, 1750-1825,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, Fall 2018

“Digital History as a Tool for Collective Biography” Roundtable on *Medicine and Science: Geography, Periodization, Rupture, Continuity*, *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, San Antonio, TX, Fall 2018

al-‘ulum al-ghariba: Recovering the Sciences in al-Jabarti’s Cairo, at “Science Teaching in Transition in the 18th-19th c. Islamic World.” December 2017, Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey. *Invited, US-Turkey relations prevented visa and travel.*

“Normalizing the Gharib Sciences: Egypt 1750 – 1850,” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, Fall 2016

“Disrupting Political Narratives & Forging New Questions: Teaching the Modern Middle East at a Small Liberal Arts College” in session sponsored by MESA's Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES), *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA, Fall 2016

“Strange Sciences: Close Reading Meets Social Network Analysis in the Works of Abd Al-Rahman al-Jabarti” *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, Fall 2015

“Teaching Jordanian History On-Site” in session on Teaching Middle Eastern Studies: Promises, Pitfalls and Practicalities, *Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, Denver, CO, Fall 2012

“Freedom and Authority in the Museum: Academic Exploration in a Public Context” with Colorado College Curator Jessica Hunter Larsen, *Association of Academic Museums & Galleries Annual Meeting*, Houston, TX, Spring 2012

“Natural History and Materia Medica in Eighteenth-Century North Africa,” The Historical Career of Michael Sean Mahoney, *Princeton University*, Spring 2009

“Locating the Sciences in Eighteenth-Century Egypt,” invited paper, *Circulation and Locality in Early Modern Science*, *Clark Library, UCLA*, Fall 2007

-- Revised version presented at the *3-Society Meeting*, (Joint Meeting of the US, British, and Canadian History of Science Societies), Oxford, UK, Summer 2008

“Eighteenth-Century Colonies, Natural History and Old World Exploration,” *History of Science Annual Meeting*, Vancouver, BC, Fall 2006

“Bilingualism and the Sciences in Eighteenth-Century Cairo,” *History of Science Society Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN, Fall 2005

SELECTED COLLEGE-WIDE SERVICE

JED Campus Initiative Committee, from 2017
Crown Faculty Center Director, from 2016
Curriculum Executive Committee, Chair, 2015-16
Writing Program Faculty Liaison, 2014-15
Social Sciences Executive Committee, 2011 - 2012
Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Strategic Planning, 2012 - 2013
CC Coordinator, Colorado Springs World Affairs Council High School Symposium, a collaborative enterprise with USAFA, CSWAC, and CC, that brought over 350 high school students to campus for a day of events on September 27, 2012.
Winter-Start Orientation Speaker, Winter 2013
Faculty Facilitator, Heart-Centered Inquiry: Silence, 2012-13
Co-Instigator of Ramadan and Eid Celebrations, from Fall 2007
Ad-Hoc Presidential Transitional Advisory Team, Summer 2011

HISTORY DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Digital History / Digital Liberal Arts Working Group, from 2016
Social Issues and Historical Contexts Initiative, from 2015
Phi Alpha Theta Chapter Faculty Advisor, from 2015
African History Search Committee, Chair, 2018-19
South Asian History Search Committee, 2012-13
History-Political Science Advisor, from Fall 2009
History Council Faculty Coordinator, from Fall 2007-Fall 2010, Fall 2012
Member of the History Common Course Evaluation group, from Summer 2009
Riley Scholar and US History Search Participation, 2008-09

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

Summer Collaborative Research Student Assistantship, Provost's Office, 2018
Robert McJimsey Summer Student Research Assistant, Department of History, Colorado College, 2016, 2017, 2018
Social Sciences Executive Committee Development Grant, Colorado College, 2012, 2014
Norman B. Smith Summer Curriculum Grant, Colorado College, 2009
Social Sciences Development Block for Designing Middle Eastern History Curriculum, Colorado College, 2008-09
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship, 2004-2005, Princeton University
Shelby Cullom Davis Graduate Fellowship, 1999-2004, Princeton University
American Research Center in Egypt Research Fellowship, 2003, Cairo
Bakken Library Visiting Scholar Award, 2002, Minneapolis
Anthony D. Stanley Memorial for excellence in pure and applied mathematics, 1995, Yale University