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Professional History

Employment

Saint Mary's University	Assistant Professor	Department of Political Science	2010-present
University of Montana	Visiting Professor	Department of History	2008-10
University of Victoria	Sessional Instructor	Department of Political Science	2004-08
University of Victoria	Sessional Instructor	Department of History	2006-2008
Simon Fraser University	Sessional Instructor	Department of Political Science	2008

Education

In progress (final year): PhD in International Relations/Comparative Politics;

Thesis: "Constructions of Modern Political Identities in Iraq."

Supervisor: Professor Tim Niblock, University of Exeter, UK

2002 MA Political Science – International Relations, University of Calgary (Canada)

Thesis: "Canada and the Imposition of Sanctions on Iraq: 1990-2002"

Supervisor: Professor Tareq Y. Ismael

1998 BA Political Science – International Relations, University of Lethbridge (Canada)

Scholastic Awards and Grants

2004-2006 (IAIS University of Exeter):

2005 – 2007 – Doctoral Fellowship – Social Science and Humanities Research Council

2004 – 2006 – HRH Prince Al-Waleed Al-Saud ‘Furthering Understanding’ Studentship

2001-2002 (University of Calgary):

2002 University of Calgary Research Assistantship

2002 University of Calgary Teaching Assistantship

2001 University of Calgary Research Assistantship

2001 Province of Alberta Graduate Scholarship

2001 University of Calgary Faculty of Graduate Studies Special Top-Up Award

2001 Alberta Heritage Master’s Scholarship

RESEARCH

Current Research Projects & Forthcoming Publications

With the completion of my dissertation examining the formation of political identities in modern Iraq and an introductory text examining the history of the Middle East co-authored with Samer Abboud (Arcadia University, PA) entitled *Landscapes of Plurality, Legacy of Division: An Introduction to the Modern Middle East* (in press, University of Toronto) I have begun to increasingly engage with four new research projects. For details see ‘*Beyond the Dissertation*’ under my Research Program below.

Peer Reviewed Publications in Journals & Edited Volumes

In Preparation or Under-Review

A Lack of Contrition: the U.S. Twenty-Year War with Iraq. (Pluto Press).

with Ben Muller, *MyRaq: Battle(field)s in/for the Wires: Identity, Expression and Public Policy over Iraq.* (Palgrave Macmillan)

Creations of State – crafting Kurdish sovereignty through the legitimacy of tradition in a transnational space. (draft)

Published or In Press

with Samer Abboud. *Landscapes of Plurality, Legacy of Division: An Introduction to the Modern Middle East*. (University of Toronto Press, 2010).

“Surfing the Imperious Waves of Occupation: the evolution of Iraqi political culture in the shadows of authoritarian rule,” in Nouredine Jebnoun and Mehrdad Kia (eds). *The Durability of Authoritarian Regimes and the Challenge of Islamist Movements in the Middle East*. (Ashgate, 2010).

with Ben Muller, “Securitizing the Global Norm of Identity: Biometrics and Homo Sacer in Fallujah,” in Benjamin J. Muller, ed., *Imagining the Digital State: Virtual Borders, Managed Bodies, and Technologies of Risk*. (New York: Routledge, 2009).

with Ben Muller, “Visual Technologies in ‘Theatres of War’: Identity Contestation or Pornographic Valorization of War?” in David Grondin (ed). *War Beyond the Battlefield*. (Ashgate, 2008).

“Development in Occupied Iraq: state (re)construction and the impact of oil,” *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies (BRIIFS)*. Vol. 9, No. 1 Spring/Summer 2007).

with Ben Mueller, “Securitizing the Global Norm of Identity: Biometric control in Fallujah,” *The Fordham Journal of International Law* (2006).

with Tareq Y. Ismael, “Racism and the North American Media Following 11 September: The Canadian Setting,” *Arab Studies Quarterly*. Vol. 25, No.’s 1 & 2 (Winter and Spring 2003), pp. 101-136.

Book Reviews

“Media and Arab Freedom – A review of Jabbar Audah’s *Media Censorship in the Middle East*,” *Arab Media & Society*. (Spring 2009).

Tareq Y. Ismael and Jacqueline Ismael. *The Iraqi Predicament* and Tareq Y. Ismael and William H. Haddad (eds) *Iraq: The Human Cost of History* reviewed in *Arab Studies Quarterly* Vol. 28, No. 3-4 (Summer/Fall 2006), pp. 89-91.

Academic Conference Papers

“Crafting a Crisis: Structuring Elections within a Sectarian (-ized) Iraq” presented at WOCMES-3: World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies - Barcelona 19-24 July, 2010

“Back to the Bazaar: Guerrillas, State-building and Violence in Iraq” presented at “Rethinking the Middle East? Values, Interests, and Security Concerns in Western Policies toward Iraq and the Wider Region, 1918-2010” (British Academy, London, UK) -- 17-19 March 2010

“Occupation and the Authoritarian State in Iraq,” 2010 International Studies Association Annual Convention – New Orleans, LA 17-20 February 2010.

“The ethnicization of Kirkuk: localized autonomy and the Iraqi federal union,” 2010 International Studies Association Annual Convention – New Orleans, LA 17-20 February 2010.

“Surfing the Imperious Waves of Occupation: the evolution of Iraqi political culture in the shadows of authoritarian rule,” Durability of Authoritarian Regimes and the Challenges of Islamist Movements in the Middle East (invited paper) – Missoula, MT 30 September – 1 October 2009.

“Political Difference and the Fear of Cosmopolitanism in IR: the classroom’s fear of small numbers – or why ‘they’ just can’t get over it,” 81st Annual Canadian Political Science Association Conference – Carleton University. 27-29 May 2009.

“Cosmopolitanism and the Failure of ‘Others’ in IR,” 50th Annual International Studies Association Convention (New York, NY. February 15-18 February 2009).

“Minorities and Representation in the Iraqi Provincial Elections Law,” Middle East Studies Association 2008 Annual Meeting – Washington D.C. 22-25 November 2008.

“Securing the Future Iraq – Baghdad’s Global Guerillas and the Global War on Terror (GWOt),” 80th Annual Canadian Political Science Association Conference – University of British Columbia. 5-6 June 2008.

“Landscapes of the political – Middle East political science in the North American classroom: Iraq and after,” 80th Annual Canadian Political Science Association Conference – University of British Columbia. 5-6 June 2008.

“Spectacles & Aesthetics of War: The Shifting Battle(field) in/for the Wires.” The 49th Annual International Studies Association Convention (San Francisco, CA. March 26-29, 2008).

“Creations of State – crafting Kurdish sovereignty through legitimacy in a transnational space,” The 49th Annual International Studies Association Convention (San Francisco, CA. March 26-29, 2008).

“Visual Technologies and Identities in ‘Theatres of War’,” The 48th Annual International Studies Association Convention (Chicago, Ill. 28 February – 3 March 2007).

“Modern Development in Occupied Iraq: state (re)construction and the impact of oil,” prepared for the Second World Congress For Middle Eastern Studies (Amman, Jordan 11-16 June 2006).

“The Iraqi State in Exception: Intervention and the Destruction of Civil Society,” prepared for the Second World Congress For Middle Eastern Studies (Amman, Jordan 11-16 June 2006).

“‘Shaping’ the Iraqi: Anglo-American Occupation Policy and its (re)formulations of Iraqi political identity,” prepared for the inaugural Congress of the International Association of Contemporary Iraqi Scholars (London, UK 1-3 September 2005).

“Framing the ‘Nation’ without Groups and Overcoming the ‘Creation’ Myth in Iraq,” Prepared for “Iraq: Notions of Self and the Other Since the Late Ottoman Era” The 9th RIIFS international academic conference (Amman, 5-9 January 2005).

“Shiite Notions Of Iraqi Federalism: the Transitional Law of Administration and Citizenship in Iraq,” prepared for “The Creation of New Partnership States: Challenges of Adaptation, Harmonization and the Politics of Post-Conflict Reconstruction” held at the International Center For Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies – 7th International Conference April 29 to May 2, 2004. Eastern Mediterranean University, Gazimagusa Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus.

“The Bush Doctrine and Iraqi Realities” SECURITY CONCERNS II: THE IRAQ CRISIS (panel) British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES) Annual Conference 12-15 July 2003, Exeter UK

Roundtable Participant: “External Factors and Political Stability in the Gulf Cooperation Council States.” Gulf Research Council. 5-9 January 2003, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Memberships Held in Learned and Professional Societies & Research Networks

International Association of Contemporary Iraqi Studies (IACIS), 2005 –
International Studies Association (ISA), 2004 –
International Political Sociology section of ISA, 2004 –
Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section of ISA, 2004 –
British International Studies Association (BISA), 2002 –
British Society for Middle East Studies (BRISMES), 2002 –
International Association of Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies (IACMES), 2001 –
Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 2000 –

Teaching Experience

2008 – 2010 Visiting Professor, Department of History, University of Montana
2004 - 2008 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Victoria
2005 - 2008 Lecturer, Department of History, University of Victoria
2008 - 2008 Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Simon Fraser University

Course Number	Course Title	Date	Number of Students	School
HIST 391	The U.S. in the Middle East	Jan-April 2010	60	U Mon
HIST 391	The Palestine-Israel Conflict	Jan-April 2010	60	U Mon
HIST 291	The Modern Middle East – An Introduction (online course)	Jan-April 2010	25	U Mon
HIST 391	Iraq: Ottoman Empire to American Invasion	Sept-Dec 2009	35	U Mon
HIST 291	The Modern Middle East – An Introduction	Sept-Dec 2009	40	U Mon
HIST 395	The Palestine-Israel Conflict	Ju-July 2009	25	U Mon
HIST 395	Nations & Nationalism: Borders, Orders and Identities	Jan-April 2009	25	U Mon
HIST 395	The Palestine-Israel Conflict	Jan-April 2009	60	U Mon
HIST 395	Iraq: Ottoman Empire to American Invasion	Sept-Dec 2008	45	U Mon
HIST 295.02	The Middle East: Nation-State Formation and International Integration	Jan-April 2009	40	U Mon
HIST 295.01	The Middle East: From Asian Empires to Nation States	Sept-Dec 2008	40	U Mon
POLI 449	Political Economy of the Middle East	Jan-April 2008	20	SFU
HIST 442	A History of the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	Jan-April 2008	35	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Sept-Dec 2007	60	UVic
HIST 265	A History of the Modern Middle East	Sept-Dec 2007	50	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	May-June 2007	27	UVic
POE 309	Intro to International Relations	Jan-April 2007	60	RMC
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Jan-April 2007	63	UVic
POLI 349	United States Foreign Policy	Jan-April 2007	55	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Sept-Dec 2006	57	UVic
HIST 265	A History of the Modern Middle East	Sept-Dec 2006	44	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	July-Aug 2006	38	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Jan-April 2006	55	UVic
POLI 349	United States Foreign Policy	Jan-April 2006	51	UVic
HIST 440	A History of Iraq	Jan-April 2006	24	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Sept-Dec 2005	59	UVic
POLI 317	Politics of International Development	Sept-Dec 2005	64	UVic
POLI 349	United States Foreign Policy	May-June 2005	38	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Jan – April 2005	63	UVic
POLI 317	Politics of International Development	Jan – April 2005	52	UVic
POLI 349	The International Relations of the Middle East	Sept – Dec 2004	57	UVic