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## Education

2005, Ph.D. Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University.

Thesis title: "Intellectuals in Monarchic Iraq, Representations of Iraqi Intellectuals, 1931-1941"

1999, Turkish Language and Culture Program, Bogazici University (Istanbul)

1995-1998, MA, Department of Middle Eastern and African History, Tel Aviv University (*summa cum laude*). Thesis' title: "*Al-Misbah*, A Jewish Newspaper in Iraq"

1995, Seminar in Peace Research, Oslo University

1992-1995, BA, Tel Aviv University. Double Major: Middle Eastern History & Arabic Literature (*magna cum laude*)

## *Fields of Expertise:*

Iraqi History and Culture, Arab-Jewish History, Arab Intellectual History, History and Literature, Israeli History.

### *Conferences Organized*

Mach 4-6, 2014, What are Arab Jewish Texts? Questions of Texts and Contexts, Neubauer Collegium, with Walid Saleh (University of Toronto)

December 2012, with Haim Noy, Jewish Travel, Penn (CJS)

April, 2011, with Fred Donner, Conference on "Lebanon Faces the Future," Chicago University

May, 2000, with Petra M Sijpesteijn, Conference on Reading Islamic Legal Texts, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

### *Fellowships, Awards or Special Recognition*

2013-2014 Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society project [funding for the project: "What are Arab Jewish Texts? Texts and Questions of Context"]

2011-2012 Fellow, Katz Center for Advanced Jewish Studies, Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania

2009-2011, Fellow, The National Forum on the Future of Liberal Education (funded by the Teagle Foundation)

2008-2009 Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago

2006, Provost's Teaching Award, University of Chicago

2005, Bayard and Cleveland Dodge Memorial Prize, Best Dissertation Award in the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

2005, Departmental award for best dissertation in Near Eastern Studies

2003-2004, Recipient of the Charlotte Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University

2002-2003, Dissertation Fellow, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University

1997, Zalman Aranne Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University

1996, Leo Assioe Scholarship for Outstanding Achievements in Graduate Middle Eastern Studies, Tel Aviv University

## *Publications*

### Books:

*An Impossible Exodus -- Iraqi Jews in the Israeli State* [forthcoming with Stanford University Press, under contract]

*New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq*. Stanford University Press, 2012

<http://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=20419>

*The Other Iraq – Pluralism and Culture in Hashemite Iraq*, Stanford University Press, 2009 [Paperback, November 2010]

<http://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=16152>

*Sculpturing Culture in Egypt: Cultural Planning, National Identity and Social Change in Egypt, 1890-1939*, co-authored with Israel Gershoni and Liat Kozma, (Ramot Press, Tel Aviv, 1999) [Hebrew]

<http://www.kotar.co.il/KotarApp/Viewer.aspx?nBookID=92601318>

Coedited with Margrit Pernau, Helge Jordheim, Christian Bailey, Oleg Benesch, Jan Ifversen, Mana Kia, Rochona Majumdar, Angelika C. Messner, Myoung-kyu Park, Emmanuelle Saada, Mohinder Singh, and Einar Wigen, *Civilizing Emotions Concepts in Nineteenth Century Asia and Europe*, Oxford University Press, 2015 [in press]

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/civilizing-emotions-9780198745532?cc=il&lang=en&>

### Book Projects:

Traveling Jews, an edited volume on Jewish travel narratives; coedited with Joshua Levinon (Hebrew University), Adam Beaver (Princeton University) (to be submitted to Penn University Press)

Arabs as Semites: Ethnicity, Language and Archeology in the Arab Nahda, 1876-1948 [book project, in process]

### Essays in journals:

"When the Safras Met the Dājanīs: Arabic in Hebrew and the Rethinking of National Ideology," *Journal of Arabic Literature* 47 (2016): 138 –168

"Deconstructing Destruction: The New Historiography of Twentieth-Century Iraq and the Second Gulf War," *Arab Studies Journal* 23:1 (2015), 210-136

"Irak: Abondance et diversité," *Qantara:95 – Printemps 2015* : « Juifs du Proche-Orient XIXe-XXe siècle »

"The Middle Eastern Shift and Provincializing Zionism", *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46:3 (August 2014), 577-580 (editor of a round table on this issue)

"A Portrait of an Iraqi Novelist as a Young Man," *Kufa Review* 2:2 (Spring 2013), 9-35

"The Barbarism from Within – Discourses about Fascism amongst Iraqi and Iraqi-Jewish Communists, 1942–1955," *Die Welt des Islams* (52:3-4) 2012, 400-429

"Hybrid Nationalisms: Watani and Qawmi visions in Iraq under 'Abd al-Karim Qasim, 1958-1961," *International Journal of Middle East Studies [IJMES]* (2011), 43: 293-312

"Religious hatred shall disappear from the land', Iraqi Jews as Ottoman Subjects, 1864-1913," *International Journal for Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, 2010

"Iraqi Arab-Jewish Identities: First Body Singular," *AJS Perspectives -- The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies*

"Lands, Hands and Socio-cultural Boundaries: A Reading in Dhu Nun Ayyub's *The Hand, the Land and the Water* (1948)," *Middle East Studies* 2009, 389-401

« Un Arabe juif dans l'Irak de l'entre-deux-guerres La carrière d'Anwar Shā'ul », *Vingtième Siècle. Revue d'histoire* 103:3 (2009), 121-131

" 'Out of Place': Home and Empire in the Works of Mahmud Ahmad al-Sayyid and Dhu Nun Ayyub, *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*," 28:3 (2008), 428-442

"A Note from the Jewish Past — A Comparison between Iraqi Refugees in Arab States Today and Jewish Iraqi Migrants in Israel," *Viewpoints — Special Edition, Iraq's Refugee and IDP Crisis: Human Toll and Implications*. Washington DC: The Middle East Institute, 2008

"Representations of Women in the Writings of the Intelligentsia in Hashemite Iraq, 1921–1958," *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies* 4.1 (2007) 53-82

"When Mu'āwiya entered the Curriculum" – Some comments on the Iraqi education system in the interwar period," *Comparative Education Review*, (special Issue on "Education in Islam: Myths and Truths"), 50:3 (2006), 346-66

"Why Did Baghdadi Jews Stop Writing to their Brethren in Mainz? – Some Comments about the Reading Practices of Iraqi Jews in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century," *Journal of Semitic Studies*, Sup.15 (2004): 95-111.

"Grandma and I – Tales from Old Baghdad," *Mekarov*, Winter 2002 [Hebrew]

"Hanukka in the Zionist Discourse According to "Seffer Hamoadim" (The Book of Festivals)," *Zemanin*, Vol 16, Number 61, Winter 1997/8 [Hebrew]

### Book Chapters:

"A Patriotic Uprising: Baghdadi Jews and the Wathba," in Nelida Fucarro (ed.), *Violence and the City in the Modern Middle East*, Stanford University Press, 2016

"Jews in an imperial pocket: Northern Iraqi Jews and the British Mandate," Cyrus Schayegh (ed.), *Routledge Handbook of the History of the Middle East Mandates*, Routledge, 2015

"On Schools, Jails, and Cemeteries: Shoshanna Levy's Gendered Autobiography," Firozeh Kasheni Sabet and Beth Wagner (eds.), *Gender in Judaism and Islam*, NYU Press, 2014

"My Sister Esther: Reflections on Judaism, Ottomanism, and the Empire of Egypt in the Works of Farah Antun," Marilyn Booth and Anthony Gorman (eds.), *Egypt in the Long 1890s*, Edinburgh University Press, 2014

"Iraqi Shadows, Iraqi lights – Iraqi Responses to Fascism and Nazism," in Israel Gershoni (ed.), *Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism*, Texas University Press, 2014

"Advice From The Past: 'Ali Al-Wardi on Literature and Society", Jordi Tejel , Peter Sluglett, Riccardo Bocco: Hamit Bozarslan (eds.) *Writing the Modern History of Iraq, Historiographical and Political Challenges* , World Scientific Publishing Company , 2012, 13-30

"Iraqi Women, Jewish Men and Global Noises in Two Texts by Ya'qub Balbul," Clara Román-Odio, Marta Sierra (eds), *Transnational Borderlands: The Making of Cultural Resistance in Women's Global Networks*, Palgrave, 2011

"Discourses on Democracy in the Hashemite Period, 19121-1958 through the Vision of Abd al-Fattah Ibrahim," *Iraq Between Two Occupations*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2010

"Concubine J Demands Her Freedom -- Harems and Political Tyranny in the works of Jurji Zaydan," Marilyn Booth (ed.), *Harem Histories*, Duke University Press, 2010.

"The Arab Revival, Archaeology, and the Ancient Middle Eastern History," Geoff Emberling (ed), *Pioneers to the Past – American Archaeologists in the Middle East, 1919-1920*, Chicago: The Oriental Institute Museum Publications no. 30, The Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago, 2010, 91-101

"Nationalism as a cause: Arab nationalism in the writings of Ghassan Kanafani" Christoph Schumann (ed) *Nationalism and Liberal Thought in the Arab East Ideology and Practice*, Routledge 2010

"To Educate an Iraqi-Jew: Or What Can We Learn From Hebrew Autobiographies about Arab Nationalism and the Iraqi Education System (1921-1952)" André E. Mazawi, Ronald G. Sultana (eds), *World Yearbook of Education 2010: Education and the Arab 'World': Political Projects, Struggles, and Geometries of Power*, Routledge 2010, 163-181

"The Iraqi Afghanis and 'Abduhs: Debates over reform among Shiite and Sunni 'Ulama' in interwar Iraq," Meir Hatina (ed.), *Guardians of Faith in Modern Times: 'Ulama' in the Middle East*, Leiden: Brill, 2009, 141-170

"The Nile Valley at the Banks of the Euphrates and Tigris: Egyptian Intellectuals in Iraq during the Interwar Period," Israel Gershoni, Meir Hatina (eds). "*Narrating the Nile – Politics, Cultures, Identities*, Lynne Rienner Press, 2008

"Looking forward to the Past: Nahda, Revolution and the Early Ba'th in Iraq," *The Other Renaissance*, Palgrave/Macmillan, 2007.

"When Dwelling Becomes Impossible – Arab-Jews in America and in Israel in the writings of Ahmad Susa and Shimon Ballas," Zahia Salhi (ed.), *The Arab Diaspora – Voices of Anguished Scream*, Routledge, 2005

"On Noh's Fantastic Struggle against Fadhil al-Jamali – Dhu al-Nun Ayyub (1904-1983) and the Iraqi Education System in the Interwar Years," in Ami Ayalon (ed.), *The Madrasah Festschrift in Honor of Michael Winter*, Tel Aviv University Press, 2004 [Hebrew].

*Articles and Book Chapters Submitted for Publication:*

"Unholy Pilgrims in a New Diaspora: Iraqi Jewish Protest in Israel, 1950–1955," submitted to *The Middle East Journal* [accepted]

"On Sponges and Lost Love – Three Poems and a Few comments on Jewish Iraqi history," Sami Zubaida (editor), *Jews in Arab Lands* [submitted]

"Al-Misbah, a Jewish Iraqi Paper" [book chapter for a volume on the Arab Press, edited by Anthony Gorman, submitted to University of Edinburgh Press]

"Arabic Thought in the Radical Age: Emile Habibi, the Israeli Communist Party and the Production of Arab Jewish Radicalism, 1946–1961," Max Weiss and Jens Hanssen (eds.), *Transformations of Modern Arabic Thought: Intellectual Culture after the Liberal Age* submitted to Cambridge University Press)

"The Return of Modernity," *Die Welt des Islams* (submitted)

#### *Book and Films Reviews*

Yaron Shemer, Identity, Place, and Subversion in Contemporary Mizrahi Cinema in Israel, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47:2 (2015), 395-397

Dina Rizk Khoury, *Iraq in Wartime: Soldiering, Martyrdom, and Remembrance*, *The American Historical Review*, 120: 2 (2015), 750-751

Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, *The Eastern Mediterranean and the making of global radicalism, 1860-1914*, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, April 2014

Joseph Sassoon, *Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party: Inside an Authoritarian Regime*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 45:04 (2013), 848-850

Noga Efrati, *Women in Iraq: Past Meets Present*, NY: Columbia University Press, 2012, TAARII: Newsletter: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq: issues: 2:7: Fall 2012

Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab, *Contemporary Arab Thought: Cultural Critique in Comparative Perspective*, New York, Columbia University Press, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, August 2012, 44:3, 568-569

Karen M. Kern, *Imperial Citizen, Marriage and Citizenship in the Ottoman Frontier Provinces of Iraq*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2011, TAARII: Newsletter: The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq: issues: 1/7: Spring 2012

Sami Shalom Chetrit, Intra-Jewish Conflict in Israel, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (2011), 43: 331-333

Eric Davis, Memories of the State, *International Journal for Contemporary Iraqi Studies*, Fall 2010

“Valse avec Bashir” (réalisé par Ari Folman, 2008), *Vingtième Siècle* 103, juillet-septembre 2009

Stephen Sheehi, *Foundations of Modern Arab Identity*, Gainesville, 2004, *Middle East Journal*, Spring 2008

Peter Wien, Iraqi Arab Nationalism: Authoritarian, Totalitarian and Pro-Fascist Inclinations, 1932–1941, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 40 (2008)

‘Abbas Shiblak, Iraqi Jews, A History of the Mass Exodus, *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 39 (2007)

“Contemporary Muslim Apocalyptic Literature,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, Fall 2006

“The Israeli Palestinians – An Arab Minority in the Jewish State,” *British Journal for Middle Eastern Studies* 33:2 (2006)

“Iraq Since 1958: From Revolution to Dictatorship,” *Arab Studies Journal*, Spring 2003

*Encyclopedia Entries:*

“al-Barid al-Yawmi,” “Salman Shina,” “al-Hasid,” “Jews of Basra,” *Encyclopedia of Jews in the Islamic World*, Leiden: Brill, 2010

“Ali ‘Abd al-Raziq,” *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*

*Professional Affiliations and Societies*

Center for Middle Eastern, University of Chicago [Executive committee member]

Center for Gender Studies, University of Chicago

Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago

Middle East Studies Association of North America [member since 1999]

*AJS Perspective: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies* [Board Member]  
*International Journal of Middle East Studies* [Cambridge University Press, Board Member since 2013]



## Papers Delivered at Academic Conferences, Public Lectures and Seminars

### *Keynotes*

Iraqi Jews, bilingualism, nationalism and racism, Saladin 2015 | 2nd–5th March  
The Jews in the Islamic World, Oslo Literature House

Vassar Fishman Seminars in Jewish Studies, Arab Jewish Identities in Iraq and Israel,  
Vassar College, May 7,8, 2014

"I write, therefore I am an Arab," The Arab Jewish Literature of Iraqi Jews, 1908-1968 - Keynote Speaker, " Jews, Christians, Muslim: Concepts of the Other", Open University, Israel, Dec, 26, 2012

"Global Feminism in Iraq, 1921-1958," CLCA Conference -- Transnational Dialogues: De-Centering the Academic Debate on Global Feminisms, Keynote Speech, September 28, 2008, Kenyon College, Ohio

### *Invited Talks*

'I Treasure My Love to the Nation of Muhammad': Jews and Muslims in Modern Iraq," November 18, 2015, Wesleyan University

"The Image of the Jew in 19<sup>th</sup> century Arab culture," Zeev Rubin Seminar, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv School of History, Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq and in Israel," University of Michigan Ann Arbor, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq," The National Archives, Washington DC, December 3, 2013, William G. McGowan Theater

"Sectarianism in Iraq," Analytic exchange with the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, December 2, 2013, Washington DC, US State Department

"The Lure of Iraq – Iraqi Jewish Critiques of Zionism, 1921-1967", Nov. 13 2013, Creighton University, NB

New Babylonians: The Farhud and Iraqi Jewry," Seminar, April 9, 2013, UCLA, Center for Jewish Studies

"Rethinking the Jewish-Iraqi Experience in Mid-20th Century Iraq" April 11, 2013, Middle Eastern Studies, UC San Diego

"New Babylonians: A History of Jews in Modern Iraq," The Institute for Middle East Studies: Lecture Series, George Washington University, DC, March 5, 2013

"On Sponges and Lost Love: Three Poems and a Few Comments on Iraqi Jewish History," Zukunftsphilologie, Free University, Berlin, February 20, 2013

New Babylonians – A Book Launch Seminar, Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Dec 2012

"New Babylonians," Oct, 2012, San Diego Harper Lecture [for University of Chicago Alums]

"On Sponges and Lost Love: Three Poems and a Few Comments on Arab-Jewish History in Iraq," March 22, 2012, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT College of Liberal Arts - The University of Texas at Austin

"New Perspectives on and from Middle Eastern Jewry," Penn University, Program for Jewish Studies, March 29, 2012

"Iraqi Jewish Intellectuals: Between Arab Nationalism and Communism," The Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhoff Center for Jewish Studies & the Committee on Middle East Studies, University of Maryland, January 31, 2012

"Iraqi Jewish Identity, Travel, and Conversion to Islam," Katz Center for Advanced Judaic Studies, Penn, November 21, 2011

"The impossibility of Margins – Iraqi Jews in Iraq and Israel," Hong Kong University, February 21, 2011

The Jewish-Iraqi Anti Zionist League, Arabic Lecture Series, Princeton University, February 10, 2011 [in Arabic]

"The Farhud 1941, Urban Riots, Baghdadi Jews and Muslim Tolerance," The Middle Eastern Center at the University of Pennsylvania, 28 October, 2010

"Red Baghdad – Iraqi Jews and the Iraqi Communist Party, 1941-1952," Symposium on Modern Jewish and Israeli History, Center for Jewish Studies, University of Chicago, February 23, 2010

"The Making of an Arab-Jew: Iraqi Jewish Intellectuals," Jewish, Islamic and Near Eastern Studies Program, Washington University in Saint Louis, Thursday, November 5, 2009

"The Semitic Equation -- Ideology and History in Baghdadi Jewish Concepts of Community," April 1, 2009, Berliner Seminar, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, Germany

"Jewish Intellectuals in Iraq," Jewish Studies Lectures, UW-Milwaukee, December 5, 2008

"Journalistes et hommes," CNRS, Paris, April 17 (in English), 2008

"On Medieval Dictators and Gay Poets, Representations of the Medieval Past in Modern Iraqi Historiography," Medieval Lunch Colloquium, Yale University, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007

"Sunnis, Shiites and Jews Imagining the Nation," Religious Studies Lecture Series, University of California, Davis, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

"Mussolini and Hajjaj, Muhammad and Marx," Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Friday Lecture Series, University of Chicago, 4 December 2004

*Lectures delivered in conferences and workshop*

Rabbi Yosef Haim of Baghdad, Translation and Gender, NYU Abu Dhabi, Seminar on translation and Gender, Abu Dhabi, UAE, March 15-16, 2015

"Northern Iraq during World War II," April 18-19, 2015, "*Responses in the Middle East to National Socialism and the Holocaust, 1933-1945*," The University of Vermont

Round table on Pedagogy, "Thinking Beyond the Canon: New Themes and Approaches in Jewish Studies March 8-9, 2015," University of California, Los Angeles

Discussant, Minorities and Formations of the Modern Arab State, Middle East Studies Association, North America, *Mariott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.*, November 22-25, 2014

"Arab Jewish Refugees, "Uprooted: New Perspectives on Jewish Refugees and Migrants after the Second World War" April 30, 2014, YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, NY, NY

"The Jewish Iraqi Approach to the Question of Palestine," Arabic Literature: Migration, Diaspora, Exile, Estrangement, November 7-9, 2013, Columbia University

"Urban Violence and the Rebirth of the Arab Jew, Baghdad and Tel Aviv," Middle East Studies Association, October 10-13, New Orleans, LA

"When Jerusalem and London Mattered to Khanaqin: A Few Comments on Jews in Northern Iraq, 1921-1932," *The Mashriq in the Age of Late Imperialism: the Mandate States in Global Perspective*, Princeton University, 20-22 September 2013

"The Minoritization of Iraqi Jews during the 1950s" *Governmentalizing minorities in the Middle East: from the late Ottoman period to the present day*, Friday 13 – Saturday 14 September 2013, Cambridge University

Jews, Jewish Arabs, Migrants, and Blacks: On Color and Race Among Iraqi Jewry 1921–1967, "The 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Jewish Studies," Hebrew University, July 28 – August 1, 2013

"How the War changed the historiography", *Shades of Occupation: Iraq After 10 Years: Mellon Symposium*, March 29, 2013, Haverford College

Arab Jews, Mirazhis, and Israeli Citizens: Jews as Minorities in the Middle East", *Minorities, Media, and Democratization in the Contemporary Middle East*, University of Nebraska, Omaha, April 13-14, 2013

"Urban Violence and Minoritization in Baghdad: The Farhud, the Wathba, and the Iraqi Jewish Community," *International Conference - Urban Violence in the Middle East: Histories of Place and Event*, SOAS University of London, 13–16 February 2013

"Nationalism Collides: The Farhud, Iraqi Jewry and Politicized Violence," November 19, 2012, Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO

"Globalizing the Mizrahi struggle: Sit-ins, Demonstrations, and Hunger Strikes in 1950s Israel", *After Arabs and Jews*, Nov 1-2, 2012, Georgetown University, DC

*"Keeping the Hyphen Alive; Iraqi and Palestinian Intellectuals in the Israeli Communist Party and Arab-Jewish Critiques of Zionism, 1946–1961,"* *Arabic Thought beyond the Liberal Age: New Directions in Middle East Intellectual History*, October 4-6, 2012, Princeton University

"From Barbarism to Wilderness," June 13, 2012, Oslo University

"Abu Shawarib: Iraqi Jews and the Iraqi Communist Party," Middle East Studies Association, December 1-4, 2012, Washington DC

"From Brown to Red – Iraqi Responses to Fascism," *The German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO)*, Freie Universität, Berlin, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011

"Civility in the Middle East," Max Planck Institute, Berlin, 5, Oct 2011

"Iraq Jews: between Nationalism, patriotism and communism, *Jews from Arab Land*," School of African and Oriental Studies, London, November 23-24, 2010

"When the Safras Met the Dajanis": Syrian Jews, Refugees, and the Question of Palestine, *Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference*, November 21-22, 2010

"The Farhud – New Perspectives," *Arab Responses to Fascism and Nazism, 1933–1945: Reappraisals and New Directions*, Tel Aviv University, May 23<sup>rd</sup>-May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010

"Sources for the Study of Arab Jewish History," Muslims and Jews Together: Seeing from Without; Seeing from Within, UC Berkeley, April 28 – 30, 2010

"The Regime of Abd al-Karim Qasim," The Middle East in the 1950s: Historical Perspectives: Israel, the Arab World, and the Great Powers, Northwestern University, April 25-27, 2010

"Iraqi Jewish Education, 1921-1952," *National Forum on the Future of Liberal Education*, New York, February 19-20, 2010

"Arabizing Benjamin - A Modern Arabic Translation of the Travels of Benjamin of Tudela," *Deconstructing Dialogue: New Perspectives on Religious Encounters: Ancient, Medieval and Modern*, University of Chicago, January 21-23, 2010

"Iraq's Cultural Heritage," *Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference*, November 21-24, 2009, Boston Marriott Copley Place, Boston MA

"Others and Brothers: Iraqi Jews, Arab Nationalism, Islam, and Gender, 1921-1951," *The University of Chicago Humanities Day 2009*, October 24, 2009

"Arab Iraqi Jews," *Workshop I: About That Other Middle East (The Non-Muslim One)* *Middle East and Islamic Studies Workshop-Conference*, San Francisco State University, October 16-17, 2009

"Indian Telegrams, Baghdadi Letters, and Arabic-Turkish Newspapers—

Iraqi Jews as Ottoman Subjects, 1864–1913," *How to talk about the non-Muslim experience in the Ottoman society: From narrating community life to integrating plurality*, Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften/Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, 13 and 14 July, 2009.

"Baghdad, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1941 –Remembering the Farhud," *Memories of Iraq: A Discussion about the Foundations of the Iraqi State and Society in Public Memory*", University of Maryland, College Park, MD, May 2, 2009

"A Portrait of an Iraqi Jewish Communist as a Young Man, 1948-1950," Workshop 14: Workers' Struggles and Nationalist Movements in the Arab World, 1900-present, *10<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Research Meeting*, March 24–28, 2009, Montecatini Terme, Italy

"Iraqi Shi'is as Ottoman Subjects," *Gulf and the Globe Conference*, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, January 28, 2009

"Debates on Tribal Policies in Hashemite Iraq: Subaltern Politics, Colonial Reform, and National Authenticity in Dhu Nun Ayyub's *The Hand, the Land and the Water*," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 20-22, 2008, Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

"Iraq Political Theory: Advice from the Past (1939-1958) to the Present," *Writing the History of Iraq, Historiographical and Political Challenges*, Schweizerische Gesellschaft Mittlerer Osten und Islamische Kulturen/Société Suisse Moyen Orient et Civilisation Islamique November, 6-8, 2008

"Re-thinking the Revolution: Perspectives on 1958," *TAARII Workshop*, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, October 24–26, 2008

"Sects, Print Markets and Imam Hussayn," Rethinking sectarianism, Princeton University, May 22, 2008

"The Lamp, Qasim Amin, Jewish Women, and Baghdadi Men: A Reading in the Jewish Iraqi Journal *Al-Misbah*," *9<sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Research Meeting*, March 12–15, 2008, Montecatini Terme, Italy

"The Iraqi Women's Movement," Global Feminism[s]: Are Women's Rights Human Rights?" Midwest Faculty Seminar, University of Chicago, January 17-19, 2008

"Iraqi Sectarianism," *The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (TAARII) International Conference*, Istanbul, October, 26-28, 2007

"Iraqi Pan Arabism[s] - The Dynamics of a Fragmented Discourse," 30. Deutscher Orientalistentag, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007, Freiburg, Germany

"Out of Place" – Silence, Marginality and Exile in the Works of Mahumd Ahmad al-Sayyid, Dhu Nun Ayyub and Ghaib Farman," *Absent Spheres, Silent Voices: Recovering Untold Histories*, May 27-31, 2007, Istanbul, Turkey

"A Democratic Iraq? Discourses on Democracy in the Hashemite Period", International Conference: "Iraq - Past and Present" Center for Gulf Studies, University of Haifa, March 11-14, 2007.

*"The Success Story – The Jewish Day School Shammash and the Triumph of Iraqi Nationalism," Conference on History of Jews in Islamic Countries, Vanderbilt University, November 30<sup>th</sup> 2007*

"Iraq-ifying Qasim Amin: Gender and Discourse in Inter-War Iraq," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 Boston Marriott Copley Place

"The Iraqi Afganis and Abduhs: Debate over Reform amongst Shiites and Sunnis in Interwar Iraq," The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, The Nehemia Levtzion Center for Islamic Studies -- International Research Workshop: "Facing Modernity: Rethinking 'Ulama' in the Arab Middle East," 26-27 June 2006

"'You Can Take the Boy out of the Nile Valley ...' – Egyptian Intellectuals in Iraq during the Interwar Period," *Narrating the Nile – Cultures, Identities, Memories, International Workshop*, Tel Aviv University, 29-31 May 2006

"Intellectualism, Arabism and Humanism in the Thought of Anuwar Shâ'ul," *Modern Arab Thought*, Symposium, April 5-7 2006, University of Utah

"The Tongues of all Prophets of Evil Have Been Effectively Silenced": Iraqi Dailies and the Colonized Public Sphere, 1921-1924," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 20-22, 2005, Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, Washington, DC

"Iraqi Dailies in the early 1920s and the Public Sphere," *2e Colloque international, Histoire de l'imprimé dans les langues et les pays du Moyen-Orient*, Bibliothèque nationale de France, Paris 2-4 Novembre 2005

"The Ability of the Aniza Tribes to Play football," A conference on "Borders, Battles and Cultural Norms, A Historical and Political Perspectives on Gulf Societies," University of Pennsylvania, October, 7-8, 2005

"Aspects of Pluralism in the Iraqi Public Sphere," Middle East Association of North America Annual Conference, November 20-23, 2004, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco

"What is Nahda? – Debates on Reform and Revival in interwar Iraq (1920-1945)," Mediterranean Program of the Robert Schuman Center for Advanced Studies, Florence, Italy, March 16-20, 2005

"When Prostitutes Speak Hashemite," the 13<sup>th</sup> Berkshires Conference on the history of Women, June 4. 2005, Scripps College, Claremont CA

"On Arab Jews - Reflections on the Jewish Community in Modern Iraq," Franke Institute Faculty Talks 2004-2005, University of Chicago, 26 January, 2005

"Friends, Lovers, Soldiers - Images of Masculinity in Interwar Iraq," Gender Studies, University of Chicago, February 4, 2005

"A Representation of an Iraqi Intellectual: The Career and Works of Mahmud Ahmad al-Sayyid (1903-1937)," Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 2002

"Layla with the Sky of Diamonds -- Spatiality and Imaginative Arab Geography in Zaki Mubarak's Baghdad," The Religion and Culture Workshop, Princeton Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, October, 2002

"Some Comments on the Reading Practices of the Baghdadi Jewish Community, 1862-1918," *Symposium on the History of Printing and Publishing in the Languages and Countries of the Middle East*, Mainz, Gutenberg-Museum, 9-12 September 2002

"Iraqi voices in the Israeli Diaspora," Arab Voices in the Diaspora Conference, University of Leeds, 1-2 July, 2002

"Arabism, Intellectualism and Judaism in the Thought of Anuwar Sha'ul (1904-1983)" - The 17th Middle East History and Theory Conference, the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Chicago, May 10-11, 2002

"The Historical Novels of Jurji Zaydan," Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., November 2001

"Modernity and Imperialism in al-Muqtataf's Coverage of Meiji Japan," Middle East Studies Association of North America, Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL., November 2000

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