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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

2015-present Assistant Professor of History
University of California, Santa Cruz

2015-2016 Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow
European University Institute, Florence, Italy

EDUCATION:

2015 Ph.D., History, New York University

2009 M.A., Culture and Theory, University of California, Irvine

2006 M.A., Arab Studies, Georgetown University

2004 B.A., Theology and English Literature, Georgetown University

EDITED VOLUMES:

2018 North Africa and the Making of Europe: Governance, Institutions, and Culture. Co-edited with Thomas Serres, Bloomsbury Academic Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES:

2017 “The Sahara as the Cornerstone of Eurafica.” *The Journal of European Integration History*, 23 (1), pp. 97-112.

2017 “Between the Cold War and Decolonization: The American Social Sciences and French Planning in Algeria, 1958-1962.” *The Journal of Contemporary History*, 52(1), pp. 73-94.

2013 “Contestatory Politics in Algeria: Between Colonial Tropes and the Arab Spring” (with Thomas Serres). *Middle East Critique*, 22(2), pp. 99-112.

2013 “Algeria’s Colonial Geography: Shifting Visions of Mediterranean Space.” *New Geographies*, 5, pp. 315-324.

2011 “Algeria as Postcolony? Rethinking the Colonial Legacy of Post Structuralism.” *Journal of French and Francophone Philosophy*, 19, pp. 136-152.

- 2011 “Restaging *Mise en Valeur*: ‘Postwar Imperialism’ and The *Plan de Constantine*.” *Review of Middle East Studies*, 44(2), pp. 176-186.
- 2011 “A New World Rising: Albert Camus and the Absurdity of Neo-liberalism.” *Social Identities*, 17(2), pp. 225-238.
- 2011 “*Amis du Progrès*: Race and Islam in Colonial Algeria and Contemporary France.” *Trans-Scripts*, 1, pp. 16-31.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

- 2018 “Qu’est-ce qu’un échec?: histoire économique et mémoire coloniale,” in Giulia Fabbiano (ed.) *Mémoires algériennes en transmission*, Barzakh Press (forthcoming).
- 2018 “Teaching Decolonization,” in Omnia El-Shakry (ed.) Understanding and Teaching the Modern Middle East, University of Wisconsin Press, (forthcoming).
- 2018 “Jacques Derrida’s Three Moments of Postcoloniality and the Challenge of Settler Colonialism,” in Postcolonial Intellectuals in Europe: Portraits, Networks, and Connections, Rowman and Littlefield, 105-122.
- 2017 “North Africa’s Role in the Europe’s Common Agricultural Policy, 1958-1962,” in North Africa and the Making of Europe: Governance, Institutions, and Culture, 44-65.
- 2012 “Algeria and the Politics of Memory” in Bassam Haddad, Rosie Bsheer and Ziad Abu- Rish (eds.), The Dawn of the Arab Uprisings: End of an Old Order, Pluto Press, pp. 266-269.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 2018 Samia Henni, Architecture of Counterrevolution: The French Army in Northern Algeria. *Journal of North African Studies* (2018) 32(1), published online 5 September.
- 2018 Claire Eldridge, From Empire to Exile : History and Memory within the Pied-Noir and Harki Communities. *French History*, 32(1), pp. 135-137.
- 2017 Samir Saul, Intérêts économiques français et décolonisation de l’Afrique du Nord (1945-1962). *Vingtième Siècle*, 2 (134), p. 221.

- 2017 Jeffrey James Byrne, Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization & the Third World Order. *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 49: 1, pp. 118-119.
- 2016 Amelia Lyons, The Civilizing Mission in the Metropole: Algerian Families and the French Welfare State and Hannah Feldman, From a Nation Torn: Decolonizing Art and Representation in France, 1945-1962. *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 7(1).
- 2013 Pierre Bourdieu, Picturing Algeria. *Arab Studies Journal*, 22(1), pp. 221-225.
- 2013 Sylvie Thenault, Violence ordinaire dans l'Algérie coloniale: camps, internements, assignations à résidence and Didier Guignard, L'abus de pouvoir dans l'Algérie coloniale. *The Journal of North African Studies*, 18(1), pp. 187-189.
- 2013 Benjamin Claude Brower, A Desert Named Peace: The Violence of France's Empire in the Algerian Sahara, 1844 – 1902. *The International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 44(1), pp. 830-832.
- 2012 Adbedmajid Hannoum, Violent Modernity: France in Algeria (with Thomas Serres). *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, 132.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- 2011-2018 Translator, contributor, and co-editor for the Maghreb page *Jadaliyya*.
- 2015-2018 Book review editor for the *Arab Studies Journal*.
- 2017-2018 Reviewer for articles in *Global Environment*, *Middle East Critique*, *French Historical Studies*, *Interventions*, *The Historical Journal*.
- 2017-2018 Board member of the American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS); chair of book prize committee, served on dissertation grant committee.
- 2018-2019 Faculty organizer and participant for the Political Economy Summer Institute at George Mason University; served on book prize committee.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2018 Hellman Fellowship, UCSC
- 2017 UCHRI Junior Manuscript Development Grant

- 2016 UCSC Faculty Travel Grant
- 2015-2016 Mellon Dissertation Fellowship in History (declined)
- 2015 NYU, Global Research Initiative Fellowship, Paris
- 2013 NYU, History Department travel grant
- 2011-2012 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
- 2011 American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS), dissertation award
- 2011 Mellon Foundation pre-dissertation research grant
- 2009 NYU, MacCracken Fellowship
- 2007 University of California, Irvine, Chancellor's Fellowship

INVITED TALKS:

- 2017 "Fanon, Islam and Cultural Racism" Sawyer Seminar on decolonization, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 24-25 October.
- 2017 "Algerian Decolonization as Historical Event and Theoretical Possibility," Conference on "Decolonization in a Comparative Context," Amherst University, Amherst, MA, 26 October.
- 2017 "Settler Colonialism and Agricultural Modernization: Algerian Expertise and the Israeli Model, 1958-1962," workshop on "Race, Indigeneity and Settler Colonialism," UCLA, 9 – 10 March, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2016 "What was Arab about "Arab Socialism"?" Suez at Sixty Conference, University of California, Santa Barbara, October 20 – 21, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2015 "Le plan de Constantine (1958), vers un nouvel espace eurafricain," Seminar on "Écrire les modernités arabes," at École Normale Supérieure (ENS), 28 April, Lyon.
- 2015 "Le Sahara comme espace multiséculaire," seminar on "'L'Europe et son 'autre': penser la Méditerranée" at Labex EHNE, Institut Pierre Renouvin, 26 March, Paris.
- 2013 "Réflexions autour du plan de Constantine," seminar on "Savants, artistes, médiateurs: approches et connaissances du Maghreb" at l'EHESS (*l'École*

des hautes études en sciences sociales), 13 February, Paris.

- 2013 “Algeria and the Arab Spring: Rethinking Exceptionalism,” seminar on “Critical Approaches to the Arab Spring” at Sciences Po/University of Chicago, 14 March, Paris.

CONFERENCE PANELS ORGANIZED:

- 2014 “The Social Lives of Things: Commodities and Culture in Colonial Algeria.” Middle East Studies Association (sponsored by AIMS), 21-23 November 2014, Washington, DC.
- 2013 “The Production of Space in the Middle East and North Africa: Strategies and Scales of Contestation” (with Pascal Menoret). Middle East Studies Association, 11-13 November, New Orleans, LA.
- 2010 “Humanism or Hegemony? Empire and Development in a Comparative Perspective.” Middle East Studies Association, 19 November, San Diego, CA.

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED:

- 2018 “Of Merchandise and Men: Algerian Attempts to Standardize the Mediterranean, 1932-1962,” Mediterranean Europe(s): Images and Ideas of Europe from the Mediterranean Shores, Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici, Naples, 2-6 July.
- 2017 “The 1964 Census in Algeria : Markets and Identities during the Cold War,” Middle East Studies Association, 17-21 November, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “La lutte pour définir le socialisme en Algérie : Ben Bella au Carrefour de la Coopération et l’Islam politique,” French Colonial Historical Society, 15-17 June, Aix-en-Provence, France.
- 2017 “Decolonization, European Integration, and the Social Sciences: Reflections on the Postwar Order,” Max Weber Fellows’ June Conference, 7-9 June, Florence, Italy.
- 2017 “The Political Uses of Decolonization,” Society for French Historical Studies, 20-22 April, Washington, DC.
- 2016 “Martyr or Traitor? Economic Development and National Memory in Algeria.” Middle East Studies Association, 17 – 20 November, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 “Algiers and the Algerian Desert: Decolonization and Territorial Planning,

- 1958-1962.” UC Maghreb Working Group, 8 October, Santa Cruz, CA.
- 2016 “La Caisse des Dépôts dans la guerre de l’Algérie” (with Raphaëlle Branche), Caisse des Dépôts, 200 ans d’histoire, 5 July 2016, Paris, France.
- 2015 “Can We Write a Colonial History of Neoliberalism? The Fifth Republic and the Creation of Homo Economicus in Algeria.” Why “Neoliberalism”? On Critique and Method. European University Institute, 17-18 March, Florence, Italy.
- 2015 “Un révolutionnaire est un bon élève: la coopération en Algérie entre la guerre froide et l’intégration européenne.” Le Maghreb dans les relations internationales. Diplomatie et crises. 19-21 November, Tunis, Tunisia.
- 2014 “‘The Country of Quality’: OFALAC and the Standardization of Agriculture in Algeria, 1958-1962.” Middle East Studies Association, 22- 25 November, Washington, DC.
- 2014 “Algeria between *La Plus Grande France* and *Europe Sans Rivages*: Conflicting Notions of Economic Space in the Era of Decolonization, 1958-1962.” Western Society for French History, 13-15 November, San Antonio, TX.
- 2014 “Turning *Fellahs* into Peasants: Land Reform and State Power in Algeria 1958 – 1965.” Society for French Historical Studies, 24-26 April, Montreal, Canada.
- 2013 “From Colonial Crops to National Commodities: the Development of Olive Oil and Wine in Algeria, 1958 – 1965.” Middle East Studies Association, 10-13 October, New Orleans, LA.
- 2013 Redefining Mediterranean Space: Algeria between Eurafrika and the European Economic Community.” *L’Histoire de l’Algérie coloniale: longue durée et désenclavement*, 18-19 April, Université Paris Ouest Nanterre, Paris.
- 2013 “Le plan de Constantine en Algérie: la naissance de l’*homo economicus* et la réorganisation de l’espace.” *L’Institut de l’histoire du temps présent (CNRS)*, 13 February, Paris.
- 2012 “The End of the Postcolonial? Trajectories of Critique from Algerian Independence to the ‘Arab Spring.’” *1962: A World*, 14-16 October, Oran, Algeria.
- 2012 “Algeria and ‘Economic Space’: EurAfrique and the Reconfiguration of Empire, 1958 – 1962.” *Algeria Revisited: Contested Identities in the*

Colonial and Postcolonial Periods, 11-13 April, Leicester, UK.

- 2010 “Interrogating the Colonial Consciousness: Discrepant Views of Development and Empire in French Algeria, 1923 – 1958.” Middle East Studies Association, 18-21 November, San Diego, CA.
- 2009 “Restaging *Mise en Valeur*: Postwar Imperialism and the *Plan de Constantine*.” Middle East Studies Association, 20-22 November, Boston, MA.
- 2009 “An Algerian Response to the Ethnicization of the Mind.” American Philosophy Association, 27-30 December, Baltimore, MD.
- 2006 “Mohammed Arkoun and the Contours of a Post-Modern Islam.” Middle East History and Theory Conference, 12-13 May, Chicago, IL.

WORKSHOPS/ROUNDTABLES:

- 2018 The Political Economy Project, Summer Institute Instructor, 8-11 June, George Mason University, Washington, D.C.
- 2017 “Race after the Postracial,” UCHRI and Fondation Maison des sciences de l’homme, 6-7 December, Paris, France.
- 2016 “The University Now,” UCHRI and WISER, 14 – 16 August, Johannesburg, South Africa.
- 2015 “Decolonizing the University,” UCHRI, 9-10 December, Dakar, Senegal.
- 2015 Tenth Annual Decolonization Seminar, National History Center, 6 – 31 July, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 “Qu’est-ce que 1962? Atelier de réflexion,” Institut d’histoire du temps présent (IHTP), 28 November 2014, Paris, France.
- 2013 “‘The Plan is Not Fundamentally Economic’: Sociological Debate Regarding Development in Algeria during the Colonial and Post-Colonial Periods.” German Historical Institute, 1-2 May, London, UK.
- 2012 Contesting Narratives, Locating Power. University of Lund, 25-28 April, Lund, Sweden.

LANGUAGES:

Arabic	Advanced level of reading, speaking and writing
French	Advanced level of reading, speaking and writing

Spanish
Urdu
Italian

Competence in reading, basic speaking and writing
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