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EDUCATION

PhD in International History, September 2021

The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, Switzerland

Thesis Advisor: Professor Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou

Thesis: “The Politics of Aleppo’s Christians and the Formation of the Syrian Nation-State: 1920-1936”

MA in Middle Eastern Studies, June 2016

University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Thesis Advisor: Professor Lisa Wedeen

Thesis: “Practices of Collective Memory and the ‘Culture of Sectarianism’ in Syria Between the 1860 Massacres and the 1925 Uprising”

BA in Political Studies and Communication, May 2010

Dordt University, Sioux Center, IA

Minor: Kuyper Scholars Honors Program.

Thesis: “Applying the Lessons of Regime Change.” (Presented at National Conference of Undergraduate Research, Spring 2010)

EXPERIENCE

Editor, *Syrian Studies Association Bulletin*, Syrian Studies Association, January 2022-Present

Head of International Communications, *Christian Solidarity International*, Zurich, September 2021-Present

Teaching Assistant, *The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*, International History Department, Geneva, Switzerland, September 2018-August 2020

Executive Assistant to the CEO, *Christian Solidarity International-USA*, Washington D.C., September 2011-September 2018

Submissions Editor, *LIGHTS: The UChicago MESSA Journal*, Chicago, 2014-2016

English Tutor, *Our Lady of Providence Seminary*, Damascus, Syria, September 2010-May 2011

Volunteer Teacher, *Iraqi Student Project*, Damascus, Syria, December 2010-May 2011

PUBLICATIONS

- “Structures of Genocide: Making Sense of the New War for Nagorno-Karabakh,”
Current Affairs in Perspective: Fondation Pierre du Bois, February 2021
- “The Nationalists’ Dilemma: Minorities, Revolt and Violence in French-Occupied Syria,”
H-Nationalism, December 20, 2019
- “Syrian Turning Points: The United States and Syria’s Armed Uprising,” *Salon Syria*,
October 25, 2018
- “How to Understand Those 60 Trainees,” *Syria Comment*, August 13, 2015
- “Resurgence of the SSNP: An Ideological Opponent of the Regime Gets a Boost from the
Conflict,” *Syria Comment*, December 19, 2014
- “The Erasure of Chattel Slavery in Sudan, 1983-2014,” *Lights: The MESSA Journal*, Vol. 4,
No. 1, Fall 2014

CONFERENCES

- “‘Afin que nous puissions sauvegarder vos vies’ : Les juifs d’Aleppo entre le colonialisme, le
nationalisme, et le sionisme, 1918-1946,” *Insanniyat*, Tunis, September 21, 2022
- “Armenians in Aleppo, 1921–1946: Refugees between Colonizer and Nation-State,” presented at
the International Seminar in Refugee Studies, Washington DC, July 14, 2022
- “‘So that We Can Safeguard Your Lives’: The Jews of Aleppo between Colonialism,
Nationalism, and Zionism, 1918-1946,” presented at the Middle East Studies
Association of North America Annual Conference, December 1, 2021
- “Sectarianism, Memory and Countermemory of the Great War in French Mandate Aleppo: The
Case of Al-Taqaddum, al-Ghazzi and their Rivals,” presented at the Middle East Studies
Association of North America Annual Conference, Washington, DC, November 19, 2017
- “The 1926 Elections in Aleppo: A Crystallizing Moment,” presented at the Middle East Studies
Association of North America Annual conference, Boston, MA, November 18, 2016
- “The Future of Religious Minorities in the Middle East,” University of Chicago, April 9, 2016,
conference co-organizer
- “Sectarian Violence in the 1925 Syrian Uprising,” presented at the 2015 Middle East Studies
Association of North America Annual Conference, Denver, CO, November 22, 2015

“Narrative and Reality in U.S. Direct Aid to the Syrian Opposition, 2012-2014,” presented at the 2015 Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, IL, May 2, 2015

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, ACTIVITIES

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation language learning fellowship (2018)

Title VIII Fellowship (2017)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (2015-2016)

Center for Middle Eastern Studies Tuition Grant, University of Chicago, (2014-2015)

LANGUAGES

Arabic: C1 – Proficient User

French: B2 – Independent User

Armenian: B1 – Independent User