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EDUCATION

PH.D., NEAR EASTERN LANGUAGES AND CIVILIZATIONS — August, 2011
Program in Arabic and Islamic Studies
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Dissertation: "The Echoes of Fitna:
Developing Historiographical Interpretations of the Battle of Siffin."
Chair: Professor Paul M. Cobb
An examination of the role of the Battle of Siffin (657 AD) in Arabic historical writing and an assessment of its role as a kind of laboratory in which medieval Muslims worked out some of the key issues pertaining to the developing Sunni and Shi'ite identities.

M.A., ISLAMIC AND MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES — June, 2005
Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, Israel

Thesis: "Shifting Sand: Myth, Romance, Propaganda and Interpretation in Modern Scholarship of Early Islam."
Advisor: Professor Moshe Sharon
An examination of the role of political ideologies and cultural preconceptions of twelve post-19th century western historians of Islam.

B.A., POLITICS (HONORS) AND THEATRE ARTS (HIGHEST HONORS) — May,2002
Summa cum Laude
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

Honors Thesis: "Competition for the Right to Construct the Palestinian State."
Advisor: Professor Steven Burg
An examination of the role of democracy in the Palestinian Territories, and the difficulties presented by the variability of Palestinian factions and their respective goals and tactics prior to April, 2002. This paper predicted the election of Hamas to the head of the Palestinian Authority, which occurred in 2006.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

"Repurposed Narratives: — 2013
The Battle of Ṣiffīn and the Historical Memory of the Umayyad Dynasty."
Mathal/Mashal, Vol. 3, Iss. 1, Article 1.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

ASSOCIATE EDITOR
Mathal/Mashal: Journal of Islamic and Judaic Multidisciplinary Studies — 2012-Present

CONFERENCES

"The Echoes of Fitna: Developing Historiographical Interpretations of the Battle of Siffin." — November, 2012
Middle East Studies Association, 46th Annual Meeting
Denver, CO

"A Memory of Just Governance: Early Islamic History and Modern Islamist Governmental Theory in Egypt and Iran." — October, 2013
Middle East Studies Association, 47th Annual Meeting
New Orleans, LA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

ANDREW W. MELLON POSTDOCTORAL TEACHER/SCHOLAR FELLOW IN MODERN MIDDLE EASTERN HISTORY — 2012-Present
Department of History
Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA

- "Introduction to Modern Middle Eastern History." — 2012-13
- "The Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1870-Present: Origins, Evolution, and Prospects." — S 2013
- "'The Victory of Surrender' Islam from the Prophet to the Ottomans" — F 2014
- "Sect and Schism in Islam." — F 2014

TEACHING ASSISTANT
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

- "Film in Israeli Society," Professor Nili Gold. — S 2010

POTENTIAL COURSE OFFERINGS (REPRESENTATIVE LIST)

"State and Society in the Islamic World, 1517-1923."
"Islam and the West."
"The Modern Middle East, World War I-Present."
"Historical Memory and Civilizational Identity in the Arabic Historical Tradition."

AREAS OF INTEREST

The Use of Arabic and Islamic History in the Construction of Modern Political and Sectarian Discourse
Islamist Historical Memory
Early Islamic History and Historiography
Modern Middle Eastern Politics
Middle Eastern Culture
Medieval Islamic History
Persian History
History and Historiography of the Israeli-Arab Conflict

INVITED LECTURES

"'The Many Uses of History:' Political Islam's Memory of the Islamic Past." HAIG Lecture Series, Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA. — March, 2013

"The Myth of Linkage: Why Solving the Arab-Israeli Conflict Won't Cure the Middle East." Phi Kappa Nu Colloquium. — February, 2013

"Understanding the Unrest: The Past Few Years in the Middle East." Cornell College, Mt. Vernon, IA. — October, 2012

"Battle and Sect: Sunni and Shi'i in Early Islam." Department of Religious Studies University of Denver, Denver, CO. — April, 2012

"Origins and Development of The Arab-Israeli Conflict." Moorestown Friends School, Moorestown, NJ — October, 2009

"The Arab-Israeli Conflict." West Philadelphia High School, Philadelphia, PA — October, 2008

LANGUAGES

Hebrew (Advanced), *Arabic*: Modern Standard (Advanced Intermediate) and Medieval (Advanced Intermediate), *Farsi* (Intermediate), *Spanish* (Intermediate), *German* (Reading Knowledge), *French* (Reading Knowledge), *Russian* (Conversational).

HONORS AND GRANTS

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship Recipient — 2006-7
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA — 2009-10, 2010-11

Phi Beta Kappa — 2002

Pi Sigma Alpha — 2002

Harold and Mimi Steinberg Prize for Best Original Play — 2002
Adaptation of *Portnoy's Complaint*
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
2008
Middle East Center
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
Managed website, publicized and arranged events.

ACTOR 1989-2003
Various Locations
Acted in Community and Semi-Professional Venues

THEATRE INSTRUCTOR Summer, 2003
Wolf Theatre Academy, Denver, CO
Instructed one-week children's theatre workshops.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS INTERN Summer, 2000
Consulate General of Israel, Los Angeles, CA
Compiled and analyzed editorials from newspapers in the consular region (Southern California, Nevada, Arizona, Utah, New Mexico and Colorado) and prepared reports for Consul General and Public Affairs Consul; Prepared press reports for release during the Camp David 2000 talks; Arranged travel itineraries for visiting Israeli officials and dignitaries to the Democratic National Convention.