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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Anthropology, Columbia University, 2009 M.Phil., Anthropology, Columbia University, 2004 M.A., Anthropology, Columbia University, 1999 M.A., Anthropology, Binghamton University, 1998 Graduate SWANA-Southwest Asian and North African Studies Certificate, Binghamton University, 1998 <i>Akademische Zwischenprüfung im Studiengang Magister Artium</i> , Universität Bayreuth, 1996
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-present Associated faculty: Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, 2013-present Affiliated faculty: Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2009-present Affiliated faculty: Center for European Studies, 2012-present Affiliated faculty: Department of French & Italian, 2016-present Affiliated faculty: Comparative Literature Program, 2024-present Affiliated faculty: Center and Department of Middle Eastern Studies, 2009-2019 <i>Professeur invité</i> (Visiting Professor), <i>Études anglophones</i> (Department of Anglophone Studies), <i>Université Paris Nanterre</i> , France, Spring 2019 and Spring 2024 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2016 Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2007-2009 Visiting Instructor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Louisville, 2006-2007 Teaching Fellow, Departments of Anthropology and Germanic Studies, Columbia University, 2004-2006 Instructor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, American University of Beirut, 2002-2003 Lecturer, French, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Binghamton University, 1997-1998
RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS	Institute for Advanced Study [<i>Institut d'Études Avancées</i>], Nantes, France, 2017-2018 International Research Center for Cultural Studies [<i>Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften</i>], Vienna, Austria, Spring 2015 Center for Advanced Studies [<i>Internationales Kolleg Morphomata</i>], Univ. of Cologne, Germany, Fall 2014
RESEARCH AREAS	<u>Major Fields</u> : Sociocultural Anthropology, Middle East Studies, Gender Studies/Queer Theory, Urban Studies <u>Geographical Areas</u> : Arab world, Europe, Latin America

I. PUBLISHED RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

1. In preparation. *Beirut, a Winter's Tale: Ethnography and Memory in the Face of Violence and Despondency*.
2. 2014. *Queer Beirut*, Austin: The University of Texas Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

3. 2024. « En manque d'oxygène pour respirer: L'ambivalence de l'anonymat à Beyrouth, ses espaces de possibilité et d'impossibilités » ("Lacking Oxygen to Breathe: The Ambivalence of Anonymity in Beirut, its Spaces of Possibilities and Impossibilities," in *L'anonymat urbain est-il universel? Une anthropologie comparative de la citoyenneté (Is Urban Anonymity Universal? A Comparative Anthropology of Urbanity)*, edited by Franck Mermier and Virginie Milliot, *Éditions Karthala*, Paris, France, pp. 143-148.

4. 2023. "The Constricting Heartland and its Ubiquitous Infernal Quartet of Prejudice, Detention, Deportation, and... Extermination" in *Social Lens*, (DOI: 10.1111/johs.12415). 2023; 36:112-122.
5. Forthcoming. "Contingent Pluralism and the Queer Syrian Difference" in *Review of Middle East Studies (RoMES)*.
6. Forthcoming. "Gender, Violence, and the Politics of (In)Visibility: The Formation of Queer Subjectivities in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography" in *Feminist Studies*.
7. 2015. "tjād masāḥa lil-mithliyīn fī bayrūt: manāṭiq lil-talāqī dākhil 'ālim al-mithliya al-dhakariya al-lubnānī" in *al-jins fil 'ālam al-'arabī* edited by Samir Khalaf, and John Gagnon. Beirut: Dar Al Saqi, pp. 227-274 (Arabic translation of "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere").
8. 2014. "Queer Habitus: Bodily Performance and Queer Ethnography in Lebanon" in *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 2014, Vol. 21, No. 5, pp. 516-531.
9. 2013. "Se dire «gay». Entre la (ré)appropriation d'un espace queer et la formation de nouvelles identités dans le Liban d'aujourd'hui" ["Calling Oneself 'Gay': Between the (Re-)Appropriation of Queer Space and the Formation of New Identities in Contemporary Lebanon"], *Tumultes* n°41 (issue entitled *Dire les homosexualités d'une rive à l'autre de la Méditerranée* ["Talking about Homosexualities from one Mediterranean Shore to the Other"]), Paris, Éditions Kimé, pp. 131-140.
10. 2006. "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere" in *Sexuality in the Arab World* edited by Samir Khalaf, and John Gagnon. London: Saqi Books, pp. 199-242.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

11. 2024 « Habiter avec équité ce petit monde duquel nous venons et dans lequel nous vivons », in #15 ans de l'Institut [d'études avancées de Nantes] (<https://www.iea-nantes.fr/fr/actualites/15-ans-institut-sofiane-merabet-habiter-avec-equite-ce-petit-monde-duquel-nous-venons-et>) translated as "Living with Equity in this Small World from which we Come and in which we Live," in #15th Anniversary of the Institute [for Advanced Study in Nantes] (<https://www.iea-nantes.fr/en/news/15th-anniversary-institute-sofiane-merabet-living-equity-small-world-which-we-come-and-which>).
12. 2024 الفضاءات الكويتية بين التمييز والإقصاء: الدكتور سفيان مرابطو كتابه كوير بيروت/بيروت الكويرية 2024 ["Queer Spaces Between Discrimination and Exclusion: Dr. Sofian Merabet and his Book 'Queer Beirut'"] [يودكاست غين/ghayn podcast](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpvyxtX1LYs) (YouTube version: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fpvyxtX1LYs>).
13. 2021 « De quel confinement et de quel « déconfinement » parlons-nous exactement? » ["What Confinement and What 'Deconfinement' are We Exactly Talking About?"], in *Covid 19. Tour du monde* ["COVID 19 Across the World"], Nantes, IEA/Nantes Institute of Advanced Study.
14. 2020 "The Politicization of American Universities" (<https://thehill.com/opinion/education/514667-the-politicization-of-american-universities>). OpEd in *The Hill* (September 1st, 2020).
15. 2020 (2021). "Be Safe Out There (and Other American Delusions, Rhetorical and Otherwise)" (<https://lithub.com/be-safe-out-there-and-other-american-delusions-rhetorical-and-otherwise/>). OpEd in *Literary Hub* (August 20th, 2020). Reprinted in *There is a Revolution Outside. My Love: Letters from a Crisis*, edited by Tracy K. Smith and John Freeman, New York: Vintage Books, 2021, pp. 68-73. Radio Interview on ["One Scholar's Fixation on the American 'Obsession' with Safety"](https://www.wkut.com/news/2021/06/10/one-scholar-s-fixation-on-the-american-obsession-with-safety/) on the "Texas Standard" on WKUT, the Austin Public Radio Station, June 10th, 2021.
16. 2020. "What Shelter and What Place are We Talking About?" (<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/what-shelter-and-what-place-are-we-talking-about/>). OpEd in *Thrive Global* (April 30th, 2020).
17. 2018. "On Palestinian Studies and Queer Theory" in *Journal of Palestine Studies*, Vol. XLVII, No.3 (Spring 2018), pp. 67-69.
18. 2016. "Syria and the Refugee Crisis" (co-authored with Maurizio Albahari, Nell Gabiam, Kristin Monroe, and Julie Peteet) in *Anthropology News* (<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2016/04/22/war-in-syria-and-the-refugee-crisis/>), Vol. 57, Issue 5-6, pp. 14-15.

19. 2007. "Homosexualität im Libanon: Zwischen Versuchen einer Sozialen Identitätsbildung und den Zwängen der Politischen Tagesordnung" ["Homosexuality in Lebanon: Between Attempts at a Social Formation of Identity and the Coercions of the Political Order of the Day"] in INAMO, *Informationsprojekt Naher und Mittlerer Osten e.V.* ["Information Project Near and Middle East"] Issue 52, page 21.
20. 2004. "Disavowed Homosexualities in Beirut" in *Middle East Report (230)*, Spring, pp. 30-33.
21. 2003. "Appropriating Space" in *The Lebanese National Master Plan (City Debates 2003 Proceedings)* edited by Mona Harb. Beirut: American University of Beirut Press, pp. 35-37.

REVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK NOTICES

22. 2018. "May the Weak be Helped! Accidental Camp and the Rehearsal of Irony." Review Essay of Rashid al-Daif, Joachim Helfer, et al., *What Makes a Man: Sex Talk in Beirut and Berlin* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2015). *JMEWS–Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, volume 14:1 (March 2018), pp. 75-77.
23. 2017. Book Review of Kristin V. Monroe, *The Insecure City: Space, Power, and Mobility in Beirut* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2016). *Journal of Anthropological Research*, pp. 511-512.

OTHER WORKS IN PROGRESS

24. "Queer Worldings and the *Stranger*: The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in Beirut." Submitted, *Society and Space*.
25. *Hotel Beirut*; research completed.
26. *In and Out of Syria: Refugee Experiences Across the World*; most research completed.

II. SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

PLENARIES AND INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIA, AND COLLOQUIA

1. « Comment voyage-t-on de Sanaa à Mexico quand on est un jeune homme syrien de dix-neuf ans au teint clair et alternant entre l'arabe yéménite et l'arabe levantin ? » ("How Do You Travel from Sanaa to Mexico City When You are a Young Syrian Man of Nineteen with Light Skin and Switching Between Yemeni Arabic and Its Levantine Equivalent?"). Invited lecture at the « Colloque international: Dynamiques migratoires, sexualités et controverses politiques » ("International Colloquium: The Dynamics of Migration, Sexualities, and Political Controversies") at the *Université Paris 3, Sorbonne Nouvelle (maison de la recherche)*, Paris, France, November 4th and 5th, 2022.
2. « Stratégies face aux violences : Féminisme, intersectionnalité et self-care » ("Strategies in the Face of Violence : Feminism, Intersectionality, and Self-Care"). Invited Zoom lecture at the « École féministe » ("Feminist School") at the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung–FES (Friedrich Ebert Foundation), Algiers, Algeria, June 4th, 2022.
3. "Beirut, A Winter Tale..." Invited paper at the Conference on "Queering the Middle East and South Asia: Trans, Female, Gay, and Other Masculinities" co-hosted by Yale University and the City University of New York (CUNY), New Haven, CT, March 31st April 2nd, 2022.
4. "The Ubiquitous Infernal Quartet: Prejudice, Detention, Deportation, and... Extermination." Invited Zoom presentation to inaugurate the [Carceral Edgelands season of fieldwork of the Bureau for Experimental Ethnography](#), December 11th, 2021.
5. "'I Will Maintain': Queer Perseverance in the Wake of the Syrian War." Invited Zoom lecture at the Gender and Sexuality Studies Program at the University of Miami, Miami, FL, February 25th, 2021.
6. "Strange Hospitality and the Queer Difference in the Wake of the Syrian Refugee Crisis." Invited paper at the "Peace with the Other Conference" at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ, November 6-8, 2019.
7. « En manque d'oxygène pour respirer : L'ambivalence de l'anonymat à Beyrouth, ses espaces de possibilités et d'impossibilités ». Invited Paper at the *Journées d'études ANONYMATS URBAINS : Ethnographies comparées* organized by the French CNRS and the IRIS at the Université Paris Nanterre, France, June 17-18, 2019.

8. "Between Ethnography and Fiction: The 'Hotel Beirut' Project, the Syrian War, and the Queer Diaspora." Invited lecture at the History Department, Duke University, Durham, NC, April 10th, 2019.
9. "Archives, Fiction, and the Hotel Beirut." Invited lecture at the CRÉA (Centre de Recherches Anglophones/Center for Anglophone Research) at the Université Paris Nanterre, France, March 26th, 2019.
10. « Être Syrien et gay : étrange hospitalité en exil » ["To be Syrian and Gay: Strange Hospitality in Exile"]. Invited lecture at the *Laboratoire d'ethnologie et de sociologie comparative* [Ethnology and Comparative Sociology Research Group] and the Department of Anthropology, Université Paris Nanterre, France, February 19th, 2019.
11. "Queer Sexualities as a Manifestation of Pluralism in Times of Emergency." Invited paper at the Conference on "Pluralism in Emergenc(i)es: Movement, Space, and Religious Difference (Part 2)" organized by the Columbia University Institute for Religion, Culture, & Public Life at the Columbia University Global Center in Tunis, Tunisia, October 19th and 20th, 2018.
12. "Sexualidad, Guerra y Diáspora: El 'Hotel Beirut' entre etnografía, trabajo de archivo y un proyecto literario (lectura de un manuscrito escrito en inglés con una introductoria en castellano)" ["Sexuality, War, and Diaspora: The 'Hotel Beirut' Between Ethnography, Archival Work, and a Literary Project (Reading of a manuscript written in English with an Introduction in Spanish)"]. Invited lecture at the CIDE (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas), Mexico City, Mexico, August 21st, 2018.
13. "Forced Displacement and Transnational Mobility among Queer-identified Syrians in Lebanon." Invited paper at the Centre Jean Bosco and the Collegium de Lyon, France, June 26th, 2018.
14. « Être Syrien et gay : genre et sexualité en exil » ["Being Syrian and Gay: Gender and Sexuality in Exile"]. Invited lecture at the Centre Émile Durkheim at SciencesPo Bordeaux, France, March 23rd, 2018.
15. "Between the Archive, Ethnography, and Fiction: The Anthropologist as Novelist." Research Seminar at the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University, Providence, RI, March 15th, 2018.
16. "Strange Hospitality: Gay Syrian Refugees in Lebanon." Invited Lecture at the Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in America at Brown University, Providence, RI, March 14th, 2018.
17. « Corps et sexualité en islam : une question récente ? » ["Body and Sexuality in Islam: A Recent Question?"]. Invited Paper at the Colloquium on « Des sciences sociales en état d'urgence : Islam et crise politique » ["The Social Sciences in a State of Emergency: Islam and Political Crisis"] organized by the RTP (*Réseaux Thématiques Pluridisciplinaires* [Multidisciplinary Thematical Networks]) « Islam et chercheurs dans la cité » ["Islam and Researchers in the City"] (CNRS-IISMM-EHESS) with the support of POLTUR (Université Paris Dauphine, IRISSO) at the EHESS in Paris, France, December 15th and 16th, 2017.
18. "The Aborted Pluralism for Gay Syrian Refugees in Beirut." Invited Paper at the Conference on "Pluralism in Emergenc(i)es: Movement, Space, and Religious Difference (Part 1)" organized by the Columbia University Institute for Religion, Culture, & Public Life at the Columbia University Middle East Research Center in Amman, Jordan, December 6th and 7th, 2017.
19. Reading from *Queer Beirut* hosted by the Gender and Sexuality Research Center, Beirut, Lebanon, August 24th, 2017.
20. "From Destruction and Flight in and out of Syria." Invited Paper at the "Militarism and Migration" Conference organized by the Department of Ethnic Studies at UCSD, San Diego, CA, April 21st-April 23rd, 2017.
21. "The Politics of Intimacy among Queer-Identified Syrian Refugees in and out of the Middle East." Invited Paper at the "Intimacies I & II" Conference organized by the Institute for Religion, Culture, & Public Life at Columbia University, New York, April 13th and 14th, 2017.
22. "El Desafío de la Escritura Etnográfica" ["The Challenge of Ethnographic Writing"]. Participated in the Workshop on "La Escritura y el Campo" ["Writing and the Field"] organized by Verónica Giménez and Silvia Montenegro, CEIL-CONICET, Buenos Aires, Argentina, December 15th, 2016.
23. "The Queer City: Gender, Violence, and the Ethno-Poetics of (In)Visibility in Beirut." Invited lecture for the re-opening of the Nicolas Sursock Museum in Beirut, Lebanon, October 29th, 2015.

24. "Queer Subjectivities and Violence in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography." Invited lecture in the Arab Studies Program, American University, Washington, D.C., September 28th, 2015.
25. "Walking as Practice and the Theorizing of Queer Worlds." Workshop on Queer Worldings, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, May 1st and 2nd, 2015.
26. "Homosexual Homophobia: Arrogant Looks and the Queer Encounter in Lebanon." Brown University 2015 Engaged Scholarship Conference on Sexualities and Queer Imaginaries In The Middle East, sponsored by Middle East Studies & Gender and Sexuality Studies, Providence, RI, April 10th-11th, 2015.
27. "Queer Ethnography and the Hotel Beirut." IFK-Vienna Fellow's lecture, Vienna, Austria, March 23rd, 2015.
28. "The Gay Gaze and the Politics of Memory: A Stroll on the Beirut Corniche Past the Hotel Carlton." Fellow lecture at the Center for Advanced Studies Seminar, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, December 15th, 2014.
29. "Traveling Racism: Intimacies and Xenophobias on the Periphery and Beyond." At the intersection of Queer and Postcolonial Approaches to Anthropology: A Symposium at the Central European University (CEU) - Budapest, Hungary, November 18th, 2014.
30. "Walking and Queer Ethnography in Beirut." Workshop on the Anthropology of Lebanon, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, July 14th-16th, 2014.
31. « Entre la fiction et l'ethnographie : genre et sexualité 'queer' au Liban » ["Between Fiction and Ethnography: Gender and Queer Sexuality in Lebanon"]. Conference on *Les masculinités au prisme de l'hégémonie : Journées d'études internationales 13 et 14 juin 2013 à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris ["International Workshop at the EHESS in Paris: Masculinities Seen Through the Prism of Hegemony"], Paris, France, June 13th, 2013.
32. « Identités 'queer' et liminalité urbaine dans le quartier de Zoqāq al-Blāṭ à Beyrouth » ["'Queer' Identities and Urban Liminality in the Neighborhood of Zoqāq al-Blāṭ in Beirut"] Invited lecture in the *Séminaire Anthropologie de la domination : discours, pratiques et représentations dans les sociétés berbères* ["Seminar on the Anthropology of Domination: Discourse, Practices, and Representations in Berber Societies"] run by Prof. Tassadit Yassice at the *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris, France, June 10th, 2013.
33. "Zoqāq al-Blāṭ: Queerness in a Lebanese Neighborhood." Invited lecture in the Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, April 10th, 2013.
34. "How Bodily Performance Straddles Queer Politics in Lebanon." Invited Lecture in the Gender and Women's Studies Program, University of Denver, Denver, CO, November 15th, 2012.
35. "Walking as a Queer Practice in Beirut." 1st Conference on Global Queerness: Sexuality, Citizenship, and Human Rights in the 21st Century at the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, October 6th, 2012.
36. "Queer Habitus in Lebanon." Invited lecture in the Department of Languages and Linguistics, University of Saskatchewan, with the generous support of Women's and Gender Studies and the Department of Religion and Culture (a Rainbow Exploration event supported by the Provost's Advisory Committee on Gender and Sexual Diversity), Saskatoon, Canada, November 10th, 2011.
37. « Se dire 'gay' entre la (ré)appropriation d'un espace 'queer' et la formation de nouvelles identités dans le Liban d'aujourd'hui » ["Calling Oneself 'Gay': Between the (Re-)Appropriation of Queer Space and the Formation of New Identities in Contemporary Lebanon] Conference on « Dire les homosexualités au Maghreb et au Machrek » ["Talking about Homosexualities in North Africa and the Middle East"] organized by Sonia Dayan-Herzbrun and Tassadit Yacine at the *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme* (MSH), Paris, France, November 18th, 2010.
38. "On the (Im)Possibility of Queer Translatibilities and the Formation of Gender Identities in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." UCLA Queer Studies Conference 2010, Los Angeles, CA, October 8th and 9th, 2010.

39. "Border Crossing and (Un)Critical Cosmopolitanism Between the US and the Arab World." Invited lecture in the Department of American Studies at the *Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität*, Münster, Germany, June 23rd, 2010.
40. "Human Geographies of Queer Identity Formations in Contemporary Lebanon." Conference on "State of the Art in the Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa," Gustav von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 1st and 2nd, 2010.
41. "Queer Identities in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." Conference on "Crossing Borders: 'Unusual' Negotiations over the Secular, Public and Private – a two-day conference at Amherst College, Amherst, MA, February 17th -18th, 2009.
42. "Queering Beirut: Lebanese Encounters on the Border of an Assumed Public and Private Sphere." Job Talk in the Department of Anthropology at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 6th, 2009.
43. "Queer Lebanese Encounters on the Border of an Assumed Public and Private Sphere." Lecture in the Anthropology Department at Hunter College, CUNY, as part of the Workshop series on Power, Identity and Contestation, New York, NY, December 4th, 2008.
44. "Dissident Sexualities and the Urban Fabric: Are there Gay Men in Lebanon?" Conference on "Building Bridges in the City and Beyond: Languages, Communities & Cultures" presented by The Language, Literacy, and Culture Ph.D. Program at The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, April 11th-12th, 2008.
45. "The Raising of the Rainbow Flag in Beirut: How Male Homosexualities are Shaped by Urban Space and Its History in Lebanon." Job Talk in Lesbian and Gay Studies at Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 4th, 2007.
46. "Body Performance, Homosexualities, and Urban Space in Contemporary Beirut." Job Talk in the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University (NYU), New York, NY, March 26th, 2007.
47. "Disavowal and the Spatial Assertion of a Queer Presence in a War-Torn City: The Performance of Gender under the Rainbow Flag in Beirut, Lebanon." Lecture in the Women's and Gender Studies Department at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, November 30th, 2006.
48. "Disavowal and the Spatial Assertion of a Queer Presence: Bodily Performance, Homosexuality and the Rainbow Flag in Beirut." Job Talk in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SOAN) at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, May 4th, 2006.
49. "Performing Gender in Beirut: The Politics of Queer Identity Formations in Post-Civil-War Lebanon." Job Talk in the Gender and Women's Studies Program (GAWS) at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, March 13th, 2006.
50. "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere." Middle East Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 3rd, 2005.
51. "Zones of Homosexual Encounters on the Lebanese Border of an Assumed Private and Public Sphere." The Beirut Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Conference on Public Spheres. American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, October 22nd-24th, 2004.
52. "Disavowed Homosexualities: The Politics of Registration and Repudiation of Sexual Difference in Beirut." Conference on the "Sexuality in the Arab World." American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, December 6th-7th, 2003.
53. "Appropriating Space in Downtown Beirut." City Debates: The Lebanese National Master Plan. American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, May 5th, 2003.
54. "The Creation of Queer Space in Beirut." Conference on "Gender in the Middle East." Zentrum Moderner Orient (Center for the Contemporary Middle East), Berlin, Germany, November 29th-December 2nd, 2001.
55. "Sexualizing the City's Body: A Stroll through Post-civil-war Beirut." Boas-Benedict Students Conference, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 24th-25th, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

56. Participated in the roundtable session on "Fieldwork, Cameras, and Workflows: Embodied Practices, Anticipated Traces," 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) in Toronto, ON, November 15th-19th, 2023.
57. Participated in the roundtable session on "Worlds Otherwise and Anthropological Edgelands: Writing Fiction between the Plausible and the Possible in a Climate of Change" sponsored by the Society of Cultural Anthropology (SCA), 118th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) and the Canadian Anthropology Society (CASCA) in Vancouver, BC, November 20th-24th, 2019.
58. "The Resilient Refugee: Resistance among Queer-Identified Syrians in Lebanon." Participated in the panel on "Anthropological Engagements with Queer Theory (Part 1: Potentialities of Queerness)" sponsored by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA), 117th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in San José, CA, November 14th-18th, 2018.
59. "Making Queerness Matter in the Context of 'More Important Issues': Gay Refugees out of Syria." Organized and participated in the panel on "What does the 'Subaltern' Say and Do that Matters?: Translating the Anthropocene at the Heart of Violence and Divisiveness in Europe, the Middle East, East Asia, and the Americas" sponsored by the Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA), 116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, DC, November 28th-December 3rd, 2017.
60. "Exposure and Exile: Queer-Identified Syrian Refugees in and out of the Middle East." Participated in the Panel on "Experiences of Exposure and Exclusion: Refugees and Prisoners in the Middle East, Latin America, and South Asia" at the 2017 Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society (AES), Stanford University, CA, March 30th-April 1st, 2017.
61. "The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in and out of Beirut." Organized and participated in the panel on "Syria: From the Evidence of Destruction to the Uncertainties of the Refugee Crisis" sponsored by the Middle East Section (MES) and the Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA), 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Minneapolis, MN, November 16th-20th, 2016.
62. "One-Way Ticket to Amsterdam: The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in and out of Beirut." Participated in the Panel on "Peripheral Visions: Urbanism at the Edges of Europe" at the 2016 Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society (AES), Washington, DC, March 31st-April 2nd, 2016.
63. "Familiar Phobia and Strange Aspirations: The Everyday State of Gay Syrian Refugees in Beirut." Participated in the panel on "Epistemologies and Ontologies of the Familiar/Strange Among Middle Eastern Forcibly Displaced Populations" sponsored by the Middle East Section (MES) at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.
64. Participated in the session on "Queering Palestine" at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.
65. "Queer Embodiment and Queer Ethnography: Performance and the Queer Habitus in Lebanon." Participated in the panel on "Producing Queer Anthropologies of Embodiment" sponsored by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, DC, December 6th, 2014.
66. "Expiration and Endurance: Queer Visibilities in Lebanon." Participated in the panel on "Queer Terminalias" sponsored by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Chicago, IL, November 21st, 2013.
67. "Gender, Identity, and Violence: The Formation of Queer Subjectivities in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography." Participated in the panel "Sexual Identity and Identity Politics in Arabo-Islamic Cultures" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) in Denver, CO, November 20th, 2012.
68. "The Politics of a Queer Habitus in Beirut." Participated in the panel on "In-Habiting the Arab World Today: Tidemarks in Landscape, Traces in Memory" at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Montréal, Québec, November 16th, 2011.

69. "The Human Geography of Queer Identity Formations in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." Participated in the Conference on "Ethics, Aesthetics, Politics," 2008 Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach, CA, May 9th-10th, 2008.
70. "Expressing Queerness in Beirut: Performance and Alternative Appropriations of Space in Lebanon." Participated in the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, D.C., November 30th-December 4th, 2005.
71. "Queering the Performance: Alternative Appropriations of Urban Space in Lebanon." Participated in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 39th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 19th-22nd, 2005.
72. "Constructions of Queer Identities in Beirut." Participated in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 38th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, November 20th-23rd, 2004.

OUTREACH

73. « Lutttes pour les droits et visibilités LGBTQI: Le Liban, un pays pionnier? » ["Struggles for LGBTQI Rights and Visibilities: Lebanon, a pionier country?"]. Invited to participate in a conference as part of the exhibit « C'est Beyrouth » ["This is Beirut"] at the *Institut des cultures d'islam (ICI)* [Institute for the Cultures of Islam] in Paris, France, May 16th, 2019.
74. « Europa, notre histoire » - Dialogue avec Étienne François et John Tolan ["Europa: Our History" - Dialogue with Étienne François and John Tolan]. Panel discussion at the *Institute for Advanced Study* in Nantes, France, March 27th, 2018.
75. « L'industrialisation de l'université aux États-Unis » ["The Industrialization of the University in the United States"] Seminar on « État-Entreprise » ["The State and the Private Sector"] organized by Pierre Musso at the *Institute for Advanced Study* in Nantes, France, December 14th, 2017.
76. "Communicating with Faculty: Providing Tips." Invited to participate in a panel at the "Electronic Resource and Libraries (ER&L)" Conference at UT Austin, Austin, TX, April 4th, 2017.
77. "Queer in the Academy." Invited to participate in a campus roundtable discussion on the impact of queer sexuality in academia. LGBT/Sexualities Research Cluster at UT Austin, Austin, TX, March 26th 2012.
78. "Contemporary Innovations from the Four Fields." Invited to participate in a Faculty Roundtable at the 4th Annual "New Directions in Anthropology" Conference, presented by the Department of Anthropology, the Graduate Student Association, and the Anthropology Graduate Student Association at UT Austin, Austin, TX, April 29th, 2011.
79. "The Anthropology of Gender and Sexualities in the Middle East." Guest lectures in "Difficult Dialogues," an undergraduate seminar taught By Prof. Ann Cvetkovich of the English Department at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 26th and April 6th, 2010.
80. "Academic Lives and Professional Skills." Invited to participate in a campus discussion on the impact of sexuality in academia, LGBTQ/Sexualities Research Cluster at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 26th, 2010.
81. "Negotiating Queerness in Beirut." 2009-2010 New Faculty Colloquium in the Center for Women's & Gender Studies at UT Austin, Austin, TX, October 28th, 2009.
82. Panelist on the roundtable opening the Conference on "University Spaces, Academic Bodies: New Approaches to the Corporate University" held at the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis at NYU, New York, NY, April 4th, 2008.
83. Panelist on the town hall meeting on "Human Rights and the Global University" intended to provide a forum for conversations about NYU's role as it branches out into other parts of the world, New York, NY, February 13th, 2008.
84. "Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies." Guest lecture in "Problems and Methods in Middle Eastern Studies" taught By Prof. Khaled Fahmy at NYU, New York, NY, November 12th, 2007 and November 13th, 2008.
85. Panelist on the Academic Forum and Teach-In about the Middle East at the University of Louisville, sponsored by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research and the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, Louisville, KY, October 18th, 2006.

III. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

College of Liberal Arts Research Fellowship (CRF), Fall 2011 and Spring 2022
Public Voices Fellowship, OpEd Project, 2020
Supplemental College Research Fellowship, Spring 2015, 2017-2018 Academic Year, and Spring 2019
Humanities Research Award, 2014-2017
Lucia, John and Melissa Gilbert Teaching Excellence Award in Women's and Gender Studies 2014-15
Book Subvention Grant, 2013-2014
Special Research Grants, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2016, Spring 2019.
The University of Texas-École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)-Paris Faculty Exchange Fellowship, Summer 2013
Research Grant, 2012-2013
Summer Research Assignments, Summer 2012 and 2013
Humanities Institute Fellowship, Spring 2012
Faculty Fellowship in the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2009-2010

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty Fellowship, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2007-2009
Teaching/Faculty Fellowships, Columbia University, 2004-2006
Scheps Summer Research Fellowships, Columbia University, 1999 and 2005
Traveling Fellowship, Columbia University, 2001-2002
President's Fellowships, Columbia University, 1998-2001

IV. LISTING OF COURSES TAUGHT

UNDERGRADUATE

Muslims in Europe
Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Gender in the Muslim World
Queer Ethnographies
Cities in the Middle East
Arab Latin Americas
Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies

GRADUATE

Introduction to Graduate Social Anthropology
Sexuality and Culture
Anthropology between Culture and Society
Narratives of Space
Gender and Masculinities in the Middle East
Decolonial Thought

V. SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

PH.D. DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

1. Director, Shehan McFadden, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2024-present
2. Director, Maryam Burghul, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2023-present
3. Director, Atalia Israeli-Nevo, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2021-present
4. Director, Frank Daniel Guzmán, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020-present
5. Director, Kate Maddox, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2023
6. Director, Ece Saltan, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013-2017
7. Co-Director, Maryam Kashani, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2014

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Member, Raphaël Nonin, Department of French and Italian, UT Austin, 2023-present
2. Member, Hanna Alyssa Salmon, Division of Musicology and Ethnomusicology, UT Austin, 2022-present
3. Member, Ana López Hurtado, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2020-present
4. Member, Noe López, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2021

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5. Member, Manuel Galaviz, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2020
6. Member, Mario Castro Villarreal, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-2020
7. Member, Amina Zarrugh, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016
8. Member, Maryam Shariati, Program in Comparative Literature, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016
9. Member, Kate Averett, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016
10. Member, Saikat Maitra, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2014

M.A. THESES SUPERVISION

11. Director, Javid Riahi, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-2017
12. Director, Kate Maddox, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-2016
13. Director, Ece Saltan, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2011-2013

M.A. THESES COMMITTEE WORK

14. Reader, Joseph Rojas, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2021-2023
15. Reader, Mario Mercado-Díaz, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014-2015
16. Reader, Tarek Benchouia, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014-2015
17. Reader, Kayden Althen, Department of Asian Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2011

UNDERGRADUATE THESES

18. Reader, Zen Ren, Plan II Honors Program, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013-2014

VI. UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Extended Budget Council, 2010-present
 Graduate Adviser, 2022-present
 Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-present
 Graduate Advisor, 2022-present
 Chair, Race and Racial Retrenchment Search Committee, 2019-2020
 Departmental Promotions and Tenure Committee, 2018-2020
 Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2014-2017, 2018-2019
 Diversity and Equity Coordinator/Minority Liaison Officer, 2016-2017, 2019-2020
 Search committees, 2012-2013, 2015-2016, 2016-2017
 Undergraduate Honors Advisor, 2015-2017
 Merit Committee, 2015-2017
 Steering Committee, 2013-2014, 2016-2017, 2019-2020
 Graduate Admissions, 2012-2013, 2016-2017, 2019-2020, 2022-present
 Lecture series and Faculty Seminar coordinator, 2010-2011

CENTER AND DEPARTMENT FOR MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

University of Texas Press CMES Publications Committee, 2011-2014
 Executive Committee, 2011-2013
 Social Sciences in the Middle East Lecture series coordinator, 2011-2012
 Admissions Committee, 2010-2012

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Romero Award Committee in recognition of students investigating the intersections between race, ethnicity, and gender, 2020
 Teaching Excellence Award Committee, 2015-2017

TERESA LOZANO LONG INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES (LLILAS), THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

LLILAS Graduate Steering Committee, 2020-2022

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Member of the Diversity and Inclusion Plan (DIP) Task Force (Faculty and Graduate Student Diversity Committees), 2020-2022
Conference organizer, "In and Out of Syria: A Conference on the War and the Refugee Crisis", February 2016
Member, Queer Studies Research Cluster/LGBTQ Studies, 2009-present

KEVORKIAN CENTER FOR NEAR EASTERN STUDIES, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Director of Graduate Studies, Near Eastern studies, 2007-2009

CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

Coordinator, Bi-Monthly Brown Bag Seminar Series, 2001-2003

VII. ACTIVITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT USE OF EXPERTISE

EXTERNAL EXAMINER / TENURE REVIEWER

Mathew Gagné, *PhD*, 2020. Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, ON, Canada.

Mira Younes, *Doctorat*, 2019. *Département de Psychologie Sociale, Université Paris 13-Campus Condorcet*, Paris, France.

Adriana Qubaiova, *PhD*, 2019. Department of Comparative Gender Studies, Central European University (CEU), Budapest, Hungary.

Dr. phil. Markus Schmitz, *Habilitation*, 2016. Department of Postcolonial and Media Studies and English, *Englisches Seminar, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität*, Münster, Germany.

Ludovic Zahed, *Doctorat*, 2015. *Centre de Recherches Historiques à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (EHESS)*, Paris, France.

AD HOC REVIEWER

FUNDING AGENCIES, AND ACADEMIC PRESSES

Icelandic Research Fund
Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

ACADEMIC PRESSES

Duke University Press
University of Texas Press
University of Regina Press

REFERRED JOURNALS

Antipode
Anthropological Quarterly
Arab Studies Journal
Cultural Dynamics
Feminist Studies
Gender, Place and Culture
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Journal of Middle East Women's Studies
Kohl: A Journal for Body and Gender Research
Political and Legal Anthropology Review

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Organizer, "What does the 'Subaltern' Say and Do that Matters?: Translating the Anthropocene at the Heart of Violence and Divisiveness in Europe, the Middle East, East Asia, and the Americas," sponsored by the Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA), 116th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, DC, November 28th-December 3rd, 2017.

Organizer, "Syria: From the Evidence of Destruction to the Uncertainties of the Refugee Crisis," sponsored by the Middle East Section (MES) and the Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA), 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Minneapolis, MN, November 16th-20th, 2016.

Member, Executive Program Committee (EPC), American Anthropological Association (AAA), 2014-2015.

Co-organizer, "The Syrian Civil War, From Physical Destruction to the Refugee Crisis: An Open Conversation", 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.

Chair, joint MESA/AAA Roundtable "Mediating on Spaces: The Anthropology of the Environment in the MENA Region, 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.

Co-organizer/Chair/Discussant, "In-Habiting the Arab World Today: Tidemarks in Landscape, Traces in Memory", 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Montréal, Québec, November 16th, 2011.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

Wrote a report as a country expert for Syria as part of an LGBTQ+ asylum application in Immigration Court for the Jarecki Law Group, LLC. in Chicago, IL., Fall 2019

VIII. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Association for Queer Anthropology
Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology
Interdisciplinary Research Network on Latin America and the Arab World
Middle East Studies Association of North America

IX. LANGUAGES: Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish

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5. Michael Gilsenan, David B. Kriser Professor of the Humanities and Professor of Middle Eastern Studies and Anthropology Emeritus
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