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### EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI <b>Ph.D.</b> in Anthropology and History	2002
New York University, New York, NY <b>M.A.</b> in Near Eastern Studies	1994
Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT <b>B.A.</b> from the College of Letters	1991

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

#### **George Washington University**

Professor of Anthropology, History, and International Affairs	2016 –
Associate Professor of Anthropology, History, and International Affairs	2013-2016
Associate Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs	2011-2013
Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs	2007-2011

#### **New York University**

Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies Director of Graduate Studies, Program in Near Eastern Studies	2004-2007
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#### **Columbia University**

Mellon Fellow, Society of Fellows in the Humanities Lecturer, Department of Anthropology	2002-2004
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### AWARDS

**Distinguished Scholar Award**, Office of the Vice President for Research, George Washington University, 2017

**Cultural Horizons Prize**, Society for Cultural Anthropology, 2008

Award for best article published in Cultural Anthropology in 2007 for “Difficult Distinctions”

**Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award (social sciences)**, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 2002

**Distinguished Dissertation Award**, University of Michigan, 2002

### EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

**National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), Fellowship for University Teachers**, 2016-17

**American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), Fellowship**, 2016

**Institute for Advanced Study, Friends of the Institute Member, School of Social Science**, Princeton, NJ, 2015-16

**National Humanities Center, Fellowship**, Research Triangle Park, NC (declined), 2015-16

**National Science Foundation, Cultural Anthropology and Law and Social Science programs, senior research grant**, 2010-2014 (\$249,791)

**Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Richard Carley Hunt Postdoctoral Fellowship**, 2005

**Society of Fellows in the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellowship**, Columbia University, 2002-04

**Palestinian American Research Center, Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**, 2003

**Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**, 2001-02

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS, CONTINUED:

**American Association of University Women Educational Foundation American Dissertation Fellowship**  
(declined), 2001-02  
**Social Science Research Council Near and Middle East Program Dissertation Research Fellowship**, 1999  
**Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, Predoctoral Fellowship**, 1999  
**Council of American Overseas Research Centers, Multi-Country Research Fellowship**, 1998  
**Social Science Research Council Near and Middle East Program Predissertation Research and Training Fellowship**, 1998  
**Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) Fellowship**, Cairo, Egypt, 1995-96

SELECTED UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

**University Facilitating Fund, Faculty Research Grant**, George Washington University, 2008-09  
**George Washington Institute of Public Policy, Policy Research Scholar**, GWU, 2008-09  
**New York University Humanities Council, Faculty Grant-in-Aid**, 2005  
**Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 2002  
**Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 2000-01  
**Rackham Dean's Candidacy Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 1998  
**International Institute Predissertation Research Award**, Michigan, 1995  
**Regents Fellowship**, University of Michigan, 1994-1997  
**Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** (declined), 1994-95  
**Henry Mitchell MacCracken Fellowship**, NYU, 1992-94

PUBLICATIONS

**Books:**

*Life Lived in Relief: Humanitarian Predicaments and Palestinian Refugee Politics*  
Berkeley: University of California Press, 2018

Reviews: *Middle East Monitor/MEMO*

*Police Encounters: Security and Surveillance in Gaza under Egyptian Rule*  
Stanford: Stanford University Press; Stanford Series in Middle Eastern and Islamic Societies and Cultures, 2015

Reviews: *American Ethnologist; Anthropological Quarterly; Jordan Times; Comparative Studies in Society and History; International Criminal Justice Review; Policing and Society: An International Journal of Research and Policy; Theoretical Criminology; Journal of Palestine Studies; International Journal of Middle East Studies; Social Anthropology; Review of Middle East Studies*

*In the Name of Humanity: The Government of Threat and Care*, co-edited with Miriam Ticktin  
Durham: Duke University Press, 2010.

Reviews: *Political Theory; The Australian Journal of Anthropology*

*Governing Gaza: Bureaucracy, Authority, and the Work of Rule (1917-1967)*  
Durham: Duke University Press, 2008.

Reviews: *Times Higher Education Supplement; Anthropological Quarterly; Middle East Journal; Contemporary Sociology; Middle East Studies Bulletin; Choice: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries; American Historical Review; H-Net Reviews; Journal of Palestine Studies; International Journal of Middle East Studies; The Australian Journal of Anthropology; American Ethnologist; American Journal of Sociology; Jordan Times; PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review; American Anthropologist; International Journal of Migration and Integration; Journal of Islamic Studies; Journal of World History*

**Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles:**

“Elimination Politics: Punishment and Imprisonment in Palestine”

Forthcoming in *Public Culture*

“Care and Suspicion: Corruption as Definition in Humanitarian Relations”

*Current Anthropology* 59, S18 (2018): S160-S170

“Humanitarian Care and the Ends of Life: The Politics of Aging and Dying in a Palestinian Refugee Camp”

*Cultural Anthropology* 32, 1 (2017): 41-66

“Reaction, Experimentation, and Refusal: Palestinian Refugees Confront the Future”

*History and Anthropology* 27, 4 (2016): 411-29; special issue: “Hope over time: Crisis, Immobility, and Future-Making”

“What is a Camp? Legitimate Refugee Lives in Spaces of Long-term Displacement”

*Geoforum* 66 (2015): 244-252; special issue: “Legitimacy in Anomalous Spaces”

“Looking for Humanitarian Purpose: Endurance and the value of lives in a Palestinian refugee camp”

*Public Culture* 27, 3 (2015): 427-447

“The Challenge of Categories: UNRWA and the Definition of a ‘Palestine Refugee’

*Journal of Refugee Studies* 25, 3 (2012): 387-406; special issue: “The Refugee in the Postwar World, 1945-1960”

“The Humanitarian Condition: Palestinian Refugees and the Politics of Living”

*Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism & Development* 3, 2 (2012): 155-172

“Ad Hoc Humanity: Peacekeeping and the Limits of International Community in Gaza”

*American Anthropologist* 112, 3 (2010): 416-29

“Gaza’s Humanitarianism Problem”

*Journal of Palestine Studies* 38, 3 (2009): 22-37

“Refusing Invisibility: Documentation and Memorialization in Palestinian Refugee Claims”

*Journal of Refugee Studies* 21, 4 (2008): 498-516; special issue: “Invisible Displacements”

Reprinted in Portuguese translation in: *Entre o Velho e o Novo Mundo: a diáspora Palestina desde o Oriente Médio a América Latina*. Ed. Leonardo Schiocchet. Chiado Editora, 2015.

“Waiting for Palestine: Refracted Citizenship and Latent Sovereignty in Gaza”

*Citizenship Studies* 12, 5 (2008): 447-63

“Observing the Everyday: Policing and the Conditions of Possibility in Gaza (1948-67)”

*Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 9, 3 (2007): 414-33

Reprinted in: *Political Prisons and Policing in the Middle East and North Africa*. Ed. Laleh Khalili and Jillian Schwedler. London: Hurst & Co./Columbia University Press, 2010

“The Quaker Way: Ethical Labor and Humanitarian Relief”

*American Ethnologist* 34, 4 (2007): 689-705

“Difficult Distinctions: Refugee Law, Humanitarian Practice, and Political Identification in Gaza”

*Cultural Anthropology* 22, 1 (2007): 129-69

Reprinted in: *The Anthropology of Citizenship: A Reader*. Ed. Sian Lazar. Wiley-Blackwell, 2014.

**Peer-reviewed journal articles, continued:**

- “Home as a Refrain: Remembering and Living Displacement in Gaza”  
*History and Memory* 18, 2 (2006): 10-47; special issue: “Home and Beyond”
- “Government Without Expertise?: Competence, Capacity, and Civil Service Practice in Gaza (1917-1967)”  
*International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37, 4 (2005): 485-507
- “Everyday Government in Extraordinary Times: Persistence and Authority in Gaza’s Civil Service (1917-1967)”  
*Comparative Studies in Society and History* 47, 4 (2005): 863-91

**Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters:**

- “Reckoning with Time: Vexed Temporalities in Human Rights and Humanitarianism”  
*Human Rights and Humanitarianism*, ed. Michael Barnett, under review
- “Ruination and Rebuilding: The Precarious Place of a Border Town in Gaza”  
*Deepening Divides: How Physical Borders and Social Boundaries Delineate Our World*, ed. Didier Fassin. Pluto Press, forthcoming 2019.
- “Humanitarianism and Revolution: Samed, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and the Work of Liberation”  
*Humanitarianism & Media, 1900 to the Present*, ed. Johannes Paulmann. Forthcoming Berghahn Books, 2018.
- “Humanitarian Refusals: Palestinian Refugees and Ethnographic Perspectives on Paternalism”  
*Paternalism Beyond Borders*, ed. Michael Barnett, 291-314. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- “The Humanitarian Circuit: Relief Work, Development Assistance, and CARE in Gaza, 1955-1967”  
*Forces of Compassion: Ethics and Politics of Global Humanitarianism*, ed. Peter Redfield and Erica Bornstein, 203-26, SAR Press, 2011.
- “Working in the In-Between: Archives, Ethnography, and Research in Gaza”  
*Anthrohistory: Unsettling Knowledge, Questioning Discipline*, ed. Edward Murphy et al., 97-109  
Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2011.
- “Government and Humanity”  
With Miriam Ticktin, in *In the Name of Humanity: The Government of Threat and Care*, ed. Feldman and Ticktin, 1-26. Durham: Duke University Press, 2010.
- “Mercy Trains and Ration Rolls: Between Government and Humanitarianism in Gaza”  
*Interpreting Welfare and Relief in the Middle East*, ed. Inger Marie Okkenhaug and Nefissa Naguib, 175-194. Leiden: Brill Press, 2008.

**Book chapters (non-peer reviewed):**

- “Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) and the Global Palestine Solidarity Movement”  
In preparation for *Global Middle East*, ed. Asef Bayat and Linda Herrera. Berkeley: Univ of California Press.
- “Gaza: Isolation”  
In *Gaza as Metaphor*, ed. Helga Tawil-Souri and Dina Matar. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016.
- “Anthropology and Humanitarianism in the Middle East”  
In *Anthropology of the Middle East*, ed. Soraya Altorki, 262-281. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015.
- “Palestinian Refugee Experiences in a Changing Humanitarian Order”  
*Palestinian Refugees: Different Generations, but One Identity*. Forced Migration and Refugee Unit, Birzeit University, 2012.

**Essays and Commentary:**

- “Staying With the Ambiguity: Anthropological Encounters With Security and Surveillance”  
Afterword to special issue in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, forthcoming
- “Reframing Palestine: BDS Against Fragmentation and Exceptionalism”  
*Radical History Review* 134 (2019): 193-202.
- “Trump’s Full Spectrum Assault on Palestinian Politics”  
*Middle East Report Online*, 3 November 2018
- “On the Poverty of Our Humanitarian Imagination”  
*Middle East Report* 286, June 2018
- “The Dheisheh Style”  
*E-flux Architecture*, 10 July 2017
- “Fifty Years of Disavowal”  
*Middle East Report Online*, 6 June 2017
- “Roundtable on Public Anthropology”  
*HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 7, 1 (2017).
- “Punctuated Humanitarianism: Palestinian Life Between the Catastrophic and the Cruddy”  
*International Journal of Middle East Studies*, roundtable on humanitarianism, 48, 2 (2016): 372-6
- “Palestinian refugees and the humanitarian experience”  
*The Institute Letter*, Institute for Advanced Study, Spring 2016.
- “Life Lived in Relief: Palestinian Refugees and the Humanitarian Experience”  
Occasional Paper No. 55, School of Social Science, Institute for Advanced Study, January 2016
- “New Texts Out Now: on *Police Encounters: Security and Surveillance in Gaza under Egyptian Rule*”  
*Jadaliyya*, 17 December 2015
- “Gaza as an Open-Air Prison”  
*Middle East Report* 275 Summer 2015
- “Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israeli Institutions”  
With Lisa Rofel. *Anthropology News*, November/December 2014; reprinted in *Jadaliyya*
- “Isolating Gaza”  
Stanford University Press Blog, 28 July 2014; reprinted in *Jadaliyya*
- “New Texts Out Now: on ‘The Challenge of Categories: UNRWA and the Definition of a ‘Palestine Refugee’”  
*Jadaliyya*, 6 March 2013
- “Palestinian Refugee Experience in a Changing Humanitarian Order”  
Birzeit University Working Paper 2011/58, 2012
- “Being a Refugee: Humanitarianism and the Palestinian Experience,” *AnthroNotes*, Museum of Natural History  
Publication for Educators, 2010
- Academic Freedom and Professional Responsibility After 9/11: A Handbook for Scholars and Teachers*  
Co-authored with other members of the Task Force on Middle East Anthropology, 2006

## Book Reviews:

Featured Review: Gary Fields. *Enclosure: Palestinian Landscapes in a Historical Mirror*; Gershon Shafir. *A Half Century of Occupation: Israel, Palestine, and the World's Most Intractable Conflict*; Salim Tamari. *The Great War and the Remaking of Palestine*; Ilan Pappé. *The Biggest Prison on Earth: A History of the Occupied Territories*; Norman G. Finkelstein. *Gaza: An Inquest into Its Martyrdom*; Michael Sfard. *The Wall and the Gate: Israel, Palestine, and the Legal Battle for Human Rights*  
*American Historical Review* 123, 5 (2018): 1606-1610

“Confronting the uses of anthropology: Comments on David Price’s *Cold War Anthropology*”  
*HAU: Journal of Ethnographic Theory* 6, 2 (2016): 453-456.

*Red Tape: Bureaucracy, Structural Violence and Poverty in India*, by Akhil Gupta  
*American Ethnologist* 42, 3 (2015): 535-6.

*Juridical Humanity: A Colonial History*, by Samera Esmeir  
*Arab Studies Journal* 21, 1 (2013): 216-20.

*Good Arabs: The Israeli Security Agencies and the Israeli Arabs, 1948-1967*, by Hillel Cohen  
*American Historical Review*, 116, 3 (2011): 908-9.

*The Making of a Human Bomb: An Ethnography of Palestinian Resistance*, by Nasser Abufarha  
*PoLAR: The Political and Legal Anthropology Review* 33, 2 (2010): 389-91.

*The Politics of Women’s Rights in Iran*, by Arzoo Osanloo  
*American Anthropologist*, 112, 1 (2010): 163.

*Confronting the Occupation: Work, Education, and Political Activism of Palestinian Families in a Refugee Camp*,  
by Maya Rosenfeld  
*Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies* 8, 1 (2006):151-4.

*The Israeli-Palestinian Peace Process: Oslo and the Lessons of Failure - Perspectives, Predicaments and Prospects*  
edited by Robert L. Rothstein, Moshe Ma'oz, and Khalil Shikaki  
*Journal of Palestine Studies* 34, 3 (2005): 95-6.

*Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity*, by Timothy Mitchell  
*Comparative Studies in Society and History* 46, 4 (2004): 855-6.

## SELECTED PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (past 10 years)

### 2019

- “Untimely Optimism?: Recognition, Redress, and the Limits of the International in Palestinian Experience”  
*Crisis of Democracy*, Society of Fellows, Columbia University, 17 May 2019
- “Humanitarian Predicaments: Protracted Displacement and Palestinian Refugee Politics”  
Presented at the following:
  - Invited talk: Queen Mary, University of London, 15 May 2019
  - Invited talk: University of Cambridge, 14 May 2019
  - Invited talk: School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), 8 May 2019
  - Invited talk: University of Sussex, 7 May 2019
  - Invited talk: University of California-Los Angeles, 11 April 2019
  - Invited talk: Scripps College, 10 April 2019
  - Keynote talk: Ohio University, Contemporary History Institute conference, 22 March 2019
  - Invited talk: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 21 March 2019
  - Invited talk: Swarthmore College, 6 February 2019

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED:

**2018**

- “Imprisoned Life: Confinement, Elimination, and Political Subjects in Palestine”  
Invited paper: Public Culture workshop, Columbia University, 26 October 2018
- “Humanitarian Predicaments: Protracted Displacement and Palestinian Refugee Politics”  
Presented at the following:  
Invited talk: Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, NYU 25 October 2018  
Invited talk: George Mason University, 17 October 2018
- “The Promise and Peril of the International: A Palestinian Conundrum”  
Invited paper: *Optimism at the End of the World* workshop. Tisvildeleje, Denmark, upcoming 22 August 2018
- “Humanitarianism and the Predicaments of Refugee Politics”  
Invited talk: Center for Middle East Studies, Yale University, 5 April 2018
- “Occupation and the Limits of the International: Confronting Israeli Practice in the West Bank and Gaza”  
Invited paper: *Redress and the Ethics of the International: Legalities, Histories, Geographies* workshop, Australian National University, Canberra, AU, 22 March 2018
- “Refugee Style: On Inhabiting the Camp”  
Invited presentation: *Permanent Temporariness*, NYU-Abu Dhabi, 25 February 2018
- “BDS and the Global Palestine Solidarity Movement”  
Invited paper: *Global Middle East workshop*, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 26 January 2018
- “Time and the Other Intervention: The Vexed Temporalities of Human Rights and Humanitarianism”  
Invited paper: *Human Rights and Humanitarianism* workshop, GW, 20 January 2018

**2017**

- “Compulsory Movement as Occupation Strategy: From “thinning out” refugee camps to “mowing the lawn” in Gaza,” *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, 30 November 2017
- “The Refugee as a Political Figure for our Time”  
Invited talk: New York Academy of Sciences, Anthropology Section, upcoming 25 September 2017
- “Ruination and Repair: The precarious place of a border town in Gaza”  
Invited paper: *Borders and Boundaries* workshop, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ, 18-19 May 2017
- “Livable Lives in a World in Crisis: The Refugee as a Political Figure for our Time”  
Invited paper: *Ethical Subjects, Now!* Symposium at Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, 5 May 2017
- “The Refugee as a Political Figure for our Time”  
Invited Keynote talk: Conference on “Middle East and North African Migration Studies in a Time of Crisis,” North Carolina State University, 21 April 2017

**2016**

- Roundtable participant: *Anthropological Publics, Public Anthropology*  
*American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, 18 November 2016
- “The Politics of Living as a Refugee”  
Invited Paper: Globalization and Social Change Seminar, Graduate Center, CUNY, NY, NY, 8 November 2016
- “Punctuated Humanitarianism: Rhythms of Aid and Abandonment”  
Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 4 November 2016
- “Isolating Gaza: Enforced Immobility and the Making of an Open-Air Prison”  
Invited Talk: Center for Middle East and North African Studies, University of Michigan, 31 October 2016
- ““Where is Humanity and What They Call Human Rights?’: Palestinian Refugees and the Impossible Boundaries of Humanitarianism,” Invited paper: “Human Rights and Humanitarianism: Distinctions with or Without a Difference?” George Washington University, 21 October 2016
- “Corruption and Humanitarian Governance”  
Invited paper, Wenner-Gren Symposium, “Anthropology of Corruption,” Portugal, 15 September 2016
- “Life Lived in Relief: Palestinian Refugees and the Humanitarian Experience”  
Presented at the following:  
Invited Talk: McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 7 April 2016  
Invited Talk: Anthropology Society in Lebanon, Beirut, Lebanon, 18 March 2016
- “Palestinian Refugees, Category Problems, and Political Life without Political Status”  
Invited paper: Rutgers Center for Historical Analysis, Rutgers University, 1 March 2016

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED:

**2016, continued**

- “Security Society in Gaza: Police Encounters under Egyptian Rule”  
Invited talk: Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, 17 February 2016
- “Palestine, Boycott, and International Solidarity”  
*American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA, 9 January 2016

**2015**

- Invited participant: “Humanitarian Ethics,” *Berlin Colloquium on Contemporary History*, Berlin, Germany, 4-5 December 2015
- Roundtable participant: *Making Palestine Knowable/Marking Prevailing Discourses as Strange*  
*American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, 18 November 2015
- Discussant on panel: *Imminent Danger: Proliferations of Violence, Risk, and Surveillance*  
*American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, 20 November 2015
- Discussant on panel: *Humanitarianism in the Middle East: War and Care Economies*  
*Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, upcoming 22 November 2015
- “Humanitarian Care and the Ends of Life: The Politics of Aging and Dying in a Palestinian Camp”  
Invited paper: *Dissections: New Directions in Research on the Middle East Studies seminar*, Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center (MEMEAC), CUNY Graduate Center, 13 November 2015
- “Life Lived in Relief: Palestinian Refugees and the Humanitarian Experience”  
Invited keynote talk: *Palestine Diaspora International Seminar*, Fluminense Federal University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 5 November 2015
- “Reaction, Experimentation, and Refusal: Palestinian refugees confront the future”  
Invited paper: *Palestine Diaspora International Seminar*, Fluminense Federal University, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 6 November 2015
- “Life Lived in Relief: Palestinian Experiences with Humanitarianism”  
School of Social Science lunch seminar, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ 26 October 2015
- “Imagining the Future in a Palestinian Refugee Camp”  
Invited paper: workshop on “Precarious Futures? Hoping, Moving, and Waiting in Times of Uncertainty,”  
Tisvildeleje, Denmark, 17 September 2015
- “Reflections on Gaza one-year on”  
Invited presentation: *Palestine Center*, Washington, DC, 29 July 2015
- “Humanitarianism and Revolution: Samed, the Palestine Red Crescent Society, and the work of liberation”  
Presented at the following:  
Invited paper: *Humanitarianism and the Media, 1900-2015*, European Studies Centre, St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, 19 June 2015  
Invited paper: *The Middle East, North Africa, and the World, 1907-2008*, Stanford University, 27 Feb 2015
- “Security Society in Gaza: Police Encounters under Egyptian Rule”  
Presented at the following:  
Invited talk: Watson Institute, Brown University, 20 April 2015  
Invited talk: University of Oklahoma, Middle East Studies talk series, 8 April 2015

**2014**

- “Punctuated Humanitarianism: Between the Catastrophic and the Cruddy in Gaza”  
Presented at the following:  
Invited talk: Comparative Muslim Societies Program, Cornell University, 1 December 2014  
Invited talk: Washington University-St. Louis, 13 November 2014  
Invited talk: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 27 October 2014
- “Gaza’s Histories: From Catastrophe to Precarity and Back Again”  
Invited presentation, “Abandoned yet Central: Gaza and the Resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,”  
*Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, 23 November 2014
- Discussant on panel: *Security for All: The Evolution of the Egyptian Ministry of Interior*  
*Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting*, 24 November 2014
- Reflections on Campus in Camps  
Invited presentation: *Spatial Ordering of Exile*, New School University, New York, 17 November 2014



PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED:

**2014, continued**

- “Security Society in Gaza: Police Encounters under Egyptian Rule”  
Invited talk: History Department, Washington University-St. Louis, 12 November 2014
- “Gaza’s Histories: From Catastrophe to Precarity and Back Again”  
Invited presentation: *Gaza Teach In*, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 24 October 2014
- “Disrupting the Aid Paradigm: Palestinian experiments in Decolonization”  
Invited paper: Arab Studies Conference, University of California-Davis, 3 May 2014
- “Non-Humanitarian Futures? Palestinian experiments with living otherwise in long-term displacement”  
Invited paper: *Humanitarianism in Crisis/Crisis of Humanitarianism*, University of Chicago, 26 April 2014
- “What is a Camp?”  
Invited talk: *Campus in Camps*, Al Feneiq Center, Dheisheh refugee camp, Bethlehem, 27 March 2014
- “The Archive and the Work of the Present”  
Invited paper: *Globalizing Palestine: Birzeit University’s Digital Archive in an International Perspective – Towards a Chaotic Order*, Birzeit University, Birzeit, West Bank, 24 March 2014
- “Looking for humanitarian purpose: Endurance and its limits in a Palestinian refugee camp”  
Invited talk: International Studies Program, Franklin and Marshall College, 28 January 2014
- “Humanitarian Governance and Palestinian Refugees”  
*American Historical Association Annual Conference*, 4 January 2014

**2013**

- “Looking for humanitarian purpose: Endurance and its limits in a Palestinian refugee camp”  
Invited paper: *Forced Migration and Humanitarianism in Global History*, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 16 November 2013
- “Reflections on the camp as a space of the common”  
*Al Mashaa or the Space of the Common*, Haus der Kulturen der Welt, Berlin, Germany, 1 November 2013
- “Humanitarian refusals: Palestinian refugees and the challenge of paternalism”  
Invited paper: *International Paternalism: A Reconsideration*, George Washington University, 4 October 2013
- “Non-Humanitarian Futures? Palestinian experiments with living otherwise in long-term displacement”  
Invited talk: Refugee studies program, Aalborg University, Copenhagen, Denmark, 2 September 2013
- “Humanitarianism and the Politics of Life and Death”  
Invited keynote talk: Peace and Conflict Studies in Anthropology Bi-Annual Conference, Copenhagen, Denmark, 28 August 2013
- “Improvement and Humanitarian Aid in Palestinian Refugee Camps,”  
*Campus in Camps in Cologne: Re-activating the common*, Cologne, Germany, 13 July 2013
- “Humanitarian Governance: A worm’s-eye view”  
Invited keynote talk: *Producing Legitimacy: Governance Against the Odds* conference, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, 22 April 2013
- “What is a Camp? Relations, regulation, and appropriation in spaces of long-term displacement”  
Invited paper: *New World Orders workshop*, George Washington University, Washington, DC 21 March 2013
- “Humanitarian Life Cycles: Managing aging, illness, and dying in a Palestinian refugee camp”  
Invited talk: Program on humanitarianism, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 7 February 2013
- “Humanitarian Purposes: Endurance and the chronic in a Palestinian refugee camp”  
Invited paper: workshop on ethics and politics of humanitarianism, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, Durham, NC, 25 January 2013

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS, CONTINUED:

**2012**

- “Humanitarianism and its Victims: Participation, volunteering, and the production of helper-victims”  
Invited paper: *The New Humanitarianism* workshop, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 11 December 2012
- Discussant on panel: *Bureaucracy, Standards, and the Making of Order*  
*American Anthropological Association Meetings*, San Francisco, CA, 16 November 2012
- “Political Life and Humanitarian Assistance: Palestinian Refugee Claims and Values”  
Invited talk: *Campus in Camps*, Al Feneiq Center, Dheisheh refugee camp, Bethlehem, 4 June 2012
- “Living and Dying in the Humanitarian Condition”  
Invited plenary talk: *Life and Death*, Society for Cultural Anthropology Bi-Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, 13 May 2012
- “UNRWA’s Long-Term Humanitarianism: The Politics of Living in a Palestinian Refugee Camp”  
Invited talk: Issam Fares Institute, American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon, 20 April 2012
- “What is a Camp? Refugee Services, Humanitarian Spaces, and the Geography of Aid”  
Invited paper: *Law and Human Rights in Global History* conference, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 30 Mar 2012

**2011**

- “Palestinian Refugee Experience in a Changing Humanitarian Order”  
*Palestinian Refugees: Different Generations, One Identity*, conference, Forced Migration and Refugee Unit Birzeit University, West Bank, 21 November 2011
- “The Politics of Living and the Humanitarian Condition”  
Invited Talk: Politics of Welfare in Muslim Societies workshop, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Bergen, Bergen, Norway, 10 November 2011
- “Life Lived in Relief: Humanitarian effects, political claims and Palestinian refugee community”  
presented at the following:  
Invited Talk: Anthropology Department, CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, 25 February 2011  
Invited Paper: Humanitarianism and Migration conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, 4 March 2011  
Invited Talk: Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, 15 March 2011  
Invited Talk: Anthropology Dept and Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 28 April 2011
- “Archives, lost and found: Encounters with Palestinian History,”  
Invited Talk, Center for Palestine Studies, Columbia University, 28 February 2011

**2010**

- Discussant on panel: *Iraq in Context: Environment, Technology, and Humanitarianism in the Post-2003 Field*  
*American Anthropological Association Meetings*, New Orleans, LA, 19 November 2010
- “The Humanitarian Condition: Politics in Relief and Being ex-Gazan in Jordan”  
presented at the following:  
Invited Talk: Anthropology Department, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 18 October 2010  
Invited Talk: Anthropology Department, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 27 October 2010
- “Naive Humanitarians, Exemplary Victims, and the Limits of Humanitarian Space”  
*Geographies of Aid Intervention*, Birzeit University, West Bank, 28 September 2010
- “Communities of Dispossession: Refugee Categories and Geographies of Palestinian Displacement”  
*New Directions in Middle East Studies Symposium*, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 21 May 2010
- “The Challenge of Eligibility: UNRWA and the Definition of a ‘Palestine Refugee’”  
presented at the following:  
*The Politics and Poetics of Refugees*, New York University, New York, NY 25 September 2010  
*The Refugee in the Postwar World*, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona, 9 April 2010
- “Humanitarianism and the Palestinian Political Condition”  
Invited Talk: The Palestine Center, Washington, DC 27 January 2010

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

### **Courses Taught:**

#### *Undergraduate:*

Anthropology of the Middle East  
Anthropology of Human Rights  
Contemporary Civilization (Columbia)  
Government and Humanity (Columbia)

#### *Graduate:*

Proseminar in Sociocultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Security  
Anthropology of Intervention: Development, Human Rights, Humanitarianism  
Anthropology of Citizenship and Displacement: Belonging and Exclusion in the Middle East  
Anthropology of State and Government in the Middle East

### **PhD Committees:**

#### *Chair:*

Chloe Ahmann, "Cumulative Effects: Reckoning Risk on Baltimore's Toxic Periphery," Anthropology, GW (co-chair). PhD awarded 2018.  
Robert Hildebrandt, Gender, Labor and Palestinian Citizens of Israel, Anthropology, GW  
Dana Burton, "Contamination: Microbial Encounters in NASA's Search for Life," Anthropology, GW  
Matthew DeMaio, Palestinians displaced from Syria to Lebanon, Anthropology, GW  
Emma Backe, "The ART of Survival: Psychosocial Care in South Africa's Feminized HIV Epidemic," GW

#### *Member:*

Raquel Machaqueiro, "The Social Life of REDD and the New Carbon-Based Transnational Governance in Brazil and Mozambique," Anthro, GW, 2019  
Gorkem Adeymir, "Displacement and States of Ambivalence in Abkhazia-Georgia Borderland," Anthro, GW  
Sarah Richardson, "Families Fighting State Terror in Early Post-Conflict Colombia," Anthro, GW  
Shweta Khrishnan, "Religious Revival and the Politics of Erosion in Majuli, Assam," Anthro, GW  
Ferhan Guloglu, "(Re)configuring the Natural: Ethics, Politics, and Religion in the Demedicalization of Childbirth in Turkey," Anthropology, GW  
Scott Ross, "The Early Warning Radio: Humanitarian Infrastructures and Networks of Protection in the Democratic Republic of the Congo," Anthropology, GW  
Evy Vourlides, "Working Through Crisis: Labor and Repair for the Young and Unemployed in Greece," Anthro, GW  
Kitana Ananda, "Politics After a Ceasefire: Suffering, Protest and Belonging in Sri Lanka's Tamil Diaspora" Anthropology Department, Columbia University, PhD awarded 2015  
May Farah, "Home Versus Shelter: Place, Media, and Identity Among Lebanon's Palestinian Refugees," Culture and Communication Department, New York University, PhD awarded 2011

#### *Examiner:*

Devin Proctor, "On Being Non-Human: Otherkin Identification and Virtual Space", Anthropology, GW, 2019  
Chiara Pilotto, "At the Border of Friendship: work, morality and survival in a colonial Israeli-Palestinian Space," Anthropology, Università degli Studi di Milano Bicocca and École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, 2016  
Estelle Carpi, "Adhocratic Humanitarianism and Ageing Emergencies in Lebanon, Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney, Australia, 2014

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### **Archival research:**

*Gaza*: Palestinian Authority Ministries of Housing, *Awqaf*, Pensions; Gaza City Council; ‘Omari Mosque Library  
*Jerusalem*: Israel State Archives; Jewish National Library  
*Cairo, Egypt*: *Dar Al-Wathā’iq* (National Archives); *Dar Al-Kutub* (National Library)  
*United States*: United Nations Archives; American Friends Service Committee Archives; New York Public Library; Library of Congress; National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)  
*London*: National Archives (PRO)  
*Amman, Jordan*: United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees [UNRWA] Archives  
*Beirut, Lebanon*: Institute for Palestine Studies  
*Geneva, Switzerland*: International Federation of Red Cross Societies (IFRC) Archives; International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Archives; United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Archives; World Council of Churches (WCC) Archives

### **Ethnographic fieldwork:**

*West Bank*: Ethnographic research with Palestinian refugees in Dheisheh and other refugee camps and with humanitarian organizations working in the camps. 2012 – 2014 (5 months of fieldwork)  
*Lebanon*: Ethnographic research with Palestinian refugees in Burj Al Barajneh camp and with humanitarian organizations working in the camp. 2011– 2012 (5 months of fieldwork)  
*Jordan*: Ethnographic research with Palestinian refugees in Wihdat and Jerash camps and humanitarian organizations that provide assistance to them. 2008 – 2011 (8 months of fieldwork)  
*Gaza*: Ethnographic research on bureaucracy and government during the British Mandate and Egyptian Administration. 1998, 1999.  
*West Bank and Gaza*: Preliminary research on Gaza’s civil service. Summer 1996.  
*West Bank and Gaza*: Research on gendered discourse in the first *intifada*. Summer 1993.  
*West Bank and Gaza*: Research on the Palestinian women’s movement. Summer 1990.

## SELECTED SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

### **Editorial activities:**

Co-editor, “Police/Worlds: Studies in Security, Crime, and Governance,” Cornell University Press, 2017-  
Editorial board, *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies*, 2017-  
Editorial board, *Public Anthropologist*, 2017-  
Editorial committee, *Middle East Report*, 2017-  
Editorial board, *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 2015-2018  
Editorial board, *Anthropological Quarterly*, 2014-  
Book review editor, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (IJMES), 2013-14

### **Professional societies:**

Member, Board of Directors, Middle East Studies Association (MESA), 2017-  
Chair, membership committee, MESA, 2018-  
Vice-President, Board of Directors, Palestinian American Research Center (PARC), 2017-  
Member, Program committee, MESA, 2017  
Member, Board of Directors, PARC, 2015-2017  
President, Middle East Section, American Anthropological Association (AAA), 2015-17  
Chair, Student paper prize committee, Middle East Section, AAA, 2014  
President-elect, Middle East Section, AAA, 2013-14  
Member, Distinguished service award committee, Middle East Section, AAA, 2013  
Member, Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in Social Sciences Committee, MESA, 2012  
Co-chair, Committee for Human Rights, AAA, 2010-12  
Chair, Fellowship Committee, PARC, 2011  
Member, Gregory Bateson Book Prize Committee, Society for Cultural Anthropology, 2010  
Member, Committee for Human Rights, AAA, 2009-12  
Member, Board of Directors, Middle East Section, AAA, 2009-12  
Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Middle East Section, AAA, 2009  
Member, Nominating Committee, MESA, 2007

**Reviews and evaluations:**

Grants reviewed for:

Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Science Foundation, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Austrian Science Fund

Book manuscripts refereed for:

Duke University Press; University of Minnesota Press; Stanford University Press; University of California Press; Cambridge University Press; McGill-Queen's University Press; Oxford University Press; Northwestern University Press; University of Chicago Press

Article manuscripts refereed for:

*American Ethnologist; Cultural Anthropology; American Anthropologist; Comparative Studies in Society and History; International Journal of Middle East Studies; Millennium: Journal of International Studies; The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute; Anthropological Quarterly; Political and Legal Anthropology Review; History and Memory; Peace and Change; Journal of Refugee Studies; Current Anthropology; Humanity; Gender and History; Rethinking History; Biosocieties; Journal of Palestine Studies; Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry; Public Culture; Anthropology Today; Security Dialogue; Racial and Ethnic Studies; Public Anthropologist; Anthropologica; Perspectives on Politics*