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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Dissertation Defended August 31; Degree Conferral May 2024)

Emory University, MESAS Department, Islamic Civilizations Studies Program (Atlanta, GA)

Dissertation Title: “State of Emergency: Law, Violence, and the Establishment of Israel, 1948-1966”

Committee: Carrie Wickham (Middle Eastern Studies); Ian Lustick (Political Science, University of Pennsylvania); Michael Perry (Law); Roxani Margariti (Middle Eastern Studies)

Certificate, Conflict Regulation (2017)

Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (Frankfurt, Germany)

J.D. (2015)

Boston College Law School (Newton, MA)

LL.B. (2010)

The Haim Striks School of Law (Rishon Letsiyon, Israel-Palestine)

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

“The Israel-Hamas War: Historical Context and International Law,” *Middle East Policy* 30, no. 4 (Winter 2023)

“The Palestinian Human Right to Full Israeli Citizenship: Between Settler Colonialism and a Hard Place,” *Frontiers in Political Science* 4, no. 978240, Special Issue on Israel/Palestine – The One-State Reality: Implications and Dynamics, eds. Ian Lustick and Amal Jamal (Dec. 2022)

“The Jurisprudence of Elimination: Starvation and Force-Feeding of Palestinians in Israel’s Highest Court,” *International Journal of Law in Context* 18, no. 2 (Jun. 2022)

“Punitive House Demolitions in the West Bank: The Hague Regulations, Geneva Convention IV, and a *Jus Cogens* Bypass,” *Berkeley Journal of Middle Eastern & Islamic Law* 6, art. 3 (Apr. 2014)

Book Review

“*Balfour’s Shadow: A Century of British Support for Zionism and Israel*, by David Cronin,” *Journal of Palestine Studies* 47, no. 3 (Spring 2018)

Conference Report

“Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (SERMEISS): Workshop on Islam and Law,” *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* 5, no. 1 (May 2020)

TEACHING

Undergraduate

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Department of Political Science & Public Service Adjunct Professor, International Human Rights Law (Fall 2020, online, synchronous)

Adjunct Professor, International Law (Fall 2019)

Emory University, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies

Adjunct Professor, Debating the Middle East (Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant, Vincent Cornell, Beyond Borders: Imagining the Middle East and South Asia (Spring 2017)

Teaching Assistant, Carrie Wickham, Politics of the Middle East (Fall 2016)

Graduate

Emory University, Laney Graduate School

Instructor, Microteaching (selected to assess research and pedagogical approaches of first-year Ph.D. students) (Fall 2018, Fall 2019)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Palestinian American Research Center (2020-2021)

Fellowship for U.S. Scholars Conducting Field-Based Research on Palestine

Laney Graduate School, Emory University (2020-2021)

Dissertation Completion Award

Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University (2017)

Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Workshop

Max Planck Institute for European Legal History (2017)

Summer Academy for Legal History in Frankfurt, Germany

U.S. Department of State (2016)

Critical Language Scholarship Award, Arabic Language Studies in Amman, Jordan

Boston College Law School (2011-2015)

Merit-Based Tuition Scholarship

Pro Bono Excellence Award

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Conference Presentations

“Israel, Annexation, and Sovereignty: Within the Green Line and Across It,” Middle East Studies Association (Nov. 2023, with Ian Lustick)

- “The 2023 Israel-Hamas War in Legal and Historical Context,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2023)
- “Israeli Settler Colonialism and the Law: On the Significance of Palestinian Enfranchisement under the One-State Reality,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (Jul. 2023)
- “Extralegal Allegiance: Citizenship, Residency, and Self-Determination in Israel-Palestine,” Association for Israel Studies (Jun. 2023)
- “Israel, Annexation, and Sovereignty: Within the Green Line and Across It,” Association for Israel Studies (Jun. 2023, with Ian Lustick)
- “Equality *Before* the Law: On the Efficacy of Israeli Citizenship as a Catalyst for Full Membership in the Israeli-Palestinian Polity,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2022)
- “Illicit Import: The Artful Incorporation of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945 into the Israeli Legal System,” Third Legal Histories of Empire Conference, Maynooth University, Ireland (Jun. 2022)
- “The Functioning of Law in Israeli Settler Colonialism,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (Jul. 2021, rescheduled from Jun. 2020)
- “The Utility of Settler Colonialism as a Framework of Analysis for Human Rights Violations in Israel-Palestine,” 7th Joint Human Rights Conference of the International Studies Association, American Political Science Association, European Consortium for Political Research, and the Human Rights Consortium at the University of London (Jun. 2021, rescheduled from Jun. 2020)
- “Extrajudicial Expulsions, Property Expropriations, and the Production of Palestinian ‘Absentees’ in Post-Nakba Israel-Palestine,” Law and Society Association (May 2021)
- “From British Colonialism to Zionist Settler Colonialism: The Evolution of the Legal Regime in Israel- Palestine, 1920-1966,” Middle East Studies Association (Oct. 2020)
- “Israeli Politics, Ultra-Orthodox Jews, and the IDF,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2019)
- “Israel’s Nation-State Law and Its Implications,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2018)
- “Veiling Injustice: Palestinian Human Rights in Israel’s Highest Court,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (Jun. 2018)
- “Judging the Enemy: State-Sanctioned Violence and Palestinian Human Rights in Israel’s Highest Court,” Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University (Mar. 2018)
- “Human Rights Under Siege: A Historical Analysis of the Supreme Court of Israel,” Georgia Association of Historians (Feb. 2018)
- “Narrating Legality: The Supreme Court of Israel in Pursuit of Legitimacy,” Centre for the History of Violence, Rome, Italy (Nov. 2017)

“Sanctioning Injustice: The Israeli Judiciary and Palestinian Detainees,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2017)

“Controlling Palestine: Britain, Israel, and the Legacies of Arab Suppression, 1936-1994,” Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt, Germany (Aug. 2017)

“Punitive House Demolitions in the West Bank: Israeli Policy and International Law,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Apr. 2016)

Invited Talks

“The Ideational Origins of Palestinian Dispossession: Settler Colonialism, Jewish Restoration, and U.S. Foreign Policy,” The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Feb. 2024)

“Contextualizing the Israel-Hamas War,” Israel-Palestine Crisis: Three-Part Panel Series, Virginia Tech (Dec. 2023)

“Ashkenazi-Mizrahi Relations in Mandatory Palestine and Israel,” Class on Jews in Arab Lands, Professor Gordon Newby, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University (Nov. 2017)

“Al-Azhar, the Islamic State, and the Doctrine of Unbelief,” Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University School of Law (Mar. 2017)

“Is Israel a Liberal State?,” Religion, Culture, and Law in Comparative Practice Seminar, Emory University School of Law (Mar. 2017)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Experience

Research Assistant (Summer 2014)
Professor Mary Bilder, Boston College Law School

Research Assistant (Summer 2012)
Professor Francis Herrmann, Boston College Law School

Legal Experience

Judicial Intern for the Honorable Susan K. Lee (Spring 2015)
United States District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee, Chattanooga, TN

Legal Intern (Summer 2014)
District Attorney General’s Office, 11th Judicial District, Chattanooga, TN

Judicial Intern for the Honorable William P. Robinson, III (Spring 2014)
Rhode Island Supreme Court, Providence, RI

Legal Consultant (Spring 2013)
Boston College Legal Assistance Bureau, Waltham, MA

Legal Consultant (Summer 2012)
GreenPoint Global, New York, NY

Law Apprentice (2010-2011)

Koren - Grodberg & Co., Tel Aviv, Israel-Palestine

Legal Counsel (2009-2010)

The Civil Rights Center, Beit Shemesh, Israel-Palestine

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society

Middle East Studies Association

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies

Law and Society Association

Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Panelist, "Religion and Voting Rights," Fair Fight (Apr. 2021)

Interviewee, "On Being Biracial in Israel, the Arab World, and Beyond," In Full Color Podcast (Aug. 2020)

LANGUAGE SKILLS AND TRAINING

Hebrew (First)

English (Fluent)

Arabic (Advanced)

French (Reading)

BAR ADMISSION

Israel Bar

CITIZENSHIPS

United States

Israel