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## **Education**

### **Ph.D. (2024)**

Emory University, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies (Atlanta, GA)  
Program: Islamic Civilizations Studies  
Dissertation Title: “State of Emergency: Law, Violence, and the Establishment of Israel, 1948-1966”  
Committee: Ian Lustick (Political Science, University of Pennsylvania); Carrie Wickham (Political Science); 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 Faculty of Law (Rishon Letsiyon, Israel-Palestine)

## **Teaching**

### **Undergraduate**

UT Chattanooga, Department of History, Assistant Professor  
Genocide in Global Comparative Perspective (SP 2026)  
The Historian’s Craft: Capstone in History (FA 2025)  
Israel-Palestine: Contested Histories (SP 2025)  
Global Indigenous History (FA 2024)  
Making the Modern World: Globalization, Imperialism, and Revolution (FA 2024—Present)

UT Chattanooga, Department of Political Science & Public Service, Adjunct Professor  
International Human Rights Law (FA 2020, online)  
International Law (FA 2019)

Emory University, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies  
Adjunct Professor, Debating the Middle East (SP 2019)  
Teaching Associate, Beyond Borders: Imagining the Middle East and South Asia (SP 2017)  
Teaching Assistant, Politics of the Middle East (FA 2016)

### **Graduate**

Emory University, Laney Graduate School  
Instructor, Microteaching (selected to assess research and pedagogical approaches of first-year Ph.D. students) (FA 2018, FA 2019)

## **Publications**

### **Journal Articles**

- “Legal Fictions and Settler Colonialism: The Case of the Defence (Emergency) Regulations, 1945 in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories,” *Settler Colonial Studies* 15, no. 1 ([2025](#))
- “The Israel-Hamas War One Year Later: Mass Violence and Palestinian Dispossession,” *Middle East Policy* 31, no. 4 (Winter [2024](#))
- “Israel, Annexation, and Sovereignty: Within the Green Line and Across It,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 56, no. 3 (with Ian Lustick, [2024](#))
- “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](#))

## **Presentations**

### **Conference Presentations**

- “The Extralegality of Palestinian Dispossession: The Special Night Squads, the Israel Defense Forces, and Unchecked Violence,” Middle East Studies Association (Nov. 2025)
- “The Future of Gaza,” Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society (Oct. 2025)
- “The Nakba on Trial: Legalism, Denialism, and Pseudo-Moralism in Palestinian Deportations Cases from the 1950s,” Middle East Studies Association (Nov. 2024)
- “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**

“President Trump’s 20-Point Plan for Gaza,” The King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies’ Forum on the Middle East, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Nov. 2025)

“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-Mizrachi 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)

### **Presentations at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga**

“Gaza: Two Years of War,” Historians React to Current Events (with Annie Tracy Samuel, Nov. 2025)

“Contemporary Challenges to the International Rule of Law,” Symposium on the Rule of Law (Sept. 2025)

“The Conflict in Gaza: Historicizing and Making Sense of Israel-Palestine,” Historians React to Current Events (with Annie Tracy Samuel, Oct. 2024)

### **Departmental and University Service**

Pre-Law Advisor (Aug. 2024-present)

History Club Advisor (Aug. 2024-present)

Student Programming Coordinator (Aug. 2025-present)

History Bylaws Committee (Aug. 2025-present)

History Department Faculty Search Committee (2025)

**Service to the Profession**

Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Society  
Board Member (2020-present)  
Annual Meeting Program Committee (2020-Present)

**Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

Faculty Grant, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (2025)  
For Presentation of Scholarship

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

**Language Skills and Training**

Hebrew (First)

English (Fluent)

Arabic (Advanced)

Aramaic (Reading)

French (Reading)