

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. Middle Eastern Studies – Arabic Literature and Cinema
New York University, Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies | Fall 2015, conferred Jan 2016 |
| M.A. Middle Eastern Studies – History and Literature
New York University, Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies | 2011 |
| M.A. English Literature
City University of New York | 2007 |
| B.A. English Literature, Damascus University | 2003 |

HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Erasmus Mundus, Universitat de Barcelona Dec 2013 – June 2014
- MacCracken Fellowship, New York University 2008 – 2013
- Global Research Initiative, New York University – Berlin Sept – Dec 2012
- Fulbright Scholarship, U.S. Department of State – City University of New York 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies – UC Berkeley July 2016 – present
- Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies – UC Berkeley Jan – July, 2016
- Researcher - Department of Philology – Universitat de Barcelona Jan – June, 2014
- Lecturer in Arabic – Rutgers University Fall 2013
- Teaching Assistant – New York University 2010, 2011, 2013
- Lecturer in Arabic – Columbia University 2008, 2011, 2013
- Arabic Instructor – The United Nations 2010, 2011
- Participant – Penn World Voices - Pen World Voices Festival. May 2012
- Interpreter – NYU Abu Dhabi New York Oct 2011
- Lecturer of Arabic – Queens College 2007, 2008
- Journalist – Al-Hayat newspaper 2007, 2008

PUBLICATIONS

- Book review of *Being Palestinian: Personal Reflections on Palestinian Identity in the Diaspora*, ed. Yasir Suleiman in *The Journal of Palestine Studies* Issue 180 – July 2016
- Translation of poems by Najwan Darwish in *Wasafiri* journal Issue 80 – Nov 2014
- "Facebook Balconies over the Dark Heart of Yarmuk," in *Al-Shabaka* June 2014

- Translation of poems by Muhammad Al-Maghut in *Jadaliyya* June 2014
- "From Stateless to Settler in four not-so-easy steps," in [wherever] magazine Jan 2014
- "Palestinians on the Road to Damascus," in *Al-Shabaka* Sept 2012
- "Freeing Imaginations in Occupied Kafr Anbel," in *Kalimat* magazine Issue 5 - Spring 2012
- Book review of *Poets for Palestine* ed. Remi Kanazi in the *Arab Studies Journal* Vol. XVIII No. 1 - Spring 2010
- Translation of "The Dice Player," a poem by Mahmoud Darwish in the *Washington Square Journal* Issue 24 - Fall 2009

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION:

- "I am Joseph, Father," a paper presentation at the Middle Eastern Studies Association annual meeting in Washington D.C. Nov 2014
- "The Arab in the Palestinian Imaginary," a lecture for the Constructions of Identities M.A. program at the Universitat de Barcelona May 2014
- "The Deceit of Majāz in The Poetry of Mahmud Darwish," a paper presentation at the American Comparative Literature Association annual meeting at New York University March 2014
- Invited to present on the condition of Palestinian Refugees on the occasion of World Refugee Day at the United Nations Headquarters June 2013
- "On the Politics of Writing for Translation in Modern Arabic Literature," a paper presentation at the Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern Studies March 2011
- Participated in a bilingual poetry recital at the United Nations on the occasion of Arabic Language Day March 2010

AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIPS

- Fulbright Alumni Association
- Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)
- American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)
- Journal of Palestine Studies (book review team)

LANGUAGES

- Native/native fluency: English, Arabic
- Reading knowledge and conversation: French, German, Hebrew and Spanish

INTERESTS

- Modern Arabic literature
- 20th century Arabic poetry
- Arab cinema
- Refugee studies
- Translation studies