



EDUCATION

Ph.D. Spanish | University of Virginia [2017]
M.A. Hispanic Studies | Villanova University, PA [2013]
B.A. Spanish Literature | Damascus University, Syria [2011]



RESEARCH SUMMARY

Historiography of Al-Andalus and Medieval Iberia; Semitic maqamat; Cervantes' *Don Quixote*; picaresque literature; Averroes' political theories in his epitome of Plato's *Republic*.



EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor | UC Berkeley [2018-present]
Departments of Spanish & Portuguese, and Near Eastern Studies
Courses taught: SPANISH 135 Challenging Genres.

Graduate Teaching Assistant | University of Virginia [2013-2017]

Courses taught: SPAN 3300 Texts and Interpretation, SPAN 2010 Intermediate Spanish I, SPAN 2020 Intermediate Spanish II, SPAN 4993 Language House - Casa Bolívar, Intensive summer courses at UVa and Valencia, Spain (Summer 2014, 2015).

Project Manager: TEACHERTalk | University of Virginia [2014]

Project Manager on an NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor project with Professor Scida to create and manage an online collaborative teaching community for instructors of foreign languages at UVA

<https://teachertalk.shanti.virginia.edu/>

In-Residence Director of Spanish House | University of Virginia [2014-2015]

Served as a liaison between the House and the Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese
Conducted interviews and reviewed applications for new residents.
Oversaw the programming of cultural events through the committee system

Graduate Teaching/Research Assistant | Villanova University [2011-2013]

Courses taught: Intro Spanish I, Intermediate Spanish I, Intermediate Spanish II, Introduction to Hispanic Cultural Studies. Study Abroad Program Assistant in Cadiz, Spain (Summer 2012).

Research assistant to Professors Mercedes Julia, Carmen Perais and Adriano Duque.

Translator and Editor | Bright Fingers Publishing House (Syria) [2008-2011]

Translating and editing publications between English, French, Spanish and Arabic.

Freelance Translator and Interpreter [2007-2011]

March 2010 – August 2011: Arab Scientific Publishers Inc. (Beirut, Lebanon)

January 2010 – August 2011: Ray for Publishing and Science (Aleppo, Syria)

September 2007 – May 2008: Al-Ajyal Publishing House (Tunis, Tunisia)



AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dissertation Fellowship, University of Virginia (Fall 2017).
- Buckner W. Clay award in the Humanities (2016-2017)
- Charles Gordon Reid, Jr Summer Travel Fellowship (Summer of 2014)
- Summer Research Grant from Villanova University (Summer of 2012)
- MAEC Scholar at Salamanca, Spain (2008)
- Youth Exchange and Study (YES) Scholar, USA (2005-2006)



SELECTED CONFERENCES

- "Failure of male-friendship in *Celestina*" MIFLC: The 66th Annual Mountain Interstate Foreign Language Conference (October, 2016)
- "A checker pattern woven of intellect: Misconceptions of the *maqāmā* genre in Iberian criticism", The 51st International Congress on Medieval Studies (May, 2016).
- "A non-Arab's Journey to Colonial Spanish America: The Curious Case of Elias Al-Musili", KFLC: The Languages, Literatures, and Cultures Conference. (April, 2016)
- "For the Sake of Communication in *Ḥayy Ibn Yaqzān*: The *Philosophus Autodidactus* Revisited", Dialogue and Difference in the Middle Ages, University of Bristol, UK (February, 2016)



PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming

- "A convivencia of Convenience: The Curious Case of Ibn al-Qūṭīyah." *The Routledge Companion to Medieval Iberia*. Ed. E. Michael Gerli & Ryan D. Giles. London: Routledge, [expected 2019].

Selected Translations (Spanish and English to Arabic)

- Ayen, Xavi. *Thawrat Nobel: Rebeldía de Nobel*. UAE: Dar Al Thaqaqa for Publishing & Distribution, 2011. Print. ISBN: 9789948446194.
- Grisham, John. *The Rainmaker*. Aleppo, Syria: Ray Publishing & Science, 2010. Print.
- Miró, Asha, and Anna Soler-Pont. *Āthār Al-Ṣandal: Rastros De Sandalo: riwāyah*. Bayrūt: al-Dār al-‘Arabīyah lil-‘Ulūm, 2011. Print. ISBN: 9786140101005.



LANGUAGE SKILLS

- **Arabic:** Native speaker
- **English:** Fluent
- **Spanish:** Fluent - *Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)* 2010 score: 97.75%
- **French:** Advanced