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POSITIONS HELD:

Associate Professor in the Department of History and the Department of Africana Studies, The University of Pennsylvania, 2006-present.

Associate Professor in the Department of History, The University of Georgia, with a specialization in the history of the modern Middle East, 1995-2005.

EDUCATION:

1995: PhD, History and Middle East Studies, Harvard University

1988: M.A., Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University

1983: B.A., magna cum laude, History and Literature, Harvard University

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study Fellow, 2005-2006

MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Program, 2003-2008

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad, Faculty Program (CASA III), summer, 2004

Sudan Studies Association Merit Award, May 2004

Center for Humanities Research Fellowship, The University of Georgia, 2003

Member, The Institute for Advanced Studies, School of Social Sciences, Princeton, 1999-2000

Center for Humanities Research Fellowship, The University of Georgia, 1998

Parks-Heggoy Teaching Award, Dept. of History, The University of Georgia, 1998

Lilly Teaching Fellows Award, 1997-98, The University of Georgia

American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship, summer 1997

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Tell This in my Memory: Stories of Enslavement in Egypt, Sudan and the Ottoman Empire, Stanford University Press, Fall 2012.

A Different Shade of Colonialism: Egyptian Nationalists and the Mastery of the Sudan, 1875-1925, University of California Press, 2003.

The Same But Different: Documents on African Slavery in the Islamic Mediterranean (19th-20th Centuries), Eds. John Hunwick and Eve M. Troutt Powell, Markus Wiener Press, Inc., 2002.

Articles:

“Bodies Captured on Film: Photographing Sudanese Slaves in the early 20th century,” “The Ashgate Research Companion to Modern Imperial Histories, eds. Philippa Levine and John Marriott. Spring 2012.

“Sudan in Theaters near You: the Visual Culture of Intervention”, Critical Interventions, V, Fall, 2009.

“Translating Slavery”, part of As I Read It series in International Journal of Middle East Studies, vol. 39, no. 2, April 2007.

“Will that Subaltern Ever Speak? Finding African Slaves in the Historiography of the Middle East” in Narrating History: Histories and Historiographies of the Twentieth-Century Middle East, eds. Israel Gershoni, Amy Singer and Hakan Erdem (University of Washington Press, 2006)

“Sainted Slave: Bakhita in the Memories of Southern Sudanese” in Race and Identity in the Nile Valley: Ancient and Modern Perspectives, eds. Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban and Kharyssa Rhodes (Red Sea Press, 2004)

“Slaves or Siblings: The Family in the Dialogues of `Abdallah al-Nadim” in Histories of the Modern Middle East, eds. Hakan Erdem, Israel Gershoni and Ursula Wokoeck (Lynne Rienner Press, Inc.2002.)

“Race, Slapstick and Nationalism: The Egyptian Theater of `Ali al-Kassar” in Colors of Enchantment, vol. 2. Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, November, 2001.

“From Odyssey to Empire: The Sudan in Egyptian Literature in the mid-nineteenth Century”, International Journal of Middle East Studies., vol. 31, August, 1999, pp. 401-427.

“Brothers Along the Nile: Race and Unity in the Nile Valley, 1895-1910”, H. Erlich and I. Gershoni (eds.), The Nile: Histories, Cultures, Myths, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner, 1999.

“Waving His Own Flag: An Egyptian Narrative of the Mahdiyya,” Edebiyat: the Journal of Arabic Literature, (7) Winter, 1997.

“Egyptians in Blackface: Nationalism and the Representation of the Sudan in Egypt, 1919,” The Harvard Middle East and Islamic Review (2) Autumn, 1995.

“The Sudan under Gordon and Kitchener: The Narrative Strategy of Ibrahim Fawzi Pasha,” The American Research Center in Cairo Newsletter, November, 1993.

Book Reviews:

“The Empire and its other Servants”, Book Forum on Alison Light’s “Mrs. Woolf and the Servants”, Journal of Women’s History, vol. 21, no. 3, Autumn, 2009.

Review of Academic Freedom After September 11 edited by Beshara Doumani for Middle East Policy, Summer 2007

Review of “Ethiopia and the Middle East” by Haggai Erlich for The International Journal of Middle East Studies, April, 2004

Review of “In the House of Muhammad Ali: A Family Album, 1805-1952” by Hassan Hassan for The International Journal of African Historical Studies, Volume 35, Nos. 2-3, 2002.

Review of “Assaulting with Words: Shari’ah-mindedness in the Public Discourse of the Sudan” by Abdullahi Ali Ibrahim in The International Journal of Middle East Studies, November 1996.

PRESENTATIONS:

“How to Write Your Own Enslavement: the Narrative of Salim C. Wilson”, invited presentation for the Being Nobody Conference (celebrating 30 years since the publication of Orlando Patterson’s *Slavery as Social Death*), Brown University, April 13-15, 2012

“The Arab Spring”, invited presentation at the University of Maryland, April 3, 2012.

“Writing Your Own Enslavement”, invited presentation for symposium on Race, Gender and Slavery in the Islamic World, Princeton University, March 16-18, 2012.

“Emancipation in the Middle East”, invited presentation for Beyond Freedom conference at the Gilder-Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Yale University, November, 2011.

“Other People’s Help: How to Study Slavery in Societies not your own”, invited presentation at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Oct. 2011.

“Other People’s Help”, Distinguished Humanities Lecture presented at the Friends Central School, Wynnewood, PA.

“Huda and Halide and the Slaves at Bedtime”, invited presentation for conference on Slavery in the Modern World, Marrakesh, Morocco, April 2011.

“Bodies Captured on Film: Photographing Sudanese Slaves” presented to the Davis Center, Princeton University, Oct. 23, 2009

“Bodies Captured on Film: Sudanese Slaves and the Power of Photography”, keynote address delivered for Presidential Research Award Day, University of South Dakota, Oct. 28, 2009

“Sudan in Theaters Near You: the Visual Politics of Darfur” invited talk presented for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and the Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, April 2008

“Darfur and its Discontents” keynote address presented at Research Awards Day, DePaul University, March 2008

“Remembering Slavery in the Nile Valley” invited talk at Holy Cross College, Dept. of History, March 29, 2007

“Bearing Witness: African Slaves in the Nile Valley” invited presentation at Boston College, Center for Africana Studies, March 28, 2007

“Talk to Me, Bakhita!” public presentation given at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, April 8, 2006.

“Which Map Leads Home? Religious Belief and “Belonging” among the Southern Sudanese Diaspora” presented at the upcoming workshop “Belonging: the Crisis of Citizenship and the Nation-State, Goree Institute, Social Science Research Council, April 1-2, 2005

“Reading Saint Bakhita: Race and the Narrated Lives of a Sudanese Slave”, presented as part of the Department of Anthropology’s lecture series on Race and Anthropology, Emory University, September, 2004.

“Our Shared History: America and the Middle East” keynote address presented at the Georgia Humanities Council, May, 2004

“Will that Subaltern Speak? African Slaves in Middle Eastern Historiography” keynote address presented at The Graduate Center, City University of New York, April, 2004.

“What Slaves Teach Us: the Narratives of St. Josephine Bakhita’s Life” presented at the Colloquium on Race and Slavery in the Middle East, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, April, 2004

“Sainted Slave: Bakhita remembered by the southern Sudanese” presented at New York University, Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, March, 2004

“Telling of Slavery through the Faithful: St. Josephine Bakhita” presented at the University of Pennsylvania, Middle East Center, November, 2003.

“38 Flavors and Then Some” commencement address for the December convocation at The University of Georgia, December, 2003.

“What Slaves Teach Us: Saint Josephine Bakhita’s Life” presented at the University of California, Berkeley, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, October, 2003.

“Will that Subaltern Ever Speak Up?: African Slaves in the Archives” presented at Bogazici University, Istanbul in May 2002, for the workshop on History and Historiography of the Middle East”, sponsored by Bogazici University and Tel Aviv University.

“Black Egyptians and Egyptians in Black-face: Skin Color and Cairene Culture in the 1920s” presented at Northwestern University, Dept. of History, Oct. 1, 2001

“Egyptians in Black-face: Race and Nationalism in Egyptian Theater, 1916-1935” presented at City College, CUNY, Feb. 22, 2001.

“The Gentle Slave Who Reared Me: Slavery, Memory and Abolition in Nineteenth Century Egypt” presented at the City University of New York Graduate Center, Feb. 23, 2001.

“Sainted Slave: Bakhita and the Memories of Southern Sudanese” presented at the Colloquium on African History, Harvard University, Program in African Studies, March 21, 2000. (Invited)

“The Tools of the Master: Slavery, Empire and Abolition in 19th century Egypt” presented at The Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Feb. 10, 2000.

“From Odyssey to Empire: Using Literature to Analyze Constructions of Race in Nineteenth Century Egypt” presented at Columbia University, Colloquium on Arabic Studies, Jan. 27, 2000. (Invited)

“The Gentle Slave who Reared Me: Slavery and Childhood in Nineteenth Century Egypt”, presented at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Nov. 16-21, 2001, Orlando, FLA.

“Tracing Race along the Nile Valley” presented at The Institute for Advanced Study, Colloquium on Human Rights, School of Social Science, Dec. 1, 1999, Princeton, NJ.

“Brothers Across the Nile” presented on panel Race and Nationalism, African Studies Association, November, 1999, Philadelphia, PA.

“Slaves or Siblings? The Black Domestic in the Writings of `Abdallah al-Nadim” presented at Bogazici University, Istanbul, Turkey, May 1999. This paper was invited by the Institute of Advanced Study, Hebrew University

“Egyptians in Blackface: Race, Slapstick and Nationalism in the Theater of Ali al-Kassar, 1916-1930” presented at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Chicago, Dec. 4-7, 1998.

“Sainted Slave: Bakhita in the Memory of the Southern Sudanese”, presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., Jan. 7-10, 1999.

“Brothers Across the Nile: Race and the Unity of the Nile Valley” at the International Conference on The Nile - Civilization, History, Myths, 19-22 May, 1997, Tel Aviv University, May 19-22, 1997.

“Blood Thicker than Water: Race and the Unity of the Nile Valley, 1895-1910,” part of the panel Race and Identity in the Nile Valley, at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, November 21-24, 1996.

“Waving His Own Flag: An Egyptian Narrative of the Mahdiyya”, part of the panel Literature, delivered at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Dec. 10, 1995.

“Sainted Slave: Bakhita’s Motherhood for the Southern Sudanese”, paper delivered at Kenyon College as a work in progress, April 1, 1995 and as panel for the Conference on Blacks in the Diaspora, Michigan State University, April 15, 1995.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

news clerk/reporter trainee, Foreign Desk, The New York Times, 1984-6
editorial intern, The American University in Cairo Press, 1983-4

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, beginning in fall of 2012

Interim Faculty Associate Director, Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2011-2012

Member of Vice Provost Committee for Academic Achievement, 2011 through the present, University of Pennsylvania

Member of Executive Committee, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania, 2009-2010

Member of Graduate Committee, Dept. of History, University of Pennsylvania, 2010-2011

Member of Executive Committee, Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania, 2007-present

Member of Executive Committee, Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania, 2010 to present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Member of Editorial Committee, International Journal of Middle East Studies

Elected Member of the Board for the Middle East Studies Association of North America, 2008-2011

Board Member for the World Council on Middle East Studies, 2004-5

Member of Dissertation Award Committee, Middle East Studies Association of North America, 2007

Member of Program Committee, American Historical Association, 2005

Member of Nominating Committee, Middle East Studies Association of North America, 2004

Member of Nominating Committee, MESA, 2001

Manuscript Reviewer for the University of California Press, Lynne Rienner Press, University of Florida Press, Yale University Press, Cambridge University Press, Stanford University Press

LANGUAGES:

Arabic and French