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Employment and Teaching Experience

Brown University, History Department Assistant Professor of African History	2015-
The City College of New York, CUNY, History Department Assistant Professor of African History	2012-2015
Lehman College, CUNY, African and African American Studies Department Assistant Professor of African History	2010-2012

Education

Ph.D. in History, Princeton University Dissertation: "Humanizing Warfare: The Politics of Medicine, Health Care and International Humanitarian Intervention in Algeria" Committee: James McDougall, Philip Nord, Frederick Cooper	2010
M.A. in History, Princeton University	2006
B.A. with Honors in History, Brown University	2004

Publications

Book

The Battle for Algeria: Sovereignty, Health Care, and Humanitarianism (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016).

Select Reviews: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of African History*, *French Studies*, *The Journal of North African Studies*, *Review of Middle East Studies*, *H-France*, *Journal of Global South Studies*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*

Articles

"The Origins of Family Planning in Tunisia: Reform, Public Health, and International Aid," *The Bulletin of the History of Medicine*, 2018, 92: 664-693.

"New Directions in the History of Medicine in European, Colonial, and Transimperial Contexts," *Contemporary European History*, vol. 25, 2 (May 2016), 387-399.

"Humanize the Conflict: Algerian Health Care Organizations and Propaganda Campaigns, 1954-1962," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 44 (November 2012), 713-731.

Book Reviews

Sung-Eun Choi, *Decolonization and the French of Algeria: Bringing the Settler Colony Home* (Palgrave MacMillan, 2016), Reviewed for the *American Historical Review*, December 2017.

Jeffrey James Byrne, *Mecca of Revolution: Algeria, Decolonization, and the Third World* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), Reviewed for H-Diplo, February 2018.

Ali Boumendjel: Une affaire française, une histoire algérienne, by Malika Rahal, H-France Review *H-France Review* Vol. 11 (September 2010), No. 204.

Works-in-Progress

Books:

State-building After Empire: Health Care, Family Planning, and International Aid in North Africa (book manuscript)

African History Through Sources: From Empire to Nation-State, 1945-2000, Volume 2, co-author with Nancy Jacobs (under contract with Cambridge University Press)

Book Chapters and Articles

“The French Red Cross, Decolonization, and Humanitarianism during the Algerian War,” in *Human Rights, Empires, and their Ends: The New History of Human Rights and Decolonization*, eds. Roland Burke, Marco Duranti and A. Dirk Moses, (under review with Cambridge University Press)

“Developing Postcolonial Morocco: King Hassan II, Health Care, and Family Planning, 1965-1968,” (revise and resubmit, *Humanity*)

Fellowships and Awards

Rockefeller Archive Center Research Grant	2018
Junior Faculty Development Award, History Department, Brown University	2018
Faculty Development Fund Award, Dean of the College, Brown University	2017
Publication Fund Award, History Department, Brown University	2017
Watson Institute Collaboration Grant, Brown University	2016
Faculty Curriculum Development Grant, Global Health Initiative, Brown University	2016
Humanities Research Fund Grant, Brown Office of the Vice President for Research	2016-2018
Woodrow Wilson National Foundation Career Enhancement Fellowship	2015-2016
Humanities Enrichment Grant, The City College of New York	2013-2014
PSC-CUNY Award, The City University of New York	2013-2014
Faculty Fellowship Publication Program, The City University of New York	2011-2012
National History Center Decolonization Seminar, The National History Center and the Library of Congress	2010
CEMA Research Grant, The American Institute for Maghrib Studies	2009
SSRC-MMUF Proposal Writing and Dissertation Development Seminar	2009
Dissertation Fellow, Princeton University	2008-2009
Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton University Department of History	2007-2008
Center for Health and Wellbeing Grant, The Woodrow Wilson School	2008
Dissertation Research Fellowship, Princeton University Center for African-American Studies	2006
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies, The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation	2004-2005
Foreign Language Area Studies Award for Arabic The U.S. Department of Education	2005
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation	2002-2004

Invited Talks and Interviews

“Developing Postcolonial Morocco: King Hassan II, Health Care and Family Planning,” Columbia University, International History Workshop, 30 January 2019.

"Negotiating Health After Empire: Rewriting the History of Family Planning in North Africa," Boston University's African Studies Center, 22 October 2018.

“African Perspectives in World History,” Choices Program Presentation, Brown University, 28 June 2018.

“Developing National Health Care in postcolonial Tunisia and Morocco: Family Planning, the Population Council, and International Aid,” Boston College, 15 September 2017.

“Medical History as National History: Decolonization and the Algerian War,” History of Medicine Working Group, Harvard University, 23 March 2017.

“The Battle for Algeria: Sovereignty, Health Care, and Humanitarianism,” Sponsored by Middle East Studies, Brown University, 19 October 2016.

Interview for *The Battle for Algeria*, Ottoman History Podcast, 19 September 2016.

“Algeria during the Interwar Period: Reform Efforts and Making Claims Under French Rule,” Lecture for Sub-Saharan Africa, c. 1850-1946: Colonial Contexts and Everyday Experiences, Brown University, March 2016.

“The Battle for Algeria: Sovereignty, Health Care, and Humanitarianism,” History of Medicine Working Group, Brown University, December 2015.

“‘See our arms, see our physicians’: The Algerian Health-Services Division and the Politics of Nation Building.” University Seminar, Beyond France, Columbia University, 19 September 2014.

« Le Croissant Rouge Algérien : politique et humanitarisme pendant la guerre d’Algérie. » Pour une histoire social de l’Algérie colonisée, CHS, Paris, 22 January 2014.

"Claiming Sovereignty: Algerian health care and humanitarian initiatives." University Seminar on Contemporary Africa, Columbia University, 6 April 2012.

“Decolonization and Humanitarianism: The International Committee of the Red Cross in Algeria.” Dissections: Body, Space, and Time in the Middle East and North Africa, Seminar in the Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center, 4 November 2011.

“Writing, Researching, and the Professoriate.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Brown University, 27 October 2011.

“Health and Colonial Wars of Liberation: The Case of Algeria.” Disease, Medicine, and Empire, ca. 1750, History Graduate Seminar, CUNY Graduate Center, April 2011.

“The Maghrib and Problems of Categorization on the Job Market.” Shadows, Mirrors, White Spaces: Thinking Algeria with and beyond the Limits of Francophone Scholarship in North Africa, Johns Hopkins University, 22 October, 2010.

“The doctor is the true conqueror, the peaceful conqueror”: *Les Sections Administratives Spécialisées*, 1955-1962. Invited speaker at the Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Oxford University, February 2010.

“The Algerian War: Stakes and Consequences for France.” New Jersey Teacher’s Workshop for Professional Development, Princeton University, February 2010.

Conference Papers and Workshop Presentations

"Demographic Pressure and National Anxieties: Development, Religion, and Family Planning in Postcolonial Morocco," Brown University Legal History Workshop, 5 October 2018.

“Reconsidering the Origins of Family Planning in Africa: The Curious Cases of Tunisia and Morocco," Africa Initiative, Works-in-Progress Series, Brown University, September 2017.

"Legacies of Colonial Public Health in Morocco: Disease Management, Family Planning and International Aid," Colonial Morocco Revisited Conference, Rabat, Morocco, July 2017.

“Fortifying the Nation: International Health Initiatives in North Africa After Independence,” Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, June 2017.

“Developing Africa's Future: Women, Family Planning, and International Assistance in Postcolonial Tunisia,” African Studies Association, Washington, DC, 1-3 December 2016.

Roundtable: Pedagogical Tools for African History: From High School to Graduate School, African Studies Association, Washington, DC, 1-3 December 2016.

“New Directions in the History of Medicine: North Africa, Decolonization, and Postcolonial State-building,” International Seminar on Decolonization Conference, Washington, DC, July 2016.

“Medicine, War, and Decolonization in Algeria,” Woodrow Wilson Career Enhancement Retreat, Tampa, Florida, August 2015.

“Algeria at the United Nations.” Algérie: La longue durée, Nanterre, France, 19 April 2013.

“Claiming Algeria by Proxy: Third World Allies, the United Nations, and its Charter, 1954-1962.” American Historical Association, New Orleans, 3-6 January 2013.

“The Humanitarian Tie that Binds: The International Committee of the Red Cross in Algeria during Decolonization.” Humanitarianism in Times of War, 1914-2012, Gießen, Germany, 11-13 October 2012.

“Competing Medical Discourses: The *Sections Administratives Spécialisées* and the Algerian Red Crescent in Algeria, 1954-1962.” Anglo-American Conference, London, June 29-July 1, 2011.

“The Battle for Hearts and Bodies: French and Algerian Health Care Policies, 1954-1962.” American Institute for Maghrib Studies Conference on “Public Health in the Maghrib,” Tunis, Tunisia, June 2011.

“The Evolution and Limitations of Colonial Policy: The United Nations and the International Committee of the Red Cross in Algeria, 1945-1962.” French Colonial Historical Society Conference, Toronto, June 2-4, 2011.

Organizing and Commenting

Organizer, “Rewriting Histories of Maternal Health and Family Planning in Postcolonial Africa,” African Studies Association Conference, 29 November- 1 December 2018.

Discussant, Education in Africa Conference, Watson Institute, Brown University, 10 March 2017.

Discussant, “Medicine and Knowledge in the Middle East,” Workshop at the Graduate Center, CUNY, April 2016.

Chair and Discussant, “New Perspectives on the History of Medicine in Colonial Algeria,” Middle East Studies Association conference, New Orleans, October, 2013.

Teaching

Brown University, Department of History, 2015-Present

HIST 203: Modern Africa: From Empire to Nation-state (1940-Present)

HIST 1960S: North African History, 1800-Present

HIST 1960Q: Medicine and Public Health in Africa

HIST 1080: Humanitarianism and Conflict in Africa

HIST 2950: Professionalization (Graduate)

HIST 2930: Colloquium: Theory and Methods of History (Graduate)

The City College of New York and Lehman College (CUNY), 2010-2015

HIST 27600: Africa and the Modern World (1850-Present)

HIST 31167: Pre-colonial Africa

HIST 31168: The Algerian War

HIST 31250: War and Peace in Africa

HIST 31252: Medicine and Empire in Africa

HIST B0705: Nationalism and Decolonization in Africa (Graduate)

Department, University and Professional Service

Brown University

Departmental Committees/Service (History)

Priorities Planning Committee Member (PPC) 2016-2018

Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Committee 2018-

University Committees/Service

Affiliated Faculty Member, Africana Studies Department 2017-Present

Affiliated Faculty Member, Middle East Studies Program 2016-Present

Middle East Studies Center Committee 2018

Graduate School Fulbright Review Committee Fall 2017

Medicine and Public Health in Africa Conference, Brown University Nov 2016

The Curriculum at 50 Steering Committee 2016-2017

Panelist and Commentator

Panelist, University Africa Teach-In, Africa Initiative and Watson Institute 2018

Panelist, Silence in the Archives, History DUG 2018

Featured Speaker, Colonization Unit, Choices Program	2017
Panelist and Discussant, Roundtable, French Department	2017
Panelist, History Will Speak: African Liberation Film Series	2017
Panelist, After Spring Documentary, Middle East Studies Program	2016
Participation in Professional Development Workshops	
Facilitator, <i>Slow Professor</i> Workshop for History Department	2017
Panelist, University-wide New Faculty Orientation	2017
Panelist, New Faculty, Postdoc and Visitor Teaching Orientation for History Department	2017
Panelist, History department workshop for new TAs	2017
Facilitator, Junior Faculty Workshop Series, History Department	2016
Undergraduate Theses Supervised	
Primary Advisor	
Katherine Chu, "British Protestant Missionaries in Interwar Egypt: Uneven Encounters in Imperial Contexts," Winner of the Samuel Lamport Prize for International Understanding and the Bishop McVickar Prize, History Department.	
Liliana Hertling, "Becoming Bilingual: Power, Politics, and the Failed Promise of Bilingualism in Postcolonial Cameroon," Development Studies.	
Second Reader/Advisor	
Zachary Witkin, "Innovating Access to Reproductive Health Care: Care Groups, Information and Communication Technology, and Community Health Actors in Southern Senegal," Development Studies.	
Nour Asfour, "Optimizing Medical Relief Efforts During the Syrian Civil War: Analyzing the Syrian American Medical Society as a Hospital in Exile," Public Health.	
The City College of New York	
Undergraduate Advisor, History Department	2013-2015
History Department Prize Committee (chair)	2013-2015
History Department Writing Group Coordinator	2013-2015
Middle States Curriculum Review	2013
Search Committees at City College of New York	
Search Committee in African History	2014-2015
Search Committee in Arabic Language and Literature	Spring 2013
Lehman College	
Faculty College Senate, Department Representative	2010-2012
Arts and Humanities Curriculum Committee	2010-2012
Steering Committee for Middle East Studies Program Minor	2010-2011
Search Committee for Senior Position in African and African American Studies	2010-2011
Conferences Organized	
Greater New York Area Africa Historians Workshop (co-organizer), Barnard College	Spring 2012

Languages

Fluent in French, Advanced Modern Standard Arabic