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**Currently on Research Leave (academic year 2013-2014)**

**Education:**

June 2002	Harvard University, Ph.D. History and Middle Eastern Studies.
1991	University of Chicago, M.A. Middle Eastern Studies.
1987	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, B.A. History.

**Professional Appointments, Activities and Service:**

July 2003—present	Associate Professor (tenured, Feb. 2009), Department of History, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.
Fall 2004—Spring 2009	Advisor, Middle Eastern Studies Concentration, CISS, College of the Holy Cross.
Fall 2006—Spring 2010/ Fall 2011-Spring 2013	Committee on Faculty Affairs, College of the Holy Cross.
Fall 2010	Chair, Pre-Modern Africa/African Diaspora Position Search Committee. Department of History, College of the Holy Cross.
Fall 2011-Spring 2013	Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of History, College of the Holy Cross.
July 2002—present	Instructor and Co-Coordinator, Harvard-Olympia Summer Program for Comparative Cultural Studies, Olympia, Greece.
July 2006—July 2008	Affiliate in Research, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University.
2006—present	Center for Hellenic Studies Olympia Fellow in Comparative Cultural Studies. Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University.
February 2006	<i>Working Group on the Future of Middle Eastern Studies</i> , Crown Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Brandeis University, Feb. 10-12, 2006.
January 2002	Co-founder, Harvard-Olympia Summer Program for Comparative Cultural Studies, Olympia, Greece and Cambridge, MA. International summer school program run through Harvard Summer School (Cambridge, MA.) and in conjunction with the University of Patras (Patras, Greece) and the Kokkalis Foundation (Athens, Greece).

Peer-reviewer for the *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies (IJMES)*.

### **Awards and Scholarships:**

November 2013	Research and Publications Award, College of the Holy Cross.
April 2013	National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend.
November 2012	Faculty Fellowship, College of the Holy Cross.
June 2012	Dibner History of Science Short-Term Grant, Huntington Library, Pasadena, California.
June 2012	Batchelor-Ford Research Grant, College of the Holy Cross.
March 2012	Research and Publications Award, College of the Holy Cross.
March 2009	American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) Travel Grant.
November 2008	Research and Publications Award, College of the Holy Cross.
March 2005	Batchelor-Ford Research Grant, College of the Holy Cross.
March 2004	Research and Publications Award, College of the Holy Cross.
May 2003	American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS) Travel Grant.
1997	Fulbright IIE (Institute of International Education) Grant for research in Morocco.
1997	Foreign Language Areas Studies Grant (FLAS-Title VI), Harvard University (awarded but declined).

### **Work in Progress:**

- “The Politics of Secular Pilgrimage: Paul-Émile Botta’s Red Sea Expedition, 1836-1839.” Chapter in an edited volume (The Botany of Empire in the Long 18<sup>th</sup> Century) currently under review.

### **Publications:**

- *Imperial Geographies in Byzantine and Ottoman Space*. Co-editor (with Dimiter Angelov and Yota Batsaki). Cambridge, Ma.: Center for Hellenic Studies/Harvard University Press, 2013.
- “The Discursive Mapping of Sectarianism in Iraq: the ‘Sunni Triangle’ in the pages of the *New York Times*.” Chapter in, *Imperial Geographies in Byzantine and Ottoman Space*. Cambridge, Ma.: Center for Hellenic Studies/Harvard University Press, 2013.
- “Printing and the Ṭarīqa Kattaniyya: Abd al-Hayy al-Kattani’s, *Muḥākabat Dhū al-Nubl wa al-Iḡāda Ḥadrata Mudār Jarīdat al-Sa’āda*” chapter in *Sufism and Literary Production in the Nineteenth-Century*, eds. Rachida Chih, C. Mayeur-Jaouen and R. Seeseman. Würzburg: Ergon Verlag. Forthcoming, 2014.
- *Forgotten Saints: History, Power and Politics in the Making of Modern Morocco*. Cambridge, Ma.: Center for Middle Eastern Studies Monograph Series/Harvard University Press, 2010.
- “Reading Reform beyond the State: Salwat al-Anfas, Islamic Revival and Moroccan National History,” *Journal of North African Studies*, vol. 13, no. 1 (March 2008): 1-13.
- “Heresy and Politics in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Morocco,” *Arab Studies Journal*, Spring 2003.

### **Book Reviews:**

- Ellen J. Amster. *Medicine and the Saints: Science, Islam, and the Colonial Encounter in Morocco, 1877-1956*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2013. Forthcoming in the *American Historical Review*.
- Stacy E. Holden. *The Politics of Food in Modern Morocco*. Gainesville, FL.: The University Press of Florida, 2009. *The Middle East Journal*, vol. 64, no. 1, 2010.

- Spencer D. Segalla. *The Moroccan Soul: French Education, Colonial Ethnography and Muslim Resistance, 1912-1956*. Lincoln and London: University of Nebraska Press, 2009. *The Historian*, 2010.
- Jonathan G. Katz. *Murder in Marrakesh: Èmile Mauchamp and the French Colonial Adventure*. Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 2006. *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 40:4(2008).
- Cynthia J. Becker. *Amazigh Arts in Morocco: Women Shaping Berber Identity*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 2006. *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World* vol. 5, issues 2-3, 2007.

### Teaching:

Fall 2003 – present

*Historian's Craft: The Arab-Israeli Conflict (seminar), Archaeology, Empire and Nation in the Middle East (seminar); Modernity and Reform in the Ottoman Empire (seminar); Islam and Modernity; History of the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1600 (survey); History of the Ottoman Empire, 1500-1922 (survey); Making of the Modern Middle East (survey); Historian's Craft: Colonial Encounters in North Africa (seminar), Islam and the West: Encounters (survey); Middle East Relations: History of the Middle East from the Rise of Islam (survey)*. College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA.

Summer 2002-present

Instructor, Harvard-Olympia Summer Program for Comparative Cultural Studies, Olympia, Greece. Courses entitled, *Nationalism and Archaeology in the Eastern Mediterranean, Modern Imperial Encounters* and *The Idea of the City*.

Student Theses:

1. Matt Bailey, Second Reader, History Senior Thesis, 2012-2103.
2. Matt Russo, History Independent Study Advisor, Spring 2012.
3. Malik Neal, Second Reader, Washington Semester Thesis, May 2012.
4. Alex Clavering, Second Reader, Washington Semester Thesis, Dec. 2011.
5. Anna Boylan, Capstone Thesis Advisor, May 2011.
6. Cameron Marcus, First Reader, Washington Semester Thesis, May 2011.

### Presentations and Conferences:

- “Levantine and Fassi-s in Nineteenth-Century Tangiers.” Paper presented at the 2013 Annual MESA meeting, New Orleans, LA., Oct. 10-13, 2013.
- “The Politics of Secular Pilgrimage: Paul-Èmile Botta’s Red Sea Expedition 1836-39.” Paper presented at the ‘Botany of Empire in the Long 18<sup>th</sup> Century’ Symposium, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC, Oct, 4-6, 2013.
- “*Notice sur un Voyage dans l’Arabie Heureuse*”: Politics, Orientalism and Scientific Authority in the work of Paul-Èmile Botta.” Paper presented at the French Colonial Historical Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA., May 31-June 2, 2012.
- Invited Panelist, “The Arab Spring,” Anna Maria College, Worcester, MA., Nov. 16, 2011.

- Co-organizer, “Imperial Objects in Circulation.” Workshop held at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Nafplio, Greece, June 21-23, 2011.
- “New Networks of Circulation in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Maghrib.” Presentation given at the Imperial Objects in Circulation Workshop, Center for Hellenic Studies and the Comparative Cultural Studies Program, Nafplio, Greece, June 21-23, 2011.
- “Printing, the Ulama and Political Mobilization in pre-Protectorate Morocco.” Morocco Forum, Harvard University, Feb. 17, 2011.
- Phi Alpha Theta induction ceremony lecture, “Printing and anti-Colonial Political Mobilization in Morocco.” College of the Holy Cross, Feb. 21, 2011.
- Panelist, “The Uprising in Egypt” Montserrat Global Cluster, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA., Feb. 22, 2011.
- “Author Talk: Forgotten Saints: History, Power and Politics in the Making of Modern Morocco.” Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Middle East Initiative at the Kennedy School (Harvard University), Oct. 13, 2010.
- Co-organizer, “Imperial Geographies.” Workshop held at the Center for Hellenic Studies, Nafplio, Greece, June 20-21, 2009.
- “Knowledge and the Cartography of American Imperialism in Iraq: Sunnis, Shi’ites and Kurds in the pages of the *New York Times*.” Paper presented at the “Imperial Geographies” Workshop, Center for Hellenic Studies and the Comparative Cultural Studies Program, Nafplio, Greece, June 2009.
- *Salwat al-Anfas and the Topography of ‘Baraka’ in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Fez*, paper presented as part of a panel entitled, “Beyond Nationalism: Land and Loyalty in the Middle East” at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, Nov. 2007.
- “Between Old and New Fez: Colonialism, Nationalism and the Moroccan National Patrimony,” Presentation given at the Yale Summer Institute for Educators entitled, *Metropolis: City Living from Timbuktu to Tashkent*. Sponsored by Educational Outreach Programs in Middle East Studies, Yale University, New Haven, CT., July 9-14, 2007.
- *Historical Perspectives on Islam*, lecture delivered at the Alumni Colloquium sponsored by the Center on Religion, Ethics and Culture, College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA., March 15-17, 2007.
- *Reading Moroccan Reform Beyond the State: Elite Power Sharing in Salwat al-Anfas*, paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, MA., Nov. 2006.
- Panel Chair, “New Directions in Moroccan Historiography”, Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.
- *Salwat al-Anfas: Hagiography, History and Memory in 19<sup>th</sup> Century Morocco*, invited speaker at the Morocco Forum, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA., Dec. 2004.

- *Muhammad al-Kattani wa al-Tariqa al-Kattaniyya: Siyasat al-Tarikh al-Maghrabi al-Watani*, paper presented at the Department of History, Université Muhammad V, Rabat, Morocco, June 2003.
- *Moroccan Modernity and Kattaniyya Revivalism: Creating a New Key of Politics*, paper selected to be delivered at the Islam and Globalization, Islam and Localization Workshop, Islamic Studies Initiative, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA., April 2003.

**Languages:**

Arabic – near native fluency, familiar with Iraqi, Egyptian, Moroccan, and Levantine dialects.

French – intermediate

Turkish – lower intermediate

Modern Greek – beginner (one year of study at the university level).

**Professional Organizations:**

Middle Eastern Studies Association, member.

French Colonial Historical Society, member.

American Institute for Maghrib Studies, member.