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EMPLOYMENT

Oberlin College, History Department & MENA Program
Full Professor, Fall 2019-Present
Associate Professor, Spring 2014-Fall 2019
Assistant Professor, 2008- 2014

Georgetown University, Department of History, Washington, D.C.
Adjunct Professor, 2007-2008

American University in Cairo, Egypt
Research Fellow at Economic and Business History Research Center; 2005-2006

Georgetown University, Department of History, Washington, D.C.
Teaching Assistant, 2003-2007

EDUCATION

Georgetown University, Department of History, Washington, D.C.
PhD, July 2008 (socio-economic history; political economy; Islamic law and society)

Georgetown University, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Washington, D.C.
MA in Arab Studies, Thesis in Islamic Law and Society, May 2003

Cairo University, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo, Egypt
MA in Political Science, 1997-2001

Cairo University, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo, Egypt
B.S. in Political Science, 1992-1996

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Militarizing the Nation: Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt, 1952-2015 (New York: Columbia University Press, March 2017).

Businessmen in Arms: How the Military and Other Armed Groups Profit in the MENA Region, co-editor with Elke Grawert (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, April 2016).

Imagined Empires: A History of Revolt in Egypt (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2013)
Winner of MESA's Roger Owen Book Award in Economic History, 2015.

Its Arabic translation of *Imagined Empires* by Ahmad Zaki Othman, *Imbraturiyyat Mutakhayalla: Tarikh al-Thawra fi Sa'id Misr, 1500-2011* (Cairo: The National Center of Translation, 2018).

Arabic book: *Yawmiyyat abla fi aryaf America* (Diaries of a professor in rural America) (Cairo: Afaq Books, 2009).

ACADEMIC JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS & BOOK REVIEWS:

“When Upper Egypt Spoke: Dramatized Rebellion,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)* Vol 53, no. 1 (2021).

“Diaries of a Surveilled Citizen after a Failed Revolution in Egypt,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies (IJMES)* Vol 53, no. 1 (2021).

“Allenby wa-Thawrat 1919..Qira’a fi Daw’ al-Arshif al-Britani” (Lord Allenby and the 1919 Revolution: A Study in the light of the British Archives), book chapter in Naser Ibrahim (ed.), *al-Thawara wa-l-Tarikh: 1919 ba’d Ma’at ‘Am* (Cairo: dar al-Maraya lil-Intaj al-Thaqafil, May 2019).

“The Army and Society in Egypt,” in Beth Baron and Jeffrey Culang (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Modern Egyptian History* (Oxford University Press, Forthcoming, 2022).

“The Military, Economy, and Society in Egypt,” La Fondation euro-méditerranéenne de soutien aux défenseur-e-s des droits de l’Homme (FEMDH) (The Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders, forthcoming November 2019).

“The Military and Social Instability in Egypt since the 1980s,” *Orient*, Deutsches Orient-Institut, DOI (The German Orient-Institute), October 2019.

“State and Capitalist Classes in Egypt,” in Joel Benin, Bassam Haddad, and Sherene Seikaly (eds.), *Critical Political Economy and the Middle East: A Reader* (Stanford University Press, forthcoming).

“A Crisis of Images: French, Jihad, and the Plague in Upper Egypt, 1798-1801,” book chapter in John Horne and Joseph Clarke (eds.), *Militarized Cultural Encounters in the Long Nineteenth Century - Making War, Mapping Europe* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2018).

“Book Review: State and Entrepreneurs in Egypt: Economic Development since 1805,” *Enterprise and Society*, Vol. 18, Issue 1, March 2017, pp. 220-223.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers: Business, Nationalism, and Discontent,” in Zeinab Abul-Magd and Elke Grawert and (eds.), *Businessmen in Arms: How the military and other armed groups profit in the MENA Region*, (New York: Rowman & Littlefield, 2016).

“Militarism, Neoliberalism, and Revolution in Egypt,” in Nicholas Hopkins (ed.), *The Political Economy of the New Egyptian Republic* (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2015).

“The Military,” in Emile Hokayem (ed.), *Egypt After the Spring: Revolt and Reaction* (London: International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), 2016).

“A Crisis of Images: French, Jihad and the Plague in Upper Egypt, 1798-1801,” *Journal of World History*, 23:2 (2012).

“Occupying Tahrir Square: Myths versus Realities in the Egyptian Revolution,” *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, 111:3 (2012).

“Ra’smaliyyat al-Ikhwan wa-Ra’smaliyyat al-‘Askar fi Misr (The Capitalism of the Muslim Brothers and the Military in Egypt),” *Bidayat*, Beirut, No. 3-4, Fall/Winter 2012-2013.

“Rebellion in the Time of Cholera: Failed Empire, Unfinished Nation in Egypt, 1840-1920,” *Journal of World History* 21:4 (2010).

“Egyptian Islamists and Copts in an Ambiguously Secular State,” *H-Net Reviews, H-Levant*, December 2010.

“Arab Legal Codes and Contemporary Fatawa: Muslim Women and Contesting Paradigms,” (co-author with Barbara Stowasser), *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World*, 6:1 (2008).

Research Cultures in Local and Global Contexts: The Case of Middle East Gender Studies, co-authored with Aurelie Evangeline Perrier (Washington, DC: Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, 2006).

“Coal Miners in Upper Egypt in the 1850s: Between State and Foreign Experts,” *Chronicles of Economic and Business History Research Center*, American University in Cairo, 2:1 (2006).

“Muhammad Tal‘at Hrab: A Bourgeois Intellectual,” *Chronicles of Economic and Business History Research Center*, American University in Cairo, 1:4 (2006).

“Law and Economy in Egypt: Socio-economic Realities of the New Parliament,” *Chronicles of Economic and Business History Research Center*, American University in Cairo, 1:3 (2006).

“Peasants’ Narratives: Egypt’s Economic Tale,” *Chronicles of Economic and Business History Research Center*, American University in Cairo, 1:2 (2005).

“Tahlil Marriage in Shari‘a, Legal Codes and the Contemporary Fatawa Literature” (co-author with Barbara Stowasser) in Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad and Barbara Stowasser (eds.), *Islamic Law and the Challenges of Modernity* (US: AltaMira Press, 2004).

SHORT ARTICLES & THINK-TANK REPORTS:

“Two Paths to Dominance: Military Businesses in Turkey and Egypt,” working paper co-authored with İsmet Akça, and Shana Marshall, Carnegie Endowment, “Civil-Military Relations in the Arab States” program, Washington D.C., June 2020

“Workers and Officers in Egypt, from Mubarak to al-Sisi,” SOAS London Middle East Institute, *The Middle East in London Magazine*, May 2018.

“The Egyptian Military’s Economic Solution: Is it Working?,” The Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI), 3 March 2018.

“Workers and Officers in Egypt: The Other Failed Revolution,” *Jadaliyya*, 11 January 2018.

“The Military, Business, and the State in Egypt,” American Political Science Association (APSA), *MENA Newsletter*, Issue 3, Fall 2017.

“Feeding Social Stability in Egypt,” *Carnegie Endowment’s Sada*, Washington, D.C., 8 June 2017.

“Egypt’s Coming Revolt of the Poor,” *Foreign Policy*, 31 March 2017.

“Egypt’s Military Business: The Need for Change,” *Middle East Institute*, Washington, D.C., 19 November 2015

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers: Power, Business, and Discontent,” Istituto Per Gli studi Di Politica Internazionale (ISPI), Milano, Italy, Analysis No. 265, July 2014.

"The Egyptian Military in Politics and the Economy," Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, Fall 2013.

“Chuck Hagel in Egypt’s Economic Chaos,” *Atlantic Council*, Washington, D.C., 29 April 2013.

“Egypt’s Mock Authoritarianism,” *Atlantic Council*, Washington, D.C., 13 February 2013.

“Egypt’s Politics of Hidden Business Empires: The Brotherhood versus the Army,” *Atlantic Council*, Washington, D.C., 5 October 2012.

“Understanding SCAF (the Supreme Council of Armed Forces),” *Cairo Review*, The American University in Cairo, 6/Summer 2012.

“The Egyptian Republic of Retired Generals,” *Foreign Policy*, 8 May 2012.

“The Generals’ Secret: Egypt’s Ambivalent Market,” *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment, Washington, D.C., February 2012.

“The Army and the Economy in Egypt,” *Jadaliyya*, 23 December 2011.

“Al-Jaysh wal-Iqtisad fi Barr Misr (the army and the economy in Egypt),” *Jadaliyya*, 21 December 2011.

“Brining the Economy Back in” A Response to Jason Brownlee in “Roundtable on Post-Mubarak Egypt: Authoritarianism without Autocrats?” *Jadaliyya*, July 2011.

“Egypt: Economic Transformations since Independence,” (Egipto: cambios económicos desde la independencia), *Vanguardia Dossier* (a Spanish quarterly), No. 17, 2005.

Other Journalistic articles- Arabic and English

Arabic columns on Egyptian economy and military in Egyptian newspapers, including *al-Masry al-Youm*, *Al-Tahrir*, *El-Badil*, and *Egypt Independent*. Links to my pages on these newspapers with full lists of articles:

<http://www.almasryalyoum.com/node/21756>

http://www.tahrirnews.com/columns/zeinab_abo_elmagd

<http://elbadil.com/?p=12301>

<http://www.egyptindependent.com/staff/zeinab-abul-magd>

“Fi al-Dirama al-Misriyaa...Dubbat al-Jaysh Laysu Abtalan,” (in the Egyptian Drama...Army Officers aren’t Heroes) *al-Manassa*, Cairo, 15 June 2017.

“Zaman al-Thamaniniyyat al-Jamil...Ayyam Abu Ghazala,” (3 parts) (The Good 1980s...the Days of Field Marshal Abu Ghazala) *al-Manassa*, Cairo, 30 December 2015, 12 January 2016, and 25 February 2016.

“U.S. Military Aid to Egypt Lost Value,” *Jadaliyya*, 21 July 2013.

TALKS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

“A City Gentrified: The Egyptian Military Regime’s Urban Policies,” paper presented on panel titled “Military Sociology in the MENA Region: Toward a New Research Agenda,” MESA Conference, Washington, D.C., October 10-13, 2020.

“Upper Egypt: From an Autonomous State to a Discontented Periphery,” Roundtable Presentation at “De-Centering Egyptian History: Can the “Margins” Speak? Cities, Towns, Villages, and Ecologies on the Periphery,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, November 11, 2019.

“Egypt’s Military, Economy, and Social Conflict under al-Sisi,” Panel Paper at “Disaggregating Middle East Militaries,” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Conference, New Orleans, November 17, 2019.

“The Military, Economy, and Society in Egypt,” La Fondation euro-méditerranéenne de soutien aux défenseur-e-s des droits de l’Homme (FEMDH) (The Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders, Paris, November 2, 2019

“Army, Consumerism, and Middle-Class Families in Egypt,” Presentation at Workshop “Women, Security, and Peacekeeping in Latin America and the Middle East,” organized by Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina (RESDAL), Buenos Aires, Argentina, 9 July 2019.

“Military, Women, and Gender in Egypt,” Presentation at Workshop “Women, Security, and Peacekeeping in Latin America and the Middle East,” organized by Red de Seguridad y Defensa de América Latina (RESDAL), Fez, Morocco, 15 August 2018.

“The Army, Economy, and Discontent in Egypt,” The Third Political Economy Summer Institute, George Mason University & Arab Studies Institute, Virginia, June 8th, 2018.

“Defense Industries in the 21st Century: A Comparative Analysis,” paper presented at Columbia University’s Comparative Defense Studies Program, E-Workshop, New York, March 7th, 2018.

“The Army and Revolution in Egypt: Historical Perspectives on a Current Crisis,” public talk at Simon Fraser University’s Center for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Vancouver, Canada, 19 October 2017.

“Egypt’s Neoliberal Officers: Business, Surveillance, and Discontent,” talk at research seminar, Simon Fraser University’s Center for the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies and Cultures, Vancouver, Canada, 20 October 2017.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers: Army, Business, and Discontent,” paper presented at 33. Deutscher Orientalistentag “Asia, Africa and Europe,” Jena, Germany, 22 September 2017.

“Militarizing the Nation: The Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt,” talk at Yale University’s History Department, 15 February 2017.

“The Political Economy of Peripheralization and Revolt in Upper Egypt,” Annual History Seminar, American University in Cairo, 24 March 2017.

“Egypt’s Military, Economy, and Social Conflict under al-Sisi,” paper presented at Inter-University Seminar of Armed Forces and Society, 2017 International Biennial Conference, Nov. 3-5, 2017, Virginia.

“Egypt’s Military’s Good 1980s: Arms, Consumerism, and Scandals,” presentation at roundtable

“Towards an Egyptian History of the 1970s and 1980s: Research Questions and Sources,” MESA Conference, Boston, November 2016.

“The Officer Has Saved the Nation: Military Bureaucrats and Business in Egypt,” presentation at panel “The State and Social Conflict in Egypt under the Sisi Regime,” MESA Conference, Boston, November 2016.

“A Crisis of Images: French, Jihad, and the Plague in Upper Egypt, 1798-1801,” presentation at conference “Peripheral Visions: European Soldiers and Cultural Encounters in the Long Nineteenth Century,” Part of project “Making War, Mapping Europe: Militarized Cultural Encounters, 1792-1920.” Trinity College Dublin, 2-4 June 2016.

“Demilitarizing Egypt: A Matter of Business,” International Studies Association (ISA), Atlanta, Georgia, 17 March 2016.

“Militarizing the Nation: Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt,” Graduate Center, CUNY, New York, 25 March 2016.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers: Army, Business, and Discontent,” U.S. Marine Corps University, Quantico, 21 October 2015.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers: Army, Business, and Discontent,” Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, 14 October 2015.

“Militarizing the Nation: Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt,” presenter at panel “The Influence of Economic Factors on the Force,” Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society (IUS) Conference, Chicago, October 30-November 1 2015.

“Ethnographic research on civil-military relations: dangers, innovations and opportunities,” presenter at a panel debate, CMI Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, 30 September-1 October 2015.

“The Egyptian Military: Economy and Discontent,” The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), the Manama Dialogue, Manama, 29-30 September 2015.

“Militarizing the Nation: Army, Business, and Revolution in Egypt,” 9th Pan-European Conference on International Relations in Cooperation with the University of Catania, 23-26 September 2015, Sicily, Italy.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers,” presenter at and organizer of panel “Armies and Militias in the Middle East: New Approaches,” The British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference in cooperation with LSE, 24-26 June 2015, London, UK.

“Roundtable: Security Studies in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities,” International Studies Association, New Orleans, 18-22 February 2015.

“The History of the Egyptian Military Institution, from 1952 till the Present,” History Department Speaker Series, American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt, 18 November 2014.

“Egyptian Officers in Post-colonial Literature,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., 23 November 2014.

“Egypt’s Adaptable Officers,” Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Bonn, Germany, June 2014.

“Egyptian Military, State, and Economy,” presented at workshop of “Everyday Maneuvers: Military-Civil Relations in Latin America and the Middle East,” CMI Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, 20-22 January 2014.

“Neo-Liberal Officers: Arab Army, Business, and Revolution,” co-presented with Elke Grawert, at workshop of “Military Engagement in Mobilizing Societies: The Middle East in Comparative Perspective,” University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, Germany, 7-9 November 2013.

“Military Inc.: Arab Army, Business, and Revolution,” panel organizer and paper presenter (paper title: The Egyptian Military, neo-liberalism, and Islamism), the annual conference of the Middle Eastern Studies Association, New Orleans, 10-13 October 2013.

“A Coup or a Revolution? The Military and the Egyptian State” (Skype intervention), The Istituto Affari Internazionali and the European Council on Foreign Relations, Italy, 2 September 2013.

“Arab Army and the Arab Spring in Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Sudan” Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Bonn, Germany, 26-29 June 2013.

“Militarism, Islamism, and Neo-Liberalism,” presented at Cairo Papers Symposium’s “The Political Economy of the New Egyptian Republic,” The American University in Cairo, Egypt, 6 April 2013.

“The Military and the Economy in Syria, Sudan, Jordan, and Egypt,” The European University Institute’s 14th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Mersin, Turkey, 20-23 March 2013.

“The Egyptian Military in Changing Economy,” presented at workshop of “Arab Militaries and the Arab Spring, organized by Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC), Aswan, Egypt, 4-8 January 2013.

“The Military, the Muslim Brothers, and the Economy in Post-revolutionary Egypt,” presented at conference of “Revolution Reborn: Egypt’s Revolution Between Progressive Forces and Structures Domination,” Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and Berlin Graduate School Muslim Cultures and Societies, Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, October 2012.

“Military and Muslim Brothers Capitalists,” presented at workshop of “Egypt’s New President: Political and Economic Challenges,” Carnegie Endowment’s Middle East Center, Beirut, June 2012.

“Arab Militaries as Economic Actors,” Arab Institute for Security Studies, the University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, June 2012.

“The Egyptian Military and the Post-revolutionary State,” presented at workshop of “Agents or Guardians? Armed forces and Military-Civilian Relations in Latin America and in the Middle East,” The Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre and CMI/University of Brasilia, Finatec, Brasilia, 12-14 April 2012.

“Narrating Subaltern Revolts in Upper Egypt— past and present,” paper presented at conference of “Narrating the Arab Spring,” Cairo University, 20 February 2012.

“Egyptian Army, Revolution, and the Question of Identity,” (in Arabic) Center for Strategic and Future Studies, Cairo, 18 January 2012.

“Military Inc.: Army, Economy and Revolution in Egypt,” presented at brownbag of Department of History, American University in Cairo, Cairo, 23 November 2011.

“History of Subaltern Revolts in Upper Egypt,” presented at roundtable of “Documenting the Egyptian Revolution,” American University in Cairo, Cairo, 23 November 2011.

“The Egyptian Archives and the Modern State: Theoretical Approaches,” Conference of “Egyptian Archives and Modern Policies” organized by the National Archives of Egypt, Cairo, 17-21 December 2010.

“Theoretical Approaches to the Egyptian National Archives,” presentation in a roundtable at Middle Eastern Studies Association’s Conference, Saint Diego, 18-21 November 2010.

“The Lady and the Rebels: Empire and Revolt in Upper Egypt, 1864,” Middle Eastern Studies Association’s Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2008.

“Another Era for Economic Liberalization: Egypt in the Nineteenth Century,” Public Lecture at Nahdit al-Mahrusa (in Arabic), Cairo, 3 August 2007

“Economic Liberalization and Law in Nineteenth-Century Egypt: A Discourse Analysis,” The Annual Young Scholars’ Conference, The Economic and Business History Research Center at American University in Cairo, Cairo, February 2006.

“Peasant Families’ Political and Economic Participation in the Egyptian Countryside,” (in Arabic) presented at a workshop held by The Land Center for Human Rights, Beni Soueif, Egypt, 19 August 2005.