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EDUCATION	Ph.D., Anthropology, Columbia University, 2009 M.Phil., Anthropology, Columbia University, 2004 M.A., Anthropology, Columbia University, 1999 M.A., Anthropology, Binghamton University, 1998 Graduate SWANA-Southwest Asian and North African Studies Certificate, Binghamton University, 1998 <i>Akademische Zwischenprüfung im Studiengang Magister Artium, Universität Bayreuth, 1996</i>
ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS	Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-present Affiliated faculty: Center and Department of Middle Eastern Studies, 2009-present Affiliated faculty: Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2009-present Affiliated faculty: Center for European Studies, 2012-present Affiliated faculty: Department of French & Italian, 2016-present Associated faculty: Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies, 2013-present Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2016 Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow, Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2007-2009 Visiting Instructor, Department of Anthropology, The University of Louisville, 2006-2007 Teaching Fellow, Departments of Anthropology and Germanic Studies, Columbia University, 2004-2006 Instructor, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, American University of Beirut, 2002-2003 Lecturer, French, Department of Romance Languages and Literatures, Binghamton University, 1997-1998
RESIDENTIAL FELLOWSHIPS	International Research Center for Cultural Studies [<i>Internationales Forschungszentrum Kulturwissenschaften</i>], Vienna Spring 2005 Center for Advanced Studies [<i>Internationales Kolleg Morphomata</i>], University of Cologne, Fall 2014
RESEARCH AREAS	<u>Major Fields:</u> Sociocultural Anthropology, Middle East Studies, Gender Studies/Queer Theory, Urban Studies <u>Geographical Areas:</u> Arab world, Europe, South America

I. PUBLISHED RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

BOOK

1. 2014. *Queer Beirut*, The University of Texas Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

2. 2016. Forthcoming. "Gender, Violence, and the Politics of (In)Visibility: The Formation of Queer Subjectivities in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography" in *Feminist Studies*.
3. 2015. "Tjād masāḥa lil-mithliyīn fī bayrūt: manātiq lil-talāqī dākḥil 'ālim al-mithliya al-dhakariya al-lubnānī" in *al-jins fil 'ālam al-'arab* edited by Samir Khalaf, and John Gagnon. Beirut: Dar Al Saqi, pp. 227-274. (Arabic translation of "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere")
4. 2014. "Queer Habitus: Bodily Performance and Queer Ethnography in Lebanon" in *Identities: Global Studies in Culture and Power*, 2014, Vol. 21, No. 5, pp. 516-531.
5. 2013. "Se dire «gay». Entre la (ré)appropriation d'un espace queer et la formation de nouvelles identités dans le Liban d'aujourd'hui" ["Calling Oneself 'Gay': Between the (Re-)Appropriation of Queer Space and the Formation of New Identities in Contemporary Lebanon], *Tumultes* n°41 (issue entitled *Dire les homosexualités d'une rive à l'autre de la Méditerranée* ["Talking about Homosexualities from one Mediterranean Shore to the Other"]), Paris, Éditions Kimé, pp. 131-140.

6. 2006. "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere" in *Sexuality in the Arab World* edited by Samir Khalaf, and John Gagnon. London: Saqi Books, pp. 199-242

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

7. 2016. "Syria and the Refugee Crisis" (co-authored with Maurizio Albahari, Nell Gabiam, Kristin Monroe, and Julie Peteet) in *Anthropology News* (<http://www.anthropology-news.org/index.php/2016/04/22/war-in-syria-and-the-refugee-crisis/>), Vol. 57, Issue 5-6, pp. 14-15
8. 2007. "Homosexualität im Libanon: Zwischen Versuchen einer Sozialen Identitätsbildung und den Zwängen der Politischen Tagesordnung" ["Homosexuality in Lebanon: Between Attempts at a Social Formation of Identity and the Coercions of the Political Order of the Day"] in INAMO, *Informationsprojekt Naher und Mittlerer Osten e.V.* ["Information Project Near and Middle East"] Issue 52, page 21.
9. 2004. "Disavowed Homosexualities in Beirut" in *Middle East Report (230)*, Spring, pp. 30-33.
10. 2003. "Appropriating Space" in *The Lebanese National Master Plan (City Debates 2003 Proceedings)* edited by Mona Harb. Beirut: American University of Beirut Press, pp. 35-37.

REVIEW ARTICLES AND BOOK NOTICES

11. 2016. Forthcoming. Book Review of Cymene Howe *Intimate Activism: The Struggle for Sexual Rights in Postrevolutionary Nicaragua* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2013). *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.
12. 2016. Forthcoming. Book Review of Joseph Allen Boone *The Homoerotics of Orientalism* (New York, NY: Columbia University Press, 2014). *Journal of the Society for Contemporary Thought and the Islamicate World*.
13. 2016. Forthcoming. Book review of Nefissa Naguib, *Nurturing Masculinities: Men, Food, and Family in Contemporary Egypt* (Austin, TX: University of Texas Press, 2015). *International Journal of Middle East Studies*.

WORKS SUBMITTED AND IN PROGRESS

14. "Queer Worldings and the *Stranger*: The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in Beirut." Submitted, *Society and Space*.
15. *In and Out of Syria: The Revolution, the War, and the Refugees*. Edited volume to be submitted to the Public Cultures of the Middle East and North Africa (PCMENA) series at Indiana University Press.
16. *Hotel Beirut*; research completed
17. *The Stranger in the City*; most research completed

II. SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

PLENARIES AND INVITED LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, SYMPOSIA, AND COLLOQUIA

1. "The Queer City: Gender, Violence, and the Ethno-Poetics of (In)Visibility in Beirut." Invited lecture for the re-opening of the Nicolas Sursock Museum in Beirut, Lebanon, October 29th, 2015.
2. "Queer Subjectivities and Violence in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography." Invited lecture in the Arab Studies Program, American University, Washington, D.C., September 28th, 2015.
3. "Walking as Practice and the Theorizing of Queer Worlds." Workshop on Queer Worldings, McGill University, Montréal, Québec, May 1st-2nd, 2015.
4. "Homosexual Homophobia: Arrogant Looks and the Queer Encounter in Lebanon." Brown University 2015 Engaged Scholarship Conference on Sexualities And Queer Imaginaries In The Middle East, sponsored by Middle East Studies & Gender and Sexuality Studies, Providence, RI, April 10th-11th, 2015.
5. "Queer Ethnography and the Hotel Beirut." IFK-Vienna Fellow's lecture, Vienna, Austria, March 23rd, 2015.

6. "The Gay Gaze and the Politics of Memory: A Stroll on the Beirut Corniche Past the Hotel Carlton." Fellow lecture at the Center for Advanced Studies Seminar, University of Cologne, Cologne, Germany, December 15th, 2014.
7. "Traveling Racism: Intimacies and Xenophobias on the Periphery and Beyond." At the intersection of Queer and Postcolonial Approaches to Anthropology: A Symposium at the Central European University (CEU) - Budapest, Hungary, November 18th, 2014.
8. "Walking and Queer Ethnography in Beirut." Workshop on the Anthropology of Lebanon, American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, July 14th-16th, 2014.
9. « Entre la fiction et l'ethnographie : genre et sexualité 'queer' au Liban » ["Between Fiction and Ethnography: Gender and Queer Sexuality in Lebanon"]. Conference on *Les masculinités au prisme de l'hégémonie : Journées d'études internationales 13 et 14 juin 2013 à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris ["International Workshop at the EHESS in Paris: Masculinities Seen Through the Prism of Hegemony"], Paris, France, June 13th, 2013.
10. « Identités 'queer' et liminalité urbaine dans le quartier de Zoqāq al-Blāt à Beyrouth » ["'Queer' Identities and Urban Liminality in the Neighborhood of Zoqāq al-Blāt in Beirut"] Invited lecture in the *Séminaire Anthropologie de la domination : discours, pratiques et représentations dans les sociétés berbères* ["Seminar on the Anthropology of Domination: Discourse, Practices, and Representations in Berber Societies"] run by Prof. Tassadit Yassice at the *École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris, France, June 10th, 2013.
11. "Zoqāq al-Blāt: Queerness in a Lebanese Neighborhood." Invited lecture in the Department of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies, at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, April 10th, 2013.
12. "How Bodily Performance Straddles Queer Politics in Lebanon." Invited Lecture in the Gender and Women's Studies Program, University of Denver, Denver, CO, November 15th, 2012.
13. "Walking as a Queer Practice in Beirut." 1st Conference on Global Queerness: Sexuality, Citizenship, and Human Rights in the 21st Century at the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH, October 6th, 2012.
14. "Queer Habitus in Lebanon." Invited lecture in the Department of Languages and Linguistics, University of Saskatchewan, with the generous support of Women's and Gender Studies and the Department of Religion and Culture (a Rainbow Exploration event supported by the Provost's Advisory Committee on Gender and Sexual Diversity), Saskatoon, Canada, November 10th, 2011.
15. « Se dire 'gay' entre la (ré)appropriation d'un espace 'queer' et la formation de nouvelles identités dans le Liban d'aujourd'hui » ["Calling Oneself 'Gay': Between the (Re-)Appropriation of Queer Space and the Formation of New Identities in Contemporary Lebanon] Conference on *Dire les homosexualités au Maghreb et au Machrek* ["Talking about Homosexualities in North Africa and the Middle East"] organized by Sonia Dayan-Herzbrun and Tassadit Yacine at the *Maison des Sciences de l'Homme* (MSH), Paris, France, November 18th, 2010.
16. "On the (Im)Possibility of Queer Translatibilities and the Formation of Gender Identities in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." UCLA Queer Studies Conference 2010, Los Angeles, CA, October 8th and 9th, 2010.
17. "Border Crossing and (Un)Critical Cosmopolitanism Between the US and the Arab World." Invited lecture in the Department of American Studies at the *Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität*, Münster, Germany, June 23rd, 2010.
18. "Human Geographies of Queer Identity Formations in Contemporary Lebanon." Conference on "State of the Art in the Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa," Gustav von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, April 1st and 2nd, 2010.
19. "Queer Identities in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." Conference on "Crossing Borders: 'Unusual' Negotiations over the Secular, Public and Private - a two-day conference at Amherst College, Amherst, MA, February 17th -18th, 2009.
20. "Queering Beirut: Lebanese Encounters on the Border of an Assumed Public and Private Sphere." Job Talk in the Department of Anthropology at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 6th, 2009.

21. "Queer Lebanese Encounters on the Border of an Assumed Public and Private Sphere." Lecture in the Anthropology Department at Hunter College, CUNY, as part of the Workshop series on Power, Identity and Contestation, New York, NY, December 4th, 2008.
22. "Dissident Sexualities and the Urban Fabric: Are there Gay Men in Lebanon?" Conference on "Building Bridges in the City and Beyond: Languages, Communities & Cultures" presented by The Language, Literacy, and Culture Ph.D. Program at The University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, April 11th-12th, 2008.
23. "The Raising of the Rainbow Flag in Beirut: How Male Homosexualities are Shaped by Urban Space and Its History in Lebanon." Job Talk in Lesbian and Gay Studies at Yale University, New Haven, CT, April 4th, 2007.
24. "Body Performance, Homosexualities, and Urban Space in Contemporary Beirut." Job Talk in the Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at New York University (NYU), New York, NY, March 26th, 2007.
25. "Disavowal and the Spatial Assertion of a Queer Presence in a War-Torn City: The Performance of Gender under the Rainbow Flag in Beirut, Lebanon." Lecture in the Women's and Gender Studies Department at the University of Louisville, Louisville, KY, November 30th, 2006.
26. "Disavowal and the Spatial Assertion of a Queer Presence: Bodily Performance, Homosexuality and the Rainbow Flag in Beirut." Job Talk in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology (SOAN) at Colgate University, Hamilton, NY, May 4th, 2006.
27. "Performing Gender in Beirut: The Politics of Queer Identity Formations in Post-Civil-War Lebanon." Job Talk in the Gender and Women's Studies Program (GAWS) at Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, March 13th, 2006.
28. "Creating Queer Space in Beirut: Zones of Encounter within the Lebanese Male Homosexual Sphere." Middle East Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, February 3rd, 2005.
29. "Zones of Homosexual Encounters on the Lebanese Border of an Assumed Private and Public Sphere." The Beirut Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Conference on Public Spheres. American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, October 22nd-24th, 2004.
30. "Disavowed Homosexualities: The Politics of Registration and Repudiation of Sexual Difference in Beirut." Conference on the "Sexuality in the Arab World." American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, December 6th-7th, 2003.
31. "Appropriating Space in Downtown Beirut." City Debates: The Lebanese National Master Plan. American University of Beirut (AUB), Beirut, Lebanon, May 5th, 2003.
32. "The Creation of Queer Space in Beirut." Conference on "Gender in the Middle East." Zentrum Moderner Orient (Center for the Contemporary Middle East), Berlin, Germany, November 29th-December 2nd, 2001.
33. "Sexualizing the City's Body: A Stroll through Post-civil-war Beirut." Boas-Benedict Students Conference, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, New York, NY, March 24th-25th, 2000.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

34. "The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in and out of Beirut." Participated in the panel on "Syria: From the Evidence of Destruction to the Uncertainties of the Refugee Crisis" sponsored by the Middle East Section (MES) and the Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA), 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Minneapolis, MN, November 16th-20th, 2016.
35. "One-Way Ticket to Amsterdam: The Everyday Experience of Gay Syrian Refugees in and out of Beirut." Participated in the Panel on "Peripheral Visions: Urbanism at the Edges of Europe" at the 2016 Spring Conference of the American Ethnological Society (AES), Washington, D.C., March 31-April 2, 2016.
36. "Familiar Phobia and Strange Aspirations: The Everyday State of Gay Syrian Refugees in Beirut." Participated in the panel on "Epistemologies and Ontologies of the Familiar/Strange Among Middle Eastern Forcibly Displaced Populations" sponsored by the Middle East Section (MES) at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.

37. Participated in the session on "Queering Palestine" at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.
38. "Queer Embodiment and Queer Ethnography: Performance and the Queer Habitus in Lebanon." Participated in the panel on "Producing Queer Anthropologies of Embodiment" sponsored by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) at the 113th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, DC, December 6th, 2014.
39. "Expiration and Endurance: Queer Visibilities in Lebanon." Participated in the panel on "Queer Terminalias" sponsored by the Association for Queer Anthropology (AQA) at the 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Chicago, IL, November 21st, 2013.
40. "Gender, Identity, and Violence: The Formation of Queer Subjectivities in Beirut at the Intersection of Fiction and Ethnography." Participated in the panel "Sexual Identity and Identity Politics in Arabo-Islamic Cultures" at the 46th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) in Denver, CO, November 20th, 2012.
41. "The Politics of a Queer Habitus in Beirut." Participated in the panel on "In-Habiting the Arab World Today: Tidemarks in Landscape, Traces in Memory" at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Montréal, Québec, November 16th, 2011.
42. "The Human Geography of Queer Identity Formations in Post-Civil-War Beirut, Lebanon." Participated in the Conference on "Ethics, Aesthetics, Politics," 2008 Meeting of the Society for Cultural Anthropology, Long Beach, CA, May 9th-10th, 2008.
43. "Expressing Queerness in Beirut: Performance and Alternative Appropriations of Space in Lebanon." Participated in the 104th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Washington, D.C., November 30th-December 4th, 2005.
44. "Queering the Performance: Alternative Appropriations of Urban Space in Lebanon." Participated in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 39th Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., November 19th-22nd, 2005.
45. "Constructions of Queer Identities in Beirut." Participated in the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 38th Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, November 20th-23rd, 2004.

OUTREACH

46. "Queer in the Academy." Invited to participate in a campus roundtable discussion on the impact of queer sexuality in academia. LGBT/Sexualities Research Cluster at UT Austin, Austin, TX, March 26th 2012.
47. "Contemporary Innovations from the Four Fields." Invited to participate in a Faculty Roundtable at the 4th Annual "New Directions in Anthropology" Conference, presented by the Department of Anthropology, the Graduate Student Association, and the Anthropology Graduate Student Association at UT Austin, Austin, TX, April 29th, 2011.
48. "The Anthropology of Gender and Sexualities in the Middle East." Guest lectures in "Difficult Dialogues," an undergraduate seminar taught By Prof. Ann Cvetkovich of the English Department at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 26th and April 6th, 2010.
49. "Academic Lives and Professional Skills." Invited to participate in a campus discussion on the impact of sexuality in academia, LGBTQ/Sexualities Research Cluster at UT Austin, Austin, TX, February 26th, 2010.
50. "Negotiating Queerness in Beirut." 2009-2010 New Faculty Colloquium in the Center for Women's & Gender Studies at UT Austin, Austin, TX, October 28th, 2009.
51. Panelist on the roundtable opening the Conference on "University Spaces, Academic Bodies: New Approaches to the Corporate University" held at the Department of Social and Cultural Analysis at NYU, New York, NY, April 4th, 2008.
52. Panelist on the town hall meeting on "Human Rights and the Global University" intended to provide a forum for conversations about NYU's role as it branches out into other parts of the world, New York, NY, February 13th, 2008.
53. "Anthropology and Middle Eastern Studies." Guest lecture in "Problems and Methods in Middle Eastern Studies" taught By Prof. Khaled Fahmy at NYU, New York, NY, November 12th, 2007 and November 13th, 2008.

54. Panelist on the Academic Forum and Teach-In about the Middle East at the University of Louisville, sponsored by the Anne Braden Institute for Social Justice Research and the Muhammad Ali Institute for Peace and Justice, Louisville, KY, October 18th, 2006.

III. FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

Humanities Research Award, 2014-2017
 Lucia, John and Melissa Gilbert Teaching Excellence Award in Women's and Gender Studies 2014-15
 Supplemental College Research Fellowship, Spring 2015
 Book Subvention Grant, 2013-2014
 Special Research Grants, Fall 2011, Fall 2013, Spring 2015
 The University of Texas-*École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS)-Paris Faculty Exchange Fellowship, Summer 2013
 Research Grant, 2012-2013
 Summer Research Assignments, Summer 2012 and 2013
 Humanities Institute Fellowship, Spring 2012
 College of Liberal Arts Research Fellowship, Fall 2011
 Faculty Fellowship in the Center for Women's and Gender Studies, 2009-2010

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

Faculty Fellowship, Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2007-2009
 Teaching/Faculty Fellowships, Columbia University, 2004-2006
 Scheps Summer Research Fellowships, Columbia University, 1999 and 2005
 Traveling Fellowship, Columbia University, 2001-2002
 President's Fellowships, Columbia University, 1998-2001

IV. LISTING OF COURSES TAUGHT

UNDERGRADUATE

Muslims in Europe
 Cultural Anthropology
 Gender in the Muslim World
 Queer Ethnographies
 Cities in the Middle East

GRADUATE

Introduction to Graduate Social Anthropology
 Sexuality and Culture
 Anthropology between Culture and Society
 Narratives of Space
 Gender and Masculinities in the Middle East

V. SUPERVISION OF GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

PH.D. DISSERTATION SUPERVISION

1. Director, Kate Maddox, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-present
2. Director, Ece Saltan, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013-present
3. Co-Director, Maryam Kashani, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2009-2014

PH.D. DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

1. Member, Manuel Galaviz, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-present
2. Member, Noe López, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2016-present
3. Member, Mario Castro Villarreal, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-present
4. Member, Robert Carroll, Department of Communication Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-present
5. Member, Amina Zarrugh, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016

6. Member, Maryam Shariati, Program in Comparative Literature, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016
7. Member, Kate Averett, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012-2016
8. Member, Saikat Maitra, Department of Anthropology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2014

M.A. THESES SUPERVISION

9. Director, Javid Riahi, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-present
10. Director, Kate Maddox, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015-2016
11. Director, Ece Saltan, Center for Women's and Gender Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2011-2013

M.A. THESES COMMITTEES

12. 2nd Reader, Mario Mercado-Díaz, Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014-2015
13. 2nd Reader, Tarek Benchouia, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014-2015
14. 2nd Reader, Kayden Althen, Department of Asian Studies, The University of Texas at Austin, 2010-2011

UNDERGRADUATE THESES

15. 2nd Reader, Zen Ren, Plan II Honors Program, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013-2014

VI. UNIVERSITY SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- Extended Budget Council, 2010-present
- Graduate Studies Committee, 2010-present
- Diversity and Equity Coordinator/Minority Liaison Officer, 2016-present
- Search committees, 2016-present, 2015-2016, 2012-2013
- Undergraduate Honors Advisor, 2015-present
- Merit Committee, 2015-present
- Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2014-present
- Steering Committee, 2016-present, 2013-2014
- Graduate Admissions, 2016-present, 2012-2013
- Lecture series and Faculty Seminar coordinator, 2010-2011

CENTER AND DEPARTMENT FOR MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- University of Texas Press CMES Publications Committee, 2011-2014
- Executive Committee, 2011-2013
- Social Sciences in the Middle East Lecture series coordinator, 2011-2012
- Admissions Committee, 2010-2012

CENTER FOR WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- Teaching Excellence Award Committee, 2015-2016

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS, THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

- Conference organizer, "In and Out of Syria: A Conference on the War and the Refugee Crisis", February 2016
- Member, Queer Studies Research Cluster, 2009-present

KEVORKIAN CENTER FOR NEAR EASTERN STUDIES, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

- Director of Graduate Studies, Near Eastern studies, 2007-2009

CENTER FOR BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

- Coordinator, Bi-Monthly Brown Bag Seminar Series, 2001-2003

VII. ACTIVITIES WITH SIGNIFICANT USE OF EXPERTISE

EXTERNAL EXAMINER

Dr. phil. Markus Schmitz, *Habilitation*, 2016. Department of Postcolonial and Media Studies and English, *Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität*, Münster, Germany

Ludovic Zahed, *Doctorat*, 2015. *Centre de Recherches Historiques à l'École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales* (EHESS), Paris, France

AD HOC REVIEWER

FUNDING AGENCIES, AND ACADEMIC PRESSES

Icelandic Research Fund
Social Science Research Council

ACADEMIC PRESSES

Duke University Press
University of Texas Press

REFERRED JOURNALS

Antipode
Anthropological Quarterly
Arab Studies Journal
Cultural Dynamics
Feminist Studies
Gender, Place and Culture
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Journal of Middle East Women's Studies
Kohl: A Journal for Body and Gender Research
Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Member, Executive Program Committee, American Anthropological Association, 2014-2015

Organizer, "Syria: From the Evidence of Destruction to the Uncertainties of the Refugee Crisis," Middle East Section (MES) and the Society for Humanistic Anthropology (SHA), 115th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Minneapolis, MN, November 16th-20th, 2016.

Co-organizer, "The Syrian Civil War, From Physical Destruction to the Refugee Crisis: An Open Conversation", 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.

Chair, joint MESA/AAA Roundtable "Mediating on Spaces: The Anthropology of the Environment in the MENA Region, 114th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Denver, CO, November 18th-22nd, 2015.

Co-organizer/Chair/Discussant, "In-Habiting the Arab World Today: Tidemarks in Landscape, Traces in Memory", 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association (AAA) in Montréal, Québec, November 16th, 2011.

VIII. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Association for Queer Anthropology
Middle East Section of the American Anthropological Association
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for Humanistic Anthropology
Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology
Interdisciplinary Research Network on Latin America and the Arab World
Middle East Studies Association of North America

IX. LANGUAGES: Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish