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## VITA

### Current

*Professor of Human Rights Studies*, University of California Davis 2015-  
*Founding Director*, UC Davis Human Rights Studies Program, 2015-  
*Director*, *Article 26 Backpack – The Universal Tool for Academic Mobility* 2016-  
*Immediate Past President*, Syrian Studies Association, 2016-2018

### Prior Professional Experience

*President*, Syrian Studies Association, 2014-2016  
*Associate Professor of Modern Islam, Human Rights and Peace*, UC Davis 2006-2015  
*Co-Director*, UC Human Rights Collaboration 2012-2015  
*Associate Director*, Peace and Global Studies, Le Moyne College, 2002-2005  
*Assistant Professor*, Department of History, Le Moyne College, 2000-2005  
*Visiting Lecturer*, Department of History, University of California San Diego, 1997-1998  
*National Park Ranger*, Natl. Park Service, Astoria, Oregon & Sitka, Alaska, 1989-1990

### Education

Ph.D. History of the Modern Middle East, University of California Los Angeles  
B.A. (Honors) History & Near Eastern Lang. & Cultures, University of Washington

### Visiting Appointments, Fellowships, Residencies (selected)

*Distinguished Visiting Senior Fellow*, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, 2018-2019  
*Richard von Weizsäcker Distinguished Visitor*, American Academy of Berlin, 2018  
*Distinguished Visiting Professor*, Strassler Center for Holocaust & Genocide Studies, Clark University, 2015-16  
*Fellow*, American Council of Learned Societies, 2013  
*Senior Fellow in International Peace*, US Institute of Peace, 2008-2009  
*George S. & Dolores Doré Eccles Distinguished Visiting Fellow in Democracy and Diversity*, Tanner Humanities Center, University of Utah, 2005-2006  
*Visiting Scholar*, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 2004-2005  
*Andrew W. Mellon Fellow in Middle Eastern Studies*, Williams College, 1998-2000

## Major Research Awards and Fellowships (2007-2018)

*Ford Foundation*, Youth Opportunity & Learning, Core Grant (\$500,000) “Article 26 Backpack: The UC Davis Ecosystem for Refugee Student Academic Mobility” (2017-8)  
*Open Society Foundations*, Higher Education Support Program (\$25,000) “A Nansen Passport for Refugee University Students — Mobility, Credibility, Safety” (2016)  
*Carnegie Corporation of New York/Institute of International Education* (\$30,000)  
“No More Lost Generations: Syrian Refugee University Students and Scholars (2014)  
*American Council of Learned Societies/National Endowment for the Humanities/Social Science Research Council International & Area Studies* (\$50,000) Fellowship (2012-13)  
*UC Humanities Network* (\$34,000) Multi-campus Research Group “Re-envisioning the Human: The UC Human Rights Collaboration.” 2012-2015  
*UC Davis Academic Senate* (\$15,000) *New Directions Major Grant*, Human Rights Initiative, (2011-12)  
*US Institute of Peace*, (\$70,000). Senior Fellowship in International Peace, 2008-09  
The American Academic Research Institute in Iraq (\$10,000) *Summer Research Fellowship*, (2007)

## Research

### Books:

*Bread from Stones: The Middle East and the Making of Modern Humanitarianism* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2015) *all formats*.

*Being Modern in the Middle East: Revolution, Nationalism, Colonialism and the Arab Middle Class (1908-1946)* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2006; paperback 2012, e-book 2014).

### Editorial:

(as co-editor) Karnig Panian, *Goodbye Antoura: A Memoir of the Armenian Genocide* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2015)

Special issue, “Human Rights and the Best Interest of the Child” *Journal of Human Rights*, 12:2 (2013)

### Humanitarian Tools:

*The Article 26 Backpack — The UC Davis Ecosystem for Refugee and Vulnerable University Student Higher Education Access*, August 2016-

### Humanitarian Reports:

and Adrienne Fricke, et al., “‘We will stop here and go no further:’ Syrian University Students and Scholars in Turkey” UC Davis Human Rights Initiative and the Institute of International Education, 2014

and Adrienne Fricke and James King, “‘The war follows them:’ Syrian University Students and Scholars in Lebanon” UC Davis Human Rights Initiative and the Institute of International Education, June, 2014

and Adrienne Fricke and Tara Siegal, “Uncounted and unacknowledged: Syrian University Students and Scholars in Jordan” UC Davis Human Rights Initiative and the Institute of International Education, April, 2013 <http://bit.ly/1uAwvmh>

and Edouard Méténier, Jens Hanssen and Hala Fattah, *Opening the Doors: Intellectual Life and Academic Conditions in Post-War Baghdad*, The Iraqi Observatory (15 July 2003)

Juried Journal Articles and Peer-Reviewed Volume Chapters (selected):

Review Essay: Fatma Müge Göçek, *Denial of Violence: Ottoman Past, Turkish Present, and Collective Violence against the Armenians, 1789–2009*; Ronald Grigor Suny, “They Can Live in the Desert but Nowhere Else:” *A History of the Armenian Genocide*. (2017): *The American Historical Review*, Vol.122:2, April 2017, 478–481.

“The Drowned, the Saved, and the Forgotten: Genocide Survivors and Modern Humanitarianism,” *Int. J. Middle East Stud.* 48:2 (2016) 367-371.

Introduction and afterward, Karnig Panian, *Goodbye Antoura: A Memoir of the Armenian Genocide* (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2015)

“Between Communal Survival and National Aspiration: Armenian Genocide Refugees, The League of Nations and the Practices of Interwar Humanitarianism,” *Humanity* 5:2 (2014).

“Modern humanitarianism and the Year of the Locust: US relief in Palestine and Lebanon.” *Humanitarian Policy Group* (Fall 2014).

“The Human Rights Historian and the Trafficked Child: Writing the History of Mass Violence and Individual Trauma,” *Perspectives on History* (October, 2013).

“‘Are there any children for sale?’ Genocide and the Forced Transfer of Armenian Children (1915-1922),” *Journal of Human Rights*, 12:2 (2013).

“Being Middle Class and Being Arab: Sectarian Dilemmas and Middle-class Modernity in the Arab Middle East (1908-1936)” in Barbara Weinstein and A. Ricardo Lopez, (eds.) *“We Shall Be All:” Toward a Global History of the Middle Class* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2012).

“The League of Nations Rescue of Armenian Genocide Survivors and the Making of Modern Humanitarianism (1920-1927)” *American Historical Review* 115:5 (December 2010).

“The Origins of Armenian Genocide Denial and League of Nations Humanitarianism 1920- 1922,” *The Armenian Review* 52:1 (September 2010).

“The Uncomfortable Inhabitants of French Colonial Modernity: Mandate Syria’s Communities of Collaboration (1920-1946)” in Hafid Gafaïti, Patricia Lorcin, and David Troyansky (eds.), *Transnational Spaces and Identities in the Francophone World* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2008).

“Cleansing the Cosmopolitan City: Historicism, Journalism and the Arab Nation in the Post-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean,” *Social History* 30:1 (2005).

“Towards a New Category of Colonial Theory: Colonial Cooperation and the *Survivors’ Bargain* — The Post- Genocide Armenian Community of Syria under French Mandate,” in *The British and French Mandates in Comparative Perspective*, Peter Sluglett *et al.*, eds., (Leiden: Brill, 2004).

“Middle-class Modernity and the Persistence of the Politics of Notables in Interwar Syria,” *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 35:2 (2003).

“Die Grenzen der ‘Alternativen Moderne’ in der Geschichte des spätosmanischen östlichen Mittelmeers” (The Boundaries of “Alternative Modernity” in the History of the Late-Ottoman Eastern Mediterranean) *Periplus* 13 (2003) special issue “Westasien und die Moderne.”

“Steel Shirts, White Badges and the last *Qabaday*: Fascist Forms and the Transformation of Urban Violence in French Mandate Syria” in *France, Syrie et Liban, 1918-1846 – les dynamiques et les ambiguïtés de la relation mandataire*, Nadine Méouchy, ed., (Damascus: 2002).

“Creating Phantoms: Zaki al-Arsuzi, The Alexandretta Crisis and the Formation of Modern Arab Nationalism in Syria,” in *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 28:3 (1996), 363-389.

#### Other Academic Writing (selected):

“A Matter of Rights: A Professor shares his efforts to help refugees access higher education.” *UC Davis Magazine*, June 2017.

“Why Trump’s Executive Order Is Wrongheaded and Reckless,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, January 29, 2017.

“A Letter from Idomeni: America’s Higher Ed Must Respond to the Reality of Syria’s Permanent Refugees,” *Huffington Post*, June 6, 2016

“Between the sea the problem of humanity: the Mediterranean’s refugees and the humanitarian reason of rescue at sea,” *Humanity Journal Blog*, August 25, 2015

“Genocide and the social death of children,” Stanford University Press Blog, April, 2015

“A new front on the war on ISIL: Syria’s Lost Generation of University Students” *Huffington Post* October 15, 2014.

"Syria’s Lost Generation,” *Chronicle of Higher Education*, June 3, 2013, Arabic *al-Fanar*, June 25, 2013

“Between Saddam and the American Occupation: Iraq’s Academic Community Struggles for Autonomy,” *Academe: Bulletin of the American Assn. of University Professors*, 90:5 (2004) 18-24

“A Fragile Glasnost on the Tigris” *Middle East Report*, 228 (Fall, 2003) 38-40.

### **Keynote, Invited and Named Lectures, 2015 — (selected)**

“Suffering, Compassion, and Responsible Scholarship about the Middle East” *Richard von Weizsäcker Lecture*, American Academy of Berlin, February 22, 2018

Keynote: “Genocide and the Forced Transfer of Young People,” *Preventing and Combatting Gross Human Rights Violations: A Responsibility for All*, Armenian General Benevolent Union & Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, December 9, 2017

“The Human Rights of *Star Trek*: to Boldly Go to Human Rights for All,” *UC Davis Human Rights Lectures*, Crocker Museum of Art, Sacramento, December 4, 2017

“I Am a Historian of the Middle East and then the Wars Came: On Professional Responsibility in the Face of Mass Violence and the Flight of Millions,” *Sivert O. and Marjorie Allen Skotheim Lecture in History*, Whitman College, September 21, 2017

Keynote: “‘There are no students in Zataari:’ Refugee Higher Education and Saving a Generation of Syria’s Best and Brightest,” Rhodes House and St. Anthony’s College, **Oxford**, May 11, 2017.

“The Drowned, the Saved and the Forgotten: Genocide and the Foundations of Modern Humanitarianism,” *Armenian Studies Program Lecture Series*, Fresno State University, April 4, 2017

“Refugees, Human Rights, and the Syrian War,” *Hannah History of Medicine and Medical Humanities Series*, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, March 1, 2017

“*The Drowned, the Saved and the Forgotten: Genocide Survivors and the Foundations of Modern Humanitarianism*,” *Gordon F. Henderson Speakers’ Series on Refugee History*, Human Rights Education and Research Centre, University of Ottawa, September 15, 2016

Book talk: *Bread from Stones*, National Association for Armenian Studies and Research, Belmont, Massachusetts, January 28, 2016

Book talk: *Bread from Stones*, Commonwealth Club of California, September 25, 2015

“Syrian Refugees and the Right to Education: A Lost Generation” *New Perspectives on Human Rights in the Middle East*, Orfalea Center, UC Santa Barbara, May 27, 2015

“Satılık çocuk var mı?": Genocide and the Forced Transfer of Armenian Children, 1915–1922" *The Armenian Genocide: Concepts and Comparative Perspectives*, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, April 26, 2015

“Genocide and the Social Death of Children,” *The Language of Genocide*, Kenan Center for Ethics, Duke University April 15, 2015

“The Practical Failures of the League of Nations Interwar Humanitarian Project for Armenian Genocide Survivors and the Possible Origins of International Human Rights Talk,” *From the Armenian Genocide to the Holocaust: The Foundations of Modern Human Rights*, Armenian Studies Program and the Human Rights Initiative, University of Michigan, April 2-4, 2015

### **Advisory and Editorial Board Membership**

Steering Committee Member, University Alliance for Refugees and at-Risk Migrants, 2018-

Advisory Board Member, Higher Education Alliance for Refugees, 2017-

Steering Committee Member, Humanitarian Policy Group, Humanitarian History Project, Overseas Development Institute, United Kingdom, 2012-2014

Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 2009-2012

### **Awards and Scholarly Recognition (selected)**

*Honorable Mention* Norris and Carol Hundley Award, Pacific Branch, American Historical Association (best book published that year in history by a scholar living in the Western US & Canada) 2016

*Abmanson Foundation Book in the Humanities Award*, University of California Press, 2015

*Best Article Prize*, Syrian Studies Association, 2011

*Best Doctoral Dissertation*, International Competition, Syrian Studies Association, 2000

Pre-doctoral:

*Social Science Research Council Dissertation Research Fellowship*, Syria & Turkey, 1996-1997

*Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship*, Syria & Turkey, 1995-1996

*Fulbright Fellowship*, Damascus, Syria: 1992-1993

*Will Rogers Memorial Fellowship for Disabled Students*, UCLA: 1992-1994

*Exchange Fellowship*, U. Washington - American University in Cairo: 1986-1987

### **Research Languages**

Modern Standard Arabic, Arab-Syrian dialect, Modern Turkish;

Ottoman Turkish, Armenian, French, German