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Education

- 2018 **The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)**, New York, NY
PhD in Anthropology
Dissertation, “Disorderly Histories: An Anthropology of Decolonization in Western Sahara”
Advisor: Gary Wilder
Master of Philosophy in Anthropology, 2014
- 2008 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, IL
Master of Arts Program in the Social Science
Thesis, “Policing the Migrant-Beggar: Social Structure, Sovereignty, and Sub-Saharan Africans in Morocco.”
- 2003 **Vassar College**, Poughkeepsie, NY
Bachelor of Arts
Majored in Africana Studies and French, with a focus on postcolonial francophone African politics and history.

Academic Positions

- 2019 **Princeton University**, Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Princeton, NJ
2018 **Pace University**, Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, New York, NY

Grants, Awards, Fellowships, and Honors

External

- 2020 Short term research grant, American Institute for Maghrib Studies
2013 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
2012 Short term research grant, American Institute for Maghrib Studies
Kathryn Davis Peace Fellowship, Middlebury Arabic Language School
2011 Critical Language Scholarship Alumni Development Award

Internal

- 2019 Tuck Fund research grant, University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton
2016 Ralph Bunche Dissertation Fellowship, CUNY
2015 Dissertation Writing Fellow, Committee on Globalization and Social Change, CUNY
Dissertation Writing Fellow, The Center for Place Culture and Politics, CUNY
2013 GAB/Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow (2013-14), CUNY
Enhanced Chancellors Fellowship (2009-2013), CUNY
2011 Anthropology Department pre-Dissertation Travel Award, CUNY

Pre-Doctoral Studies

- 2008 Critical Language Scholarship, Arabic
2006 Ann Cornelisen Alumni Fellowship for Foreign Language Study, Vassar College
2003 Phi Beta Kappa

- 2003 June J. Christmas Prize for academic excellence in the Program in Africana Studies Program, Vassar College
- 2003 Paul Robeson Award for thesis in the Program in Africana Studies, Vassar College
- 2003 Vassar College Departmental and General Honors

Publications

Articles and Chapters

- 2022 “Anticolonial Irredentism: The Moroccan Liberation Army and Decolonization in the Sahara” *Journal of North African Studies* (forthcoming)
- “Laâyoune/El Aaiún: A Representational Space of Disaggregated Sovereignty” *L’Ouest Saharien* (forthcoming)
- “Stranded in Decolonization: The Attritional Temporality of Human Rights Activism in Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara.” In *In the Meantime: Toward an Anthropology of the Possible*, Adeline Masquelier and Deborah Durham, eds. New York: Berghahn Books. (under review)
- 2020 “Disidentification with Nationalist Conflict: Loyalty and Mobility in Moroccan-Occupied Western Sahara.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, Special Issue “Loyalty and Critique,” 40, 1 (May 1, 2020): 133–49.
- 2019 “On the Border in Northern Mauritania” *L’Année du Maghreb* 21 (December 10, 2019): 325-340.
- 2018 “‘Home Is Knocking on the Mind’: Decolonization, Translation and the Poetics of Longing for Western Sahara” *CELAAN: Review of the Center for the Studies of the Literatures and Arts of North Africa* XV, 2-3 (Fall 2018). Special Issue: Sahara and Identity: 31-72.
- 2013 “Global Futures and Government Towns: Phosphates and the Production of Western Sahara as a Space of Contention.” *The Arab World Geographer* 16, 1 (Spring 2013): 101-124.

Reviews and other essays

- 2021 Review of Hannoum, Abdelmajid. *Living Tangier: Migration, Race, and Illegality in a Moroccan City* Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020. *American Anthropologist* 123, 3: 706-707.
- Review of Stenner, David. *Globalizing Morocco : Transnational Activism and the Postcolonial State*. Stanford University Press, 2019. *H-France Review* 21, 47 (March 2021).
- 2020 “Sahrawi Self-Determination, Trump’s Tweet and the Politics of Recognition in Western Sahara,” *Middle East Report Online*, December 22, 2020.
- “Review Essay: Politics in the Name of Humanity, Revisited.” *PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review* (blog), February 5, 2020.
<https://polarjournal.org/2020/02/05/review-essay-humanity/>.
- 2019 “Security Vans of Laâyoune.” *Jadaliyya* (blog), September 3, 2019.
<https://www.jadaliyya.com/Details/39958>.
- 2018 Review of Wilson, Alice. *Sovereignty in Exile: A Saharan Liberation Movement Governs*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.
<http://allegralaboratory.net/review-sovereignty-in-exile>.
- Review of Ojeda-Garcia, Raquel, Irene Fernández-Molina, and Victoria Veguilla. *Global, Regional and Local Dimensions of Western Sahara’s Protracted Decolonization When a Conflict Gets Old*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan US, 2017. *Journal of North African Studies* 23, 1-2 (Jan-Mar 2018): 355-358.
- 2017 “On the Sahrawi Tapestry and MoMA’s Insecurities Exhibit.”
<https://medium.com/insecurities>.

- 2014 Review of Elizabeth Emma Ferry, *Minerals, Collecting, and Value across the US-Mexico Border*. Bloomington: University of Indiana Press, 2013. *Journal of Latin American & Caribbean Anthropology* 19, 2 (Spring 2014): 12-14.
- 2013 Anthropology Now “Findings” regular contributor. (2011-2013)
- 2011 “Review: The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism - The Logic and History of Capital.” *Economic and Political Weekly* 46, no. 22 (2011): 27-30. Co-author with CUNY Marxist Collective.
- 2010 “After African Independence” *Anthropology Now* 2, 3 (December 2010): 105-111. Co-author with Samuel Shearer.
 “Policing the migrant-beggar: social structure, sovereignty and sub-Saharan Africans in contemporary Morocco” *Zaytoon* 2, 1 (Spring 2010): 49-64.

Papers, Seminars and Conferences

Invited Talks and Papers

- 2020 “Anticolonial Irredentism: Decolonization, The Liberation Army of Morocco and the Saharan making of the Maghreb in the 1950s.” Decolonization, Development and State Building in North Africa. Brown University, Providence, RI, September 25, 2020.
- 2018 “Waiting in Conflict, Waiting in Judgment: Notes from a Summer on the Margins of the Western Sahara Conflict in Nouadhibou, Mauritania.” Waiting: a Conference/Workshop. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 16, 2018.

Recent Conference Presentations

- 2021 “Sahara as Revolutionary Subject: Tracing a Constellation of Liberation Movements across Northwest Africa in 1972.” Comparative Deserts Conference, Williams College, May 20-21, 2021.
- 2020 “‘They Film Us... We Film Them: Human Rights Activism and Proliferating Forms of Veillance in the Western Sahara Conflict.’ Works-in-Progress Talk, Anthropology Department, Princeton University, December 3, 2020.
 “An Anthropology of Decolonization in Western Sahara: Beyond Nationalist Frameworks.” Journée d’Etude internationale Sahara Occidental, November 12, 2020.
 “The Nomoi of Laâyoune/El Aaiún, Western Sahara : A Toponymy of a Disaggregated Political Space.” Royal Anthropological Institute: Anthropology and Geography, September 18, 2020.
 “Contested Spaces, Names and Histories of Laâyoune/El Aaiún, Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara.” Solidarity Rising, Webinar, July 11, 2020.
- 2019 “Disaggregated Sovereignty and Proliferating Forms of Veillance: Human Rights Activism and the Western Sahara Conflict.” American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, BC, November 20-24, 2019.
- 2018 “Western Sahara, International Law and the Dilemmas of ‘Orderly’ Decolonization.” African Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, November 29-December 2, 2018.
- 2018 “Observed Participation: Sovereignty, Surveillance and Subjectivity in Laâyoune, Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara.” American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, November 14-18, 2018.
- 2017 Co-organizer, “Dependent Autonomies: Cultivating, Evading and Constituting Authority.” American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, November 29-December 3, 2017.
- 2017 “‘Home Is Knocking on the Mind’: Bidani Poetry and the Disjunctive Time-Space of 1950s Decolonization in the Sahara.” African Literature Association, New Haven, CT, June 14-17, 2017.
- 2017 “The Western Sahara in fiction, translation, and politics” Middle Eastern & Middle Eastern American Center, CUNY-Graduate Center, March 15, 2017. With Prof Alex Elinson.

- 2016 “Morocco’s Liberation Army, and Decolonization of the Sahara in the 1950s.” African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 1-3, 2016.
- 2016 “Beyond Frameworks of Resolution and Resistance: The Figure of the ‘a’id and the Role of Human Rights in the Western Sahara Conflict.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, November 17, 2016.
- 2016 Panel Chair, “Postconflict and Militarized Disorder.” American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2, 2016.
- 2012 Co-organizer, “Just Law: Intervention, Reparation, Emancipation” symposium at Center for the Humanities, CUNY-Graduate Center, May 3-4, 2012
- 2011 Co-organizer, “Law, Justice and Global Political Futures” student-faculty seminar at Center for the Humanities, CUNY-Graduate Center, 2011-2012 academic year.
- 2009 Invited panelist, “Forty Years at Vassar College: Africana Identities in the Diaspora,” commemorating the Program in Africana Studies at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY, April 17-19, 2009.

Foreign Language Study & Skills

- Advanced proficiency in Hassaniya Arabic and Modern Standard Arabic
- Advanced proficiency in French from undergraduate coursework
- Conversational in Moroccan Colloquial Arabic
- Basic proficiency in reading Spanish
- 2012 Middlebury at Mills Arabic School, Summer Graduate Session
- 2009 Hunter College Arabic Program, Teaching Assistant
- 2008 Critical Language Scholarship, Summer Arabic in Oman

Teaching Experience & Pedagogical Training

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Lecturer, Department of Anthropology

- Ethnography, Evidence and Experience, Co-Instructor, Fall 2021
- The Ethnographer’s Craft, Co-Instructor, Spring 2022
- Decolonization, Spring 2021 (scheduled)
- Urban Anthropology, Fall 2019, Spring 2021
- Political Anthropology, Fall 2020
- Anthropology of Human Rights, Spring 2020
- Ethnographic Studies Certificate adviser
- Junior Papers undergraduate adviser

Pace University, New York, NY

Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

- Urban Ethnography, Spring 2019
- Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa, Spring 2019
- Global Culture and Local Identities, Fall 2018
- Introduction to Anthropology, Fall 2018, Spring 2019

Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY

Adjunct Instructor, instructor of record, Department of Anthropology

- Law and Anthropology, Spring 2018
- Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa, Fall 2017
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Graduate Teaching Fellow

- Anthropology and African Colonial History, Spring 2012, co-instructor
- Politics and Power in Anthropological Perspective, Fall 2011, co-instructor
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Fall 2012, Spring 2013

Bronx Community College, CUNY, Bronx, NY

Writing Across the Curriculum Fellow

Developed faculty workshops aimed at promoting writing-intensive pedagogy across disciplines, Fall 2013

Research Experience

France, Service Historique de la Défense, Archives nationales d'outre mer, January 2020

- Conducted archival research concerning Opération Ecouvillon, a joint 1950s Spanish-French counterinsurgency in the Sahara.

Sahrawi Refugee Camps near Tindouf, Algeria, January 2016

- Recorded oral histories with an older generation of camp residents who experienced decolonization before the outbreak of conflict between the Moroccan state and Sahrawi nationalists.

Mauritania, February-August 2015

- Spent summer months at a hub of activity in Nouadhibou, learning about how people's mobility and regional commerce are shaped by the contours of ongoing political conflict. Recorded oral histories with people living throughout northern Mauritania.

Morocco, Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara, March-December 2014, July 2013, July 2011

- Conducted ethnographic fieldwork in Laâyoune/El Aaiún, the largest city in Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara, researching how the ongoing political conflict, and the experience of living with intense surveillance and suspicion, shapes political subjectivity. Recorded oral histories with members of different generations that experienced decolonization efforts, both before and after the conflict, throughout Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara, and Morocco proper.

Professional Associations and Activities

Member, Scientific Council, International Academic Observatory on Western Sahara (OUIISO), 2021-Present

Member, *American Anthropological Association*, 2015-Present

Member, *Association for Political and Legal Anthropology*, 2015-Present

Member, *American Institute for Maghrib Studies*, 2010-2013, 2015-16, 2018-Present

Member, *African Studies Association*, 2016-2018

Writer-in-Residence, *New York Public Library*, Shoichi Noma Room, 2016-17

Mentee, *American Institute for Maghrib Studies*, Mentoring Program, 2015-16

Expert affidavit and witness. US Immigration Court proceedings concerning asylum seeker related to Western Sahara political conflict, 2018-19

University and Departmental Service

2020 Co-host and Moderator, Decolonizing the Discipline, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University

2019 Faculty sponsor of undergraduate research presentations. Society of Fellows Annual Meeting, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences, Pace University

2016 Student Representative, CUNY Anthropology Cultural Admissions and Awards Committee

2012 Student Representative, CUNY-Graduate Center Graduate Council
Member, CUNY Anthropology Department Student Elections Committee