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## *Education*

Sept. 2011 - **Vanderbilt University** (Nashville, TN)  
PhD and MA in History, Vanderbilt University, projected for 2016.  
Supervisors: Dr. Thomas A. Schwartz, Dr. Paul Kramer, and Dr. Leor Halevi.  
Examination Fields: US in the World; Modern Middle Eastern and North African History; American History Since 1865, Spring 2014

Fall 2013 **Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center** (Rabat, Morocco)  
Summer 2012 **Qalam wa Lawh Arabic Language Center** (Rabat, Morocco)  
Summer 2010 **Qasid Institute for Modern Standard Arabic** (Amman, Jordan)  
2006-2010 **University of Toronto** (Toronto, Canada)  
Honours BA with High Distinction, Specialist in History

## *Awards and Honors*

2014-2017 Awarded the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council  
Doctoral Award to support three years of doctoral work

July 2015 Selected as a participant in the National History Center's Tenth International  
Seminar on Decolonization, Washington DC

June 2015 Awarded the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations' Conference  
Travel Grant

April 2015 Awarded Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research  
Award

November 2014 Awarded the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations' Samuel Flagg  
Bemis Dissertation Research Grant

October 2014 Awarded DHSI Tuition Scholarship to attend the "Digital Humanities Database"  
Workshop at Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria

2014-2015 Recipient of Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning Graduate Student Fellowship

Fall 2014 Awarded Visiting PhD Fellowship at the Moshe Dayan Center, Tel Aviv University

Fall 2014 Awarded The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa Research  
Grant

August 2014 Awarded Vanderbilt University College of Arts and Sciences Summer Research  
Award

August 2014 Awarded the Sponsored Student Scholarship to attend the "Humanities  
Programming" Workshop at Humanities Intensive Learning and Teaching,  
University of Maryland

Summer 2014 Awarded The Herbert and Blanche Henry Weaver Summer Research Award

2013-2014 Awarded the Rodney G. Dennis Short-Term Visiting Fellowship in the Study of  
Manuscripts at the Houghton Library, Harvard University

Fall 2013 Awarded the full Ibn Battuta Merit Scholarship for Peace and Diplomacy from  
Qalam wa Lawh Language Center, Rabat, Morocco to cover three months of  
intensive Arabic language study

May 2013 Selected Participant "Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research," George  
Washington University

2012-2013 Recipient of HASTAC Scholar award from the Vanderbilt Center for Teaching

Summer 2012 Recipient of Vanderbilt History Department Summer Funding for language training  
in Morocco

March 2012 Recipient of the William Campbell Binkley Graduate Education Fund for archival  
research

2011-2014 Recipient of Vanderbilt University Fellowship and Tuition Scholarship

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## Conferences and Workshops

- January 2016 "Egypt is Africa: David and Shirley Graham Du Bois in the United Arab Republic during the 1960s" co-organized panel "Blurring the Color-Line: Black Diplomacy in the Middle East and North Africa During the Early Cold War", *American Historical Association*, Atlanta, GA
- September 2015 "Cairo's Congo Crisis" *The European Summer School on Cold War History*, Rome, Italy
- June 2015 "The Essence of Tragedy: American Protestant Missionaries, American Foreign Relations, and the Arab/Israeli Conflict during the early Cold War" *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- February 2015 "The Cairo Conference: The Role of Movement, Ideas, and Place in the United Arab Republic's Anti-Colonial Project" *Vanderbilt Graduate History Assoc. Conference*, Nashville, TN
- November 2014 "Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of Supranational Islamic Fiqh Academies and Islamic Legal Authority in the late Twentieth Century and early Twenty-First Century" *Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- October 2014 "Towards the African Revolution: The United Arab Republic's Role in Pan-Africanism" *Association for the Study of Middle East and Africa Annual Conference*, Washington, DC
- June 2014 "Run Off the Map: The Life of Alford Carleton and the History of American Protestant Missionaries in the Third World during the Cold War" *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Annual Conference*, Lexington, KY
- April 2014 "Lawmaking and Prohibiting in International Islam: A History of the International Fiqh" Academy and Islamic Legal Authority in the Late 20<sup>th</sup> and Early 21 Centuries" *American Council for the Study of Islamic Societies Annual Conference*, Augusta, GA
- April 2013 "Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems" *Humanities, Arts, Sciences, and Technology Advanced Collaboratory Conference*, York University, Toronto, ON

## Invited Presentations

- January 2015 Presenter in Vanderbilt History Seminar's "Rituals of Belonging Workshop",
- May 2014 "HASTAC" *Mellon Institute in Digital and Public Humanities for Early-Career Scholars*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- January 2014 "Visualizing A Forgotten American Vision: Mapping American Protestant Missionaries in the Middle East post-1945 with Neatline and Geographic Information Systems" Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- April 2013 "HASTAC" *Digital Humanities Working Group Seminar*, Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University
- January 2013 "Adding Spatial Dimensions to Teaching" *GradSTEP Workshop*, Center for Teaching, Vanderbilt University
- January 2013 "American Missionaries in the Middle East in the Nineteenth Century," Guest Lecture in *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*
- October 2012 "The Cold War Comes to the Middle East," Guest Lecture in *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*

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## Teaching Experience

- Spring 2015 Teaching Assistant, *HIST287E: The Federalist Papers*, Vanderbilt University  
Assisted the Chancellor with leading a senior seminar, and was lead instructor for three of the seminars. Responsible for grading and meeting with students.
- Spring 2014 Discussion Section Leader, *HIST120: The Arab Spring and Its Contexts*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, [arabspringanditscontexts.wordpress.com](http://arabspringanditscontexts.wordpress.com), and designed integrated digital activities for the course.
- Spring 2013 Discussion Section Leader, *JS256: Power and Diplomacy in the Middle East*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion section and was responsible for grading exams and papers. Built a course website, available at [my.vanderbilt.edu/js256](http://my.vanderbilt.edu/js256). Designed class assignments including: an online field trip to the “King – Crane Commission Archive” at Oberlin College and a twitter response assignment.
- Fall 2012 Discussion Section Leader, *HIS173: The United States and the Cold War*, Vanderbilt University. Facilitated discussion and responsible for grading.

## Membership and Service

- Spring 2015 Co-organizer, “Conversations on Digital Pedagogy”, Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and the Vanderbilt Institute of Digital Learning
- 2013-2014 Webmaster, Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University
- 2013-2014 Co-coordinator, “Geographic Imaginations and Spatial Humanities,” Robert Penn Warren Center for Humanities Graduate Seminar
- 2013-2014 Graduate History Department Representative to the Graduate Student Council, Vanderbilt University
- 2012-2013 Co-President, Graduate History Association, Department of History, Vanderbilt University
- Member, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations
- Member, Middle East Studies Association
- Member, American Historical Association

## Languages

- Awarded Honours Bilingual Certificate in French from the Ontario Government.
- Fluent in French, advanced knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic, and basic German skills.
- Experienced in HTML, CSS, Javascript
- Intermediate in Ruby, Python, and MySQL