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EDUCATION

- 1995-2002 Ph.D., Political Science, University of Toronto, Canada.
Major Field: Developing Areas; Minor Field: International Relations
Thesis Title: *Kurdish Nationalist Movements*
- 1997-1998 Visiting researcher, Bilkent University, Turkey.
- 1991-1993 Master of Arts, Political Science, McGill University, Canada.
Thesis Title: *A tale of two movements: Peru, 1965 and the present*
- 1988-1991 Bachelor of Arts, First Class Joint-Honours, Middle East Studies and Political Science, McGill University, Canada.
- 1989-1990 Visiting student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2007 International Grant, Rhodes College
- 2005-2006 Université de Montréal CÉRIUM Post-Doctoral Scholarship
- 2003-2005 Department of National Defence R.B. Myers Post-Doctoral Fellowship
- 1998-2000 Department of National Defence Ph.D. Scholarship
- 1998-1999 University of Toronto Fellowship Award
- 1997-1998 University of Toronto Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 1997 University of Toronto Open Fellowship
- 1997 Associates of the University of Toronto Travel Grant
- 1995-1998 Government of Quebec FCAR Bursary
- 1991 University Scholar, McGill University
- 1991 First Class Joint Honours B.A., McGill University
- 1990 Hebrew Language Fluency Award, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- 1989 Faculty Scholar, McGill University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Nationalism, social movements, theories of peace and conflict, non-state actors (particularly movements employing guerrilla and terrorist tactics), politicized Islam, Middle-East and Mediterranean politics (with a special emphasis on Turkey, Iraq, the Kurds and other Middle Eastern minorities), forced migration (refugees, internally displaced persons), and globalization and development issues.

BOOKS (Peer-reviewed)

- 2006 *The Kurdish Nationalist Movement*. Cambridge University Press. Finalist for the Middle East Studies Association's *Albert Hourani Book Award* ("Given to the author of the book deemed the best work of mature scholarship for the year").

JOURNAL ARTICLES (Peer-reviewed)

- 2007 "The Future of Kirkuk." *Ethnopolitics*, 6:2, pp.1-19.
- 2007 "IDP and Refugee Return to Northern Iraq: Sustainable Returns or Demographic Bombs?" *Refuge*, 24:1.
- 2006 "Women in post-Saddam Iraq: One step forward or two steps back?" (Co-authored with Lucy Brown). *NWSA (National Women's Studies Association) Journal*, 18:3.
- 2006 "Conducting research in the Middle East's conflict zones." *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 39:3.
- 2005 "Whose house is this anyway? IDP and refugee return policies in post-Saddam Iraq." *Oxford Journal of Refugee Studies*, 18:4, pp.430-453.
- 2004 "Globalization, Extremism and Violence: Why Market Liberalization Fosters Turmoil in Some Poor Countries but Not in Others." (Co-authored with Richard Sandbrook). *Third World Quarterly*, 25:6.
- 2002 "Modern communications technology in ethnic nationalist hands: the case of the Kurds." *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, 35:1.
- 1999 "The environment of insecurity and the Kurdish question in Turkey." (Co-authored with Ahmet Icduygu and Ibrahim Sirkeci), *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 22:6.

ACADEMIC BOOK CHAPTERS (Peer-reviewed)

- 2008 "Regional Organizations, Regional Identities and Minorities: The Arabs and the Kurdish Question," (co-authored with Lucy Brown), in Cilja Harders, Matteo Legrenzi (eds.), *Beyond Regionalism? Regional Cooperation, Regionalism and Regionalisation in the Middle East*, London: Ashgate.
- 2007 "The Future of Kirkuk." In Sherrill Stroschein, ed., *Governance in Ethnically*

Mixed Cities, London and New York: Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

- 2006 “The Palestinians.” (Co-authored with Rex Brynen). In Rick Fawn and Raymond Hinnebusch, eds., *The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences*, Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
- 2004 “Safe Havens as Political Projects: The Case of Iraqi Kurdistan.” In Paul Kingston and Ian Spears, eds., *States Within States: Incipient Political Entities in the Post-Cold War Era*, pp. 153-166, New York: Palgrave Macmillan Ltd..

BOOK REVIEWS AND ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

- Forthcoming* Aliza Marcus, *Blood and Belief: The PKK and the Kurdish Fight for Independence* (New York: NYU Press, 2007). Reviewed for *The Middle East Journal*.
- Forthcoming* Hussein Tahiri, *The Structure of Kurdish Society and the Struggle for a Kurdish State* (Costa Mesa: Mazda Press, 2007). Reviewed for *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*.
- 2007 Tim Dunne, Milya Kurki, and Steve Smith (eds.), *Theories of International Relations: Discipline and Diversity* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2007). Unpublished review commissioned by Oxford University Press in preparation for second edition.
- 2005 “Cyprus” and “Ethnicity: Impact on Politics and Society.” Entries in *The Encyclopedia of the Developing World*, New York: Routledge Reference.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2007 Series of commissioned articles on Turkey in the *Eurasia Daily Monitor*: “Turkish Elections: AK Party May Win Another Majority Government” (Vol. 4 / Issue 140, July 19); “Diversity of Opinions Expected in New Turkish Parliamentary Debates” (Vol. 4 / Issue 143, July 24); “Re-elected Turkish PM Seeks New, ‘European Style’ Constitution” (Vol. 4 / Issue 150, August 2); “Iraqi Diplomacy Likely to Forestall Turkish Incursion” (Vol. 4 / Issue 155, August 9); “Rival Camps Position Themselves for Gul Presidential Bid” (Vol. 4 / Issue 160, August 16); “Pro-Kurdish Party Calls for Kurdish Autonomy in Turkey” (Vol. 4 / Issue 209, November 9).
- 2007 “Turkey’s Choice with Barzani: The Gun or the Olive Branch.” *Terrorism Monitor*, Volume 4, Issue 37 (November 13).
- 2007 “In Iraq, the Enemy of Our Friend is also a Friend.” Op-ed in the *Commercial*

Appeal, Nov.1.

- 2007 “An Outline of Kurdish Islamist Groups in Iraq.” Jamestown Occasional Papers Series, September 17 (commissioned work). Paper available at http://jamestown.org/press_details.php?press_id=50
- 2006 “Cultural Insights: Iraq.” Orientation guide for government and business travelers to Iraq, prepared for the Centre for Intercultural Learning and the Canadian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.
- 2005 “In the New Iraq, Symbols Matter.” Op-ed, *Kurdistan Observer*, April 24, 2005.
- 2005 “Refugees and IDPs into the maelstrom: Return problems in Iraq.” *Forced Migration Review*, 22 (January), Refugee Studies Center, University of Oxford.
- 2005 “ICG Report Sidelines Iraqi Kurds,” Op-ed, *Kurdistan Observer*, January 3, 2005.
- 2004 “Reflections on an Iraqi Sojourn: Alice Through the Looking Glass?” *Policy Options Magazine*, Institute for Research on Public Policy, 25:11.
- 2004 “Turmoil in Post-Saddam Iraq: Speed Bumps or Roadblocks?” *Policy Options Magazine*, Institute for Research on Public Policy, 25:05.
- 2004 “From Dictatorship to Democracy: Uniting Diversity in the Tent of Federalism.” *Policy Options Magazine*, Institute for Research on Public Policy, 25:02.
- 2003 “Celebrations like Iraqi Kurdistan has never seen.” *Kurdistan Observer*, December 14 (day of Saddam Hussein’s capture).
- 2003 “Turkish Business, Not Bullets, Is What Iraq Needs Most.” Op-ed, *Kurdistan Observer*, October 30.
- 2002 “Journey to Kurdistan” (photo essay). *McGill International Review*, 3:1.
- 2001 “Sam v. Saddam” Op-ed, *Globe and Mail*, December 21.
- 1998 “Turkey by bicycle.” Special feature in *Turkish Daily News*, April 5.
- 1993 “The Occupied West Bank, Judea and Samaria, or God’s Land?” *Latitudes*, McGill University’s Journal for Developing Area Studies, 2:1.

SELECTED CONFERENCES & INVITED LECTURES

- 2007 “Contemporary Kurdish Nationalism.” Invited paper and presentation for

Chatham House's Middle East Programme Conference ("The Kurds in International Affairs"), December 19, London, U.K.

- 2007 "The Internal Dynamics and Development of Kurdish Nationalism." Roundtable participant, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 19, Montreal, Canada.
- 2007 "The Kurds and EU Enlargement: In Search of Restraints on State Power." Paper presented at the conference on "Divided Nations and European Integration," Queens University, Kingston, Canada, July 27-28.
- 2007 "Islamic Movements in Iraqi Kurdistan." Invited speaker, Jamestown Foundation, Washington D.C., September 17. Video available at http://jamestown.org/events_details.php?event_id=35.
- 2007 "Is Turkey Still Secular? Explaining the Latest Elections." Invited speaker, University of Arkansas (Lafayette), King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, September 14.
- 2007 "Sunni Islamists in Iraq: An Analytical Map." Paper presented at the 2007 Chicago Annual Conference of the International Studies Association. Also served as discussant for panel on "Iranian Foreign Policy under Ahmadinejad."
- 2007 "Iraqi Kurdish Islamist Groups." Invited Speaker, Solomon Asch Center for Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict weekly speaker series, University of Pennsylvania, January 30.
- 2006 "The Future of Kirkuk." Annual Conference on the Study of Nationalism, March 24, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A..
- 2006 "Underground migration networks from Iraq and Turkey." Seminar provided to the University of Montreal's Canada Research Chair in International Human Rights and Migration, February 14.
- 2006 "Kurdish [Mis]Representation." Invited presentation for Concordia University's conference on "Citizenship and Representation in Comparative Perspective," Feb.9-10, Montreal, Canada.
- 2005 "Turkey's Non-European Neighbors." Conference organized by the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the U.S. Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency. Invited speaker on Iraqi-Turkish relations. September 20, Arlington, U.S.A..
- 2005 "The Sources and Dynamics of Extremism in Muslim Communities." Keynote

speaker, Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of National Defence seminar, February 17, Ottawa, Canada.

- 2005 “IDP and Refugee Return to Northern Iraq: Sustainable Returns or Demographic Bombs?” 9th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM), January 9-13, Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- 2004 “Future of Iraq: The Kurdish factor.” Keynote speaker, Federal Government of Canada Inter-Departmental Discussion Group Meeting (CIDA, CSIS, DND, EDC, FAC, PCO), November 8, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2004 “The future of Kurdish nationalism.” Roundtable speaker, Middle East Studies Association 2004 Meeting, November 22, San Francisco, U.S.A.
- 2004 “IDP and refugee return in Post-Saddam Iraq: Continuing problems.” Invited speaker at Oxford Center for Refugee Studies, November 17, Oxford University, U.K..
- 2004 “The Route to Europe: People Smuggling from the Middle East and Asia.” Invited speaker, Europe and the European Union: McGill University Lecture Series, November 5, Montreal, Canada.
- 2004 “Civil society in Iraqi Kurdistan.” Invited speaker at the Premier Colloque International, Institut Kurde de Montreal, September 25, Montreal, Canada.
- 2004 “Islamist groups in Iraq.” Invited speaker, Inter-University Consortium for Arab and Middle East Studies, October 15, Montreal, Canada.
- 2004 “Whose house is this anyway? IDP and refugee return policies in post-Saddam Iraq,” Fifth Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, Florence, Italy, March 24-28.
- 2004 “Democracy and Federalism.” Invited speaker, Kurdistan Regional Government, Ministry of Education, April 17, Erbil, Iraq.
- 2003 Invited speaker and participant, “Experts Roundtable: Post-Conflict Iraq,” Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, April 29, Ottawa, Canada.
- 2002 “Globalization, insecurity, and political violence: A comparative analysis.” (Co-authored with Richard Sandbrook). International Studies Association Conference and the Joint Congress of the Social Sciences and Humanities/Canadian Association for the Study of International Development “Globalization and Security” panel, May 29, Portland, Oregon.

- 2001 “Iraqi Kurdistan: States within a state within a state.” University of Toronto’s Munk Center for International Studies Conference on “States Within States,” October 19-20, Toronto, Canada.
- 2001 “A rational choice explanation of the early stages of ethnic nationalist movement formation.” Canadian Political Science Association’s Annual Conference, Quebec City, Canada.
- 2000 “A three-step model to understanding ethnic nationalist mobilization.” First Scientific Conference of the University of Suleimaniya, September 26-27, Kurdish Autonomous Zone, Iraq.
- 2000 “Modern communications technology as catalysts to ethnic nationalist resurgence -- the case of the Kurds.” Annual Conference on the Study of Nationalism, April 10, Columbia University, New York, U.S.A.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2007 Media interviews with Voice of America News (“Islamic Party in Kurdish Iraq Growing in Popularity” – TV and Radio international broadcast, available at <http://www.voanews.com/english/2007-10-19-voa48.cfm>, October 19); The Jack Rice Show (“Turkish Parliament votes to authorize incursion into Iraq,” CBS Radio, Minneapolis, October 17); and CBC National News (“Turkish Elections,” interview conducted from Tunceli, Turkey, for CBC Toronto Office, July 20).
- 2007 At the request of Palgrave Macmillan, provided back-cover endorsement for Michael Gunter’s forthcoming book, *The Kurds Ascending*.
- 2006-2007 Reviewer for submissions to *Mobilization* (academic journal of research in protest and social and political movements), *The Journal of Historical Sociology*, and *Social Movement Studies*.
- 2006 Interviewed by *War News Radio* regarding the future of Kirkuk (Iraq) (<http://warnewsradio.org/audio/pieces/WNR070209-EBKirkukOil-Long.mp3>) and by the *Memphis Flyer* regarding the Iraq War (<http://www.memphisflyer.com/memphis/Content?oid=oid%3A24650>).
- 2005 Reviewer for Routledge Press academic manuscript submissions.
- 2005 Provided written report and expert testimony for the Refugee Legal Centre, London, U.K. Report evaluated political and security conditions in northern Iraq. The Refugee Legal Centre requested the report in support of an appeal they were preparing after an Iraqi Kurdish refugee’s asylum claims were rejected by the British Home Office.

- 2005-2006 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre d'Études et de Recherches Internationales (CÉRIUM), l'Université de Montréal. Coordinator of l'Université de Montréal's Réseau Moyen-Orient (Middle East Network) conference series.
- 2003-2006 Senior Research Fellow and Director, ICAMES (Inter-University Consortium for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies) Iraq Field Research Team. Organized and directed a team of four McGill University researchers (Michael Boag, Lucy Brown, Karim Khallaayoun and David Romano) based in Suleimaniya, Iraqi Kurdistan, from September 2003 until June 2004.
- 2003 Conducted an in-depth assessment of a local Iraqi NGO (*Caritas Iraq*) for *Caritas International* and affiliated Montreal NGO *Peace and Development*. Assessed projects in person in the regions of Dohuk, Mosul and Baghdad.
- 2002-2006 Studio expert for CBC, AM940, and FM98.7 Radio, and KurdSat, CBC, GlobalTV, RDI, LCN and TéléQuébec television news programs. Provided analysis concerning post-Saddam Iraq (2003-2005), the war in Iraq (2003), the hunt for bin Laden (2006), the election of Hamas (2006) and Kurdish demonstrations in the wake of Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) leader Abdullah Ocalan's arrest (1999). CBC Radio Commentaries on Iraq October 5, 2004, September 2, 2004, and December 15, 2003.
- 2002-2003 Reviewer of submissions to the *International Journal*, Canadian Institute of International Affairs (CIIA).
- 2000 Defense witness for the Court of Justice of the City of Montreal. Called to provide expert testimony and explain the Kurdish issue to the Court at the November 18 trial of three Kurdish demonstrators arrested in Montreal, Canada, on February 18, 1999.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2007 Assistant Professor of International Studies, Rhodes College. Responsible for teaching the following courses: "Introduction to International Studies," "Politics and Government of the Middle East," "Politics of Development," "International Relations Theories," "Challenges to State Power," and "Topics in Middle East Politics."
- 2005 Lecturer, Bishops' University (Knowlton Campus). Responsible for the following course: "Introduction to Middle East Politics."
- 2002-2003 Faculty Lecturer, McGill University. Responsible for teaching the following courses: "Introduction to International Relations," "Politics of the Arab World,"

“Crisis, Conflict and War,” “North-South Relations,” “Challengers to State Power” (seminar) and “State Behaviour (graduate seminar).”

- 2003 Supervisor of two undergraduate IDS (International Development Studies) theses, McGill University.
- 1995-2001 Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto. Responsible for the following courses: “The Politics of Development,” and “Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies.”
- 1991-1993 Teaching Assistant, McGill University. Responsible for “Politics of the Arab World,” “Introduction to International Politics,” and “International Organizations.”

OTHER TEACHING ACTIVITIES

- 2007 Faculty advisor for the Libertarian students’ association, Rhodes College.
- 2006-2007 Organizer, Rhodes College International Studies Film Series.

VOLUNTEER WORK

- 2000-2004 Member of University of Toronto--University of Suleimaniya (northern Iraq) Friendship Committee.
- 1997-1998 Volunteer at “The Turkish Association for Solidarity with Migrants and Asylum Seekers” (Ankara, Turkey).
- 1989-1990 Big brother for disadvantaged Jerusalem youth (*Perah* program-- equivalent of Canada’s Big Brother and Big Sister programs).

LANGUAGES

English -- native
French -- native speaking, semi-proficient writing
Hebrew -- speaking fluency, semi-proficient writing
Turkish -- speaking fluency, semi-proficient writing
Arabic – rudimentary speaking

REFERENCES

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