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University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Administrative Appointments

- 2020-Present Director, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies
2019-2020 Acting Director, Lemann Center for Brazilian Studies
2017-2019 Associate Director, Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies

Faculty Appointments

- 2021-Present Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
2015-2021 Associate Professor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese
2012-2015 Associate Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies, DePaul University
2005-2012 Assistant Professor, Latin American and Latino Studies, DePaul University

Education

- 2000-2004 Ph.D. Anthropology (Distinction), Syracuse University
1997-2000 M.A. Anthropology, Syracuse University
1992-1996 B.A. Anthropology and Latin American Studies, University of Rochester

Select Awards, Grants, and Prizes

- 2019-20 Fulbright Scholar Award. Capes-Comissão Fulbright Brasil
2017-22 Conrad Humanities Scholar Award. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2016 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Stipend Award
2014 Brazil Section - Latin American Studies Association Best Article Prize for “The Lebanese Diaspora at the Tri-Border and the Redrawing of South American Geopolitics, 1950-1992”
2012 Fulbright Scholar Award. Council of International Exchange of Scholars. Award program suspended before start-date because of political unrest
2011 Immigration History Research Center Grant. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis
2008 Roberto Reis Book Award for *Another Arabesque: Syrian-Lebanese Ethnicity in Neoliberal Brazil*. Best book in Brazilian Studies. Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA)
2008 Arab American National Museum Book Award for *Another Arabesque: Syrian-Lebanese Ethnicity in Neoliberal Brazil*. Adult Non-Fiction Category

Books (translations are indented with asterisk*)

- 2021 *Manifold Destiny: Arabs at an American Crossroads of Exceptional Rule*. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press. ISBN: 9780826501325
2015 *Crescent over Another Horizon: Islam in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Latino U.S.A.*. Co-edited volume with María del Mar Logroño Narbona and Paulo G. Pinto. Austin: University of Texas Press. ISBN: 9781477302293
2007 *Another Arabesque: Syrian-Lebanese Ethnicity in Neoliberal Brazil*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press. ISBN: 9781592135400
* 2009 *Um outro arabesco...* With new preface and translation revisions by author. São Paulo: Martins Editora. ISBN: 9788561635077
* 2012 *Zakhrafah ‘Arabīyah min naw‘ ākhar...* With new preface by author. Beirut: Centre for Arab Unity Studies. ISBN: 9789953825663

Select journal articles (translations are indented with asterisk*)

- 2020 “Misturando *massihiyin* aos limites do Estado laico.” *Revista Territórios e Fronteiras*. 13:2, 99-114.

- 2018 "I, Too, Am the Americas: Arabs in the Redrawing of Area and Ethnic Studies." *Journal of American Ethnic History*. 37:3, 93-101
- 2014 "Philip Hitti, Brazil, and the Diasporic Histories of Area Studies." *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. 46:3, 451-71
- 2013 "On the Trail and Trial of a Palestinian Diaspora: Mapping South America in the Arab-Israeli Conflict, 1967-1972." *Journal of Latin American Studies*. 45:4, 751-77
 * 2015 "A pista e a pena da diáspora palestina: Mapeando a América do Sul no conflito israelo-árabe..." In *Entre o Velho e o Novo Mundo: A diáspora palestina desde o Oriente Médio à América Latina*. Leonardo Schiocchet, org. Lisboa: Chiado Editora, 361-410
- 2013 "The Lebanese Diaspora at the Tri-Border and the Redrawing of South American Geopolitics, 1950-1992." *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East Migration Studies*. 1:1, 55-84
- 2011 "Crossing the Americas: The U.S. 'War on Terror' and Arab Cross-Border Mobilizations in a South American Frontier Region." *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*. 31:2, 251-66
 * 2010 "Atravesando las Américas..." In *La Triple Frontera: dinámicas culturales y procesos transnacionales*. Verónica Giménez Béliveau y Silvia Montenegro, comp. Buenos Aires: Espacio Editorial, 119-51
 * 2011 "Atravessando as Américas..." In *A Tríplíce Fronteira: espaços nacionais e dinâmicas locais*. Curitiba: Universidade Federal do Paraná, 203-31
- 2011 "Anti-Semitism from the Standpoint of its Arab Victims in a South American Frontier Zone." *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*. 6:2, 139-65
- 2010 "Belly Dancing and the (En)Gendering of Ethnic Sexuality in the 'Mixed' Brazilian Nation." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*. 6:2, 86-114
- 2004 "A Cultural Politics of Entrepreneurship in Nation-Making: Phoenicians, Turks, and the Arab Commercial Essence in Brazil." *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. 9:2, 319-51

Select book chapters and other articles (translations are indented with asterisk*)

- 2021 "The Levant in Latin America." In *Global Middle East: Into the Twenty-First Century*, Asef Bayat and Linda Herrera, eds. (Berkeley: University of California Press), 253-66
- 2021 "Romancing Middle Eastern Men in North and South America." In *Constructions of Masculinity in the Middle East and North Africa*, Mohja Kahf and Nadine Sinno, eds. (Cairo: The American University in Cairo Press), 161-74
- 2017 "Comércio Exterior: Papel da Comunidade Libanesa," *Brasil e Líbano: Legado e Futuro* (Brasília: Ministério das Relações Exteriores/FUNAG), 237-64.
- 2016 "Beside Bandung: Brazil's Relations with the Arab World." *LASA Forum* (Latin American Studies Association). 47:1, 26-31
- 2014 "The Politics of Anti-Zionism and Racial Democracy in Homeland Tourism." In *The Middle East and Brazil*, Paul Amar, ed. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 215-27
- 2013 "Turcos in the Mix: Corrupting Arabs in Brazil's Racial Democracy." In *Between the Middle East and the Americas: The Cultural Politics of Diaspora*. Ella Shohat and Evelyn Alsultany, eds. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 80-95
- 2011 "Historias musulmanas en América Latina y el Caribe." *Istor: Revista de Historia Internacional* (CIDE, Mexico City). 12:45, 22-43
 * 2013 "Muslim Histories in Latin America and the Caribbean." *An Introduction to Islam in the 21st Century*. Aminah McCloud et al., eds. New York: Wiley-Blackwell, 249-67
- 2009 "Fios árabes, tecido brasileiro." *Revista de História da Biblioteca Nacional*. 4:46, 22-4