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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of History, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA 2014

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Westmont College, Santa Barbara, CA 2011-2014

Assistant Professor, Department of History, American University in Cairo 2007-2011

Acting Director of the CCCU Middle East Studies Program, Cairo, Egypt Fall 2009

Professor of Islamic history, Middle East Studies Program, Cairo, Egypt 2003-2007

Adjunct Professor, Department of Arabic Studies, American University in Cairo 2003-2006

## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy (PH.D.): Middle East History  
University of California, Santa Barbara 2003

Master of Arts (M.A.): European History and Middle East History  
University of California, Santa Barbara 1995

Bachelor of Arts Degree (B.A.): History, magna cum laude, Philosophy (minor)  
Westmont College, Santa Barbara, California 1993

## PUBLICATIONS

“Caliph,” “Caliphate,” “Copts,” “Islam and Politics,” and “Islamic Government” in Juan E. Campo, ed., *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. volume of *Encyclopedia of World Religions*. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2015.

*Medieval Islamic Historiography: Remembering Rebellion*. New York: Routledge, 2013.

“Confronting the Caliph: ‘Uthman ibn ‘Affan in three ‘Abbasid Chronicles,” *Studia Islamica* (1: 2011), pp 37-65.

“Taha Husayn, Tabari and the Future of History in Egypt,” in James E. Lindsay and Jon Armajani, eds., *Historical Dimensions of Islam: Essays in Honor of R. Stephen Humphreys*. Princeton: Darwin Press, 2009.

“Caliph,” “Caliphate,” “Copts,” “Crusades,” “Islam and Politics,” “Islamic Government,” “Mamluk,” “Sultan,” “Saladin” and “Vizier” in Juan E. Campo, ed., *Encyclopedia of Islam* volume of *Encyclopedia of World Religions*. New York: Facts on File, Inc., 2009.

“The First Islamic Revolt in Mamluk Collective Memory: Ibn Bakr’s (d. 1340) Portrayal of the Third Caliph ‘Uthman” in Sebastian Guenther ed., *Ideas, Images, and Methods of Portrayal: Insights into Classical Arabic Literature and Islam*. Leiden: Brill, 2005.

## **REVIEWS**

Paul M. Cobb, *The Race for Paradise: An Islamic History of the Crusades* in *Journal of Military History* 80:3 (2016): 868-9.

Salwa Ismail, *Rethinking Islamist Politics: Culture, the State and Islamism* in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 37:2 (2005): 274.

## **PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS**

“Experiments with a Role Play Game of ‘Egypt’s Liberal Experiment, 1928-1936’” delivered in “Breaking the two stone tablets: Explorations in teaching outside the standard textbooks and narratives in survey courses” Roundtable at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November 18-20, 2016

“Islamists to the right of me, heretics to the left of me, I’m stuck here in the middle with Tyrants’ -- Sunni Scholars Respond to the Arab Spring” delivered at Gordon College, November 17, 2016

“The Shi’a in the Eyes of al-Azhar” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Denver, November 21-24, 2015

“Tyrants, Terrorists, and Tropes in Islamic History” delivered at Colorado College, November 20, 2015

“Tyrants, Terrorists, and Tropes in Islamic History” Phi Kappa Phi Lecture, Westmont College, October 6, 2015

“Writing Past Wrongs: The Failures of the Rashidun Caliphs in early 20<sup>th</sup> century *Islamiyyat*,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2013 Meeting, New Orleans, October 10-13

“Rebels and Revolutionaries in Medieval and Modern Egypt,” delivered at the Biennial Conference on Faith and History, Gordon College, October 4-6, 2012.

“The Muslim Brotherhood Contra Mundum,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2011 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., December 1-4, 2011.

“Baladhuri 1 -- Ibn Hanbal 2: Why did fada’il beat biography in Sunni historiography?” delivered at “Historiography in its Arabic Age: Al-Baladhuri’s *Ansab al-Ashraf*” organized by the Orient Institut of Beirut and held in Cairo, Egypt, February 27-March 1, 2010.

“Tabari, Taha Husayn and the Future of History in Egypt,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2008 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 2008.

“Gambling on the Past, Gaining the Present: *Al-Fitna al-Kobra* in Andalusian Historiography,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2005 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 19-22, 2005.

“Gambling on the Past, Gaining the Present: Religio-Political Rhetoric in Medieval Islamic Spain,” delivered at the conference “Rhetoric, Politics, Ethics” at Ghent University, Belgium, April 21-23, 2005.

“History & Hagiography: Shaping Communal Memory and Spiritual Identity in Medieval Spain & Syria,” delivered at the conference “Spiritual Identities” at the University of Lancaster, England, November 4-5, 2004.

“Confronting the Caliph: Comparing Complaints against ‘Uthman b. ‘Affan in Abbasid Chronicles,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2002 Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., November 23-26, 2002.

“Representations of Regicide: ‘Uthman ibn ‘Affan in Mamluk Memory,” delivered at the Middle East Studies Association 2000 Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 16-19, 2000.

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship	2001-2002
Fulbright-Hays Fellowship	2000-2001
Fulbright Fellowship (declined)	2000-2001