

## Curriculum Vitae

### **BRINKLEY MESSICK**

Professor of Anthropology  
Professor, MESAAS Department  
Columbia University

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#### Education

1978 Princeton University, Ph.D. Anthropology  
1974 Princeton University, M.A. Anthropology and Near East Studies  
1969 University of Pennsylvania, B.A. Economics

#### Employment

Professor, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University, 1997-  
Professor, Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies Department, 2007-  
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1993-98  
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, 1991-93  
Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, 1987-91  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Near East Studies, Univ. of Massachusetts, 1986-87  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Univ. of Massachusetts, 1984-86  
Visiting Fellow, Near East Studies, Princeton University, 1983-84  
Research Associate, School of Education, University of Pennsylvania, 1982-83  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Washington University, 1980-81  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Colorado College, 1979  
Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Temple University, 1977-78

#### Grants and Fellowships

2019 Short-term Visitorship, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. February.  
2019 ISERP (Columbia), Workshop Grant, Center for the Study of Muslim Societies  
2016 Institute for Religion, Culture and Public Life (Columbia), Workshop support, "Palestinian Jerusalem."

- 2016 Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, WOTRO Science for Global Development (for “Nakba & Law” project, Palestine)
- 1997-8 Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan (declined)
- 1995-6 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
- 1995 Faculty Recognition Fund (Michigan)
- 1995 Discretionary Funds (OVPR-Michigan)
- 1994-5 Seed Grant (Islamic Legal Studies), International Institute (Michigan)
- 1993-5 Fulbright (CIES) lecturing and research grant, serial, 3 years
- 1992-3 Shelby Cullom Davis Center, Princeton University, Visiting Fellow
- 1991 Social Science Research Council, Post-doctoral Grant
- 1991 Faculty Recognition Fund (Michigan)
- 1980 Social Science Research Council, Post-doctoral Research Grant
- 1974-76 Social Science Research Council, Foreign Area Fellowship
- 1973 Center for Arabic Studies Abroad, Cairo
- 1970-77 National Defense Education Act (Title VI), Arabic Fellowships

#### Awards

- 1995 Henry Russel Award, University of Michigan (teaching and scholarship)
- 1995-6 Michigan Humanities Award
- 1993 Albert Hourani Book Award, Middle East Studies Association, for The Calligraphic State
- 2009 Senior Scholar Award, Middle East Section, American Anthropological Assn.

#### Research

- 1970-72 Morocco Lycée instructor, and studied Arabic, Berber
- 1974-76 Yemen Dissertation research on law and political economy; social history and ethnography; photo archive of documents
- 1979-80 Yemen Legal interpretation, law courts, scholarly education,
- 1982-83 Morocco Field Director, Morocco Literacy Project. Quranic school reading instruction, rote memorization; interdisciplinary anthropology & psychology
- 1991 Yemen Local Texts: Law and Political Economy in Yemen
- 1992 Yemen Consultant, AMIDEAST, legal institutions sector survey, (February-March)
- 1993 Yemen Shari`a court records; social history and textual ethnography
- 1995 Yemen Law and History in Yemen
- 2008 Yemen Shari`a Court archives
- 2009 Morocco Legal processes, legal history
- 2016 Palestine Shari`a doctrine, courts

#### Books

- 1993 The Calligraphic State: Textual Domination and History in a Muslim Society.

University of California Press.

Albert Hourani Book Award, Middle East Studies Association

Turkish translation, *Yazi Devleti. Müslüman Bir Toplumda Metinsel Tahakküm Ve Tarih*, Trans. N. Kizilkaya, (Istanbul: Açılım Kitap, 2016).

- 1996 Islamic Legal Interpretation: Muftis and Their Fatwas. Co-edited with M. Khalid Masud and David S. Powers. (Harvard University Press).
- 2018 Sharī'a Scripts: A Historical Anthropology (New York: Columbia University Press).

Other publications

- 1978 "Transactions in Ibb: Economy and Society in a Yemeni Highland Town," Ph.D. Thesis, Anthropology, Princeton University (University Microfilms)
- 1983 "Legal Documents and the Concept of 'Restricted Literacy'," International Journal of the Sociology of Language 4:41-52.
- 1983 "Prosecution in Yemen: The Introduction of the Niyaba," International Journal of Middle East Studies 15:507-518.
- 1986 "The Mufti, the Text and the World: Legal Interpretation in Yemen," Man (n.s.) 21:102-119.
- 1986 "Studying Literacy in Morocco," with D. Wagner and J. Spratt, In B.B. Schieffelin and P. Gilmore eds., The Acquisition of Literacy: Ethnographic Perspectives. Norwood, NJ: ABLEX, pp. 233-260.
- 1986 Review of Stevenson, Social Change in a Yemeni Highlands Town. American Anthropologist, 88(4):986-7.
- 1987 "Subordinate Discourse: Women, Weaving and Gender Relations in North Africa," American Ethnologist 14(2):20-35.
- 1988 "Kissing Hands and Knees: Hegemony and Hierarchy in Shari`a Discourse," Law and Society Review 22(4):601-622. (reprint 2007)
- 1988 Review of Weir, Qat in Yemen: Consumption and Social Change. American Ethnologist 15(1):175-6.
- 1989 "Just Writing: Paradox and Political Economy in Yemeni Legal Documents," Cultural Anthropology 4(1):26-50.
- 1989 Review of Kennedy, The Flower of Paradise, American Anthropologist 91(1):222-3.
- 1990 "Literacy and the Law: Documents and Document Specialists in Yemen," In D.H. Dwyer, ed., Law and Islam in the Middle East. New York: Bergen & Garvey, pp. 61-76.
- 1991 Review, Weiner and Schneider, Cloth and Experience, American Anthropologist.
- 1995 "Textual Properties: Writing and Wealth in a Yemeni Shari`a Case," Anthropology Quarterly 68(3):157-170.

- 1995 "Fatwa: Process and Function," The Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World. Vol. 2:10-13. Oxford University Press.
- 1995 Review, Boyarin, The Ethnography of Reading, American Anthropologist 97(1):188-9.
- 1996 "Introduction," (with K. Masud and D. Powers), Islamic Legal Interpretation: Muftis and their Fatwas. Harvard University Press, pp. 1-32.
- 1996 "Media Muftis: Radio Fatwas in Yemen," In Masud, Messick, and Powers, Islamic Legal Interpretation: Muftis and their Fatwas. Harvard, 310-320. Reprint, in Arabic translation, 2005.
- 1997a "On the Question of Lithography," Culture & History (Copenhagen) 15:158-176.
- 1997b "Genealogies of Reading and the Scholarly Cultures of Islam," In S. Humphreys, ed. Cultures of Scholarship. University of Michigan Press. pp. 387-412.
- 1998a "L'écriture en proces: les recits d'un meurtre devant un tribunal *shar`i*," Droit et société 39:237-256.
- 1998b "Written Identities: Legal Subjects in an Islamic State," History of Religions 38(1):25-51.  
  
Reprint, Martha Mundy, ed. Law and Anthropology. Ashgate Publishing. 2003
- 1998c "Just Writing: Paradox and Political Economy in Yemeni Legal Documents," Cultural Anthropology  
  
Reprint, Arabic Translation: Ed. Lucine Taminian. American Institute for Yemeni Studies, San`a'
- 2001 "Indexing the Self: Wording and Intentionality in Legal Acts," Islamic Law & Society 8(2):151-78.  
  
Turkish translation: "Hukukî Fiillerde Niyet Ve Ifade," İslam Hukuku Arastirmalari, 17 (2011), 145-66.
- 2002 "Evidence: From Memory to Archive," Islamic Law & Society 9,2:1-40.  
  
Reprint, Mashood A. Bandarin , ed. Issues in Islamic Law, Volume II (London: Ashgate, 2014)
- 2003 "Property and the Private in a Sharia System," Social Research 70(3):201-224.
- 2003 "Notes on Transliteration," In P. G. Rubel and A. Rosman, eds. Translating Cultures. Oxford and New York: Berg, pp. 177-196.
- 2005 "Cover Stories: A Genealogy of the Legal-Public Sphere in Yemen," Armando Salvatore and Mark LeVine, Eds., Religion, Social Practice, and Contested Hegemonies: Reconstructing the Public Sphere in Muslim Majority Societies, New York: Palgrave Macmillan

- 2005 “Madhhabs and Modernity,” The Islamic School of Law. Eds. P. Bearman, R. Peters and F.E. Vogel. Harvard, 159-174.
- 2006 “Commercial Litigation in a Sharī‘a Court,” In Dispensing Justice in Islam , Ed. M.K. Masud, D.S. Powers and R. Peters. Leiden: Brill: 195-218.
- 2007 “Provincial Judges: The Sharī‘a Judiciary of Mid-twentieth Century Yemen,” In Law, Custom, and Statute in the Muslim World, Ed. Ron Shaham, pp. 149-71.
- 2008 “Sharī‘a Ethnography,” In The Law Applied: Contextualizing the Islamic Sharī‘a. Eds. P. Bearman, W. Heinrichs, B. Weiss. Harvard, pp. 173-93.
- 2008 “Interpreting Tears: A Marriage Case from Imamic Yemen,” The Islamic Marriage Contract. Eds. Asifa Qureishi and Frank E. Vogel. Harvard University Press, pp. 156-179.
- 2008 “Legal Narratives in a Sharī‘a Court,” Telling Stories about Law in Muslim Societies, Eds. Baudouin Dupret, B. Driessens, A. Moors. I.B. Tauris, pp. 51-68.
- 2009 “Fatwa,” Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History, Ed. Stanley Katz, Oxford University Press.
- 2009 “Yemen,” Oxford International Encyclopedia of Legal History. Ed. Stanley Katz, Oxford University Press.
- 2014 “The Judge and the Mufti,” In R. Peters and P. Bearman, eds. The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law, 73-91.
- 2016 “Islamic Texts: The Anthropologist as Reader,” in Islamic Studies in the Twenty-first Century, Ed. L. Buskens and A. van Sandwijk, Amsterdam University Press, 29-46.
- 2017 “Fatwa, Modern,” Encyclopedia of Islam, Three.
- 2017 “Notes For a Local History of Falsehood,” Legal Documents as Sources for the History of Muslim Societies. Studies in Honour of Rudolph Peters. Ed. by Maaïke van Berkel, Léon Buskens, Petra M. Sijpesteijn. pp. 208-228. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

### Selected Recent Presentations

- 2019 *Sharia Scripts* book talk, and workshop, Berlin, May 16-17,
- 2019 *Sharia Scripts* Book talk, Dept. of Anthropology, Johns Hopkins, Mar. 27
- 2019 *Sharia Scripts* Book talk, MEMEAC, Graduate Center, CUNY, Mar 21
- 2019 “Spaces of Knowledge: Material Histories of Sharī‘a Texts,” *Silsila: Center for Material Histories*, NYU, Mar 13.
- 2019 Lecture, Dept. of Anthropology, Northwestern University, Mar. 11.
- 2019 Inaugural Visiting Lectureship (lecture, master class and seminar), Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, Mar. 4-7.
- 2019 Visitor, Institute for Advanced Studies, Feb.
- 2019 “Sharia Ethnography,” Near Eastern Studies, Princeton, Feb 4.
- 2019 “Islamic Contracts,” Contract Theory and Law Colloquium, NYU Law School, Jan 31.
- 2018 “Interpretive and governing authority in the late Zaydi *imāma*,” *Zaydi Studies*

- Conference, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, Dec. 6-7.
- 2018 *Sharia Scripts*, Book launch panel, Heyman Center, Columbia, Dec. 5
- 2018 “Just, False and Discrediting Witnesses: Evidence in Sharī‘a Courts,” Yale Law School, Kamel Center. Oct. 23.
- 2018 “Readings in a Formation of Islamic Texts,” Social Codicology Conference, Rabat, Morocco, Oct. 9-11.
- 2018 “Fallible Legitimacy: the Zaydi *imāma*,” Exeter University, Sept. 26-30.
- 2018 “*Sharī‘a Scripts*,” Book talk, Aga Khan University, London, March 22
- 2018 “Sharī‘a Texts: Reading Strategies (in Arabic),” “Yemen: Pasts and Present,” Doha Institute, Qatar, March 3-8
- 2017 “Imamic Governance and Sharī‘a Justice in 20th century Yemen,” Conference on Shii Studies: the State of the Art, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton, Dec. 7-9.
- 2017 Moderator and presenter, Workshop on Global History of the Book, Conference on Bibliography across Disciplines, Philadelphia, Oct 12-14
- 2017 “Islamic Governance and Sharī‘a Interpretation: A Textual Approach,” Keynote, Conference on Islamic Cultures of Documentation, University of Pittsburg, May 23.
- 2017 “Islamic Governance, Sharī‘a Interpretation,” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, April 5.
- 2017 “Islamic Governance, Sharī‘a Interpretation, Imamic Yemen.” Harvard Law School, March 22.
- 2017 “Sharī‘a, Property, Nakba,” Palestine Studies, Brown University, Mar. 3-4.
- 2016 “Sharī‘a, Property, Nakba,” Nakba and Law Workshop, CPS-Adalah, Ramallah, Palestine, Dec 7-8.
- 2016 “Notes Towards a Local History of Falsehood,” Islamic Law in Society, NYU, May 14.
- 2016 “Notes Towards a Local History of Falsehood,” Conference: Sharia in Motion, Yale University, April 9
- 2015 “Islamic Law: A Textual Tradition,” Center for Arab Studies, University of Chile, Santiago, Dec. 10
- 2015 “The Anthropology of a Textual Tradition,” Institute for Social Anthropology, Vienna, Austria, November 13.
- 2015 “Two lectures on the Islamic Sharī‘a,” MISR, Makerere University, Uganda, June.

### Professional Service

- 1980-83 Screening Committee, International Doctoral Research Program,  
Social Science Research Council
- 1995 Screening Committee, Post-Doctoral Fellowships, Social Science  
Research Council
- 1984-86 Vice-President, American Institute for Yemeni Studies
- 1986-9 Secretary and Fellowship Officer, American Institute for Yemeni  
Studies

- 1984-96 Board Member, American Institute for Yemeni Studies
- 1991-4 Fellowship Officer, American Institute for Yemeni Studies
- 1985-91 Member, Amherst Seminar on Law
- 1987-91 Editor, APLA Newsletter (Newsletter of the Association of Political and Legal Anthropology, AAA)
- 1987-8 APLA Section Editor, Anthropology Newsletter.
- 1987-9 Associate, Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University
- 1992-4 Editorial Advisory Board, Law & Society Review
- 1999 Albert Hourani Book Award Committee, MESA
- 2001- Advisory Board, Islamic Law & Society
- 2003-5 Charlotte Newcombe Foundation, Final Selection Committee
- 2009-10 Panel Member, the Wenner-Gren Foundation
- 2013 Department review, Princeton University, Near East Studies
- 2017 Department review, University of North Carolina, Asian Studies

### University Service

#### (1993-7) **Michigan**

- Rackham Graduate School
  - Divisional Board III, Social Sciences, 1993-5  
(faculty research proposals review)
- Department of Anthropology
  - Executive Committee 1993-5
  - Promotion and Tenure Case, 1996 (Coronil)
  - Third year faculty review, 1994 (Rouse)
  - Third year faculty review, 1994 (Bierwert)
  - Colloquiums coordinator 1993-4
  - Faculty Advisor, Titiev Library, 1994-5
  - Faculty Search Committee (China) 1994-5
- Interdepartmental Program in Anthropology and History
  - Chair 1993-4, Co-Chair 1994-5
  - Executive & Admissions Committee, 1993-1997
- Center for Middle East and North African Studies
  - Program Committee 1993-6
  - Admissions Committee 1993-6
  - FLAS Selection Committee 1994-5, 1997
  - Faculty Colloquiums Coordinator 1993-4
  - Islamic Law Lecture Series Coordinator
  - Social Science Subcommittee
- International Institute
  - Steering Committee, Advanced Study Center, 1995
  - Advisory Council, Advanced Study Center, 1996-7
  - Working Group on Health & Society, 1994-5
- Comparative Studies in Social Transformation

Steering Committee 1994-5

(1997- ) **Columbia**

Department of Anthropology

Chair (2004-11)

Associate Chair (2001-02)

Director of Graduate Studies (1997-02)

Chair, Admissions Committee (1997-02)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (2003-5)

1999 Chair, Junior Faculty Search

2001 Faculty Promotion report

2004 Faculty review committee (Barnard)

2011 Budget Committee

2013-14 Chair, Mellon committee

2015-16 Chair, Faculty Search Committee (two positions)

2016-19 Admissions Committee

2018-19, Chair, Third Year Review Committee

Department of MEALAC, now MESAAS (Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies)

Executive Committee (2005-); faculty 2007-

Director of Graduate Studies (2005-07, 2011-14)

Chair, Admissions Committee (2006, 2007)

Co-Chair, Arabic Search, 2006

Co-Chair, Islamic Studies Search, 2007

Chair, Swahili Studies search, 2010

Author, promotion reviews, three cases

Chair, Language lecturer reviews, two cases

Fifth Year review, Chair, 2008

Member, faculty search committee, Islamic History, 2017-18

Member, faculty search committee, East Africa, 2018-19

Other hiring Committees

2003-4 Specialist Librarian–Middle East collections

2011-12, 2012-13. Islamic Studies, Dept. of Religion

2015-17 History Department, Bulliet Chair

2017-18 Barnard College, Islamic History

2017-18 Sabanci Chair in Turkish Studies

Middle East Institute

Director, 2015-

Executive Committee, 2003-

Workshop in Middle East Studies, Convener

FLAS selection committee, 2004-

Shari‘a Workshop, Convener, 2015-



Center for Palestine Studies  
Founding Co-Director, 2010-5  
Executive Committee, 2010-

Columbia Global Centers  
Faculty Steering Committee | Amman  
Member, 2013-15  
Chair, 2015-

Faculty Steering Committee | Tunis  
Member, 2018-

Ifriqiyya Faculty Colloquium,  
Member 2011-  
Convener, Spring semester 2013-

IRCPL (Institute for Religion and Culture in Public Life)  
Advisory Board, 2017-  
Executive Committee, Chair, 2018-

Islamic Studies Reading Room, Butler Library  
Proposal author (1999)  
Committee Member (2000-)

#### Arts and Sciences

Ad Hoc committees, 1998, 2003; witness 2007, 2008  
Promotion and Tenure Committee, Subpanel Chair 2013, 2014  
Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2016-17  
2002 Department Review (Spanish), ARC  
2013 Department Review (Religion), ARC  
Reid Hall Fellows Selection Committee, 2003-6  
Chair 2005-6  
Reid Hall Steering Committee, 2007-08  
Advisory Committee, convened by Paul Anderer, 2006-7  
Africa Initiative committee, 2006-8  
Native American Initiative committee, 2005-7  
Advisory Board, Sabanci Center for Turkish Studies, 2017-  
Dean's Committee on MESAAS and 4 institutes (MI4), spring 2017  
Member, Executive committee, University Committee on Asia and the  
Middle East (UCAME), 2018-

#### Columbia College

Faculty Committee on Study Abroad, 2003-5  
Global Core Committee, 2006-2015

Society of Fellows  
Governing Board, 2004-7  
Admissions committee, 2006-7

Institutional Review Board (IRB)  
Scientific member, 2004-5

## Graduate Advising

### *Dissertation Sponsor*

Button, Greg. 1994. Brandeis  
Fahy, Michael 1997. Michigan  
Zirbel, Kate. 1998. Michigan  
Hudson, Leila. 1999. Michigan (Anthropology & History)  
Assoc. Prof. U. Arizona  
Manoukian, Setrag. 2000. Michigan (Anthropology & History)  
Assoc. Prof., McGill University  
Papailias, Penelope. 2000. Michigan  
University of Michigan Dissertation Award  
Taminian, Lucine. 2000. Michigan  
Miller, Flagg. 2001 (co-Chair). Michigan  
Malcolm Kerr Dissertation Award, MESA, runner-up  
Asst. Prof. U. Wisconsin, Madison  
Liu, Morgan, 2001. Michigan  
Harvard Society of Fellows  
Assoc. Prof. Ohio State  
Limbert, Mani. 2002. Michigan (Anthropology and NES)  
Assoc. Prof. Queens College  
Mooney, Brian. 2002. Michigan  
New York University  
Feldman, Ilana. 2002. Michigan (Anthropology & History)  
Newcombe Fellowship  
Malcolm Kerr Dissertation Award, MESA  
University of Michigan Dissertation Award  
Society of Fellows, Columbia  
Associate Professor, George Washington  
Varzi, Roxanne. 2002. Columbia  
Honorable Mention, Foundation of Iranian Studies  
Assoc. Prof., Anthropology, UC Irvine  
Abowd, Tom. 2003. Columbia  
Asst. Prof. Wayne State University, Colby  
Seif, Huda. 2003. Columbia  
Khan, Naveeda. 2003. Columbia. (Co-Chair)  
Assoc. Prof, Johns Hopkins

Henning, Stefan. 2005. Michigan (Anthropology & History)  
Michigan Humanities  
Post-doctoral Fellow, Oxford

Shahar, Ido. 2006. Hebrew University (co-sponsor)

Mittermaier, Amira. 2006. Distinction. Columbia  
SSRC pre-doc  
Columbia Traveling, SSRC, Wenner-Gren  
Newcombe Fellowship  
Society of Fellows, Columbia  
Assoc. Prof. U. Toronto

Zecevic, Selma. 2006. Columbia (MEALAC)  
Asst. Prof., York University

Spadola, Emilio. 2007. Columbia  
Fulbright  
Newcombe Fellowship  
Associate Professor, Colgate

Pahwa, Sonali. 2007. Columbia  
UCLA, Mellon Fellow  
Free University, Berlin  
Theater, U. Minnesota

Talebi, Shala. 2007. Columbia  
Columbia Traveling,  
Newcombe  
N. Arizona—Assoc. Professor

Erdur, Oguz. 2007. Columbia  
UNC-Asheville

Erami, Narges. 2007. Columbia  
Asst. Prof., Yale

Merabet, Sofian. 2008. Columbia  
Post-doc, NYU  
U. Texas, Assoc. Professor

Nadia Latif. 2009. Columbia  
NSF

Collins, Rodney. 2009. Columbia  
Wenner-Gren  
Post-Doc, Georgetown

Skrydstrup, Martin. 2010. Columbia  
Wenner-Gren, NSF, Columbia Traveling  
Univ. of Copenhagen  
Hunt Fellowship (Wenner-Gren)

Lazzari, Axel. 2010. Distinction. Columbia  
Wenner-Gren  
Professor, Buenos Aires

Guessous, Nadia. 2010 Columbia (co-sponsor)  
Fulbright, AIMS  
MEI Dissertation write-up

Amherst Fellow  
Post-doc, New York University  
Post-doc, Rutgers  
Assistant Professor, Colorado College  
Fadi Bardawil. 2010. Distinction. Columbia  
Fulbright  
Post-doc, Berlin  
Sawyer Fellow, Chicago  
Member, IAS Princeton  
Assistant Professor, UNC  
Duke  
Zainab Saleh, 2010. Columbia  
Wenner-Gren  
Assistant Professor, Haverford College  
Loan, Nadia. Columbia. 2012 (d. 2017)  
Khayyat, Munira. Columbia. 2012  
Visiting Asst. Prof, AUB  
Assistant Professor, AUC  
Bhuwania, Anuj. Columbia, 2013  
AIIS, NSF  
Ahsan, Sonia. Columbia 2014.  
Wenner-Gren  
Stone, Nomi. Columbia (co-sponsor with N. Abu El-Haj), 2016  
SSRC, Fulbright  
Post-doc, Princeton

(Candidates)

Angell, Elizabeth. Anthropology  
Wenner-Gren,  
Moughania, Ali. MESAAS  
Halliwell, John, MESAAS

*Dissertation committee member:*

Adra, Najwa. 1982. Temple  
McCan, David. 1993. Brandeis  
Hayani, F. 1993. Michigan (NES)  
Armbrust, Walter. 1994. Michigan  
Farid. 1994. Michigan (NES)  
Dashti, Abdollah. 1995. Michigan  
Balaghi, S. 1996. Michigan (History)  
Ener, Mine. 1996. Michigan (History)  
Judd, Steven. 1997. Michigan (NES)  
Sheehi, S. 1998. Michigan (NES)  
Geisler, Patric. 1998. Brandeis  
Goodman, Jane. 1998. Brandeis

Kanaaneh, R. 1998. Columbia  
Fenigsen, Janina. 1999. Brandeis  
Walker, D. 1998. Columbia  
Kern. 1998. Columbia (MEALAC)  
Walker, M. 1998. Columbia (MEALAC)  
Hoffman, K. 1999. Columbia  
Herrera, L. 2000. Columbia (Teacher's College)  
Lombardi, C. 2001. Columbia (Religion)  
Zamindar, Vazira. 2002. Columbia  
Strassler, Karen. 2002. Michigan  
Kosansky, Oren. 2002. Michigan  
Gupta, Pamila. 2003. Columbia  
Cristillo, Louis. 2003. Columbia (TC)  
Roughi, Ramzi. 2005. Columbia (History)  
Kuehn, Thomas. 2005, NYU (NES)  
Huq, Maimuna 2005. Columbia  
Freamon, B. 2006. Columbia (Law)  
John Willis. 2007. NYU (NES)  
Cook, Matthew. 2007. Columbia  
Naqvi, Nauman. 2007. Columbia  
Cubukcu, Ayca. 2008. Columbia  
Bridges, Khiara. 2008. Columbia  
Der Matossian, B. 2008. MEALAC  
Ariel. A. 2009. MEALAC  
Chang, Ho-Jun. 2009. Columbia  
Wu, Yi. 2009. Columbia  
Hwisang, Cho. 2010 (EALAC)  
Vishnupad, 2010  
Rezai, Hamid, MESAAS, 2011  
Asmi, Rehneuma, 2012 (TC)  
Nakissa, Aria, Harvard 2012  
Moumtaz, Nada, CUNY  
Hovden, Eirik. Bergen, Norway, 2012  
Ramadan, Dina. MESAAS, 2012  
Taneja, Anand. 2013  
Mikdashi, M. 2013  
Golestaneh, S. 2014  
Lee, Joel. 2014  
Zaman, Maheen, MESAAS 2014  
Gajula, Gautam, 2015  
Stamatopolou-Robbins, S., 2015  
Hart, Brendan. SMS, 2015  
Kenan, Tekin, MESAAS, 2016  
Jalalzai, S. Religion 2016  
Farahat, O. MESAAS, 2016  
Ishtiaque Ullah, Sahar MESAAS, 2017

Kassamali, S. 2017  
Wenner-Gren, SSRC  
Post-docs Harvard, Tufts  
Marsh, Wendell. MESAAS, 2018  
Asst Prof. Rutgers (Newark)  
Post-doc, Northwestern  
Hussein, Nasser. Anthropology, 2018  
Zarate, Arthur, History, 2018

(Candidates, committee)  
El Houdaiby, Ibrahim MESAAS  
Hawas, Sarah. MESAAS  
Azad, Hasan. Religion  
Langerqvist, P. Anthropology  
Khan, Sohaib, MESAAS  
Shmookler, Max. MESAAS  
Karlitekin, Selim. MESAAS  
McLaren, Andrew, Religion  
Bajalia, George. Anthropology  
Shah, Omer. Anthropology  
Mukherjee, Uponita, MESAAS  
Glasserman, Aaron, History  
Bar Sadeh, Roy. History  
Álamo-Bryan, Marina. Anthropology  
Quiniou, H el ene. Anthropology  
Gharavi, Mahmood. Religion  
Hauter, Ashwak, Anthropology (Berkeley)

(Precandidates, committee)  
Schirrer, Anna Anthropology  
Khalil Abdur Rashid, MESAAS (term. M.Phil)  
Reumert, Anna. Anthropology

(MA)  
Advisor  
MacPherson, Michele. Columbia, M.A. 2002  
Bagnini. 2000. MA. Columbia  
Laouina, M. 2008  
King, James. 2009. MA Liberal Studies  
Knight, A. 2010  
Sato, MESAAS 2010  
Omar, Dina, 2012.  
Aghisheva, D. 2012. MESAAS  
Belal, Youssef. 2012-3  
Zubeiri, H. 2013 MESAAS

Khalil, Menna. 2013  
Rabee, Maryam. 2013  
Jaquette, E. 2014  
Mirza Jaffer Abid 2014/2017  
Alaoui, M. 2015  
Sowa, Christian. MESAAS. 2015  
Bonduelle, Tessa M. M. Anthropology, 2016  
Fakih, Marwa. Anthropology, 2017-18  
Munevver, Gulce, MESAAS, 2017-18  
Yildirim, Hazal. Anthropology, 2018

Second reader

Lee, Joel. Religion, MA. 2008  
Primel, Casey. 2009. MEALAC  
Guloglu, M. MESAAS, 2012  
Sleiman, Hana MESAAS 2013  
Hawas, Sarah. MESAAS 2014  
Mukherjee, Uponita. MESAAS 2015  
Sariahmed, Nadia. MESAAS 2015  
Witkow, Kevin. Religion, 2016

Undergraduate thesis advisor

Warwick, Grayson. MESAAS 2016  
Bang, Hae Won. MESAAS 2016

Sponsor, Visiting Scholars:

Ustaoğlu, Zehra Betül, 2018-19  
Amir, Safwan. Fulbright Scholar, 2017-18  
Aysegul Simsek 2017-18  
Ahmet Celik, 2015-16  
Ahmet Koroglu, 2015-16  
Muharrem Midilli, 2014-15  
Rahile Yilmaz, 2013-14  
Necmeddin Guny, 2009-10  
Necmettin Kizilkaya, 2008-09

Courses Taught (CU bold)

**Interpretation of Cultures**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
Introduction to Sociology  
Theory and Method in Anthropology  
Graduate Ethnology Core Course (Michigan, Anthro 527)  
Graduate Core (Columbia)  
Undergraduate Senior Honors Seminar (Brandeis, Columbia)  
Reading Ethnography

The Ethnography of Writing

**Written Culture**

Symbolic Anthropology/ Semiotics

Political Anthropology; Political Economy

Economic Anthropology & Development

Anthropology of Law

**Islamic Law** (Michigan Law School-Law 812;  
Columbia, Anthropology W4282)

**Law, History and Anthropology**

Legal Anthropology; Seminar on Legal Texts

Cultures of the Middle East

Graduate Middle East Seminar

**Arabia Imagined**

Cultures of North Africa

Muslim Societies

Social Organization

Peasant Societies

Religion and Ritual; Magic, Myth & Witchcraft

Culture Through Film (UMass)

Urban Anthropology; Urban Development

Early & Modern History of the Middle East

**Islam & Theory**

Specializations

Muslim cultures, Islam

Islamic Law

North Africa, Arabia

Cultural theory, semiotics, hermeneutics,  
post-structuralism, post-modernism

Political economy, critical theory

Anthropology of Law

Anthropology and History

Education and Literacy

Written Culture

Languages

French

Italian

Literary Arabic

Moroccan Colloquial Arabic

Yemeni Colloquial Arabic

Memberships in Professional Associations



American Anthropological Association  
American Ethnological Society  
Middle East Studies Association  
Law & Society Association  
American Institute for Yemeni Studies  
American Institute for Maghrebi Studies