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## Education

### **Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle. 1987**

*Topical Emphases:* Islam, Middle Eastern Cultures, Ethnicity, Economics, Development, and Social Change.

*Geographic Areas:* Middle East and North Africa

*Dissertation:* Ethnography of Economic Strategies of the Urban Poor in Cairo.

### **B.A., (High Honors) American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt. 1977**

Socio-cultural Anthropology and Literature

## Faculty and Administrative Experience

Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates 2001 to present  
Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Science  
Coordinator, Museum Studies Graduate Program 2012 to present  
Head of Humanities and Social Sciences Department, 2012-2103  
Director, Institute for Applied Social Research, 2002-2004  
Assistant Dean, College of Arts and Science, 2002-2003

Sullivan County College, Loch Sheldrake NY 2000-2001  
Assistant Professor

Marist College, Poughkeepsie NY 2000-2001  
Assistant Professor, Upward Bound Program

South Seattle Community College, Seattle WA 1990  
Assistant Professor

University of Washington, Seattle WA 1982-1986  
Teaching and Research Assistant

## Consulting and Corporate Experience

Gulf Youth Market Research Project Consultant 2007  
Ergo Advisors, New York

Education in Dubai Research Consultant 2007  
PA Consulting Group, London

The New Middle East/Gulf, Advisor 2007  
Newsweek Magazine

SYDA Foundation, South Fallsburg, NY 1996-2000  
Facilities Management Director

Sekotac, U.S.A., Ltd. Seattle WA 1991-1995

Property Manager

Deva Design Associates, Inc., Seattle WA  
Owner

1987-1992

## **Committees and University Service**

### University Level

Standing Committee for Student Affairs 2011- 2012  
New Campus Design Committee 2007-2009  
Standing Committee for Student Affairs 2005-2007  
Middle States Accreditation Committee Governance subcommittee 2006-2007  
General Education Committee, 2001-2003

### College of Arts and Sciences

Student Affairs Representative  
Director, Museum and Heritage Programs  
Information Technology Committee 2008-10  
E Portfolio Committee 2004-2007  
Confidential Reviewer for University research funds 2005-2006  
Dean's Council 2001-2003  
General Education Curricula Development Committee 2001-2004  
Assistant Dean 2001-2002

### Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Head of Department, Abu Dhabi Campus  
Chair of Search Committee 2011-2012  
Academic Affairs Committee Chair 2009-2010  
Chair of Search Committee, Department Chair 2007  
Director and Developer, Emirati Studies Undergraduate Program 2007  
UNDP Community Service Learning Pilot Project 2006-2007  
Member of Search Committee, Department Chair 2006  
Director and Developer Museum Studies Masters Program 2006 - 2010  
Curriculum and Outcomes Committee 2003-2006  
Strategic Planning Committee 2001-2006  
Dean's Council Member and advisor on General Education 2001-2003  
Department Chair 2001

### Community Outreach

Emirati Heritage Programs, Emirates Heritage Club Abu Dhabi  
National Center for Documentation and Research Advisor, 2005 to present  
Project Advisor UNDP, 2003-2007  
Women's Literacy Group – Iqra Institute, Abu Dhabi 2003-2007  
Nadi Turath series on Emirati history, Al Ain 2004-2007  
Women's Oral History Project  
Public Service work for The National Center for Documentation and Research,  
Abu Dhabi, 2005-2008

## **Courses Taught**

### General Education

Western Civilization, World History, Cultural Geography, Cultural Landscapes, The Human Journey, History of the M.E., Cultural Interactions, Introduction to Anthropology, Global Studies, and Global Encounters.

### Upper Level

Peoples of the World, Socio-cultural and Economic Trends in the Gulf, History and of the Gulf, Material Culture of the UAE, History of the UAE, Peoples and Societies of the Middle East, Economic Anthropology, Social Research Methods, Qualitative Methods, Globalization, Ethnicity and Ethnic Resurgence, Tribalism and Tribal Politics, Peasant Societies, Directed Readings in Emirati History, International Migration, the Anthropology of Tourism.

## **Languages**

English, Egyptian Colloquial Arabic and French

## **Fieldwork**

Fieldwork in Abu Dhabi, Al Ain, Dubai and Ras Al Khaimah, 2001-2013  
Dissertation Fieldwork in Cairo, Egypt 1984-1986  
Relocation Studies, Aswan, Egypt 1974-1975 (undergraduate project)

## **Fellowships And Awards**

Exemplary Faculty Member, Zayed University 2010, 2011, and 2012  
Research Grant, Zayed University Research Fund, 2011- 2014  
Senior Fellow, M.E. Studies, Lund University, Sweden 2010 (declined)  
Faculty of the Year, Zayed University 2009-2010  
Provost's Research Fellowship, Zayed University 2009  
Dean's Teaching Award, Zayed University 2009  
Exemplary Faculty of the Year, College of Arts and Sciences 2007 and 2008  
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship 1984-1986  
American Research Center in Egypt, Fellow 1984-1985  
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship 1983-1986  
Pemco Presidential Scholarship Award 1981-1986  
Presidential Scholarship, American University in Cairo 1973-1977

## **Publications**

### **Books**

Emirati Women: Generations of Change. C. Hurst and Co/Columbia University Press: London. (2010)

Future Perfect: Transnational Societies in the Emirates.  
C. Hurst and Co/Columbia University Press: London. (2013)

### **Chapters**

Students are Key, *IN Reimagining Museums: Practice in the Arabian Peninsula*. P. Erskine- Loftus, editor. Edinburgh, Museums Etc: 612-624. (2013)

Socio-spatial boundaries in Abu Dhabi, *IN* Mehran Kamrava and Zahra Babar (Eds.) Migrant Labour in the Persian Gulf, (pp. 276). New York and London: C. Hurst and Co. and Columbia University Press, 2012.

A Lexicon of Migration. *IN* Arab Migration, Middle East Institute, 2010

An Introduction to the Social History of the UAE. *IN* The United Arab Emirates, Motivate, Dubai, UAE Ministry of Youth and Social Development, 2010.

The Education of Women in the Arabian Gulf *IN* The Europa World of Learning, Routledge, 2009

The Dilemma of Gender-Segregated Higher Education in the UAE. *IN* Higher Education in the GCC States: Approaches to Building Economies, Societies, and Nations, Christopher M. Davidson and Peter Mackenzie-Smith, editors. Saqi Press: London, 2008.

### **In Progress**

An Alternate Imperialism: Britain's Legacy in the Gulf edited by Jane Bristol-Rhys and Christopher Brown. (Under review by Palgrave British Scholars Series)

### **Articles**

Emirati Identity Issues: Discourse and Reality. *Liwa Journal*, Vol. 3 (1) 2010

Emirati Historical Narratives. *History and Anthropology*, Vol 20/2 2009

Abu Dhabi's Heritage Initiatives. *The Bulletin of the Faculty of Arts, University of Alexandria*, 58.

Abu Dhabi. *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, 2007

Marriage, Weddings and Money in the United Arab Emirates  
*Anthropology of the Middle East*, Vol 2, 1, pp 20-36.

Migrants: The Making of Global Abu Dhabi  
Conference Proceedings of International Mediterranean and Middle East Studies,  
Athens, Greece 2008

At the Hammam: Personal Ethnography from the Field.  
*Anthropology Advocate*, 1985

Mercedes and Moulekheyya: the Economic Repercussions of the Open Door Policy in Egypt. *Essays in Ethnography: Papers of Middle Eastern Studies Series*, Vol 16. 1985

### **Reviews**

Alessandra L. Gonzalez, *Islamic Feminism in Kuwait: The Politics and Paradoxes* (2013). New York, Palgrave Macmillan, *IN* *Journal of Women's Middle East Studies* (forthcoming).

Neha Vora, *Impossible Citizens* (2013). Duke University Press Books *IN* *Digest of Middle East Studies*, Fall 2013.

Maria Eugenia Cruset, editor, *Migration and New International Actors: An Phenomenon Seen With New Eyes*, (2012) Newcastle upon Tyne, Cambridge Scholars Publishing *IN Digest of Middle East Studies*, Spring 2013, Vol 22, Issue 1 pages 158-159.

David Sorenson, editor, *Interpreting the Middle East: Essential Themes* (2010) Westview Press: Boulder, *IN Digest of Middle East Studies*, Spring 2011 Vol. 20, No. 1 page 120.

Andrea Rugh, *The Political Culture of Leadership in the United Arab Emirates* (2007) New York: Palgrave, *In International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, Spring 2009.

Afaf Al-Sayyed Marsot, *A History of Egypt from the Arab Conquest to the Present* (2007) Cambridge: Cambridge University Press *IN Digest of Middle East Studies* Spring 2008 Vol. 17 No.1, page 169

Harold Jacob *Perfumes of Araby* (2007) London: Garnet. *IN Digest of Middle East Studies*, Vol 17 No. 2. page 156.

## **Conference Presentations**

*Worrying Influence: Migrants in the UAE*. British Society of Middle East Studies Annual Conference, Dublin, June 2013. Panel Organizer for "From Outside: Foreign Influence in the UAE."

*Divided Communities: Migrants in the UAE*  
Gulf Research Conference, Cambridge UK, July 2010

*Safe to worry about and safe to discuss: Identity issues in the UAE*. Panel Organizer and paper presentation at Gulf Studies 2010, The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Gulf and the Challenge of Identity. Exeter University, June 2010

*Foreign migrants in Abu Dhabi: Socio-spatial boundaries and divided communities*. Georgetown University Center for International and Regional Studies, Qatar. Working group on Migration in the Gulf. January 2010.

*Threatened Identity? Emirati Discourse on values, heritage, and traditions*. Panel Organizer and paper presentation at British Society of Middle East Studies Annual Conference, *Frontiers: Space, Separation and Contact in the Middle East*. University of Manchester, 3-5 July 2009.

*Tourism: images and constructs in the UAE*.  
*Traditions and Transformations: Tourism, Heritage, and Cultural Change in the Middle East North Africa Region*, Amman, Jordan, April 2009

*Migrants in the Global Abu Dhabi*.  
Mediterranean Studies International Conference, Athens, March 2008

*The View from the Gulf.*  
Annual DOMES meeting, U Wisconsin Milwaukee, August 2007

*Creating and recreating heritage in the UAE.*  
University College London, Archaeology Studies, July 2007

*Abu Dhabi: The Making of a Global City.*  
The Gulf Conference, Exeter University, July 2007

*Visual Anthropology, Visualizing Heritage.*  
Center for Documentation and Research, Abu Dhabi, April 2007

*Historiography of the Gulf – An Anthropologist's View.*  
The Gulf and the World. Exeter University, UK, July 2006

*Collaborative Historical Research in the Emirates.*  
Zayed Centre for History and Heritage, Al Ain, April 2006

*Historical Narrative in Emirati Society.*  
American Anthropological Association Meeting, Washington D.C. 2005

*Do Emirati Brides Cost too much?*  
Middle Eastern Studies Association Meeting, Washington D.C. 2005

*Changing Social Role of Emirati Women.*  
Middle Eastern Studies Association, Anchorage, November 2003

*Who's Orientalist Now? Constructs and Images in the Gulf.*  
Orientalism, University of Wales, July 2002

*Making Learning Clear.*  
Educational Standards Conference, Dubai, UAE March 2002

*Material Culture versus Tradition.*  
East West Academic Research Series, Abu Dhabi December 2001

**Invited Papers  
And  
Public Lectures**

*Painting the future with yesterday's dreams: cultural identity in the globalized Gulf.* The EU and the GCC: Challenges and Prospects under the Swedish EU Presidency Conference, University of Lund, Sweden. June 2009

*The importance of Culture to National Identity.*  
Zayed Military Academy Lecture, December 2008

*Bollywood Hunks and Lowlife Migrants: Disconnect and Discomfort in Abu Dhabi.*  
The Films of India Conference, Abu Dhabi, November 2008

*The Impact of the Demographic Imbalance on Abu Dhabi.*

University of Qatar, Department of International Relations, June 2008

*Narrating History.*

Center for Documentation and Research, March 2008

*Reflections on Change: Musings of a second generation American educator in the Middle East.* Al Quds University, December 2006

*Ethnography inside the migrant communities of Abu Dhabi.*

University of Sharjah, February 2005

*Ethnographic Fieldwork in the Arab World.*

Abu Dhabi Cross Cultural Group, January 2003

*Education, Employment and Emiratization.*

The American University in Cairo, February 2002

## **Professional Development**

iBook Author and iTunes U, Course Development and Delivery, Apple and Zayed University Training Workshops, 2013

Outcomes Based Learning, Professional Development Workshop, Zayed University 2012

Grant Writing Workshop conducted by Dr. Suad Joseph of U.C. Davis. Zayed University's Research Office, 2009