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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Community and Leadership Development, College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2015-present.

National Science Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 2013-2015.

Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 2012-2013.

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Ph.D. Cultural Anthropology, University of Kentucky, 2012.

M.A. Cultural Anthropology and History, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, 1998.

M.P.A Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs (international development), Princeton University, 1994.

B.A. Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs (international development) with a certificate in Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, 1992.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (Year-long intensive study of Modern Standard/Classical Arabic) American University in Cairo, 1995-1996.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer reviewed articles

2016 The Labor of Agrodiversity in a Moroccan Oasis. *The Journal of Peasant Studies*, 43(3):711-730. Selected for a virtual special issue, *JPS 40: Greening Agrarian Studies*, a collection of 40 of the most important articles on environmental themes from the journal's 40-year history.

2016 Solar Power, State Power, and the Politics of Energy Transition in Pre-Saharan Morocco. *Environment and Planning A*, 48:540-557.

2015 Land and the Politics of Custom in a Moroccan Oasis Town. *Anthropological Quarterly*, 88(4): 941-968.

Edited book chapters

- 2013 Time, Children, and Getting Ethnography Done in Southern Morocco. In *Encountering Morocco: Reflections on North African Fieldwork and Ethnography*. David Crawford and Rachel Newcomb (eds). Bloomington: Indiana University Press.
- 2000 Building the Infrastructure of Arab-American Identity in Detroit: A Short History of ACCESS and the Community it Serves. In *Arab Detroit: From Margin to Mainstream*. Andrew Shryock and Nabeel Abraham (eds). Detroit: Wayne State University Press.

Other publications

- 2015 *La dynamique socio-économique dans le Dadès M'goun à travers la mobilité des familles dans le temps et dans l'espace* [Final report]. Tinghir, Morocco: RATDED, 2015.
- 2008 *Review of Pastoral Morocco: Globalizing Scapes of Mobility and Insecurity*. *Development and Change* 39(4):717-718.
- 2003 Beyond Patriotic (An Arab-American perspective on the Patriot Act). www.tompaine.com, November 4, 2003.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS

- 2015 *Community and Leadership Development Preliminary Research Award (A comparative study of land ownership, social mobilization, and extractive industry)*, University of Kentucky.
- 2013 *Postdoctoral Research Fellowship (Assessing Poverty Dynamics in an Arid Agrarian Context--Socio-economic Mobility, Disparity, and Chronic Poverty in Pre-Saharan Morocco)*, National Science Foundation.
- 2013 *Engaged Anthropology Grant*, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- 2012 *Robert M. Netting Best Student Paper Prize (Land, Livelihoods, and Renewing a Sense of Place in Pre-Saharan Morocco)*, Culture and Agriculture section of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2012 *Harold K. Schneider Student Paper Prize (Land Use Change and the New Spatiality of Livelihoods in Pre-Saharan Morocco)*, Society for Economic Anthropology.
- 2012 *Finalist Roy A. Rappaport Student Panel and Award (The Aporias of Green Energy: Land, Sovereignty, and the Production of Solar Energy in Pre-Saharan Morocco)*, Anthropology and Environment section of the American Anthropological Association.
- 2012 *Research Award*, The American Institute for Maghrib Studies.
- 2012 *Donna Lee Bowen Graduate Student Travel Award*, American Institute for Maghrib Studies.
- 2011 *Jeanne Jeffers Mrad Graduate Student Travel Award*, American Institute for Maghrib Studies.
- 2009 *Dissertation Research Fellowship and Osmundsen Initiative Award*, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- 2009 *Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant*, National Science Foundation.
- 2008 *Graduate Student Research Support*, University of Kentucky.
- 2007 *Multi-year Graduate Fellowship (three year award)*, University of Kentucky.
- 2007 *Daniel R. Reedy Quality Achievement Award (three year award)*, University of Kentucky.

- 1996 *Foreign Language Area Studies Grant – Arabic*, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 1996 *International Institute Research Award*, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.
- 1994 *Mellon Graduate Fellowship*, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Faculty, Department of Community and Leadership Development and Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky. *Foundational Theories of Community and Leadership Development*, Fall 2015; *Capstone Seminar: Environmental Dimensions of Globalization*, Fall 2015; *Seminar on Community Inequalities*, Spring 2016; *Globalization: A Cross-cultural Perspective*, Spring 2016.

Course Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky. *People and Cultures of Africa (Online course)*, Summer 2012.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky. *Cultural Diversity in the Modern World*, Spring 2011.

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor. *Culture, Thought, and Meaning*, Fall 1997; *The Comparative Study of Cultures*, Spring 1998.

INVITED LECTURES

- 2016 "Land, Rural Economies, and the Politics of Transition," Department of Community and Leadership Development, University of Kentucky, April 15.
- 2015 "Materialisms and the Uses of Immaterial Labor in Southern Morocco," Annual Conference on Critical Geography, University of Kentucky, October 23-25.
- 2015 "Environmental Change as Uneven Development: Land Use and the Struggle over Narrative in Morocco's Saharan Periphery." Department of Geography Colloquium Series, University of Kentucky, October 9.
- 2015 "Impact de la migration dans la vallée du Mgoun: résultats d'une enquête dans la province de Tinghir," Centre d'Études et de Recherches Géographiques, Faculté des Lettres et des Sciences Humaines, Université Mohamed V, Rabat, Morocco. March 19.
- 2015 "Land and the Politics of Value in Unconventional Gas; Political Ecologies of Extraction," Saleh Kamel Symposium, "An Energy Revolution? The Political Ecologies of Shale Oil in the Middle East, US and China." Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., February 11-13.
- 2014 "Natural Experiments and Ethnographic Accidents: Methodological Insights from an Interdisciplinary Migration Study in Morocco," Department of Anthropology speaker series, University of Cincinnati, April 8.
- 2013 "Refiguring the Commons in Morocco's New Enclosures: Ethnographic Reflections on Land, Community, and the State," Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. April 2, 2013.
- 2013 "The Relationship between Agriculture and Migration in Household Livelihood Portfolios: Evidence from Morocco," U.S. Agency for International Development, Food Security Bureau, Washington, D.C. May 30, 2013.

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, ORGANIZED PANELS

- 2016 Panel co-organizer (with Mona Atia, Associate Professor of Geography, George Washington University), "Uneven Spatialities and the Production of Poverty Knowledge," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, March 30-April 2.
- 2016 "Poverty, Possibility, and the Spatiality of Uneven Development in Morocco," part of co-organized session, "Uneven Spatialities and the Production of Poverty Knowledge," Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, San Francisco, March 30-April 2.
- 2016 "Governing Livelihood and Land Use Transitions: The Role of Customary Tenure in Southeastern Morocco," 2016 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty, Washington, D.C., March 14-18.
- 2016 Double panel co-organizer (with Garrett Graddy-Lovelace, Heather Hyden, Tad Mutersbaugh), "Comedy of the Commons," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 25-27.
- 2016 Moderator, "P.R.E.P. Talks (Prevent, reduce, and eliminate poverty): Local Food, Food Security and Justice," A community/university collaboration relating local food systems to social justice issues, sponsored by the Community Action Council, Lexington, KY, February 25.
- 2015 Co-organizer and participant, Symposium for Arab-American studies scholars on establishing a national research initiative on Arab Americans, Sponsored by the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS) and Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., December 14.
- 2015 Co-author on paper presented by Dr. Yoko Kusunose (Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky), "Labor Migration, Poverty and the Long-term Development Impact of International Migration," Joint Annual Meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association and the Western Agricultural Economics Association, San Francisco, July 26-28.
- 2015 "Elusive Traditions: Women, Collective Land Tenure, and the Legacy of the French Colonial Project," Annual Meeting of the British Middle East Studies Association, London, England, June 24-26.
- 2015 Panel co-organizer (with Heather Hyden), Extension Agents, Institutions, and the Possibilities for Social Justice, Community Development Society Annual International Conference, University of Kentucky, July 19-22.
- 2015 Colloquium co-organizer (with the Réseau des Associations de Tinghir pour la Démocratie et le Développement), "La dynamique socio-économique dans le Dadès M'goun à travers la mobilité des familles dans le temps et dans l'espace," Research colloquium for survey participants, civil society activists, and local government officials, Tinghir, Morocco, March 28-29.
- 2015 Double panel co-organizer (with Heather Hyden), "Agrarian Questions of Labor: A Roundtable Discussion on Political Ecology and Agrarian Labor Issues; Agrarian Questions of Labor in Kentucky," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 26-28.
- 2014 "L'impact de la migration: terre, agriculture, et modes de vie dans la vallée de Mgoun (Tinghir), Migrations Marocaines: Transformations, transitions et perspectives futures," colloquium organized by Oxford University and L'Université Euro-Méditerranéenne de Fès, Morocco, May 22-24.

- 2014 "Situating Agrodiversity in the New Rurality of a Moroccan Oasis," Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Conference, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT, June 18-21.
- 2014 Double panel co-organizer (with Tad Mutersbaugh and Garrett Graddy-Lovelace): "The Agrarian Question and Political Ecology: In Three Acts," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 27-March 1.
- 2014 "Agrodiversity and the Agrarian Question in Morocco," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 27-March 1.
- 2013 Panel organizer, invited session of the Anthropology and Environment Section of the American Anthropological Association, "Green Power? On the Uses, Abuses and Limits of an Environmental Frame," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24.
- 2013 "The Politics of Competence: Contesting Water as Environment in Southern Morocco," part of invited session, "Green Power? On the Uses, Abuses and Limits of an Environmental Frame," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, November 20-24.
- 2012 "The Aporias of Green Energy: Land, Sovereignty, and the Production of Solar Energy In Pre-Saharan Morocco," finalist, Roy A. Rappaport Student Panel and Award, Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, November 14-18.
- 2012 "Theorizing Sovereignty in Terra Nullius: the Land Tenure Implications of Concentrated Solar Power in pre-Saharan Morocco," International Academic Conference on Global Land Grabbing II, Organized by the Land Deals Politics Initiative (LDPI) and Cornell University, Ithaca, October 17-19.
- 2012 "The Practice of Agriculture and Peasantization in Pre-Saharan Morocco," American Institute for Maghrib Studies Annual Conference, "Berber Societies: New Approaches to Space, Time, and Social Process," Tangier, Morocco, June 29-July 2.
- 2012 Discussant, "Transitional Livelihoods," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, April 14-15.
- 2011 "Land, Livelihoods, and Renewing a Sense of Place in Pre-Saharan Morocco," Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., December 1-4.
- 2011 "Customary Institutions in the Margins of Neoliberalism: Land, Labor and Capitalist Farming in Pre-Saharan Morocco," Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Montréal, November 16-20.
- 2011 Roundtable panelist, "Human Rights and Social Justice Committee Roundtable: Anthropological Insights into the 2011 Uprisings in North Africa and the Middle East." Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, March 29-April 2.
- 2011 "Private Property and Collective Lands: Moroccan Neo-liberalism in the Pre-Saharan Periphery," Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, March 29-April 2.
- 2011 "Land Conflict, State Power, and the Perils of Agriculture in Pre-Saharan Morocco," Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky, February 18-19.
- 2010 "The Problem of Land: Expanding Cultivation, Land, and Livelihood Transformations in Southern Morocco," Arid Lands: Environments and Societies at Risk Conference, Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco, May 20, 2010.

- 2010 "Expanding Cultivation, Land, and Livelihood Transformations in Southern Morocco," Maghrebi Area Studies Symposium, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange, Rabat, Morocco, April 24.
- 2002 Panelist, "Are We Safe and Are We Free?" ACLU Speaking of Rights Conference, Cleveland, October 5.
- 1997 "Rationalizing Religion: Capitalist Transformation and Habous (waqf) in Colonial Morocco," Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 21-24.
- 1997 "The Politics of Urban Space: Culture and Class in Colonial Morocco," Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, April 18.
- 1997 "Classifying Culture: The Urban Geography of Colonial Casablanca," Seen Worlds and Worlds of Being: Questions of Appearance and Experience, conference at the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, March 29.

SERVICE

Peer reviewer, *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, *Violence Against Women*.

Funding proposal reviewer, National Science Foundation, Behavioral and Cognitive Science Division.

Abstract submission reviewer, World Bank Land and Poverty Conference.

Member, Steering Committee, *Program in Sustainable Agriculture*, College of Agriculture, Food, and the Environment, University of Kentucky, 2013 – present.

Chair, Advisory Board, *National Network for Arab-American Communities*, a non-profit network of Arab American community-based organizations that represent the concerns of Arab Americans at the local level and collectively address these issues on the national level, (Member of the board from 2011, chair from 2016).

ADVISING

Committee Member, 1 PhD student, Cultural Anthropology, University of Kentucky.

Committee Member, 3 MS students, Community and Leadership Development, University of Kentucky.

LANGUAGES AND INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fluent in French, near fluency in Modern Standard Arabic (writing and reading), Moroccan colloquial Arabic and Egyptian colloquial Arabic; highly proficient in Spanish; beginning Tashelheit (southern Morocco Berber dialect); lived and worked throughout the Middle East, Africa, and Latin America.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association, American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Middle East Studies Association.