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**Education**

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

**Academic Appointments**

- 2017-Present Associate Director of the Lemann Institute for Brazilian Studies  
2015-Present Associate Professor of Brazilian Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
2012-2015 Associate Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies, DePaul University  
2005-2012 Assistant Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies, DePaul University

**Select Awards, Grants, and Prizes**

- 2018-9 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  
2005 Center for Middle Eastern Studies. The Sultan Program Postdoctoral Fellowship. University of California, Berkeley

**Books (translations are indented with asterisk\*)**

- 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 *Zakhrifah ‘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\*)**

- 2018 “I, Too, Am the Americas: Arabs in the Redrawing of Area and Ethnic Studies.” *Journal of American Ethnic History*. Vol.37, No.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\*)**

- 2017 “Comércio Exterior: Papel da Comunidade Libanesa,” *Brasil e Líbano: Legado e Futuro* (Brasília: Ministério das Relações Exteriores/FUNAG), 237-64.  
 \*2018 “Al-tijara al-kharijiyah: dawr al-mujtam‘a al-lubnānī,” *al-Barāzīl – Lubnān: Turath wa Mustaqbal* (Brasília: Ministério das Relações Exteriores/FUNAG)
- 2016 “Beside Bandung: Brazil’s Relations with the Arab World.” *LASA Forum* (Latin American Studies Association). 47:1, 26-31
- 2015 “Latino America in the *Umma* / the *Umma* in Latino America.” *Crescent over Another Horizon* (Austin: University of Texas Press) With Logroño Narbona and Pinto, 1-21
- 2015 “African Rebellion and Refuge on the Edge of Empire.” *Crescent over Another Horizon*. Austin: University of Texas Press, 46-62
- 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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