

CURRICULUM VITÆ

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Areas of specialization:

North Africa and the Middle East,
Islam and Islamic mysticism (Sufism)
religion and ritual, spirituality
economic anthropology,
political economy,
symbolic anthropology,
anthropology of the person

Academic History

Ph.D. awarded August, 1998, by the University of Virginia
Dissertation title: *Work and Power in Northern Morocco*
Master's Degree awarded by the University of Virginia
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, University of Arizona, Tucson

Research fellowship

Research assistant, Institute For Advanced Study
Princeton, New Jersey, 1989-1990

Teaching and Advising Awards

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
University of South Florida 2012-2013

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
University of South Florida, 2005-2006

Honorary Faculty Award of the Golden Key International Honor Society
Presented by the Students of the University of South Florida, Fall 2008

Advisor of the Year Award for a Student Organization
University of South Florida, nominated by Anthropology Club, 2011-2013

Making A Difference Testimonial
Kutztown University, Spring 2003

National Residence Hall Honorary Member Award
Presented by the Students of Kutztown University, Spring 2003

Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching
Kutztown University, nomination Spring 2003

Aaron O. Hoff Award for Superior Teaching Presented by the Students of
Lafayette College, May 3, 1992

Research Grants

Fulbright grants awarded 1984 and 1985

Title: "The Meaning of 'Work' in Traditional Moroccan Life"

National Science Foundation Grant-in-aid no. BNS-8419172, 1985

Title: "Work, Hierarchy, and Islam in the Moroccan Bazaar"

Field Research in Morocco

September 1984 - June 1986

Wazzan, northern Morocco

Teaching experience

At the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Fall 2004

Cultural Anthropology (2 sections of 100 students)
The Middle East and North Africa

Spring 2005

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections of 350 students)
Magic and Religion (2 sections of 25 students)

Summer 2005

Cultural Anthropology (70 students)
Magic and Religion

Fall 2005

Cultural Anthropology (100 students)
Magic and Religion
The Middle East and North Africa

Spring 2006

Cultural Anthropology
Magic and Religion
Theories of Culture

Summer 2006

Cultural Anthropology
Fantasies of the Primitive (Honors)

Fall 2006

Introduction to Anthropology (350 students)
The Middle East and North Africa
Magic and Religion

Spring 2007

Cultural Anthropology
Magic and Religion
Anthropology of Sport

Summer 2007
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2007
Cultural Anthropology
Magic and Religion
The Middle East

Spring 2008
Cultural Anthropology
Magic and Religion
Anthropology of Sport

Summer 2008
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2008
Cultural Anthropology (100 students)
Magic and Religion
Theories of Culture

Spring 2009
Anthropology of Religion
Anthropology of Sport
Theories of Culture

Summer 2009
Anthropology of Religion

Fall 2009
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion
Theories of Culture

Spring 2010 University leave of absence

Summer 2010
Anthropology of Religion

Fall 2010
Introduction to Anthropology (350 students)
Cultural Anthropology
Theories of Culture

Spring 2011
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion
Theories of Culture

Summer 2011
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2011
Cultural Anthropology (2 sections)
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa
Theories of Culture

Spring 2012
Introduction to Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion
Theories of Culture

Summer 2012
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2012
Cultural Anthropology (2 sections)
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa
Theories of Culture

Spring 2013
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion
Theories of Culture (2 sections)

Summer 2013
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2013
Theories of Culture (2 sections)
Anthropology of Religion

Spring 2014
Cultural Anthropology
Theories of Culture (2 sections)
Anthropology of Religion

Summer 2014
Cultural Anthropology (100 students)

Fall 2014
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa
Theories of Culture

Spring 2015
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of Religion
Anthropology of Sport
Theories of Culture

Summer 2015
Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2015
Cultural Anthropology
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa
Theories of Culture

At Millersville University, Millersville, PA, Spring 2004

Introduction to Sociology
(2 sections)
Social Problems
(2 sections)

At Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA, Fall 1999 - Summer 2003

Cultural Anthropology (13 sections)
Introduction to Sociology (16 sections)
The Anthropology of Religion (1 section)
The Muslim World (1 section)
Subsaharan Africa (1 section)

Advisement and Service at Kutztown University

Advisor and Co-Founder: Honor Society of Student Anthropologists, 2000-2002
APSCUF Representative Fall 2001, Strategic Planning Ideas Team Fall 2003

At Lafayette College, Easton, PA, Spring 1993 - Spring 1999

Spring 1994
Introduction to Anthropology
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Morocco
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1994
Introduction to Anthropology
Magic, Science, and Religion
Fantasies of the Primitive

Spring 1995
Introduction to Anthropology
Self, Society, and Culture:
Focus on Women and Development
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1995
Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)
Magic, Science, and Religion
Fantasies of the Primitive

Spring 1996

Introduction to Anthropology
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Spirituality
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1996-Summer 1997 (Part time appointment)

Introduction to Anthropology (4 sections)
Fantasies of the Primitive (2 sections)
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1997 (Renewal of full time position)

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Spirituality
Fantasies of the Primitive (Interim)

Spring 1998

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)
Anthropology of Sport, Play and Passion (distance learning)

Fall 1998

Introduction to Anthropology
Fantasies of the Primitive
Race and Ethnic Relations
Shamanism and the Western World

Spring 1999

Introduction to Anthropology
Self, Society, and Culture
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Summer teaching 1993-1999 at Lafayette College

At least one course per summer session

At King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Fall 1992 - Fall 1993

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Fall 1992

Human Behavior and Social Institutions (3 sections)
Islamic Cultures

Spring 1993

Human Behavior and Social Institutions
Islamic Cultures
African Cultures
Introduction to Anthropology

Fall 1993

Human Behavior and Social Institutions (3 sections)
Social Problems

At Lafayette College, Easton PA Fall 1990 - Spring 1992

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology

Fall 1990

Introduction to Anthropology
On Human Origins
Sex and Gender

Spring 1991

Introduction to Anthropology
Ethnography of the Middle East
Medical Anthropology

Summer 1991

Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1991

Introduction to Anthropology
Ethnography of the Middle East
Fantasies of the Primitive:
Western Images of the "Other"

Spring 1992

Introduction to Anthropology
Medical Anthropology (2 sections)
Sport, Play, and Passion

Conferences and Papers

Faculty Seminar
Department of Anthropology
University of Virginia
September 5, 1982

Paper Given: Metaphors of Praxis
Or the Dialectics of Love in the
Sufi Path to God

University of Virginia Symposium
Gender in Complex Societies:
New Directions
April 14, 1984

Organizer, Chair, and Presenter
Paper: King Kong to Bugs Bunny
Male Perceptions of Masculine
Failings and Feminine Strengths
in American Popular Culture

International Conference on
Moroccan-American Relations
November 13-15, 1986

Chair of panel entitled: Looking
at Morocco, Panelists: Azim Nanji,
Kenneth Brown, Henry Munson

South East Regional Middle East
and Islamic Studies Seminar,
Fall Meeting, 1987

Paper Given: Weavers, Merchants,
and the Opportunity for Good
in Northern Morocco

American Anthropological Association
Annual Proceedings, 1987

*Baraka Lost: Changing Perceptions
of Islamic Values in Morocco*

Society for Economic Anthropology
Annual Meetings, April 14-16, 1988

Marketing in Wazzan, Morocco:
Motivations in a local economy

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 3-5, 1988	Baraka Won: Intentionality and Merit in Morocco
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 16-20, 1988	Father's Brother's Daughter Marriage: An Alliance View
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 15-19, 1989	Reciprocity and Communication in Northern Morocco
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Nov. 21-24, 1991	Dynamics of Power in Morocco: Mauss Inverted
Lilly Conference, West March 5-8, 1992	Play and Primitives at Lafayette: Motivation through Play and Image
Working Class Lives/Working Class Studies: A Multidisciplinary Confer- ence at Youngstown State University, June 7-10, 1995	NAFTA ILGWU, and the Leslie Fay Strike in Eastern Pennsylvania
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, 1996 Nov. 20-24	Irony Observed: Change and Islamic Values in a Moroccan Town
Department of Anthropology Kutztown University January 8, 2000	Sainthood, Pilgrimage, and Trance in Morocco
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology Gettysburg College March 8, 2000	Pilgrimage and Trance in Northern Morocco
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology Bucknell University April 13, 2000	Power, Sanctity, and Labor in Northern Morocco
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology Millersville University January 3, 2001	Trance and Pilgrimage in Northern Morocco
American Ethnological Society Meetings Montreal, Canada May 3-6, 2001	Local and Global Dynamics of Power in a Moroccan Bazaar
Department of Anthropology Kutztown University September 20, 2001	Cultural Conflict: The U.S. and Islamic Cultures
Tuesday Topics Student Lecture Series Kutztown University, October 15, 2002	The "Class" of Baseball
Department of Anthropology Kutztown University February 13, 2003	The U.S. vs. Iraq: "Knowns, Known Unknowns, and Unknown Unknowns"
Kutztown University February 24, 2003	Iraq Now: Political Implications
Metanexus Conference on Works of Love Philadelphia, PA May 31-June 5, 2003	Love and Lover Transformed: The Sufi Path to God

Society for Economic Anthropology
Annual Conference, California State
University, Channel Islands
April 20-22, 2006

The Moral Idiom of Exchange
in a Moroccan Market

Society of North American Anthropology
Annual Meetings New York, New York
April 21-23, 2006

Jihad, Honor, and Revenge

American Anthropological Association
Annual Meetings San Jose, CA
November 15-19, 2006
Co-Organizer of Panel entitled:
"Redefining Identities and Social
Relations Through Sport in America"

The Yankees, and the "Class"
of Baseball

Gulf Coast Community College
Panama City, Florida
February 12, 2007

Views from Afar:
Perspectives on Geopolitics
in the Middle East

Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Annual Meetings Phoenix, Arizona
April 12-15, 2007

Colonialism and the Loss of
Enchantment in Morocco

American Anthropological Association
Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.
November 28-December 2, 2007

Definitions of a Fieldworker
in Morocco, Or "How are
you today, spy?"

Southern Anthropological Society
Annual Meeting 2008
Mary Baldwin College
Staunton, Virginia
March 13-18, 2008

Memories of Power Abused and
Enchantment Lost in
Northern Morocco

Florida State Middle East Center
Tallahassee, Florida
March 24, 2008

Dynamics of Power and Honor
in a Moroccan Bazaar

American Anthropological Association
Annual Meetings, San Francisco
November 19-23, 2008

Applying Anthropology to
Teaching on the Middle East

Society for Applied Anthropology
Annual Meetings Santa Fe, NM
March 18, 2009

Social Theory as Lived
Experience: Applying Durkheim
in the Classroom

Society for Economic Anthropology
Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, CA
April 4, 2009

The Political Economy of Cloth
Production in a Moroccan Bazaar

American Anthropological Association
Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA
December 2-6, 2009

The Ends of Cultural Relativism:
Interpreting Iraq

Society for Economic Anthropology
Annual Meetings, Tampa, Florida
April 8-10, 2010

Roundtable discussant: Social
Economies of Greed and Excess,
and Letter to Obama

American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA November 17-21, 2010	The Circulation of Blessings and the (En)circulation of Capital in a Muslim Community
Society for the Anthropology of Religion Biannual conference, Santa Fe, NM April 28-May 1, 2011	Materiality, Encompassment, and Sacred Ground in Morocco
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada November 16-20, 2011	Sights Seen and Experiences of the Unseen, or the Spirit Lives
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal Canada November 16-20, 2011	Teaching the Anthropology of Religion (workshop)
American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco November 14-18, 2012	The Sacralization of Consumer Technology: The "Cult of Mac" and its Global Context
Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness Annual Meeting, New Orleans April 4-6, 2013	Loss, Mourning, and Shifting Consciousness
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings Albuquerque, New Mexico March 18-22, 2014	Activating Activism in the Classroom: The Case of Apple
Exploring the Extraordinary 6th Annual Conference Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania March 21-23, 2014	Communication across the Chasm: Experiences with the Deceased
Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania March 24-28, 2015	Applied Pedagogy: Getting Personal with Political Economy
Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness, Annual Meeting, Troutdale, Oregon March 26-28, 2015	Dreams as Communication, Dreams as Mediation

Advisement and Service at the University of South Florida

Fall 2004 - Fall 2014

Advisor to the Anthropology Club (2006-2016)
Faculty-in-Residence to Beta Residence Hall (Fall 2007-Spring 2009)
University Lecture Series (2006)
General Education Committee (2006-2009)
Department of Anthropology Anthrotalk Committee (2008)
Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee (2008)
University's First-Year Live-On Requirement Implementation Team (2008)

Department of Anthropology Speaker Series Committee (2008-2011)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2008)
Honors Colloquium Committee (2008)
Department Budget Committee (2008)
General Education Committee: Human Diversity and Global Context (2009)
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2010)
Advisor to Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (2010-2014)
Department of Anthropology Trevor T. Purcell lecture committee (2010-2011)
Department of Anthropology Honors Committee (2011-2013)
Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Writing Committee (2012)
Advisor to Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (2010-2016)
Faculty Senate *ad hoc* Committee on eXplorance Blue implementation(2014-15)
College of Arts and Sciences Development Leave Committee (2015)
College of Arts and Sciences Instructor Promotion Committee (2015-2016)
Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee (2015-2016)
Department of Anthropology Instructor Promotion Committee (2016)

Professional Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa Society
Golden Key International Honor Society
The American Anthropological Association
and sections and societies within it:
The Middle East Section
The Society for Anthropological Sciences
Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness
Society for the Anthropology of Religion
Society for the Anthropology of Work
Society for Economic Anthropology

Presentations at the University of South Florida

October 19, 2004	Between Iraq and a Hard Place: A Current U.S. Dilemma Department of Anthropology
December 2, 2004	The Shia' and the future of Iraq Hosted by the Anthropology Club
September 24, 2007	Researching Islam in Morocco As Faculty-in-Residence
January 24, 2008	"Know Thy Enemy" in the University Symposium: <i>Documenting Disaster</i> <i>The War in Iraq</i>
January 31, 2008	Discussant in University Symposium <i>Focus the Nation: Climate Change</i> <i>Symposium</i> , session entitled "Changing Mindsets: Social and Spiritual Dimensions"

February 3, 2009	The Mystics of Islam As Faculty-in-Residence
April 7, 2009	"Sports and the Sacred: The Immaculate Reception" in the University panel: <i>The Sacred Dimensions of Sports</i>
April 22, 2009	"Environmental Awareness: A Lakota Perspective" in the University <i>Sustainability Panel: Celebrating Earth Day</i>
April 29, 2010	Castaneda and Consciousness Hosted by the Anthropology Club
February 3, 2011	Egypt Emerging? Hosted by the Anthropology Club
October 25, 2011	Spirituality and Medicine: Shamanism Hosted by USF student organization Complementary, Alternative, and Naturopathic Medicine (CANM)
April 22, 2015	Dreams as Mediation, Dreams as Communication Hosted by the Anthropology Club University of South Florida
February 3, 2016	Super Bowl as Sacred Ritual? Hosted by the Anthropology Club University of South Florida

Publications

"Love and Lover Transformed: The Sufi Path to God" published
on the conference website for the Metanexus Conference on Works of Love,
May 31-June 5, 2003

"The Sheikh, the Saint, and I"
Bridges to Humanity 2nd. Edition. Waveland Press. 2006.

Forward to *Reflections on Theory and History in Anthropology*
by Frank Salamone. University Press. 2006.

"Sanctity, Social Distance, and the Price of Cloth in a Moroccan *Suq*"
in *Textile Economies: Power and Value from the Local to the Transnational*
Walter E. Little and Patricia McAnany eds. Altamira Press. 2011.

Review for *American Anthropologist* (June 2012) of David Crawford's (2008) *Moroccan Households in the World Economy: Labor and Inequality in a Berber Village* Louisiana State University Press: Baton Rouge.

"Communication across the Chasm: Experiences with the Deceased"
Paranthropology: Journal of Anthropological Approaches to the Paranormal
(5)2:36-41 2014

"Communication across the Chasm: Experiences with the Deceased" in
Strange Dimensions: A Paranthropology Anthology. Jack Hunter, ed.
Psychoid Books, Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, U.K. 2015

Manuscript accepted for review by University of Chicago Press:
*Baraka Lost: Transformation of the Person, Dynamics of Power, and the
Effects of Globalization in Northern Morocco*

Current and future research interests

In the U.S.: Sufism and Islamic identity (New York, Tucson, San Francisco); the intersection of the paranormal and spirituality

In Morocco: Transformation of crafts, markets, and religious values in response to globalization; healing, women, and local saints' cults