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## Academic Positions

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- 2015-present Associate Professor, Sociology and International Affairs, History (Courtesy Appointment), Yale University
- 2009-2015 Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Affairs, History (Courtesy Appointment), Yale University
- 2008-09 Lecturer, History Department, Georgetown University
- 2006 Lecturer, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco
- 2001-03 Lecturer, Center for Academic Development, Al Akhawayn University, Morocco

## Education

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- 2009 Ph.D., History of Modern Middle East and North Africa, Georgetown University
- 1999 M.A., Middle East Studies, The University of Texas, Austin
- 1996 B.A. (with Highest Honors), Plan II Honors, The University of Texas, Austin

### International Education

- 2006 Arabic Language Institute, Fez, Morocco
- 1996-97; 1999 Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (Raoul Wallenberg Fellow)
- 1995 Haifa University, Israel

## Publications

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### BOOK

2015. *Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.
- Reimagining Political Space: Empires, Jihads, and the Interwar Making of the Modern Middle East and North Africa* (manuscript in preparation)

### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- Wyrzten, J. (Under Review). "Legibility, Legitimization, and the Politics of Identity in Colonial North Africa."
- Wyrzten, J. Forthcoming. "The Commander of the Faithful and Moroccan Secularity." In Mirjam Kuenkler, John Madeley, & Shylashri Shankar (Eds.) *A Secular Age Beyond the West*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Wyrzten, J. 2014. "Colonial Legacies, National Identity, and Challenges for Multiculturalism in the Contemporary Maghreb." In Moha Ennaji (ed.) *Multiculturalism and Democracy in North Africa: Aftermath of the Arab Spring* (pp. 17-34). London: Routledge.
- Wyrzten, J. 2013. "Performing the Nation in Anti-Colonial Protest in Interwar Morocco," *Nations and Nationalism*, 19 (4):615-34.

- Guhin, J. & J. Wyrzten. 2013. "The Violences of Knowledge: Edward Said, Sociology, and Post-Orientalist Reflexivity," *Political Power and Social Theory*, 24:231-262.
- Wyrzten, J. 2013. "National resistance, *amazighité*, and (re-)imagining the nation in Morocco." In Driss Maghraoui (Ed.), *Revisiting the colonial past in Morocco* (pp. 184-99). New York: Routledge.
- Wyrzten, J. 2011. "Colonial State-Building and the Negotiation of Arab and Berber Identity in Protectorate Morocco," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 43 (2): 227-249.

#### REVIEWS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

- Wyrzten, J. 2011. "Reflections from Morocco on the Arab Spring," *Trajectories*, Spring 2011, Vol. 22, No.2
- Wyrzten, J. 2010. Review of *The Moroccan Soul: French Education, Colonial Ethnology, and Muslim Resistance, 1912-1956* by Spencer Segalla *The Journal of Modern History*, 84 (4): 956-58.
- Wyrzten, J. 2007. "Morocco." *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Wyrzten, J. 2005. "Aghlabids." Joseph Meri (ed.) *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge.

#### WORKING PAPERS

- Wyrzten, J. (with J. Guhin and B. Mohamed). "Does Islam Exist? The Question of Categories in Post-Orientalist Sociology."
- Wyrzten, J. (with N. Hoover-Wilson). "Some Imperial Origins of Modern Administrative Autonomy: 'The State' as a Moral Rationalization"

### **Fellowships, Grants, and Awards**

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2015	Hilles Publication Grant, Yale University
2015	MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, Yale University
2015	A. Whitney Griswold Faculty Research Grant, Yale University
2014	World War I and the Middle East Seminar Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities
2014	Edward J. and Dorothy Clarke Kempf Fund, MacMillan Center, Yale University
2010	MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, Yale University
2010	Junior Faculty Fellowship, Yale University
2009	Jack Ruedy Teaching Award, Georgetown University
2009	American Institute for Maghrib Studies Research Grant
2008	Royden B. Davis Fellowship, Georgetown University
2006	Fulbright – Hays DDRA Fellowship
2006	American Institute for Maghrib Studies Research Grant
2005	Fulbright Fellowship
2005	National Security Education Program Boren Fellowship
2005	George P. Hammond Prize, Phi Alpha Theta
2005	Hisham Sharabi Essay Competition (Honorable Mention)
2003-09	University Fellowship, Georgetown University
1999	National Security Education Program-Texas Fund for Training Foreign Policy Professionals Grant
1999	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Hebrew), University of Texas-Austin
1997	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic), University of Texas-
1996	Raoul Wallenberg Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

## Invited Presentations

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- 2016 “Reimagining Political Space: Empires, Jihads, and the Interwar Making of the Modern Middle East and North Africa.” *Historiography of the Middle East Series*, Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA (James Gelvin and Susan Slyomovics organizers)  
“Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity.” Middle East Centre, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University
- 2015 “Reimagining Political Space: Empire, Jihads, and the Interwar Making of the Modern Middle East and North Africa.” *Theorizing Current Transformations in the Middle East and North Africa Inaugural Conference*. Program in Middle East and North African Studies, Northwestern University. (Brian Edwards and Jessica Winegar organizers)  
“Transnational Legacies of Empire in France and North Africa.” Migration and Diversity Research Group. University of Gothenburg, Sweden.  
“Reimagining Political Space: Empire, Revolt, and State-Formation in the Middle East and North Africa,” Middle East Centre, London School of Economics (Toby Dodge and George Lawson organizers)  
“Reimagining Political Space: Empire, Revolt, and State-Formation in the Middle East and North Africa,” Arab and Islamic Studies Centre, University of Exeter.  
“Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity.” Identity Workshop, New School & New York University.
- 2014 “Moroccan Secularity,” 6<sup>th</sup> Colloquium on Modes of Secularism, Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, Vienna (organized by Charles Taylor).  
“Plurality or Monopoly of Force,” Mapping Local Governance, Yale University.  
“Making Morocco: Legibility, Legitimation, and the Politics of Identity in a Colonial Political Field,” Near East Studies, Princeton University.
- 2013 “Women’s Rights, Islam, and the Stakes of Moroccan Secularity,” International Forum: Mediterranean Women’s Rights in the Aftermath of the ‘Arab Uprisings,’ Fez, Morocco. (Fatima Sadiqi organizer)
- 2012 “Towards a Sociology of Insurgency,” Agrarian Studies Colloquium, Yale University. (James Scott and Shivi Kalyanakrishan organizers)  
“The Commander of the Faithful and Moroccan Secularity,” Religion and Politics Workshop, Yale University.
- 2010 “Palestine, Israel, and Religious Nationalisms” lecture series, “Islah, Tajdid, and Jihad: Means-Ends Variation in Contemporary Islamic Activism” lecture series, Pathways for Mutual Respect / Yale Center for Faith and Culture Summer Institute. (John Hartley and Miroslav Volf organizers)  
“Morocco’s Jews: Between Assimilation, Zionism, and Moroccan Nationalism,” Council for Middle East Studies, Yale University.  
“Colonial Nation-State Building in North Africa,” State and Nation-Building in the Middle East and North Africa Conference, Program for Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University.  
“Re-constructing and Re-inventing Makhzan: The Anatomy of Protectorate State-Building in Morocco,” CAORC State-Formation workshop, Washington, DC.
- 2009 “A Moroccan Woman’s Place in the Nation,” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University.  
“A Tour of the Protectorate in One Hour: Morocco at the International Colonial Exposition,” Transitions to Modernity, Yale University.

“Colonial Legacies, National Identity, and Challenges for Multiculturalism in the Contemporary Maghreb,” Multiculturalism and Democracy in the Arab World International Conference, Fes, Morocco.

- 2006 “Arab, Berber, Muslim, Jew, Man, or Woman? (1912-1956),” Moroccan-American Women’s Association, Rabat, Morocco.
- 2005 “Field Methods: Religious Movements and Social Movement Theory,” Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.

### **Selected Presentations at Professional Meetings**

- 2015 Author. Author meets Critics panel for *Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity*, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD (Critics: Mounira Charrad, Julian Go, Mary Lewis, George Steinmetz)
- “Reimagining Political Space: Empires, Revolt, and Competitive State-Formation in the Middle East and North Africa in the 1920s,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 2014 “Global Deployment and Local Effects: Morocco’s Colonial Soldiers in the 1940s,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- World War I in the Middle East and North Africa Panelist, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- “Does Islam Exist?: The Question of Categories in Post-Orientalist Sociology,” (Panel Co-Organizer, Categories, Causation, and Commonality) Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
- Field Theory and Scales of Political Space (Presenter and Panel Organizer), Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON
- 2013 “Towards a Sociology of Insurgency.” (Panel Organizer-State, Insurgencies, and Contested/Post-Conflict Orders) Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- “Commander of the Faithful and Moroccan Secularity,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 “Jasmine Revolution versus the Commander of the Faithful: Comparing Frameworks of State Legitimacy in Postcolonial North Africa,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- 2010 “Seeing (and Being Seen) Like a Colonial State in French North Africa,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2009 “A Tour of Protectorate Morocco in One Hour: The Palais du Maroc at the 1931 International Colonial Exhibition,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.
- “Gender, Agency, and State-Building in Colonial Morocco,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA.
- 2007 “Imagining the Nation in Morocco: French Colonial Policy, Arabo-Islamic Nationalism, and Berber Resistance Poetry in the Interwar Period,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2005 “Transnational Islamic Movements – The Case of Salafiyya,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Student Conference, Princeton University.

## Teaching

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Islamic Society, Culture, and Politics	(Undergraduate Lecture Course)
Nationalism in North Africa and the Middle East	(Undergraduate Seminar)
Islamic Social Movements	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Society and Politics of North Africa	(Yale Summer Course <b>taught in Morocco</b> )
Sociology of Islam	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Imperialism, Insurgency, and State-Building	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Postcolonial Social Theory	(Graduate Seminar)
Research Methods in African Studies	(Graduate Seminar)
Comparative Research Workshop	(Graduate Seminar)

## Advising

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### *Dissertation Committees*

Completed: Jeffrey Guhin (UVA post-doc), Thomas Crosbie (Univ. of Maryland post-doc)

Active: Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu (Univ. of Gottingen post-doc), Elisabeth Becker, Jonathan Endelman, William McMillan, Roger Baumann, Joshua Goodman (Political Science)

### *Field/Comprehensive Exam Committees*

Completed: Jeffrey Guhin, Thomas Crosbie, Gülay Türkmen-Derviřođlu, Jonathan Endelman, Roger Baumann, William McMillan, Jean-Baptiste Gallopin

Active: Mustafa Yavas

*Current Second-Year Papers (grad students):* Huseyin Rasit

*Associates-in-Teaching Program:* Jeff Guhin (2012) "Sociology of Islam"

*Senior Essays:* Rhys Dubin, Shi Meng Xu, Mattie Wheeler, Mark Trapani, Allison Mandeville, Megan Sullivan, John Lesnevich, Jessica Belding (reader), Meredith O'Hare, Julio Perez-Torres, Emily Sosangelis (reader), Kathleen Powers (reader)

*Other:* Independent Studies (4), Sophomore Advisees (5-6 per year), Freshman Advisees (2 per year)

## **Professional Activities**

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### American Sociological Association

Global and Transnational Section, Roundtables Committee (2015)

Comparative and Historical Section, Best Article Award Committee (2011), Policy Trajectories blog editorial board (2015)

### Social Science Research Council

2015- International Research Dissertation Research Fellowship reviewer

### American Institute for Maghrib Studies

2016 Elected Vice President

2014- Board of Directors, Graduate Studies Committee (Chair), Grants Committee, Dissertation Workshop Faculty Sponsor, Conference Planning Committee

### Middle East Studies Association

2009 Organizer of panel on “Culture and Colonialism in North Africa and the Middle East”

### Social Science History Association

2012-14 States and Society, Network Representative

2014 States and Society Section, Organizer of panel on “Field Theory”

2014 Culture Section, Co-Organizer of panel on “Categories and Causation”

2013 States and Society, Organizer of panel on “States, Insurgencies, and Contested/Post-Conflict Political Orders

2011-12 Religion Section, Network Representative

2010 State and Society Section, Organizer of panel on “State and Non-State Space”

### Journal for Middle East Women’s Studies

2010-14 Editorial Advisory Board member

### Association of Muslim Social Scientists

2012 Annual Meeting Program Committee

### Yale University

2014- Yale College Committee on Study Abroad

2014 Co-organizer (with Ellen Lust and Sulayman Dib-Hajj) Mapping Local Governance Conference

2011- Yale College Fulbright Grants Committee

2011-14 University Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct, At-Large Group Member

2010- Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Faculty

2009- Center for Comparative Research, Faculty Associate

2009- Trumbull College

Fellow, Faculty Residential Fellow (2010-11), Mellon Forum Coordinator (2010-11), Richter and Class of ’55 Committee (2010-11)

2009- Council for Middle East Studies, *Faculty Committee*

Spring 2016, Acting Council Chair

FLAS Fellowship Committee, Ganzfried-Rouse Committee

2009- Council for African Studies, *Faculty Committee*

Lindsay Fellowship Committee (Chair), FLAS Fellowship Committee

2009-

MacMillan Center

Pre-Dissertation/Dissertation Grants Committee, Fox Fellowship Review Committee

#### Memberships

American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, American Historical Association, Middle Eastern Studies Association of America, American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Association for Women's Middle East Women's Studies

#### Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, International Journal of Middle East Studies, Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, American Journal of Cultural Sociology, Cold War History, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, The Historical Journal, Sociology of Islam

#### **Research Languages**

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Modern Standard Arabic, Moroccan Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, Modern Hebrew