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Academic Positions

- 2018-Present Associate Professor (with tenure), Sociology and International Affairs, History (Courtesy Appointment), Yale University
- 2016-2017 Associate Professor (on term), 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

- 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

BOOKS

Reimagining the Middle East in the Long Great War

(under contract and submitted to Columbia University Press)

2015. *Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

*Winner of 2016 Social Science History Association President's Book Award

REVIEWS

- American Journal of Sociology*, July 2018, 124 (1)
- American Historical Review*, October 2017, 122 (4)
- International Journal of Middle East Studies*, February 2017, (49) 1
- Journal of Modern History*, December 2017, 89 (4)
- Journal of North African Studies*, March 2017, 21 (3)
- International Sociology*, March 2019, 34 (2)
- Hesperis-Tamuda*, 2017, LII (2)
- European Journal of Sociology*, January 2019, 59 (3)
- French Studies*, October 2017, 71 (4)
- Middle East Journal*, Winter 2018, 72 (1)
- Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, December 2017, 17 (2)
- Contemporary Sociology*, November 2017, 46 (6)

ARTICLES

- Wyrzten, J. 2017. "Colonial War and the Production of Territorialized State Space in North Africa," *Political Power and Social Theory*, 33:151-173.
- Wyrzten, J. 2017. "Colonial Legitimization-Legibility Linkages and the Politics of Identity in Algeria and Morocco," *European Journal of Sociology*, 58(2):205-235.
- 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. 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.

CHAPTERS

- Wyrzten, J. 2018. "The Commander of the Faithful and Moroccan Secularity." In Mirjiam Kuenkler, John Madeley, & Shylashri Shankar (Eds.) *A Secular Age Beyond the West*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (refereed)
- 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. (refereed)
- 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.

REVIEWS, COMMENTS, AND OTHER

- Wyrzten, J. 2020. "For a (comparative?) global historical sociology?" Review of *Global Historical Sociology* by Julian Go and George Lawson (eds.), *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, 1-6.
- Wyrzten, J. 2019. Review of *Global Women, Colonial Ports: Prostitution in the Interwar Middle East* by Liat Kozma, *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies*, 15.2.
- Wyrzten, J. 2018. Review of *Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India* by Z. Fareen Parvez, *European Journal of Sociology*, 59 (3):380-382.
- 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 AND FORTHCOMING

- Wyrzten, J. Forthcoming. "Middle Eastern and North African Nationalisms." In Matthew D'Auria, Cathie Carmichael, & Aviel Roshwald (Eds.) *Cambridge History of Nationhood and Nationalism*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. (refereed)
- Wyrzten, J. Forthcoming. "Relational History, the Long Great War, and the Making of the Modern Middle East." In Natana DeLong-Bas (ed.), *Islam: Continuity and Change in the Globalized World, A Festschrift in Honor of John O. Voll*. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press. (refereed)
- Wyrzten, J. Forthcoming. "North African Trajectories Towards Constitutional Multiculturalism: The Cases of Morocco and Algeria." In Mattias Koenig and Kiyoteru Tsutsui (eds.) *Constitutional Multiculturalism*
- Wyrzten, J. (with Matthew Lehnert). "This is Not 'Syria': A History of Geographic Representation"

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

2018	MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, Yale University
2017	Fulbright U.S. Scholar Grant (Morocco)
2016	Social Science History Association President's Book Award
2016	MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, Yale University
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 (declined)
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 (declined)
2005	George P. Hammond Prize for Best Paper, Phi Alpha Theta
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- Austin
1996	Raoul Wallenberg Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Invited Presentations

2021	Reflections on 10th Anniversary of Arab Uprisings, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations Students' Union, University of Toronto
2020	“Reimagining the Middle East in the Long Great War,” Council on Middle East Studies Colloquium, Yale University
2019	“Reimagining the Middle East: Jihads, Empires, and the Long Great War,” University of Arkansas-Little Rock “Reimagining the Post-Ottoman Middle East from Above and Below in the Long Great War,” Global 1919: Remaking Worlds conference, Columbia University
2018	“The Great War’s Ottoman Theater and its Long-lasting Legacies,” Art, Memory, and the First World War Study Day, Yale Center for British Art “Deconstructing Theories of IR: WWI and IR.” Decolonizing International Relations Conference. Fletcher School, Tufts University “Making Morocco: Colonial Intervention and the Politics of Identity” book talk, Center for Cross-Cultural Learning, Rabat, Morocco. “The Rif War and the Making of the Modern Middle East,” Al Akhawayn University
2017	“Islam and the intellectual contributions to the secular public by religious minorities: Divergent paths between the Mashreq and the Maghreb,” A Secular Age Beyond the West: Modes of Secularity in Asia Conference, Schloss Herrenhausen, Hanover Germany (funded by Volkswagen Foundation) “Local and Translocal Interactions in the Rif War and Great Syrian Revolt,” Understanding Insurgencies Conference, Oxford University

- “Jihad, Empire, and the Making of the Modern Middle East during the Long First World War,” Sociology Department Seminar Series, Boston University
- 2016 "Jihad and Empire: The Long First World War and the Making of the Modern Middle East and North Africa," Near East Studies, Princeton University
- “Reimagining Political Space: Jihads, Empires, and the Interwar Making of the Modern Middle East and North Africa.” Middle East and Middle Eastern American Center, City University of New York
- “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)
- 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,” 6th 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 Kalyanakrishnan 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

2019 “War Makes Boundaries: Interwar Revolts and the Territorialization of the Middle East and North Africa,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX

2017 Critic. Author meets Critics panel for *Politicizing Islam: The Islamic Revival in France and India* (author, Fareen Parvez). Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.

2016 "Sykes-Picot at 100" Panelist. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA

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

“The Forms and Stakes of 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

Islamic Society, Culture, and Politics	(Undergraduate Lecture Course)
Nationalism in North Africa and the Middle East	(Undergraduate Seminar)
WWI and the Making of the Modern Middle East	(Undergraduate Seminar)
American Nationalism and the Muslim “Other”	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Islamic Social Movements	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Society and Politics of North Africa	(Yale Summer Course taught in Morocco)
Sociology of Islam	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
Imperialism, Insurgency, and State-Building	(Undergraduate/Graduate Seminar)
The British Empire and Its Imperial Hub	(Yale in London course taught in UK)
Postcolonial Social Theory	(Graduate Seminar)
Research Methods in African Studies	(Graduate Seminar)
Comparative Research Workshop	(Graduate Seminar)
Sociological Theory	(Graduate Seminar)

Advising

Dissertation Committees, Chair and Member

Completed: Jeffrey Guhin (UCLA tenure-track asst. professor), Thomas Crosbie (Univ. of Maryland post-doc), Gülay Türkmen-Derrişođlu (Univ. of Göttingen post-doc), Jonathan Endelman, William McMillan (UConn post-doc), Joshua Goodman (Political Science – St. Lawrence University adjunct professor), Roger Baumann (Hope College tenure-track asst. professor), Javed Jaghaj, Sam Stabler (Hunter College, adjunct professor), Denise Lim [Chair] (Yale, Stanford post-docs)

Active: Huseyin Rasit [co-chair], Dolunay Ugur, Anne Taylor, Kayla Thomas

Field/Comprehensive Exam Committees

Active: Chloe Sarięo, Ben Kaplow

Completed: Jeffrey Guhin, Thomas Crosbie, Gülay Türkmen-Derrişođlu, Jonathan Endelman, Roger Baumann, William McMillan, Jean-Baptiste Gallopin, Huseyin Rasit, Mustafa Yavas, Anne Taylor, Kayla Thomas

Associates-in-Teaching Program: Jeff Guhin (2012) “Sociology of Islam,” Roger Baumann (2019) “American Nationalism and the ‘Muslim’ Other”

Senior Essay Advising: 3-4 per year

Other: Independent Studies (1-2 per year), Sophomore Advisees (5-6 per year), Freshman Advisees (2 per year)

Professional Activities and Service

American Sociological Association

Global and Transnational Section, Roundtables Committee (2016), Research Cluster Committee (2017)
Comparative and Historical Section, Best Article Award Committee (2011), Policy Trajectories blog editorial board (2015-17), Barrington Moore Book Award Committee (2018), Reinhard Bendix Prize Committee-Chair (2021)

Middle East Studies Association

2017-19 Editorial Board for *International Journal of Middle East Studies*
2017 Program Committee for MESA Annual Conference
2016 Discussant for panel on “Crossing Borders: Transnational histories of the colonial-era Maghreb”
2013 Discussant for panel on “Race, Ethnicity, and Politics in North African Literature, History, and Culture”
2009 Organizer of panel on “Culture and Colonialism in North Africa and the Middle East”

American Institute for Maghrib Studies

2020- Ombudsperson
2016-18 Vice President
2014-16 Board of Directors, Graduate Studies Committee (Chair), Grants Committee, Dissertation Workshop Faculty Sponsor, Conference Planning Committee

Social Science History Association

2017 President’s Book Award Committee
2017 Discussant for panel on “The Colonization of Global Space in the Nineteenth Century”
2015 Discussant for panel on “Appearance and Disappearance in States and Markets”
2012-14 States and Society, Network Representative
2014 Organizer of panel on “Field Theory”
2014 Co-Organizer of panel on “Categories and Causation”
2013 Organizer of panel on “States, Insurgencies, and Contested/Post-Conflict Political Orders”
2011-12 Religion Section, Network Representative
2010 Organizer of panel on “State and Non-State Space”

Social Science Research Council

2015 International Research Dissertation Research Fellowship reviewer

Boston University Decolonizing the Social Workshop

2017 Sr. Scholar Discussant

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 Service

Departmental (Sociology)

- 2019- Director of Undergraduate Studies, Sociology
- 2009- Sociology Departmental Committees (Graduate Affairs and Admissions, Sussman Dissertation Prize, Mildred Frank Priest prize, Race and Ethnicity Search Committee)

Departmental (History)

- 2019 Modern Middle East History Open Rank search committee
- 2012- Senior essay advising, 1-3 students a year

Conferences

- 2018 Organizer, “Interdisciplinary Conference on Kurdish Politics and Societies”
- 2016 Co-organizer (with Adria Lawrence), “Imperial Encounters and Colonial Legacies Workshop”
- 2014 Co-organizer (with Ellen Lust and Sulayman Dib-Hajj), “Mapping Local Governance Conference”

Committees

- 2018 Accreditation Committee – Standard VI
- 2018- Truman Fellowship Committee
- 2016-20 Yale Human Rights Program Advisory Committee
- 2014- Yale College Committee on Study Abroad
- 2011- Yale College Fulbright Grants Committee
- 2011-14 University Wide Committee on Sexual Misconduct, At-Large Group Member

Affiliations

- 2018- MacMillan Center Political Violence and its Legacies Workshop (co-organizer)
- 2016-18 MacMillan Center Initiative on Religion, Politics, Society (co-organizer with Phil Gorski)
- 2016-20 Human Rights Program Advisory Committee
- 2010- Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, Faculty
- 2009- Center for Comparative Research, Faculty Associate
- 2009- Council for Middle East Studies, *Faculty Committee*
 - Spring 2021, Acting Council Chair
 - 2018-20, Director of Undergraduate Studies
 - 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
- 2009- Trumbull College
 - Fellow, Faculty Residential Fellow (2010-11), Mellon Forum Coordinator (2010-11), Richter and Class of '55 Committee (2010-11)

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 North African 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, Interventions: International Journal of Postcolonial Studies, Cornell University Press, Stanford University Press

Research Languages

Modern Standard Arabic (Reading, Speaking, Writing), Moroccan Arabic (Speaking), French (Reading, Speaking Writing), Spanish (Reading), Italian (Reading), Modern Hebrew (Reading, Speaking)