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EDUCATION

2014-present Ph.D., Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington
2017 Graduate Certificate in Gender & Women's Studies
In progress Graduate Certificate in College Teaching & Learning

2018 M.A., Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky

2014 M.L.A., Gastronomy Program, History and Culture Concentration, Boston University

2012 B.A., Department of Anthropology, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Thesis: *Exploring Identities: The Struggle between Traditional and Modern Moroccan Cuisine in an Urban Context*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reproductive Labor; Gender; Social Class; Labor & Identity; Anthropology of Food; Anthropology of the Family; Ethnography; Applied Anthropology; Morocco

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

2014 "Exploring Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora," *Digest: A Journal of Foodways & Culture*, 3 (1).

Book Reviews

2016 Oil for Food: The Global Food Crisis and the Middle East by Eckart Woertz. *Graduate Journal of Food Studies*, 3(1): 71-72.

Encyclopedia Entries

2015 "Moroccan American Food" in *Ethnic American Food Today*. Long, Lucy (Ed.) AltaMira Press.

2015 "Family Farms and Rural Depopulation" in *Food Issues*. Albala, Ken (Ed.) Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

External

- 2019-2020 P.E.O. Scholar Award, International Chapter of the P.E.O. (\$15,000)
- 2018-2019 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Grant, United States Department of Education (\$36,976)
- 2018 Lambda Alpha Dissertation Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2016 Halperin Award for Pre-Dissertation Research, Society for Economic Anthropology (\$2,500)
- 2015 Summer Arabic & North African Studies Program Scholarship, Al Akhawayn University (\$2,600)
- 2015 Study Abroad Grant, Foundation of Global Scholars (\$2,000)
- 2011 International Education of Students Africa Scholarship, IES Abroad (\$1,000)

Internal

- 2019 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky (\$300)
- 2019 International Conference Student Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$600)
- 2018 Food Connection Student Opportunity Grant, University of Kentucky (\$3,500)
- 2018 Adelski Dissertation Research Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$3,000)
- 2018 Conference Student Travel Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2017 Academic Excellence Scholarship for a Graduate Student, Student Government Association, University of Kentucky (\$1,000)
- 2016 Susan Abbott-Jamieson Award for Pre-Dissertation Research, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$2,000)
- 2016 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2016 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky (\$300)

- 2016-2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$14,871)
- 2015 Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2015-2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky (\$14,871)
- 2015 International Conference Student Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Kentucky (\$400)
- 2014-2015 Graduate Assistant, Presentation U!, University of Kentucky (\$18,000)
- 2013 Gastronomy Program Travel Scholarship, Boston University (\$400)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2013 Sue Samuelson Foodways Essay Prize, 2nd Place “Exploring Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora,” American Folklore Society
- 2013 The Julia Child Award for Academic Excellence in Food Ethnography, Boston University (\$1,000)
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate: Honorable Mention from the University of Tennessee Knoxville Department of Anthropology
- 2012 Outstanding Leader, Dean of Students Office, University of Tennessee Knoxville

PRESENTATIONS

Session Organized

- 2019 “*Graduate Student Mental Health Crisis: Challenges & Solutions*” Organized Roundtable. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.

Papers Presented

- 2019 “*Who’s doing the laundry?: Middle-Class Moroccan Families’ Technology & Reproductive Labor*,” Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Vancouver, Canada, November 20-24.
- 2019 “*Moving in and out of Paid Labor with Middle-Class Moroccan Families*,” American Institute for Maghreb Studies (AIMS) Graduate Student Writing Workshop, Santa Cruz, CA, October 25-26. Lodging & transportation provided.

- 2019 “*Men Cooking and Women Working: Switching Gender Roles with Middle-Class Moroccan Families,*” Kentucky Gender and Women’s Studies (KYGWS) Conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, September 28.
- 2019 “*Who’s doing the dishes? Moroccan Middle-Class Anxieties & Reproductive Labor,*” Twenty-sixth Annual Moroccan Studies Symposium, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE), Rabat, Morocco, April 29.
- 2018 “*Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Moroccan Couples,*” Twenty-fifth Annual Moroccan Studies Symposium, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange (MACECE), Rabat, Morocco, May 3-4.
- 2018 “*Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Urban Newlywed Moroccans,*” Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA, April 3-7.
- 2017 “*Food, Space, and Labor: Moroccan Women Working in Souqs and Supermarkets,*” Annual Meeting of the Society for Economic Anthropology, Iowa City, IA, April 6-8.
- 2016 “*Gendered Politics of Food-Related Labor in Morocco,*” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Minneapolis, MN, November 17- 20.
- 2015 “*Using Intersectionality to Examine Shifting Foodways in Morocco,*” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, November 18-21.
- 2015 “*Scrutinizing the Relationship between Traditional and Modern Cuisine using Intersectionality in a Moroccan Urban Context,*” Al Akhawayn Social Sciences and the Dynamics of Change and Continuity in Morocco Conference, Ifrane, Morocco, May 23-24.
- 2014 “*‘They are Like My Children:’ Constructing Masculinity in the Moroccan Diaspora,*” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC., December 4-7.
- 2014 “*‘Ya’ll Come Back Now:’ Construction of White Southern Identity Through Cookbooks, 1941-1975,*” Southern Foodways Alliance/William Winter Institute Graduate Student Conference, Jackson, MS, September 25-26; Association for the Study of Food & Society Conference, Burlington, VT, June 18-22.
- 2013 “*Exploring Evolving Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora,*” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL, November 20-24.

2012 *“Exploring Moroccan Identities: The Tension between Traditional and Modern Cuisine in an Urban Context,”* Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA., November 14-18.

Invited Internal Presentations

2018 Marriage, Family and Households in Morocco, Guest Lecturer, ANT 222 Middle East Cultures, University of Kentucky, October 1.

2016 Gender and Anthropology, Guest Lecturer, ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology, University of Kentucky, October 24.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018 Primary Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Instructor for an online course in Summer 2018, ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society, managed all class activity, all grading, student interactions, ensuring all elements of coursework as planned for 50 students enrolled.

2017-2018 Adjunct Instructor, Online Learning, West Kentucky Community & Technical College, Primary and sole instructor for two online courses in Fall 2017, ANT 221 Native People of North America (28 students) and ANT 235 Food and Culture (16 students) and two online courses in Spring 2018, ANT 220 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (19 students) and ANT 235 Food and Culture (30 students). Develop course content, syllabi, assignments, and managed classes throughout the semester.

2016-2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Graded all class material for ANT 101 Introduction to Anthropology in Fall 2016 for about 90 students. Manage three discussion sections of ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society in Spring 2017 and graded class material for about 90 students.

2015-2016 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Manage three discussion sections for ANT 160 Cultural Diversity in the Modern World in Fall 2015 and ANT 103 Sports, Culture & Society in Spring 2016. Grade class assignments associated with each course for about 90 students.

2014-2015 Graduate Assistant, Presentation U!, University of Kentucky, Taught various workshops on communication skills including formal speech delivery, APA format, and digital portfolios.

ETHNOGRAPHIC RESEARCH

2018-2019 *Gendered Labor In- and Outside the Household for Middle-Class Moroccan Couples*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducting 17 months of ethnographic fieldwork examining the influence of women working outside the home on the distribution of labor inside the home

- 2016 *Gendered Politics of Food-Related Labor in Morocco*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducted preliminary ethnographic fieldwork analyzing the gendered dimensions of working in supermarkets and souqs and their spatial distribution throughout the city
- 2014 *The Political Economy of Moroccan Americans*, Lexington, KY, USA: Studied economic, political, and sociocultural forces that influence Moroccan immigration to the US and perceptions of work
- 2013 *They are like my Children: Performing Masculinity in the Moroccan Diaspora*, Boston, MA, USA: Conducted food-centered life histories with four Moroccan Bostonians examining food production and gender performance
- 2012 *Exploring Evolving Moroccan Identities in the Diaspora*, Boston, MA, USA: Investigated the struggles and solutions to re-creating Moroccan cuisine in Boston
- 2011 *Exploring Moroccan Identities: The Tension between Traditional and Modern Cuisine*, Rabat, Morocco: Conducted 25 ethnographic interviews in English and French, exploring how gender, age, and socioeconomic status differences affect opinions about foodways

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Article Reviews

Student Anthropology (2013)

National Service

Editorial Assistant (Appointed)

Human Organization 2018

Student Representative (Appointed)

Society for the Anthropology of Food & Nutrition (SAFN) 2013-2016

Other Service

Call For Papers Editor for SAFN FoodAnthro.com Blog 2017-present

University and College Service

Finance Chair & Core Organizer, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers
2016-2017

Catering Liaison, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers
2014-2017

Member, Finance Committee, Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference Organizers
2014-2017

Member, Dinner with the President Committee, Graduate Student Congress
2014-2016

Department Service

Vice President, Anthropology Graduate Student Association
2016-2017

Member, Anthropology Graduate Student Association
Distinguished Lecture Series Committee (2014-2018) Picnic Committee (2014-2017)

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Colloquial Moroccan Arabic: Advanced

Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate

French: Intermediate

Spanish: Elementary

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

2019-present Association for Feminist Anthropology (AFA)
2016-present Society for the Anthropology of Work (SAW)
2015-present Society for Economic Anthropology (SEA)
2014-present American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS)
2013-present Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition (SAFN)
2012-present American Anthropological Association (AAA)
2012-present Middle East Section (MES)
2011-present Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society