

Mostafa Hussein

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Brandeis University** **2017**
Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
Dissertation: "Hebrew Scholarship on Islam, 1894-1950"
- M.A. Brandeis University** **2014**
Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies
- M.A. Al-Azhar University (Cairo, Egypt)** **2009**
Department of Hebrew Language and Literature; Languages and Translation School
summa cum laude
Thesis: "Islamic Concepts in Works of Contemporary Israeli Scholars of Islam"
- B.A. Al-Azhar University (Cairo, Egypt)** **2003**
Department of Hebrew Language and Literature; Languages and Translation School
summa cum laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Judeo-Islamic Studies; Israel/Palestine Studies; Jewish-Muslim Relations; Middle Eastern Studies; Arabic Studies; Islamic Studies

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

"Intertwined Landscape: The Integration of Arabo-Islamic Culture in Pre-State Palestine," *Israel Studies Review*, Vol 33, Issue 2, Autumn 2018: 51-65.

"Arabian Nights, Hebrew Nights: On the Influence of *Alf Laylah wa-Laylah* on the Jewish Culture in Palestine/Israel," *The Journal of Levantine Studies*, Vol. 8, No.2, Winter 2018: 125-146.

"Scholarship on Islamic Archaeology between Zionism and Arab National Movements," in *The Muslim Reception of European Orientalism*, ed. Susannah Heschel and Amr Ryad (Abingdon, Oxon; New York, NY: Routledge, 2019)

"The Cultural Landscape of the Holy Land," *The Frankel Institute Annual, Israeli Histories, Societies, and Cultures*, volume 2017, pp 26-29.

“The Integration of Arabo-Islamic Culture into the Emergent Hebrew Culture in Late Ottoman Palestine,” *Jewish Quarterly Review* Vol. 109, No. 3, Summer 2019, pp. 464-469.

“A Palimpsest: On Judeo-Islamic and Israel-Palestine Studies,” in *AJS Perspectives: The Magazine of the Association for Jewish Studies*, (fall 2018), 22-24

NON-SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

“Arabic World Hebrew,” *Mikan Ve’eylakh*, II, 2017, 49-52. (Hebrew)

MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

Islam and Jewish Culture in Palestine, 1881-1948 (Under contract with Princeton University Press)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

LSA Collegiate Fellow in Judaic Studies, University of Michigan	August 2019-
Fellow in the Society of Fellows in the Humanities, University of Southern California	2017-August 2019
Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship	2016-17
Fellow at the Frankel Institute for Advanced Judaic Studies, Seminar on “Israeli Histories, Cultures, and Societies: Comparative Perspectives,” University of Michigan	2016-17
Fellow at Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University	2011-16
Fulbright Commission on Islamic Studies Program	2011-14

AWARDS

Nahum and Anne Glatzer Endowed Prize in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis, for the best doctoral dissertation. May 2018.

Crown Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Travel Grant, Brandeis University, Summer 2016

Andrew Mellon Dissertation Year Fellowship March 2016

Frieda Libby (Levinsky) Prize awarded by Brandeis University for outstanding paper on medieval Jewish and Islamic philosophy titled: "A Glimpse on the Averroesean Impact on Maimonides' Treatise *'The Guide of the Perplexed'*," May 31st, 2013

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

"Cosmopolitan and non-Cosmopolitan Jews in Contemporary Arabic Literature in Egypt" in the workshop "Refiguring Loss: Arab/Amazigh Jews in Literature and Film," Williams College, MA April 25th-27th, 2019.

"Planting a Culture: Islam and Jews in Pre-state Palestine" in Conversations Across the Humanities, University of Southern California Society of Fellows, January 18th, 2019.

"Islam and the Creation of a Jewish Culture in Palestine/Israel" The California Working Group on Jews in the Maghrib and the Middle East, USC, March 25th, 2018.

"Drinking from an Islamicate Well: The Creation of Culture in Jewish Palestine," Luskin Center for History and Policy, UCLA, March 5th, 2018.

"Hasan, Marcus, and Cohen: Redefining Literary Representations of Jews in Contemporary Egypt," Association for Middle Eastern Studies, Washington DC, December 2017.

"Intertwined Landscape: On the Integration of Islamicate Culture in the Construction of Jewish Landscape in Palestine/Israel," Association for Israel Studies, Boston, June 2017.

"David Yellin's Encounter with Arabo-Islamic Culture and the Study of the Land of Palestine," Schusterman Center for Israel Studies, Brandeis University, February 11, 2016

"Abraham Shalom Yehuda and the Integration of Arabic Islamic Culture into the Hebrew Yishuv in Late Ottoman Palestine," for panel "Across the Divides: The Life and Work of Abraham S. Yahuda," Association for Jewish Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, December 13-15, 2015

"Leo Mayer's Encounter with Islamic Art and Archaeology in the Holy Land," for conference on "The Reception of European Orientalism in the East: Scholarly Encounters in India and the *Mashriq* during the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," Dartmouth College, NH, November 14-15, 2015

"Israel Studies in the Arab World between Two Dictums: 'Whosoever Learns People's Language Avoids Their Plot' and 'Know Your Enemy'" for panel "Israel Studies in the Arab World," Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 22-25, 2014

PUBLIC LECTURES:

“The Jewish Perception of the Qur’an and the Prophet Muhammad in the Holy Land,” Casden Institute and the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Southern California, November 15th, 2017.

“Islam and Jews in the Holy Land,” The Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies, University of California Los Angeles, October 25th, 2017

“Reviving the Past: Rethinking the Abrahamic Faiths in the Arabian Nights,” The School of Religion, University of Southern California, October 18th, 2017

“The Representation of Jews in the Arabian Nights,” Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, March 9th, 2017

“The Golden Age in Jewish History: Jewish Intellectual, Social, and Literary Achievements from 850 to 1250,” Temple Shalom, Medford, Massachusetts, March 23, 2014

“Undertaking Interfaith Dialogue: Hopes and Challenges,” at the second annual Baptist-Muslim Summit organized by the Islamic Society in North America (ISNA), and the Andover Newton Theological School (ANTS) at the Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, MA, December 1, 2012

RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS:

Under the supervision of Jonathan Decter (Brandeis) for a project investigating Judeo-Arabic literature and a project investigating the religious and the cultural relationships between Judaism and Islam as depicted in Islamic heresiographical literature. 2013- 2014

Under the supervision of Ilan Troen (Brandeis) for a project investigating the concept of “land” in medieval and modern Islamic thought and the implication for modern day Palestine/Israel, Fall 2013

Under the supervision of Jonathan Decter (Brandeis) for projects investigating Islamic and Judaic polemic literature and aspects of the culture of Jews in the medieval Islamic world, 2012

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Courses Taught as Primary Instructor

REL 137 “Introduction to Islam,” University of Southern California. **Summer 2019**

GESM120 “Jews and Arabs in Israel/Palestine,” University of Southern California **Spring 2019**

REL 402	Cultural Heritage, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East,” University of Southern California	Spring 2019
REL 114	“The Mediterranean: A Religious History,” University of Southern California	Spring 2018
NELC 2161	“Modern Middle Eastern and Arabic Literature,” Boston College, Department of Slavic and Eastern Languages and Literatures, Boston College	Spring 2016
ARBC 103b	Middle Advanced Arabic: Contemporary Arab Media,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	Spring 2016
ARBC 106a	Advanced Arabic I: Contemporary Arabic Literature,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	Fall 2015
ARBC 103a	Lower Advanced Arabic,” Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	Fall 2015
ARBC 20b	Beginning Arabic II, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	Spring 2015
ARBC 10a	Beginning Arabic I, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University	Fall 2014
Adv. Hebrew	Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	Spring 2010
Adv. Hebrew	Hebrew-Arabic Translation, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	Fall 2010
Lower Adv. Hebrew	Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature	Spring 2009
Beg. Hebrew	Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Al-Azhar University in Cairo	Fall 2009

Guest Lectures

Lecture on “Jewish-Arab Encounter in Late Ottoman Palestine,” in “GE Seminar 120: Jews and Muslims,” USC September 24th, 2018.

Lecture on “A Land without a People for a People without a Land,” in “JS370: Digs and Disputes: Politics and Archaeology of Digging in Israel,” USC, Feb 15th, 2018.

Lecture on various forms of Jewish interaction with Islamic civilization, in “The Jewish Views of Islam,” Dartmouth College, October 13th, 2015.

Lecture on Jewish Orientalization in “The Jewish View of Islam,” Dartmouth College, Fall 2015.

Lecture on the genesis of the Palestinian refugee problem, in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, October 15th, 2015.

Lecture on the making of Israeli militarism before and after the declaration of the State of Israel, in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, Oct 1st, 2015.

Lecture on origins of the Israeli polity in “Sociology of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict,” Dartmouth College, Sept 29th, 2015.

Teaching Assistantships

“Under Crescent and Cross: The History of the Jews in the Middle Ages,” instructor Jonathan Decter, Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Fall 2013

“Introduction to the Qur’ān,” instructor: Joseph Lumbard, Brandeis University, Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Spring 2012

Lecturer Assistant, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Languages and Translation College at Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, 2009-2011

Teaching Assistant, Department of Hebrew Language and Literature, Languages and Translation College at Al-Azhar University, Cairo. 2006-March, 2009

Community Teaching

Islamic Studies Lecturer at “The Development of Egyptian Life,” a non-profit organization specializing in promoting Arabic and Islamic Studies in Egyptian society in creative ways outside the academy, Giza, Egypt, 2003-2011

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Association for Middle Eastern Studies

Panel Organizer, “Representations of Jews in the Twenty-First Arabic Literary Works,” Washington DC, 2017

Association for Israel Studies

Panel Organizer, “Land, Nature, and the Palestinian/Arab Other in Jewish Culture,” Boston, 2017.

MEDIA

“SEEDS OF PARTNERSHIP: THE SARDARI AND MORADY STORY” A FILM I PARTICIPATED IN WITHIN THE SUPPORT OF NEW GROUND: A MUSLIM-JEWISH PARTNERSHIP FOR CHANGE, LOS ANGELES, MAY 2019. HERE IS A LINK:

<https://www.facebook.com/mjnewground/videos/460068024536632/>