

Curriculum Vitae

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Nationality: U.S. Citizen.

Specialization: Political Islam, Transnational and Revivalist Movements, National and International Security, US Foreign Policy, US-Arab and US-Muslim Relations, Arab-Israeli Conflict, Politics of the Greater Middle East and Political Economy of the Arab World, Preventive Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution, Gender in the Middle East, Reform in the Middle East, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Iran, Turkey, and Israel.

Professional Experience:

- 1) Assistant Professor of political science and Director of Graduate Studies, Florida Atlantic University. Courses offered include Comparative Politics of the Middle East; Politics and Prospects in Iraq; the Arab-Israeli Conflict (Graduate); Comparative Politics; Religions and World Politics; Iraq: Political Transformation and Socio-religious Movements (Graduate); Comparative Politics of Ethnic Conflict; Women in the Middle East; and the Modern Middle East.
- 2) Project Manager, Iraq Research and Documentation Project (IRDP), a project affiliated with Harvard University and funded by the State Department, 2001-2003; 1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1110, Washington, DC 20005-3406. Responsible for managing, planning and supervising the creation of a comprehensive, accessible, computerized, multi-media database system about the government, politics and civil society of modern Iraq, a system based on the primary sources of a set of Iraqi official documents (2.4 million) captured by the Kurdish opposition in 1991. This project may well become the future

nucleus of Iraqi national archive.

Responsible for managing and supervising a team of nine researchers, two editors and a computer troubleshooter; and creating guidelines for researching, classifying, translating, annotating, summarizing, filing, indexing, cross-referencing and processing this set of documents.

Responsibilities also include hiring researchers; preparing and researching subjects for publication; creating a processing handbook; translating official documents; and standardizing transliterations and explaining the Iraqi regime's military and administrative structures and intelligence jargon. Please visit our website at <http://www.fas.harvard.edu/~irdp>.

- 3) Senior Lecturer, History Department, Suffolk University, Boston, MA, 2000-01. Courses taught: Nationalism and Religion in the Middle East; The Arab-Israeli Conflict; and Cultural Contact in World History.
Courses prepared: Islamic Fundamentalism, and Minorities of the Middle East.
- 4) Lecturer/Teaching Assistant, Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, 1997-1998, 1999.
Courses taught: History of the Middle East and the Ottoman Empire, 1450-1914; The Rise and Decline of the Ottoman Empire, 1300-1808; and Nationalism and Religion in the Middle East.
- 5) Chief of Emergency, Red Cross and Civil Defense, Baabda district, Beirut, Lebanon. Responsibilities include supervising Fire Department, providing and circulating safety instructions, designating shelters, procuring and distributing foodstuff, organizing community meetings and blood drives, outlining emergency routes, coordinating with army and militia units, conflict prevention and management, re-integration of civil society, disarmament.

Education and Degrees:

- 1) Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Program, 1996-2001. GPA: 3.98.
- 2) Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge, MA, 1993-1995. Master of Liberal Arts (MLA), in Government. GPA: 3.67.
- 5) Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, North Adams, MA, 1984-1987. Bachelor of Science (B.S.). Major: Computer Science; Minor: Math. GPA:

3.51.

Publications:

Books:

Embattled Neighbors: Syria, Israel and Lebanon. Book published by Lynne Reinner Publishers, 2003.

Syria, the United States and the War on Terror in the Middle East. Book published by Praeger Publishers, 2006.

<http://www.greenwood.com/catalog/C9015.aspx>.

Articles:

Salafists VS. Liberals: The Struggle for Islam. Article published in the *National Interest*, January 31, 2005.

Iraqi Memories. Article published in the *In the National Interest*, Vol. 3, Issue 9, March 3, 2004.

Reform in Syria? Prospects and Assessments. Article published in the *In the National Interest*, Vol. 2, Issue 47, December 3, 2003.

Holding Syria to Account? Article published in the *In The National Interest*, Vol. 2, Issue 43, November 5, 2003.

The Making of Saddam's Executioners: A Manual of Oppression by Procedures. Article published in *Middle East Review of International Affairs Journal (MERIA)*, Vol. 7, No. 2, March 2003.

The Iraqi Opposition's Evolution: From Conflict to Unity?. Article published in *Middle East Review of International Affairs Journal (MERIA)*, Vol. 6, No. 4, December 2002.

Operation "Termination of Traitors": The Iraqi Regime Through Its Documents. Article published in *Middle East Review of International Affairs Journal (MERIA)*, Vol. 6, No. 3, September 2002.

The Ineffective Role of the U.S. in the U.S.-Israeli-Syrian Relationship. Article published in *Middle East Journal*, Vol. 55, No. 3, Summer 2001.

The Maronites and the Question of Syrian Withdrawal from Lebanon: From

“Isolationists” to “Traitors”? Article published in *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 8, No. 3, September 2001.

Op-eds and Short Articles:

Khaddam’s Revelations: Is the Asad Regime Unraveling? Policy Watch No. 1068, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, January 6, 2006.
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Reinforcing Lebanon’s Sovereignty. Policy Watch No. 1047, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, November 8, 2005.
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Syria’s Response to the Mehlis Report. Policy Watch No. 1038, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, October 24, 2005.
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The Countdown for Bashar al-Asad and Lebanon. Policy Watch No. 1035, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, October 4, 2005.
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The Real Message of U.S. Pressure on Syria. Article published in the *Daily Star*, September 29, 2005.
http://www.dailystar.com.lb/article.asp?edition_ID=10&article_ID=18871&category_id=5.

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Baath Party Congress in Damascus: How Much Change in Syria? Policy Watch No. 1000, *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, June 2, 2005.
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How Is Syria Ruled? Policy Watch No. 992. *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, May 9, 2005.
<http://www.washingtoninstitute.org/templateC05.php?CID=2309>.

Syrian Strategy in Lebanon. Policy Watch No. 980. *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, March 28, 2005.
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From Beirut to Algiers: The Arab League's Role in the Lebanon Crisis. Policy Watch No. 976. *The Washington Institute for Near East Policy*, March 21, 2005.
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Syria and the Polarization of Lebanese Politics. Policy Watch No. 961. *The Washington Institute for Near Policy*, February 18, 2005.
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Two Dangerous Ideas for Iraq's Future. Article published in the *Daily Star*, October 16, 2004.
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Feeding an Arab Sense of Victimization. Article published in the *Daily Star*, August 4, 2004.
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U.S. Trouble Means More Chances for Mullahs. Article co-authored with Walid Phares and published in *Sun-Sentinel*, April 29, 2004. <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/opinion/sfl-22forum22apr29,0,7595396.story>.

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Syria in an American and Israeli Corner. Article co-authored by Joshua Pollack and published in the *Daily Star* (Beirut), October 14, 2003.

Chalabi Is Right, Indefatigable and also Self-Serving. Article published in the *Daily Star*, September 16, 2003.

Now Anti-Semites Are Citing Harry Truman. Article published in the *History News Network* (HNN), September 8, 2003. <http://hnn.us/articles/1669.html>.

Getting the Help in Iraq that Lebanon Didn't. Article published in the *Daily Star* (Beirut), August 6, 2003. <http://www.lebanonwire.com/0308/03080613DS.asp>.

Syria's Misplaced Optimism. Article published in the *Daily Star*, July 17, 2003.

The Anxiety of Iraq's Sunnis. Article published in the *Daily Star*, July 9, 2003. <http://www.aljazeera.com/Opinion%20editorials/2003%20Opinion%20Editorials/July/8o/The%20anxiety%20of%20Iraqs%20Sunnis,%20Robert%20Rabil.htm>.

Intellectuals Seek Path to Syrian Reform. Article published in the *Daily Star*, June 9, 2003.

Understanding America Is Key to Improving its Foreign Policy. Article Published in the *Daily Star*, May 29, 2003. <http://www.aljazeera.com/Opinion%20editorials/2003%20Opinion%20Editorials/June%202003%20Opinion/1o/Understanding%20America%20is%20key%20to%20improving%20its%20foreign%20policy,%20Robert%20Rabil.htm>.

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Religion as a Channel to Assert Political Rights. Article published in the *Daily Star*, May 8, 2003.

Syria Must Act Quickly to Avert US Pressure. Article published in *Daily Star*, April 22, 2003.

Saddam Turned Neighbor Against Neighbor. Article published in *History News Network (HNN)*, February 24, 2003. <http://hnn.us/articles/1273.html>.

How Did the Iraqi Opposition Come into Existence. Article published in *History News Network (HNN)*, January 6, 2003. <http://hnn.us/articles/1196.html>.

Should We Be Worried About Hezbollah? Article Published in *History News Network (HNN)*, December 23, 2002. <http://hnn.us/articles/1168.html>.

Contributing editor of over 10 articles that appeared in *The New Republic*, *al-Hayat*, *al-Mu'tamar*, and *al-Zaman*.

Conference Papers and Presentations: "Selected List"

Regime Dynamics in Syria. Paper presented at a roundtable discussion sponsored by the State Department's Foreign Service Institute, Bureau of Intelligence and Research, and Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, August 31, 2005.

Trends in Syria (and the Levant). Papers presented at the 27th Semi-Annual International Affairs Symposium, United States Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, November 2 and 3, 2004.

Iraq in 2004: Challenges and Prospects. Paper presented at Florida Atlantic University, sponsored by the Florida Society for Middle East Studies, February 14, 2004.

Syria: A Voice for the Future or a Voice of the Past? Paper presented at The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, The John Hopkins University, sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies and the Middle East Studies Department and the Dialogue Project, John Hopkins University, September 29, 2003.

Waging Peace or War: Syria, Israel, and Lebanon. Presentation at the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Brandeis University, March 12, 2003.

The Ba'thi Regime of Saddam Hussein Through Its Documents. Presentation at

the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Brandeis University, March 12, 2003.

The Iraqi Opposition: Prospects and Challenges. Paper presented at Harvard University, The Middle East Seminar, sponsored jointly by the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, March 6, 2003.

Suffolk Teach-in: American Foreign Policy Toward Iraq. Paper presented at Suffolk University, sponsored jointly by the Department of History and the Department of Political Science, March 5, 2003.

Iraq Under Saddam. Presentation at Emmanuel College, March 5, 2003.

War and Peace Between the United States and Iraq: Inside Iraq. Paper presented at the Ford Auditorium, Case Western Reserve University, sponsored by Center for Policy Studies, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, Undergraduate Student Government, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Residence Hall Association of Case Western Reserve University, International Studies Program, Hallinan Project, Muslim Student Association, Share the Vision Committee, and the Office of the President and Provost, February 19, 2003.
<http://www.cwru.edu/artsci/cps/rabil.htm>.

The implications of a war against Iraq for the Region. Paper presented at a special conference organized by the World Lebanese Cultural Union, the Lebanese Information Center, the Council of Lebanese American Organizations, the Assembly for Lebanon and the American Lebanese Public Affairs Committee on November 21, 2002.

The Iraqi Opposition: From Disunity to Unity?. Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association's annual conference on November 25, 2002.

The Ba'th party and Education in Iraq, and the 1987-1988 Village Elimination Campaign: The Case of al-Ghouli District. Presentations at the Middle East Institute on October 16, 2002.

The Iraqi Regime Through Its Documents. Presentation at the Department of State, February 2002.

Changes, Challenges, and Choices. Paper presented at the Joseph W. Martin, Jr. Institute For Law and Society, Stonehill College, Easton, MA, September 2000.

Deconstructing Syria: The Challenges of Peace. Paper presented at the Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Department, Stewart Walker Lecture Series, sponsored by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA,

March 1999.

Media

Appeared on and/or interviewed by British Broadcasting Company (BBC), C-span, Fox News, National Public Radio (NPR), Regional News Network (RNN), ABC, PBS, CBS, ART (Arab Television), New York Times, Washington Post, Dallas Morning News, Financial Times, Sunday Times, Orange County Register, Japan Broadcasting Corporation (JPC), Associated Press, Foreword, Kiplinger Letter, Denver Post, World Magazine, Newsweek, Baltimore Sun, National Journal, Department of State Washington File, French Television One, Voice of America (Newsline), Los Angeles Times, Jamaican Radio Station, British Foreign Ministry, Denmark Chief Prosecuting Office, Commission de l'immigration et du Statut de Refugie (Montreal).

Community Work:

- 1) Fund raising host for the Cancer Society Cambridge Chapter, Cambridge; Kidney Society, Boston; Concord Family Services, Concord; Hellenic Children Heart Fund, Children's Hospital, Boston; Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (MSPCC) and Mass Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA), Boston, 1987-1995.

Awards:

- 1) Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award, Brandeis University, 1998-1999.
- 2) Fellow, Interuniversity Fellowship Program in Jewish Studies, sponsored jointly by The International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization and The Committee for University Studies in Israel, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem , 1998-1999.
- 3) Tauber Institute Grant for the Study of Zionism, Brandeis University, 1996-1997, 1997-1998.
- 4) Near Eastern and Judaic Studies Departmental Grant, Brandeis University, 1996-1997, 1997-1998, 1998-1999.
- 5) Scholarship from The Harvard University Extension School to the John F.

Kennedy School of Government for completion of MLA thesis, 1995.

6) Medal of Courage and Commendation, Maronite Patriarch of Lebanon.

Affiliation:

- 1) Affiliate in Research, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, , 2004-2005, 2003-04, 2000-01, 1999-2000.
- 2) Member of the Board of Directors and co-director of the Iraq Institute for Strategic Studies, Inc., Baghdad, London, Washington, DC, 2004-present.
- 3) Co-editor, *Middle East Intelligence Bulletin*, New York, 2004.
- 4) Visiting Research Fellow, HU, 1998-1999.
- 5) Affiliate of the Harry S. Truman Research Institute for the Advancement of Peace, 9/1998-2/1999.
- 6) Visiting Research Fellow, MD, 10/1998-1/1999.
- 7) Advisory Board, Foundation for Defense of Democracies, Education in Iraq, Washington, DC. 2004-present.
- 8) Advisory Board, Florida Society for Middle East Studies, Boca Raton, Florida.

Languages:

Fluent in English, Arabic and French; proficient in Hebrew.