

Jonathan Wyrzten

Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
Yale University
Research Fellow – MacMillan Center

Education

Georgetown University Washington, DC
Ph.D., History of Modern Middle East and North Africa 2009

Fields: Modern Middle East and North Africa (major), Modern Europe (minor),
Nationalism (thematic)

Dissertation: *Constructing Morocco: The Colonial Struggle to Define the Nation (1912-1956)*

Supervisor: John Voll

University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX
M.A., Middle East Studies 1999

Thesis: *Redemption and the Religious Worldview of Jewish Settlers in the West Bank*

University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX
B.A., Plan II Honors (Liberal Arts) 1996

International Education

Arabic Language Institute in Fes Fes, Morocco
September- December, 2006

Hebrew University of Jerusalem Jerusalem, Israel
1996-1997, Summer 1999

Haifa University Haifa, Israel
1995

Fellowships and Grants

Davis Lectureship - Georgetown (2008-2009)

Fulbright – Hays DDRA Fellowship for Morocco and France (2006-2007)

American Institute for Maghrib Studies Research Grant (2006-2007)

Fulbright Fellowship for Morocco (2005-2006)

University Fellowship - Georgetown (2003-2009)

National Security Education Program (NSEP)-Texas Fund for Training Foreign Policy Professionals Grant (Summer 1999)

Field research in West Bank for master's thesis

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Hebrew study (Summer 1999)

Foreign language education at Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Arabic study (1997-1998)

Foreign language education at the University of Texas

Raoul Wallenberg Fellowship at Hebrew University of Jerusalem (1996-1997)

Graduate interfaith fellowship program combining study of leadership in democracies and extra-curricular meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders; field trips in Israel, West Bank, Gaza, Egypt, and Jordan; and the implementation of a community project in a mixed Jewish/Arab neighborhood in the city of Ramle.

Publications

“Resistance, Amazighité, and Re-Imagining the Nation in Morocco,” in Driss Maghraoui (ed.) *Revisiting the Colonial Past in Morocco*. London: Frank Cass, 2009.

“Morocco.” *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern World*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2007.

“Aghlabids.” Joseph Meri (ed.) *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*. New York: Routledge, 2005.

Awards

George P. Hammond Prize for National Best Graduate Paper, Phi Alpha Theta (2005)

Honorable Mention, Hisham Sharabi Graduate Essay Competition (2005)

Selected Presentations

“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, November 19, 2007

“Arab, Berber, Muslim, Jew, Man, or Woman? (1912-1956),” Moroccan-American Women’s Association, American Club, Rabat, Morocco, December 5, 2006.

“Arab and Berber: Contesting, Constructing, and Mobilizing the Nation in Morocco (1930-1939),” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 19, 2005.

“Field Methods: Religious Movements and Social Movement Theory,” Al Akhawayn University, September 30, 2005.

“Transnational Islamic Movements – The Case of Salafiyya,” Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Student Conference, Princeton University, April 8, 2005.

“Seed of Destruction: French Berber Policy and the Birth of Moroccan Nationalism, 1912-1937,” Phi Alpha Theta Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, April 2, 2005. First Prize, Best Paper Competition.

“Moroccan Visions for an Islamic Political Order: Allal Al Fassi and Abdessalam Yassine,” Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 20, 2004.

Previous Teaching Experience

Lecturer Washington, DC
Georgetown University 2008-2009

Courses: Modern Middle East, Comparative Nationalism in the Middle East and North Africa, Imperialism and Insurgency in the Greater Middle East (1820-2008)

Lecturer Ifrane, Morocco
School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Al Akhawayn University Summer 2006

Course: History of the Arab World

Teaching Assistant Washington, DC
Georgetown University 2004-2005
Middle East History I-II

Lecturer Ifrane, Morocco
Center for Academic Development, Al Akhawayn University 2001-2003

Taught courses including Skills for Learning and Research, Critical Reading and Problem Solving, Computer Skills for Independent Learning, Interpersonal Skills and Social Interaction
Advised students, served on university e-learning committee, designed department’s web site

Teaching Assistant Austin, TX
University of Texas at Austin 1998-1999

Introduction to Middle East Studies: Graded term papers and exams, led film sessions
Modern Hebrew: Led weekly conversational sessions, grading, individual tutoring

Other Experience

Multimedia Developer for Arabic Language Program Arlington, VA
Foreign Service Institute – National Foreign Affairs Training Center Summer 2004

Systems Analyst Austin, TX
University of Texas College of Pharmacy 2000-2001

Research Languages

Modern Standard Arabic, Moroccan Arabic, French, Modern Hebrew

Memberships

American Historical Association, Middle Eastern Studies Association of America, American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society