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## APPOINTMENTS

American University of Beirut  
Department of Arabic and N.E.L  
Chairperson 2016-

American University of Beirut  
Department of Arabic and N.E.L  
Associate Professor of Arabic Studies, 2013-present.

The Ohio State University  
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures  
M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies  
Associate Professor of Arabic Studies (with tenure), 2014-2015

American University of Beirut  
Department of Arabic and N.E.L  
Assistant Professor of Arabic Studies, 2009-2013

Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton  
Member, School of Historical Studies, 2011-2012

American University of Beirut  
Center for Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies  
Director of Arabic Language School, 2006-present  
Instructor, 2002-2005

Yale University, New Haven, CT  
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
Instructor, 2008, Teaching Fellow 2005-2007

## PROFESSIONAL EDITORSHIP AND SERVICE

Chair of the Department of Arabic and N.E.L (2016-)  
Co-editor of *al-Abhath* Journal  
Co-editor, E. J. Brill's book series *Text and Studies on the Qur'an* (2010-)  
Co-editor, E.J. Brill's *Handbook of Sufi Studies Series* (2015-present)  
Member of Advisory Board of *Journal of Divinity of Ankara University (Ankara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi)*  
Member of Council for World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies (2018-present)

Member of Editorial Board of *Eurasian Arabic Studies*, Kazan Federal University (2018-present)  
 Member of the Scientific Committee of *Quaderni di Studi Arabi* (2018-present)  
 Member of the Editorial Board of *Journal of Islamic & Religious Studies (JIRS)*, UoH, Pakistan (2016-)  
 Member of Editorial and Advisory Board of *Romano-Arabica* (2014-)  
 Member of Editorial Board of *Al-MACHREQ: Revue Catholique Orientale*. Sciences, Lettres, Arts (2009-)  
 Book review editor of *al-Abhath* (2011-2015)  
 Member of Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (term 2013-2018)  
 Member of the Steering Committee of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (term 2015-2016)  
 Member of Arabische Philologien im Blickwechsel- نحو دراسات عربية برؤى متعددة (2013-present)  
 Member of Editorial Board of Tabuk University Press (2013-2015)  
 Member of Advisory Board of *Literaturen im Kontext*. Arabisch – Persisch – Türkisch (2014-)

## EDUCATION

Yale University, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations  
 Ph.D., 2009 (Dissertation: *The Art of Anthology: al-Tha‘ālibī and His Yatīmat al-dahr*)  
 Dissertation Committee (Beatrice Gruendler, Dimitri Gutas, Everett Rowson)  
 M.Phil., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2006)

American University of Beirut (AUB)– Beirut, Lebanon  
 MA., Arabic Language and Literature (2003)  
 BA., Arabic Language and Literature (2001)  
 BS., Mathematics (major), Statistics (minor) (2000)

## PUBLICATIONS

### A. Books

- *The Anthologist's Art: Abū Manṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī and His Yātīmat al-dahr*. Leiden: Brill, 2016.
  - [Reviewed in *Al-Sharq al-Awsaṭ*, 21 June 2016, issue 13720]
  - [Reviewed in *Abhath* 64 (2016)]
  - [Reviewed in *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 80 (2017)]
  - [Reviewed in *OLZG* 113 (2018)]
  - [Reviewed in *JAOS* 139.1 (2019)]
  - [Reviewed in *Annali, Sezione Orientale* 79 (2019)]
- *The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History*. (forthcoming)  
 [with Maurice Pomerantz]

### B. Edited Books

- *Light upon Light: Essays in Islamic Thought and History in Honor of Gerhard Bowering*. Edited by Jamal Elias and Bilal Orfali. Leiden: Brill, 2019.

- *Insatiable Appetite: Food as Cultural Signifier in the Middle East and Beyond*. Edited by Kirill Dmitriev, Julia Hauser, and Bilal Orfali. Leiden: Brill, 2019.
- *Mujtama' al-qarn al-rāi' fi mu'allafāt Abī Ḥayyān al-Tawḥīdī* by Wadad Kadi. Edited by Bilal Orfali. Beirut: Dār al-Machreq, 2019. مجتمع القرن الرابع في مؤلفات أبي حيان التوحيدي
- *Al-'Arabiyya hādhihi al-lugha al-sharīfa: dirāsāt fī al-lugha wa-l-naḥw wa-l-mu'jam wa-l-sāmiyyāt* by Ramzi Baalbaki. Edited by Bilal Orfali. Riyad: Markaz al-Malik Fayṣal, 2017. العربية هذه اللغة الشريفة: دراسات في اللغة والنحو والمعجم والساميات
  - [Reviewed in *Abhath* 64 (2016)]
  - [Reviewed in *al-Ḥayāt*, April 14, 2017]
  - [Reviewed in *al-Fayṣal*, August 31, 2017]
- *Al-Ru'yā wa-l-'ibāra: dirāsāt fī l-adab wa-l-fikr wa-l-tārīkh li Wadād al-Qāḍī*. Edited by **Bilal Orfali**. Beirut: Dār al-Machreq, 2015. الرؤيا والعبارة: دراسات في الأدب والفكر والتاريخ
  - [Reviewed in *Al-Sharq al-Awsaṭ*, 4 August 2015, issue 13398]
- *American University of Beirut: a Century and a Half*. Edited by Nadia El Cheikh, Lina Choueiri, and **Bilal Orfali**. Beirut: American University of Beirut Press, 2016.
  - [Reviewed in *Al-Sharq al-Awsaṭ*, 4 July 2016, issue 13733]
- *In the Shadow of Arabic: The Centrality of Language to Arabic Culture. Studies presented to Ramzi Baalbaki on the Occasion of His Sixtieth Birthday*. Ed. **Bilal Orfali**. Leiden: Brill, 2011.
  - [Reviewed in *al-Masāq: Journal of the Medieval Mediterranean* 26:1]
  - [Reviewed in *Historiographia Linguistica* 40:1/2 (2013)]
  - [Reviewed in *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, 133 | juin 2013]
  - [Reviewed in *Wiener Zeitschrift für die Kunde des Morgenlandes* 103 (2013)]
  - [Reviewed in *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 109(3) (2014)]
  - [Reviewed in *Zeitschrift für Arabische Linguistik* 61 (2015)]
  - [Reviewed in *Quaderni di Studi Arabi*, NUOVA SERIE, Vol. 7, (2012)]

### C. Critical Editions of Classical Texts

- *'Uqalā' al-majānīn of Abū l-Qāsim al-Ḥasan b. Ḥabīb al-Naysābūrī (d. 406/1016)*. Edited by Bilal Orfali and Ramzi Baalbaki. (Submitted for the Library of Arabic Literature, NYU Press). عقلاء المجانين
- *Khāṣṣ al-Khāṣṣ fī-l-amthāl li-Abī Maṣṣūr al-Tha'ālibī*. Edited by Ramzi Baalbaki and Bilal Orfali. Beirut: Orient-Institut (*Bibliotheca Islamica*), forthcoming. خاصّ الخاصّ في الأمثال
- *The Philosopher Responds: An Intellectual Correspondence from the Tenth Century*. Edited by Bilal Orfali and Maurice Pomerantz. Translated by Sophia Vasalou. Library of Arabic Literature. NY: NYU Press, 2019 (in press). الهوامل والشوامل

- *Al-Ghazal wa-l-naḥw: taḍmīn al-fīyyat Ibn Mālīk fī al-ghazal li-l-bā‘ūnī*. Edited by Bilal Orfali. Beirut: Dār al-Machreq, 2018. الغزل والنحو: تضمين ألفية ابن مالك في الغزل
- *Al-Ḥadīth wa-l-taṣawwuf: qiṣṣat al-‘Abbās b. Ḥamza ma‘ Dhī l-Nūn al-Miṣrī*. Edited by Bilal Orfali and Francesco Chiabotti. Beirut: Dār al-Machreq, 2018. الحديث والتصوف: قصة العباس بن حمزة مع ذي النون المصري
- *Raf‘ al-iltibās ‘an munkir al-iqtibās li-Ibn Abī l-Luṭf*. Edited by Bilal Orfali. Beirut: Dār al-Machreq, 2018. رفع الالتباس عن منكر الاقتباس
  - [Reviewed in *al-Machriq al-raqmīyya* 12, June 2018]
- *The Book of Noble Character: Critical Edition of Makārim al-akhlāq wa-maḥāsīn al-ādāb wa-badā‘i‘ al-awṣāf wa-gharā‘ib al-tashbīhāt Attributed to Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī*. **Bilal Orfali** and Ramzi Baalbaki. Leiden: Brill, 2015. كتاب مكارم الأخلاق ومحاسن الآداب وبدائع الأوصاف وغرائب التشبيهات
  - [Reviewed in *Al-Sharq al-Awsaṭ*, 24 November 2015, issue 13510]
  - [Reviewed in *Abhath* 64 (2016)]
  - [Reviewed in *WZKM* 107 (2017)]
- *Seeking Solitude, A short Sufī Guidebook: Khalwat al-‘ākifīn (Selections from Salwat al-‘ārīfīn)*. **Bilal Orfali** and Gerhard Bowering. Beirut: Dar al-Machreq, 2013. خلوة العاكفين
- *The Comfort of the Mystics: A Manual and Anthology of Sufism*. Gerhard Bowering and **Bilal Orfali**. Leiden, Brill, 2013. سلوة العارفين وأنس المشتاقين
  - [Reviewed in *Abhath* 64 (2016)]
  - [Reviewed in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 31 (2014)]
  - [Reviewed in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136 (July-September 2016)]
- *A Disputation over a Fragment of the True Cross: A Medieval Arabic Text from the History of Christian-Jewish-Muslim Relations in Egypt*. [Critical edition with introduction, study, translation, and notes]. Stephen J. Davis, **Bilal Orfali**, and Samuel Noble. Beirut: Dar al-Machreq, Recherches, 2012. مجادلة حول قطعة من الصليب
  - [Reviewed in *al-Machriq al-raqmīyya* 11, December 2017]
- *Sufism: Black and White, A Critical Edition of Kitāb al-Bayād wa-l-Sawād by Abū l-Ḥasan al-Sīrjānī (d. ca.470/1077)*. **Bilal Orfali** and Nada Saab. Leiden, Brill, 2012. كتاب البياض والأسود
  - [Reviewed in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 24 (2013)]
  - [Reviewed in *The Muslim World Book Review* 33:4 (2013)]
  - [Reviewed in *Ilahiyat Studies* 4:2 (2013)]
  - [Reviewed in *Abhath* 64 (2016)]
  - [Reviewed in *Journal of Sufi Studies* (2014)]
  - [Reviewed in *WZKM* 104 (2014)]
  - [Reviewed in *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 73 (2014)]
  - [Reviewed in *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 45 (2016)]

- *Zād safar al-mulūk of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī* [Critical edition with introduction, study, and notes]. Ramzi Baalbaki and **Bilal Orfali**. Beirut: Orient-Institut (*Bibliotheca Islamica* 52), 2011.  
 كتاب زاد سفر الملوك في السفر ومدحه وذمه ومحاسن الأخلاق فيه  
 ○ [Reviewed in *al-Machreq* 86 (2012)]
- *Sufi Inquiries and Interpretations of Abū ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sulamī (d. 412/1021) and a Treatise of Traditions by Ismā‘īl b. Nujayd al-Naysābūrī (d. 366/976-7)* [Critical edition with introduction and study]. **Bilal Orfali** and Gerhard Böwering. Beirut: Dar al-Machreq, 2010, study 25p, 134p. مسائل وتأويلات صوفية لأبي عبد الرحمن السلمي  
 ○ [Reviewed in *Bulletin critique des Annales islamologiques* 27 (2011)]
- *Sufi Treatises of Abū ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sulamī* [Critical edition with introduction and study]. Gerhard Böwering and **Bilal Orfali**. Beirut: Dar al-Machreq, Recherches, 2009, study 30p, text 176p. رسائل صوفية لأبي عبد الرحمن السلمي  
 ○ [Reviewed in *al-Machreq* 84 (2010)]  
 ○ [Reviewed in *Bulletin critique des Annales islamologiques* 27 (2011)]

## B. Articles & Book Chapters

- “Adab as Metamorphosis: Text, Translation, and Commentary of the Mawṣiliyya of Hamadhānī”, in *L’ADAB TOUJOURS RECOMMENCÉ: “Origines”, transmission et métamorphoses*. Ed. Francesca Bellino, Catherine Mayeur-Jaouen, Luca Patrizi. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.
- “The *Amālī* of Abū l-Qāsim al-Qushayrī: an edition and study of codex Ḍāhiriyya 1135,” *al-Abhath* (2017-2018), forthcoming. [with Francesco Chiabotti]
- “Ibn Fāris and the Origins of the Maqāma Revisited,” in *Arabic Belles-Lettres*. Ed. Joseph E. Lowry and Shawkat M. Toorawa. Atlanta: Lockwood Press, 2019, 95-114 [with Maurice Pomerantz].
- “Islamic Law in Literature: The Importance of Procedure in Tanūkhī’s *al-Faraj ba‘da l-shidda*,” in *Tradition and Reception in Arabic Literature*. Ed. Margaret Larkin and Jocelyn Sharlet. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2018. [with Intisar Rabb]
- “*Kitāb intizā‘āt al-Qur‘ān al-‘azīm*: A Compendium of Quranic Quotations Attributed to the Fatimid Secretary Abū l-Qāsim ‘Alī Ibn al-Ṣayrafī (d. 542/1147),” in *Light upon Light: Essays in Islamic Thought and History in Honor of Gerhard Böwering*. Edited by Jamal Elias and Bilal Orfali. Leiden: Brill, 2019.
- “Against Cities: On *hijā’ al-mudun* in Arabic Poetry”, in *The City in Pre-Modern and Modern Arabic Literature*. Edited by Nizar Hermes and Gretchen Head. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2018, 38-62. [with Huda Fakhreddine]
- “Employment Opportunities in Literature in Tenth-Century Islamic Courts,” in *Studying the Near and Middle East at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, 1935-2018*.

Edited by Sabine Schmidtke. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press, 2018, 243-250.  
Translated into Arabic under: فرص توظيف الأدباء في البلاطات الإسلامية في القرن الرابع الهجري، المشرق (2018) 12  
الرقمية

- "An Edition of al-Hamadhānī's al-Maqāma al-Mawṣiliyya," in *Arabic Humanities, Islamic Thought: Essays in Honor of Everett K. Rowson*. Edited by Joseph E. Lowry and Shawkat M. Toorawa. Leiden: Brill, 2017, 276-278.
- "An Uprising in Teaching Arabic Language," in *Academia in Transformation*. Edited by Florian Kohstall and Carola Richter (2016) [with Rana Siblīni and Maha Houssami] <http://agya.info/working-groups/transformation/working-paper-series-academia-in-transformation/>  
Republished in *Academia in Transformation: Scholars Facing the Arab Uprisings*. Edited by Florian Kohstall, Carola Richter, Sarhan Dhoub, Fatima Kastner. Nomos, 2018, 93-106.
- "'I See a Distant Fire': Al-Tha'ālibī's *Kitāb al-Iqtibās min al-Qur'ān al-Karīm*," in *Qur'an and Adab*. Ed. Nuha Shaar. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017, 191-215. [with Maurice Pomerantz]  
Translated into Arabic :  
"إنني أنست نارًا: كتاب الاقتباس من القرآن الكريم للثعالبي"، مجلة التفاهم 15 (2018)، 302-275.
- "An Encounter of al-'Abbās b. Ḥamza (d. 288/901) with Dhū l-Nūn al-Miṣrī (d. ca. 245/859-60). An edition and a study of MS Vollers 875d", *Journal of Abbasid Studies* 3 (2016), 90-127. [with Francesco Chiabotti],
- "Assembling an Author: On the Making of al-Hamadhānī's Maqāmāt," in *Concepts of Authorship in Pre-modern Arabic Texts*. Edited by Lale Behzadi and Jaako Hämeen-Anttila. University of Bamberg Press, 2016, 107-127. [with Maurice Pomerantz]
- "Three Maqāmāt Attributed to Badī' al-Zamān al-Hamadhānī (d. 398/1008)," *Journal of Abbasid Studies* 2 (2015), 38-60. [with Maurice Pomerantz]  
Translated into Arabic:  
ثلاث مقامات منسوبة إلى بديع الزمان الهمذاني (ت398هـ/1008م)، المشرق الرقمية 13 (2018).
- "al-Shī'r wa-ta'addud al-qirā'āt fī l-samā' al-ṣūfī," *al-Mashriq al-Raqmiyya* 6 (2015). الشعر. وتعدّد القراءات في السماع الصوفي
- "*Maqāmāt Badī' al-Zamān al-Hamadhānī: al-Naṣṣ wa-l-Makḥṭūṭāt wa-l-Tārīkh*," *Uṣṭūr* 1 (2015), 28-55. [with Maurice Pomerantz] مقامات بديع الزمان الهمذاني: النصّ والمخطوطات والتاريخ
- "Mystical Poetics: Courtly Themes in Early Sufi Akhbār," in *In the Presence of Power: Court and Performance in the Premodern Middle East*. Edited by Maurice Pomerantz and Evelyn Birge Vitz. NYU University Press, 2017.  
Translated into Arabic: (2018) 16 مجلة التفاهم، "الشعرية الصوفية"

- "In Defense of the Use of Qur'ān in Adab: Ibn Abī l-Luṭf's Raf' al-iltibās 'an munkir al-iqtibās," *The Heritage of Arabo-Islamic Learning: Studies Presented to Wadad Kadi*. Edited by Maurice Pomerantz and Aram Shahin. Leiden: Brill, 2015, 498-527.
- "Al-Shifāhī wa-l-maktūb: dirāsa fī maṣādir al-Tha'ālibī fī Yatīmat al-dahr wa-tatimmat al-Yatīma," *Ankara Üniversitesi İlahiyat Fakültesi Dergisi* 55:2 (2014), 1-25.  
الشفاهي والمكتوب: دراسة في مصادر الثعالبي في يتيمة الدهر وتيمة اليتيمة
- "Qur'ānic Firebrands: Quoting the Qur'ān in Theory and Practice in Pre-Modern Arabic Literature," *İlim Dünyası* 5 (2013), 33-42.
- "The Sources of al-Tha'ālibī in Yatīmat al-Dahr and Tatimmat al-Yatīma," *Middle Eastern Literatures* 16 (2013), 1-47.
- "A Lost Maqāma of Badī' al-Zamān al-Hamadhānī (?)," *Arabica* 59 (2013), 245-271 [with Maurice Pomerantz]
- "Fann al-ikhtiyār fī l-adab al-'arabī al-klāsikī," *al-Machreq* (2012), 587-599. فن الاختيار في الأدب العربي الكلاسيكي
- "A Sketch Map of Arabic Poetry Anthologies," *Journal of Arabic Literature* 43 (2012), 29-59.
- "Ghazal and Grammar: al-Bā'ūnī's Taḍmīn Alfiyyat Ibn Mālik fī l-Ghazal," in *In the Shadow of Arabic: The Centrality of Language to Arabic Culture*. Ed. Bilal Orfali. Leiden: Brill, 2011, 445-494.
- "The Works of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha'ālibī," *Journal of Arabic Literature* 40 (2009), 276-321.
- "An Addendum to the Dīwān of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Ta'ālibī," *Arabica* 56 (2009), 440-449.
- "The Art of the *Muqaddima* in the Works of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha'ālibī (d. 429/1039)," in *The Weaving of Words: Approaches to Classical Arabic Prose*. Ed. Lale Behzadi and Vahid Behmardi. Beirut: Orient Institut, 2009, 181-202.

### C. Encyclopedia Entries

- al-Dīnawarī, Abū Sa'd Naṣr b. Ya'qūb, *EI*<sup>3</sup>
- "Ḥamāsa Arabic," *EI*<sup>3</sup>
- "Ḥayṣa Bayṣa," *EI*<sup>3</sup>
- "Iqtibās," *EI*<sup>3</sup>
- "Al-Hamadhānī, Badī' al-Zamān," *EI*<sup>3</sup>
- "Khargūshī," *EI*<sup>3</sup>

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

AUB Excellence in Teaching Award (2019)

Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin (2016-2017) (declined)  
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, Member (2011-2012)  
Yale University, Leylan Fellowship, 2008-2009 (Awarded to ten advanced students for academic merit to replace Yale University Dissertation Fellowship)  
Yale University, Dissertation Fellowship for Research, 2008-2009 (declined)  
Yale University, John F. Enders Fellowships & Research Grant, summer 2008  
Princeton University Library Research Grant, 2008  
Yale Teaching Fellowship, Spring 2008  
Yale University, Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library Research Fellowship, 2007  
Yale University, The Karl A. Schaefer Award Fellowship, 2005-2006  
Yale University A. Bartlett Giamatti Award Fellowship (Awarded to ten first-year students in the Humanities for academic merit 2004-2005)  
Yale Graduate School Award Fellowship, 2003-2006

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Courtly Procedure in al-Hamadhani's Maqamat and the works of al-Tanukhi  
Arabic Detective Narrative, Paris, 28-29 March 2019

An Uprising in Teaching Arabic Language,  
World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, July 2018

An Anthology within an Anthology: Poetry in Sufi Manuals  
Approaches to the Study of pre-modern Arabic anthologies, Beirut, May 2018

Islamic Law in Literature  
Towards the Reconstruction of Islamic Studies, Beirut, April 2018

Two picaresque Tales and a Yellow Cow  
Black Humor and Qur'ānic References in Hamadhānī's al-Maqāma al-Mawṣiliyya  
Rethinking Arabic Literature Conference, University of Chicago, March 2018

Practicing 'Blickwechsel': Entangled Perspectives on Theory, Arts and History in the Field of Arabic Literary Studies"  
AGYA International Bilingual Summer School, American University of Beirut (AUB), 22-24 September, 2017.

"Buddha: The Story of a Christian-Muslim Saint"  
AGYA conference on Barlaam and Josaphaat, Meteora, Greece, July 2017

Water in Pre-Islamic Poetry  
AGYA Conference on Water: Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Aswan, December 2017

Architecture of Zanzibar  
Dynamics of Cultural Impact  
Arab and German Cultural Heritage of Zanzibar, Salala, August 2018

Two picaresque Tales and a Yellow Cow  
Black Humor and Qur'ānic References in Hamadhānī's al-Maqāma al-Mawṣiliyya



What was Philology in Arabic?, Berlin, July 13-15, 2017

Books of Noble Character (*makārim al-akhlāq*) as Adab  
L'adab, toujours recommencé : « Origines », transmission et métamorphoses  
Paris 2016, 1-3 décembre 2016

*al-Nasīb wa-l-rahīl fī ḥullatihimā al-ʿabbāsiyya*  
Literary Discourse in Pre-Islam: A Workshop  
Āl al-Bayt University, October 18, 2016

Walking in the Steps of Poets: Courtly Themes in Early Sufism  
School of Abbasid Studies  
Leiden, July 12-15, 2016

Two Picaresque Tales and a Yellow Cow:  
Black Humor and Qurʾānic References in Hamadhānī's *al-Maqama al-Mawṣiliyya*  
The Maqama and Its Readers: A Workshop on Arabic and Hebrew Literatures  
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, May 27, 2016

Wadad Kadi's Scholarly Contribution to the Field of Arabic and Islamic Studies  
Celebrating a Career in the Liberal Arts  
AUB, Beirut April 22, 2016

Wine and Humanism in Early Islam  
Insatiable Appetite: Food as a Cultural Signifier  
AGYA-AUB, Beirut, May 12-14, 2016

Bad Times: Pre-modern Muslim Scholars on the Idea of Decadence  
Reimagining Muslim Pasts  
Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, Aga Khan University  
Istanbul, March 18-19, 2016

Against Muslim Cities: On *hijāʾ al-mudun* in Arabic Literature  
American Oriental Society  
Boston, March 18-21, 2016

*Al-ʿArabiyya wa-muwākabat al-ʿaṣr*  
Al-luḡha al-ʿArabiyya wa-taḥaddiyāt al-ʿaṣr al-ḥadīth  
Lebanese American University, March 2, 2016

"The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History  
Books in Motion: Exploring Concepts of Mobility in Cross-Cultural Studies of the Book  
American University of Beirut, Beirut, May 5-7, 2016

"He told me, wrote to me, and sent me his book":  
Abū Manṣūr al-Thaʿālibī (d. 429/1039) and the making of *adab* anthologies in Khurāsān  
Media Transitions in the Arab World, Münster, Germany, Oct 30-31, 2015

Buddha: The Story of a Christian Muslim Saint

Fluid Natures, Fluid Cultures, Malta, 2015

Mystical Ghazal: Poetics of Remembrance in Early Sufi *Akhhbār*  
*Istanbul*, Eski Edebiyat Çalışmaları April 24, 2015.

Emending the *Maqāmāt* of Hamadhānī  
American Oriental Society  
New Orleans, LA, March 13-16, 2015

The Early Arabic Biographical Tradition  
Qatar Arabic Historical Dictionary  
Tunis, November 5-6, 2014

Aspects of Arabic Literature in Khurāsān and Transoxania  
In the *Yatīmat al-dahr* of Abū Manşūr al-Thaʿālibī (d. 429/1039)  
Iran Resurgent? Politics, Literature and Trade in the Samanid Era  
Oxford University, 2014

Buddha: The Story of a Christian Muslim Saint  
Tales that Travel: Storytelling in Eurasia 10th-16th centuries, NYU-Abu Dhabi, 2014

Qurʾānic Firebrands: Quoting the Qurʾān in Theory and Practice  
Symposium on Rethinking the Qurʾān, Ankara, 2013

Employment Opportunities in Literature  
In the 4th/10th Century Islamic Courts  
American Oriental Society, Portland, 2013

*Samāʿ* in Early Sufi Anthologies  
School of Abbasid Studies, Exeter, 2012

The Arabic Adab Anthology: Site of Literary Hybridity?  
4th International Conference of Mediterranean Worlds:  
Domino Effects and Hybridization of the Mediterranean, Istanbul, 2012

Quoting the Qurʾān in Theory and Practice  
Conference on Qurʾān and Adab  
Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, 2012

A Lost *Maqāma* of Badīʿ al-Zamān al-Hamadhānī (?)  
American Oriental Society, Boston, 2012

*Samāʿ* (beatific audition) and Authorial Voices in Early Sufi Anthologies  
Courts and Performance in the Pre-Modern Middle East  
NYU Abu Dhabi, 2012

Al-Jāhīz Viewing “Esteemed Nations”  
American Oriental Society Conference, Chicago, 2011

Ushnāndānī's *Ma'ānī al-Shi'r*: Its Sources, Content, and Reception  
American Oriental Society Conference, St. Louis, 2010

The Sources of al-Tha'ālibī in *Yatīmat al-Dahr* and *Tatimmat al-Yatīma*  
MESA Conference, Boston, 2009

*Zād Safar al-Mulūk*: An Anthology on Travel Literature by Abū Manṣūr al-Tha'ālibī  
American Oriental Society Conference, Chicago, 2008

The Art of the *Muqaddima* in the works of Abū Manṣūr al-Tha'ālibī (d. 350-429/961-1039)  
MESA Conference, Montreal, 2007

Representations of the Sea in Pre-Islamic Poetry  
American Oriental Society Conference, San Antonio, 2007

## GUEST AND INVITED LECTURES

على خطى الشعراء: موضوعات شعر البلاط في الأخبار الصوفية المبكر  
Tbilisi State University, June 12, 2019

Adab as Metamorphosis: Hamadhānī's Maqāma of Mosul  
American University of Beirut, 2019

Walking in the steps of poets: Courtly themes in early Sufism  
New York University Abu Dhabi, Library of Arabic Literature, Dec 11, 2018

Against Cities in Arabic Literature  
NYU Abu Dhabi, Dec 4, 2018

The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History  
Lund University, Sweden, May 2018

Walking in the Steps of Poets  
Lund University, Sweden, May 2018

Against Cities in Arabic Literature  
American University of Kuwait, April 23, 2018

Against Cities in Arabic Literature  
The University for Seniors Initiative, March 27, 2018

كيف تغيرت القصيدة في العصر العباسي؟  
The University for Seniors Initiative, Dec 12, 2017

Storytelling Entangled between Entertainment and Education  
German Jordanian University, October 29, 2017

Buddha: The Story of a Christian Muslim Saint  
Meteora, Greece, July 22, 2017

An Introduction to Sufism  
The University for Seniors Initiative, June 5, 2017

Courtly themes in early Sufism  
Phoenicia University, March 8, 2017

Walking in the steps of poets: Courtly themes in early Sufism  
Faculty Research Lunch  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, AUB, Beirut, September 16, 2016

The Claim of Arabic: Arabic Humanities at AUB.  
Liberal Arts and Sciences in a Changing Region  
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, AUB, Beirut, April 22, 2016

*The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History*  
CVSP Brown Bag, American University of Beirut, Nov, 2015

*Translating Sacred Texts*  
Ohio State University, February 27, 2015

*The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History*  
The University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, 2015

*The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History*  
University of Pennsylvania, February, 2015

*Mystical Poetics: Courtly Themes in Early Sufi Akhbār*  
Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, 2014

*al-Ḥubb wa-l-shiʿr wa-l-fann: qiṣaṣ mashriqiyya*  
AUB, CAMES Arabic Summer Program 2014

*Employment Opportunities in Literature*  
In the 4th/10th Century Islamic Courts  
Orient-Institut Istanbul, 2014

*al-shiʿr al-ṣūfī al-mubakkir wa-l-mūsīqā*  
American University of Kuwait, Kuwait, 2014

*The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: A History*  
Michigan Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor, 2013

*Employment Opportunities in Literature*  
In the 4th/10th Century Islamic Courts  
Leiden University, Netherlands, 2013

*The Maqāmāt of al-Hamadhānī: Manuscripts, Collection, and Early History*  
Histoire des textes arabes anciens, Beirut, 2013.

*Samā' and Poetry in Early Sufi Anthologies*  
Ankara University, 2013

*Studies in the Philology of the Maqāmāt of Hamadhānī*  
Guest lecture in Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies (MEST 301), 2012  
AUB, CAMES

*Studies on Early Sufi Poetry*  
Institute for Advanced Study, Islamic Studies Seminar, 2012

*A Lost Maqāma of Badī' al-Zamān al-Hamadhānī (?)*  
Yale University, Yale Arabic Colloquium, 2011

*A Map of Arabic Anthology Literature*  
Guest lecture in Introduction to Middle Eastern Studies (MEST 301), 2010  
AUB, CAMES

*Al-adab al-'arabī wa-l-adab al-'ālamī: al-ta'thīr wa-l-ta'aththur*  
AUB, CAMES Arabic Summer Program, 2010, 2011, 2012

*Adab and Its Subcategories*  
Graduate Seminar on Research Methods  
Yale University, Dept. of Religious Studies, 2008

*Sībawayhi's Analytical Tools in al-Kitāb* (two lectures)  
Graduate Seminar on the history of Arabic Grammar  
Yale University, Dept. of NEL, 2008

*Lamenting Sons and Daughters in Classical Arabic Literature*  
Guest lecture in "Classical Arabic Literature in Translation"  
Yale University, Dept. of NELC, 2008

*The Art of the Muqaddima: In the works of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha'ālibī*  
Yale University, Yale Arabic Colloquium, 2007

*Fayrūz wa-l-tajriba al-Raḥbāniyya*  
AUB, CAMES Arabic Summer Program, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

*The Genre of Rithā' in Classical Arabic Literature*  
Guest lecture in "Classical Arabic Literature in Translation"  
Yale University, Dept. of NELC, 2006, 2007

*Lamenting Cities in Classical and Modern Arabic Literature*  
Guest lecture in "Classical Arabic Literature in Translation"  
Yale University, Dept. of NELC, 2006

*Fayrūz: Waṭan fī ṣawt*  
AUB, CAMES Arabic Summer Program, 2003, 2005

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE at AUB

Member of the Steering Committee for AUB's Self-Study for Accreditation	2016-present
Member of Steering committee for Center for Arts and Humanities	2016-present
Coordinator for Humanities Courses	2015-present
Coordinator for Arabic Communication Skills Courses	2015-2018
Chair of Senate Committee for University Press	2017-present
Member of Arts and Sciences Research Committee	2017-present
Member of Search Committee for Dean of Agriculture and Food Sciences	2016-2017
Member of Committee for Strategic Planning	2016-2017
Member of the Steering Committee of the Regional External Program	2016-present
Member of The Center for English Language Research and Teaching	2016-2017
Advisor for Graduate Studies	2016-present
Advisor for Undergraduate Studies (Dept. of Arabic)	2010-2018
Member of General Education Committee	2013-present
Member of the Student Affairs Committee	2013-2015
Acting chair, Dept. of Arabic	summer 2012
Consultant, Regional External Programs	2009, 2012
Member of Steering Committee of CAMES	2012-2015
Member of the Steering Committee for Arts & Humanities Initiative	2012-2014
Member of the Steering Committee for MA in Islamic Studies	2010-2015
Director of CAMES Arabic Summer Program	2006-2014
Freshman Advisor (Faculty of Arts and Sciences)	2010-2011
Member of the Library Committee	fall 09-10, fall 10-11
Member of Executive Committee of CASAR	2009-2011

## MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Oriental Society  
Middle Eastern Studies Association  
Middle East Medievalists  
World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies  
The School of Abbasid Studies  
Yale Arab Alumni Association  
Association of Yale Alumni  
Founding Member of PEN-Lebanon  
Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (2013-present)

## TEACHING

### **The Ohio State University**

Introduction to the Qur'ān  
Arabic Seminar: Sources and Methods  
Classical Arabic Literature in Translation

### **American University of Beirut**

Sufi Literature  
Seminar in Sources and Methods  
Readings in Renaissance and Modern Arabic Literature  
Arabic Stylistics and Metrics  
Abbasid Poetry I  
Abbasid Poetry II  
Classical Arabic Prose  
The *Maqāmat* in Arabic Literature  
Introductory Arabic  
High Intermediate Arabic

### **Yale University**

Seminar in Modern Arabic Poetry  
Teaching fellow in Classical Arabic Literature in Translation  
Second Year Arabic  
Modern Spoken Arabic