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EDUCATION

Degrees Attained

- 2013 Ph.D. in Science and Technology Studies, Department of Technology and Society Studies, Maastricht University, the Netherlands, employed 2009-13. Thesis advisors: Sally Wyatt and Bas van Heur
- 2008 M.Phil. in Geography Magna Cum Laude, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, attended 2005-8. Thesis committee: Joseph Massad, Cindi Katz, Neil Smith, and Marianna Pavlovskaya
- 2002 B.A. in Mathematics Cum Laude, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Middlebury College, Vermont, attended 1998-2002

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2009-13 Fully-funded Ph.D. Faculty Position, Department of Technology and Society Studies, Maastricht University
- 2009-13 Member of the Netherlands Graduate Research School of Science, Technology, and Modern Culture (WTMC) and graduate of research program of 4 workshops and 2 summer schools

PUBLICATIONS

Edited Volumes

- 2013 Harris, A., S. Wyatt, B. van Heur, and J. Bier. *Participatory Knowledge Production 2.0*, special issue of *Information, Communication and Society* 16(2), in press

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2013 Wyatt, S., J. Bier, A. Harris, and B. van Heur. "Participatory Knowledge Production 2.0: Critical views and experiences", introduction to *Participatory Knowledge Production 2.0*, special issue of *Information, Communication, and Society* 16(2), in press
- 2012 Pavlovskaya, M. and J. Bier. "Mapping census Data for Difference: Towards the Heterogeneous Geographies of the Arab American Communities of the New York Metropolitan Area" *Geoforum* 43(3):483-496
- 2010 J. Bier. "How Niqula Nasrallah Became John Jacob Astor: Syrian Emigrants aboard the Titanic and the Materiality of Language" *The Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 18(2):171-191
- 2002 Sunehag, A.L., K. Louie, J. Bier, S. Tigas, and M. W. Haymond. "Hexoneogenesis in the Human Breast during Lactation" *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism* 87:297-301

Book Chapters

- 2014 J. Bier. "Images as Maps" in M. Monmonier, ed. *The History of Cartography, Volume Six: Cartography in the Twentieth Century*. University of Chicago Press: Chicago, in press
- 2014 J. Bier. "Mapping the Archive for Arab American Women's Labor in the New York Metropolitan Area" in Suleiman, M., ed. *Arab American Women*. Syracuse University Press: Syracuse, accepted pending revisions

Professional Publications

- 2009 J. Bier. "Subaltern Studies" in B. Warf, ed. *The Encyclopedia of Geography*. Sage Publishing: Thousand Oaks, CA, 2711-2716
- 2009 J. Bier. "Self-De(con)structing Vegas" *Human Geography* 2(2):86-90

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2008-09 Writing Fellowship, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center

- 2008 Archival Research Grant, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center
- 2008 Qualitative Research Grant , Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- 2007-08 Chancellor's Fellowship, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center
- 2006-07 Urban Geography Research Grant, Association of American Geographers (AAG)
- 2005-09 Departmental Fellowship, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center
- 2005-07 Science Fellowship, National Science Foundation GK-12 Program
- 2000 Fellowship in Modern Standard Arabic, American University in Cairo

PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 "The Colonizer in the Computer: The British Influence in Palestinian Authority Cartography" at Postcolonial Transitions in Europe: Conflict, Transitional Justice and Cosmopolitanism, Utrecht University, Utrecht, April 18-19
- 2013 "Coding Colonialism in the West Bank" at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers, Los Angeles, April 9-13
- 2013 "The Legacy of British Colonial Cartography in Palestine" at Shaping landscapes and building expertise: The Role of Imperial Technology in the Making of the 19th and 20th Century World, Lisbon University, Lisbon, March 10-13
- 2012 Presenter at Netherlands Graduate Research School of Science, Technology, and Modern Culture (WTMC) Fall Dissertation Day, Utrecht, October 25
- 2012 "Mapping Sovereignty: The Influence of Colonial Materialities on Palestinian State Maps" at Design and Displacement, joint conference of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and the European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), Copenhagen, October 17-20
- 2012 "Displacement and Erasure: The Green Line Boundary in Roberto Bachi's Population Maps, 1967-1995" at the Netherlands Graduate Research School of Science, Technology, and Modern Culture (WTMC) Summer School, Ravenstein, the Netherlands, August 20-24
- 2012 "Colonial Transnationalisms and the Making of Palestinian Authority Maps" at Mapping Transnational Spaces, York University, Toronto, July 23-24

- 2009 "Subaltern Economies: Syrian Women's Labor in the Diaspora during the Late Ottoman Period" at the Annual Conference on Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT), University of Chicago, Chicago, May 8-9
- 2009 "Materiality of the Archive: Context, Form, and Content in Historical Geography" at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Las Vegas, March 22-27
- 2009 "The Archive of Early Arab American Women's Labor" at the Conference on Arab-American Women, University of Kansas, Manhattan, Kansas, March 12-15
- 2008 "Syrian Emigrants aboard the RMS Titanic" at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Boston, April 15-19
- 2007 "The Politics of Mapping Palestinians in New York and New Jersey" at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, April 17-21
- 2006 "Diverse Economies of Arabic-Speakers in New York City" at the Summer Institute on Migration and Cities, University of Amsterdam, June 11-29
- 2006 "Conflicts at Machu Picchu: Global Capital and Indigenous Resistance" at the Annual Conference of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, March 7-11

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Maastricht University

- 2010-12 Science and Technology Studies: Network Society, 2nd year B.A. core course, 30 students
- 2010-12 Research Methods: Ethnographic Research, 2nd year B.A. core course, 30 students
- 2010-11 Anthropology: Globalization and Inequality, final year B.A. elective special seminar, 30 students
- 2011 Research Methods: Open Source Cartography (workshop), 2nd year B.A. elective, 15 students
- 2009-10 Mentoring: Thesis Advisor, final year core B.A. thesis, 25 Students
- 2009 History: The Appeal of Totalitarianism, final year B.A. elective special seminar, 30 students

City University of New York

- 2009 History: The History of Mathematics, 2nd year B.A. elective, 40 students
- 2009 English: Academic Writing, 1st year B.A. core course, 50 students
- 2008 Geography: Mapping the Virtual Earth, final year secondary school elective, curriculum developer
- 2005-7 Physics: Introduction to Mechanical and Electrical Physics, final year A.P. (university-level) secondary school core course, 60 students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2006-8 Research Assistant to comparative ethnography of gendered labor among Arabic-, Spanish-, and Russian-speaking immigrants in New York City, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center
- 2005 GIS consultant and ethnographer for community-lead alternative development project, Council for Brooklyn Neighborhoods
- 2005 Independent ethnographer in collaborative field course on neoliberal policies and everyday labor in Peru, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer for the *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)*
- 2012-14 Elected Ph.D. representative to the board of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S)
- 2012 Selected presenter (together with Wiebe Bijker) at the 25th Anniversary Meeting of the Netherlands Graduate Research School of Science, Technology, and Modern Culture (WTMC)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2013 Invited discussant at Colloquium in Celebration of Honorary Doctorate awarded to Trevor Pinch, Maastricht University
- 2012 Presenter at fall meeting of Graduate School board of directors, Maastricht

University

- 2011 Organizer and leader of pedagogical training workshops for new faculty and students, Maastricht University
- 2010-12 Presenter and reviewer at Science and Technology Research Colloquia, faculty and departmental research meetings and retreats, and university graduate school events, Maastricht University
- 2007-9 Co-organizer, Arabic Conversation Group and Geographies of Foucault Reading Group, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center
- 2007-8 Member Postcolonial Studies Reading Group, City University of New York (CUNY) Graduate Center

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2011-12 GIS consultant, Barrier Monitoring Unit, United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)
- 2011-12 Arabic-English translator, *The Great Book Robbery* documentary
- 2010-11 Affiliated scholar, GIS Unit, Applied Research Institute Jerusalem (ARIJ)
- 2009-10 Member of the board of directors, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee New York (ADC-NYC)
- 2008-9 Community organizer, Communities in Support of the Khalil Gibran International Academy for Arabic-English bilingual public education
- 2005-7 Member of the board of directors, QUIR Immigrant Rights Project
- 2005 Organizer, Initiative for Arab American Youth, Paper Tiger Media Collective
- 2002-5 Instructor of English, History, and Mathematics, Arab American Family Support Center in Brooklyn

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2012 Gornall, J. "A Familiar Shout in *Titanic* Film Spurs Search for Arab Passengers" *The National*, Abu Dhabi, April 6

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008-9 Professional editor of Mittermaier, A. *Dreams that Matter: Imaginations in Contemporary Egypt*, Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Anthropology, Columbia University
- 2007-8 Literary Associate, *Women's Studies Quarterly*, Feminist Press: New York
- 2006-8 GIS cartographer for the New York Immigration Atlas, Center for Geographic Learning, Hunter College, City University of New York (CUNY)
- 2002-5 Literary Assistant, Harold Ober Associates Literary Agents, New York

LANGUAGES

French

Fluent reading, proficient speaking and writing

Arabic

Modern Standard: Excellent reading, proficient speaking and writing

Colloquial Palestinian: Conversational speaking

Hebrew

Proficient reading and writing, conversational speaking

Dutch

Conversational reading, speaking and writing

English

Native speaker

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), <http://4sonline.org/>

Association of American Geographers (AAG), <http://www.aag.org/>

European Association for the Study of Science and Technology (EASST), <http://easst.net/>

Netherlands Graduate Research School of Science, Technology, and Modern Culture (WTMC), <http://www.wtmc.eu/>

REFERENCES

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