

## CURRICULUM VITÆ

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### Areas of specialization:

North Africa and the Middle East,  
Islam and Islamic mysticism (Sufism)  
religion and ritual, spirituality  
economic and symbolic anthropology,  
anthropology of the person

### Academic History

Ph.D. awarded August, 1998, by the University of Virginia  
Dissertation title: *Work and Power in Northern Morocco*  
Master's Degree awarded by the University of Virginia  
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, University of Arizona, Tucson

### Research fellowship

Research assistant, Institute For Advanced Study  
Princeton, New Jersey, 1989-1990

### Teaching and Advising Awards

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award  
University of South Florida 2012-2013

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award  
University of South Florida, 2005-2006

Honorary Faculty Award of the Golden Key International Honor Society  
Presented by the Students of the University of South Florida, Fall 2008

Making A Difference Testimonial  
Kutztown University, Spring 2003

National Residence Hall Honorary Member Award  
Presented by the Students of Kutztown University, Spring 2003

Arthur and Isabel Wiesenberger Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching  
Kutztown University, nomination Spring 2003

Aaron O. Hoff Award for Superior Teaching Presented by the Students of  
Lafayette College, May 3, 1992

## Research Grants

Fulbright grants awarded 1984 and 1985

Title: "The Meaning of 'Work' in Traditional Moroccan Life"

National Science Foundation Grant-in-aid no. BNS-8419172, 1985

Title: "Work, Hierarchy, and Islam in the Moroccan Bazaar"

## Field Research in Morocco

September 1984 - June 1986

Wazzan, northern Morocco

## Teaching experience

At the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Fall 2004

Cultural Anthropology (2 sections of 100 students)

The Middle East and North Africa

Spring 2005

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections of 350 students)

Magic and Religion (2 sections of 25 students)

Summer 2005

Cultural Anthropology (70 students)

Magic and Religion

Fall 2005

Cultural Anthropology (100 students)

Magic and Religion

The Middle East and North Africa

Spring 2006

Cultural Anthropology

Magic and Religion

Theories of Culture

Summer 2006

Cultural Anthropology

Fantasies of the Primitive (Honors)

Fall 2006

Introduction to Anthropology (350 students)

The Middle East and North Africa

Magic and Religion

Spring 2007

Cultural Anthropology  
Magic and Religion  
Anthropology of Sport

Summer 2007 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2007

Cultural Anthropology  
Magic and Religion  
The Middle East

Spring 2008

Cultural Anthropology  
Magic and Religion  
Anthropology of Sport

Summer 2008 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2008

Cultural Anthropology (100 students)  
Magic and Religion  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2009

Anthropology of Religion  
Anthropology of Sport  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2009 Anthropology of Religion

Fall 2009

Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2010 University leave of absence

Summer 2010 Anthropology of Religion

Fall 2010

Introduction to Anthropology (350 students)  
Cultural Anthropology  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2011

Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2011 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2011

Cultural Anthropology (2 sections)  
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2012

Introduction to Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2012 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2012

Cultural Anthropology (2 sections)  
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2013

Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Theories of Culture (2 sections)

Summer 2013 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2013

Theories of Culture (2 sections)  
Anthropology of Religion

Spring 2014

Cultural Anthropology  
Theories of Culture (2 sections)  
Anthropology of Religion

Summer 2014 Cultural Anthropology (100 students)

Fall 2014

Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2015

Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Anthropology of Sport  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2015 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2015  
Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2016  
Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion (2 sections)  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2016 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2016  
Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2017  
Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion (2 sections)  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2017 Cultural Anthropology

Spring 2018  
Cultural Anthropology  
Anthropology of Religion  
Anthropology of Sport  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2018 Cultural Anthropology

Fall 2018  
Cultural Anthropology (2 sections)  
Spirits and the Paranormal  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2018  
Anthropology of Religion  
Anthropology of Sport  
Cultural Anthropology  
Theories of Culture  
Directed Reading

Summer 2019 Cultural Anthropology

Spring 2019  
Anthropology of Religion  
Cultural Anthropology  
Theories of Culture (2 sections)

Fall 2019

Anthropology of Religion  
Cultural Anthropology  
Spirits and the Paranormal  
Theories of Culture

Spring 2020

Anthropology of Religion  
Cultural Anthropology  
The Anthropology of Sport  
Theories of Culture

Summer 2020

Cultural Anthropology (85 students)

At Millersville University, Millersville, PA, Spring 2004

Introduction to Sociology  
(2 sections)  
Social Problems  
(2 sections)

At Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA, Fall 1999 - Summer 2003

Cultural Anthropology (13 sections)  
Introduction to Sociology (16 sections)  
The Anthropology of Religion (1 section)  
The Muslim World (1 section)  
Subsaharan Africa (1 section)

Advisement and Service at Kutztown University

Advisor and Co-Founder: Honor Society of Student Anthropologists, 2000-2002

APSCUF Representative Fall 2001, Strategic Planning Ideas Team Fall 2003

At Lafayette College, Easton, PA, Spring 1993 - Spring 1999

Spring 1994

Introduction to Anthropology  
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Morocco  
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1994

Introduction to Anthropology  
Magic, Science, and Religion  
Fantasies of the Primitive

Spring 1995

Introduction to Anthropology  
Self, Society, and Culture:  
Focus on Women and Development  
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1995

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)  
Magic, Science, and Religion  
Fantasies of the Primitive

Spring 1996

Introduction to Anthropology  
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Spirituality  
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1996-Summer 1997 (Part time appointment)

Introduction to Anthropology (4 sections)  
Fantasies of the Primitive (2 sections)  
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1997 (Renewal of full time position)

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)  
Self, Society, and Culture: Focus on Spirituality  
Fantasies of the Primitive (Interim)

Spring 1998

Introduction to Anthropology (2 sections)  
Anthropology of Sport, Play and Passion (distance learning)

Fall 1998

Introduction to Anthropology  
Fantasies of the Primitive  
Race and Ethnic Relations  
Shamanism and the Western World

Spring 1999

Introduction to Anthropology  
Self, Society, and Culture  
Anthropology of Sport, Play, and Passion

Summer teaching 1993-1999 at Lafayette College

At least one course per summer session

At King's College, Wilkes-Barre, PA, Fall 1992 - Fall 1993

Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology

Fall 1992

Human Behavior and Social Institutions (3 sections)  
Islamic Cultures

Spring 1993

Human Behavior and Social Institutions  
Islamic Cultures  
African Cultures  
Introduction to Anthropology

Fall 1993

Human Behavior and Social Institutions (3 sections)  
Social Problems

At Lafayette College, Easton PA Fall 1990 - Spring 1992

Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology

Fall 1990

Introduction to Anthropology  
On Human Origins  
Sex and Gender

Spring 1991

Introduction to Anthropology  
Ethnography of the Middle East  
Medical Anthropology

Summer 1991

Sport, Play, and Passion

Fall 1991

Introduction to Anthropology  
Ethnography of the Middle East  
Fantasies of the Primitive:  
Western Images of the "Other"

Spring 1992

Introduction to Anthropology  
Medical Anthropology (2 sections)  
Sport, Play, and Passion

### Conferences and Papers

Faculty Seminar  
Department of Anthropology  
University of Virginia  
September 5, 1982

Paper Given: Metaphors of Praxis  
Or the Dialectics of Love in the  
Sufi Path to God

University of Virginia Symposium  
Gender in Complex Societies:  
New Directions  
April 14, 1984

Organizer, Chair, and Presenter  
Paper: King Kong to Bugs Bunny  
Male Perceptions of Masculine  
Failings and Feminine Strengths  
in American Popular Culture

International Conference on  
Moroccan-American Relations  
November 13-15, 1986

Chair of panel entitled: Looking  
at Morocco, Panelists: Azim Nanji,  
Kenneth Brown, Henry Munson

South East Regional Middle East and  
Islamic Studies Seminar,  
Fall Meeting, 1987

Paper Given: Weavers, Merchants,  
and the Opportunity for Good in  
Northern Morocco

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings, Chicago, Nov. 19-22,  
1987

*Baraka* Lost: Changing Perceptions  
of Islamic Values in Morocco

Society for Economic Anthropology  
Annual Meetings, April 14-16, 1988

Marketing in Wazzan, Morocco:  
Motivations in a Local Economy

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| Middle East Studies Association<br>Annual Meetings, Nov. 3-5, 1988   | Baraka Won: Intentionality and<br>Merit in Morocco                             |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Nov. 16-20, 1988  | Father's Brother's Daughter<br>Marriage: An Alliance View                      |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Nov. 15-19, 1989  | Reciprocity and Communication<br>in Northern Morocco                           |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Nov. 21-24, 1991  | Dynamics of Power in Morocco:<br>Mauss Inverted                                |
| Lilly Conference, West<br>March 5-8, 1992  | Play and Primitives at Lafayette:<br>Motivation through Play and Image         |
| Working Class Lives/Working Class<br>Studies: A Multidisciplinary Con-<br>ference, Youngstown State University,<br>June 7-10, 1995                     | NAFTA ILGWU, and the Leslie Fay<br>Strike in Eastern Pennsylvania              |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Nov. 20-24, 1996  | Irony Observed: Change and<br>Islamic Values in a Moroccan Town                |
| Department of Anthropology<br>Kutztown University January 8, 2000  | Sainthood, Pilgrimage, and Trance<br>in Morocco                                |
| Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology<br>Gettysburg College March 8, 2000  | Pilgrimage and Trance in Morocco<br>revisited                                  |
| Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology<br>Bucknell University April 13, 2000  | Power, Sanctity, and Labor in<br>Northern Morocco                              |
| Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology<br>Millersville University January 3, 2001   | Trance and Pilgrimage in Northern<br>Morocco                                   |
| American Ethnological Society Meetings<br>Montreal, Canada May 3-6, 2001   | Local and Global Dynamics of Power<br>in a Moroccan Bazaar                     |
| Department of Anthropology<br>Kutztown University September 20, 2001<br>Tuesday Topics Student Lecture Series<br>Kutztown University, October 15, 2002 | Cultural Conflict:<br>The U.S. and Islamic Cultures<br>The "Class" of Baseball |
| Department of Anthropology<br>Kutztown University February 13, 2003  | The U.S. vs. Iraq: "Knowns, Known<br>Unknowns, and Unknown Unknowns"           |
| Kutztown University<br>February 24, 2003   | Iraq Now: Political Implications   |
| Metanexus Conference on Works of Love<br>Philadelphia, PA May 31-June 5, 2003  | Love and Lover Transformed:<br>The Sufi Path to God                            |
| Society for Economic Anthropology<br>Annual Conference, California State<br>University, Channel Islands  | The Moral Idiom of Exchange<br>in a Moroccan Market                            |

April 20-22, 2006

Society of North American Anthropology  
Annual Meetings New York, New York  
April 21-23, 2006

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings San Jose, CA  
November 15-19, 2006

Gulf Coast Community College  
Panama City, Florida  
February 12, 2007

Society for the Anthropology of Religion  
Annual Meetings Phoenix, Arizona  
April 12-15, 2007

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings, Washington D.C.  
November 28-December 2, 2007

Southern Anthropological Society  
Annual Meeting 2008  
Mary Baldwin College  
Staunton, Virginia  
March 13-18, 2008

Florida State Middle East Center  
Tallahassee, FL, March 24, 2008

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings, San Francisco  
November 19-23, 2008

Society for Applied Anthropology  
Annual Meetings Santa Fe, NM  
March 18, 2009

Society for Economic Anthropology  
Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, CA  
Bazaar  
April 4, 2009

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA  
December 2-6, 2009

Society for Economic Anthropology  
Annual Meetings, Tampa, Florida  
April 8-10, 2010

American Anthropological Association  
Annual Meetings, New Orleans, LA  
November 17-21, 2010

*Jihad, Honor, and Revenge*

*The Yankees, and the "Class"  
of Baseball, and Co-Organizer  
of Panel Entitled: Redefining  
Identities and Social Relations  
Through Sport in America*

*Views from Afar:  
Perspectives on Geopolitics  
in the Middle East*

*Colonialism and the Loss of  
Enchantment in Morocco*

*Definitions of a Fieldworker  
in Morocco, Or "How are  
you today, spy?"*

*Memories of Power Abused and  
Enchantment Lost in  
Northern Morocco*

*Dynamics of Power and Honor  
in a Moroccan Bazaar*

*Applying Anthropology to  
Teaching on the Middle East*

*Social Theory as Lived  
Experience: Applying Durkheim  
in the Classroom*

*The Political Economy of Cloth  
Production in a Moroccan*

*The Ends of Cultural Relativism:  
Interpreting Iraq*

*Roundtable discussant: Social  
Economies of Greed and Excess,  
and Letter to Obama*

*The Circulation of Blessings and  
the (En)circulation of Capital  
in a Muslim Community*

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| Society for the Anthropology of Religion<br>Biannual conference, Santa Fe, NM<br>April 28-May 1, 2011         | Materiality, Encompassment, and<br>Sacred Ground in Morocco                              |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada<br>November 16-20, 2011             | Sights Seen and Experiences of<br>the Unseen, or the Spirit Lives                        |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada<br>November 16-20, 2011             | Teaching the Anthropology of<br>Religion (workshop)                                      |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, San Francisco<br>November 14-18, 2012                | The Sacralization of Consumer<br>Technology: The "Cult of Mac"<br>and its Global Context |
| Society for the Anthropology of<br>Consciousness, Annual Meeting,<br>New Orleans, April 4-6, 2013             | Loss, Mourning, and<br>Shifting Consciousness  |
| Society for Applied Anthropology<br>Annual Meetings<br>Albuquerque, New Mexico<br>March 18-22, 2014           | Activating Activism in the<br>Classroom: The Case of Apple                               |
| Exploring the Extraordinary<br>6th Annual Conference<br>Gettysburg College, Pennsylvania<br>March 21-23, 2014 | Communication across the Chasm:<br>Experiences with the Deceased                         |
| Society for Applied Anthropology<br>Annual Meetings<br>Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania<br>March 24-28, 2015          | Applied Pedagogy:<br>Getting Personal with<br>Political Economy                          |
| Society for the Anthropology<br>of Consciousness, Annual Meeting,<br>Troutdale, Oregon March 26-28, 2015      | Dreams as Communication,<br>Dreams as Mediation  |
| Society for the Anthropology of Religion<br>Biennial Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana<br>May 15-17, 2017       | The Time of Spirits  |
| American Anthropological Association<br>Annual Meetings, Vancouver, Canada<br>November 23, 2019               | Fear and Loathing in Morocco   |

Advisement and Service at the University of South Florida

Fall 2004 - Fall 2019

Advisor to the Anthropology Club (2006-2017)  
 Advisor to Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (2010-2020)  
 Faculty-in-Residence to Beta Residence Hall (Fall 2007-Spring 2009)  
 University Lecture Series (2006)  
 General Education Committee (2006-2009)  
 Department of Anthropology Anthrotalk Committee (2008)

Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee (2008)  
University's First-Year Live-On Requirement Implementation Team (2008)  
Department of Anthropology Speaker Series Committee (2008-2011)  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2008)  
Honors Colloquium Committee (2008)  
Department Budget Committee (2008)  
General Education Committee: Human Diversity and Global Context (2009)  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2010)  
Department of Anthropology Trevor T. Purcell lecture committee (2010-2011)  
Department of Anthropology Honors Committee (2011-2013)  
Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Writing Committee (2012)  
Advisor to Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society (2010-2020)  
Faculty Senate *ad hoc* Committee on eXplorance Blueimplementation(2014-15)  
College of Arts and Sciences Development Leave Committee (2015)  
College of Arts and Sciences Instructor Promotion Committee (2015-2016)  
Department of Anthropology Undergraduate Committee (2015-2016)  
Department of Anthropology Instructor Promotion Committee (2016)  
Department of Anthropology Course Evaluation Committee (Spring 2018)  
College of Arts and Sciences Instructor Promotion Committee (Spring 2018)  
University's Student Assessment of Instruction Workgroup (Fall 2018)  
Department of Anthropology Instructor Promotion Committee (Fall 2018)

#### Professional Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa Society  
Golden Key International Honor Society  
The American Anthropological Association  
and sections and societies within it:  
The Middle East Section  
The Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness  
Society for the Anthropology of Religion  
Society for the Anthropology of Work  
Society for Economic Anthropology

#### Presentations at the University of South Florida

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| October 19, 2004   | Between Iraq and a Hard Place:<br>A Current U.S. Dilemma<br>Department of Anthropology               |
| December 2, 2004   | The Shia' and the future of Iraq<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club                                  |
| September 24, 2007 | Researching Islam in Morocco<br>As Faculty-in-Residence  |
| January 24, 2008   | "Know Thy Enemy" in the<br>University Symposium:<br><i>Documenting Disaster:<br/>The War in Iraq</i> |

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| January 31, 2008 | Discussant in University<br>Symposium <i>Focus the Nation:<br/>Climate Change Symposium</i> : session<br>entitled Changing Mindsets:<br>Social and Spiritual Dimensions |
| February 3, 2009 | The Mystics of Islam<br>As Faculty-in-Residence   |
| April 7, 2009    | "Sports and the Sacred:<br>The Immaculate Reception"<br>in the University panel: <i>The<br/>Sacred Dimensions of Sports</i>   |
| April 22, 2009   | "Environmental Awareness:<br>A Lakota Perspective" in the<br>University Sustainability<br>Panel: <i>Celebrating Earth Day</i>   |
| April 29, 2010   | Castaneda and Consciousness<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club  |
| February 3, 2011 | Egypt Emerging?<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club  |
| October 25, 2011 | Spirituality and Medicine:<br>Shamanism<br>Hosted by USF student<br>organization: Complementary,<br>Alternative, and Naturopathic<br>Medicine (CANM)                    |
| April 22, 2015   | Dreams as Mediation,<br>Dreams as Communication<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club  |
| February 3, 2016 | Super Bowl as Sacred Ritual?<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club   |
| April 5, 2017    | Shamans and Alternate Realities<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club  |
| October 27, 2020 | Strangers on a Plane:<br>Social Theory and the Pandemic<br>Hosted by the Anthropology Club  |

## Publications

"Love and Lover Transformed: The Sufi Path to God" published on the conference website for the Metanexus Conference on Works of Love, May 31-June 5, 2003

"The Sheikh, the Saint, and I"  
*Bridges to Humanity* 2<sup>nd</sup>. Edition. Waveland Press. 2006.

Forward to *Reflections on Theory and History in Anthropology* by Frank Salamone. University Press. 2006.

"Sanctity, Social Distance, and the Price of Cloth in a Moroccan *Suq*" in *Textile Economies: Power and Value from the Local to the Transnational* Walter E. Little and Patricia McAnany eds. Altamira Press. 2011.

Review for *American Anthropologist* (June 2012) of David Crawford's (2008) *Moroccan Households in the World Economy: Labor and Inequality in a Berber Village* Louisiana State University Press: Baton Rouge.

"Communication across the Chasm: Experiences with the Deceased"  
*Paranthropology: Journal of Anthropological Approaches to the Paranormal* (5)2:36-41 2014

"Communication across the Chasm: Experiences with the Deceased" in *Strange Dimensions: A Paranthropology Anthology*. Jack Hunter, ed. Psychoid Books, Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, U.K. 2015

Manuscript accepted for review by University of Chicago Press:  
*Baraka Lost: Transformation of the Person, Dynamics of Power, and the Effects of Globalization in Northern Morocco*

## Current and future research interests

In the U.S.: Sufism and Islamic identity, spirituality, and peoples' encounters and experiences with spirits of deceased relatives  
In Morocco: Transformation of crafts, markets, and religious values in response to globalization