

A S H E R O R K A B Y , P h D

Princeton University,
Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary
Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
PhD, History and Middle East Studies, May 2014
Dissertation: *The International History of the Yemen Civil War, 1962-1968*
Committee: Professors Steven Caton, Erez Manela, and Roger Owen
CUNY: Macaulay Honors College, Brooklyn, NY
BA, History, 2007
Magna Cum Laude, Dean's List, Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Beyond the Arab Cold War: The International History of the Yemen Civil War (Oxford University Press, July 2017).
What Everyone Needs to Know About Yemen (Oxford University Press, Spring 2019).
Yemen: A Civil War Centuries in the Making. *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, Vol. 12 Is. 8 (2019).
Padihershef, the MGH Mummy Who Oversaw Two Centuries of Medicine and Egyptology. *Massachusetts Historical Review* (Forthcoming Spring 2019).
Veiled Diplomacy: Israel, Saudi Arabia and Yemen and Decades of Clandestine Relations in *Contemporary Israel in a Turbulent Region* (Routledge, 2019)
The North Yemen Civil War and the Failure of the Federation of South Arabia. *Middle Eastern Studies*, Vol. 53 (2017), 69-83.
The 1964 Israeli Airlift to Yemen and the Expansion of Weapons Diplomacy. *Diplomacy and Statecraft*, Vol. 26 Is. 4 (2015), 659-677.
A Passing Generation of Yemeni Politics. *Crown Center for Middle East Studies – Middle East Brief*, Vol. 90 (2015).
The Yemeni Civil War: The Final British-Egyptian Imperial Battleground. *Middle Eastern Studies* Vol. 51 Is. 2 (2015), 195-207.
The UN Yemen Observer Mission. *Histories of Humanitarian Action in the Middle East and North Africa*, ed. Eleanor Davey and Eva Svoboda (London: Humanitarian Policy Group, 2014).

SELECTED POLICY PAPERS and OP-EDs

Ali Abdullah Saleh's Fatal Calculation. *Foreign Affairs*. December 2017.
Yemen's Humanitarian Nightmare: The Real Roots of the Conflict. *Foreign Affairs*. November 2017.
Syria's Chemical Weapons Might Start a New Six Day War. *The Wall Street Journal*. June 2017.
Chemical Weapons Are Here to Stay. *The National Interest*. May 2017.
The Self-Imposed Exile That Can Save Yemen. *Diplomatic Courier*. May 2016.
The Tenuous Taboo: Egypt, ISIS, and Chemical Weapons in the Middle East. *Diplomatic Courier*. October 2015.

A Way Out for Yemen. *Forbes Magazine.* July 2015.

Doomed: Saudi Arabia Will Fail in Yemen. *The National Interest.* June 2015.

The UN's Yemen Problem: The International Community and an Elusive Peace. *Foreign Affairs.* May 2015.

A Roadmap to Chaos in Yemen. *The Wall Street Journal.* April 2015.

Redux: How Yemen Buries Foreign Powers. *The National Interest.* March 2015.

Houthi Who? - A History of Unlikely Alliances in an Uncertain Yemen. *Foreign Affairs.* March 2015.

Rivals With Benefits – Israel and Saudi Arabia's Secret History of Cooperation. *Foreign Affairs.* March 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Professor, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya

Revolutions in Africa and the Middle East, Summer 2019

Lecturer, Tufts University, Medford, MA

The Ottoman Empire, Fall 2017

The Modern Middle East, Spring 2018

The History of Middle East Chemical Warfare, Spring 2018

Lecturer, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Introduction to International Relations, Spring – Fall 2018 - current

Global Sports and the Middle East, Fall 2016

The History of Arab Revolutions, Spring 2017

The History of Chemical Warfare, Spring 2016

Research Methods and Historiography, Spring 2016

Lecturer, Wheaton College, Norton, MA

History of the Modern Middle East, Spring 2013

Head Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

History of the Arab-Zionist Conflict: 1882-1948, Spring 2013

Americans as Occupiers and Nation Builders, Fall 2012

American Populisms: Thomas Jefferson to Rush Limbaugh, Spring 2012

Near Eastern Civilizations: Approaches to Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 2011

Graduate Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

The History of the British Empire, Spring 2013

United States in the World since 1900, Fall 2011

TEACHING AWARDS

Dean's Letter of Commendation for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard Extension School, 2017-19

Recognition for Significant Impact on Student Life, Tufts University, 2017-18

Harvard Bok Center Teaching with Distinction Awards, 2011-13

Harvard Bok Center Teaching Certificate, 2012

LANGUAGES

Proficient: **Arabic, Hebrew, Russian**

Reading Knowledge: **French, Ottoman Turkish**

SELECTED RESEARCH GRANTS and FELLOWSHIPS

American Institute for Yemeni Studies Research Grant, 2016

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Book Grant, 2016-18
U.S. State Department Franklin Fellowship, 2015
American Academy of Religion Henry Luce Fellowship, 2015-2018
John Anson Kittredge Education Fund Research Grant, 2014
Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies Research Grant, 2013
SHAFR Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, 2013
Bradley Foundation Research Grant for National Security, 2012
Harvard Davis Center Research Grant, 2012
Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Graduate Student Associate, 2012
IHR Mellon Research Grant, 2012
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Canada Program Research Grant, 2011
Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library Moody Research Grant, 2011
Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2011-13
American Institute of Yemeni Studies Fellowship for Arabic Language Study, 2010
Harvard Summer School Scholarship for Russian Language Study, 2010

SELECTED CONFERENCES

American Academy of Religion. “NDI and Conflict Resolution in Yemen” for panel “Beyond the Ivory Tower: Putting Religion Expertise to Work outside the Academy.” Denver, CO, 2018.

Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. “A Yemeni Solution for Yemen: Seeing Beyond the Sectarian Perception of Conflict” for panel “Explaining Sectarianism: Community, Competition, and Conflict.” Medford, MA, 2018.

Norwegian University of Science and Technology. “Israel, Saudi Arabia and Yemen” for panel “The Persian Gulf and Saudi Arabia.” Trondheim, Norway, 2017.

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. “The Tenuous Taboo: Egypt’s Chemical War in Yemen, 1963-1967” for panel “The Poison Gas Taboo: A Global Perspective.” Arlington, VA, 2017.

Middle East Studies Association Conference. “The Southern Baptist Medical Mission to Yemen” for panel “Christian Missionaries in the Post-Colonial Middle East.” Boston, MA, 2016.

International Commission of Military History. “The Civil War in Yemen” for conference “Regional Wars-Global Impacts.” Istanbul, Turkey, 2016.

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations. “The Southern Baptist Medical Mission to Yemen” for panel “American Missionaries in Africa and the Middle East during the 1960s.” Arlington, VA, 2015.

School of Government and International Affairs – Durham University. “The North Yemen Civil War and the Failure of the Federation of South Arabia” for conference “Aden and South Arabia: A Retrospective Study in the Failure of State Creation.” Durham, England, 2015.

The Association for Canadian Studies in the United States. “Canadian Peacekeeping and the UN Yemen Observer Mission” for panel “Canada and Multilateralism: Past, Present, and Future.” Tampa, FL, 2013.

Humanitarian Policy Group. “The UN Yemen Observer Mission.” Amman, Jordan, 2013.

Middle East Studies Association Conference. “The Yemeni Civil War: The Final British-Egyptian Imperial Battleground” for panel “The 50th Anniversary of the Yemeni Civil War.” Denver, CO, 2012.

Middle East Studies Association Conference. “Komer’s War: US Policy during the North Yemeni Civil War, 1962-70” for panel “Superpower Antagonism on the Periphery: The Two Yemens during the Cold War.” Washington, DC, 2011.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Associate Research Scholar, 2019-Current

Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Research Associate, 2017-Current

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Harvard University Extension School, Cambridge MA

Thesis Adviser, 2015 – Current

Master of Liberal Arts Program

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

Research Fellow, 2015 – 2017

Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department

Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Waltham, MA

Junior Research Fellow, 2014 – 2015

Research: Religious and Tribal Politics in Yemen

SELECTED INVITED TALKS and MEDIA COMMENTARY

“Red Sea Revolutions” for *The Institute of African and Diaspora Studies* at University of Lagos, May 2019. Lagos, Nigeria.

“Yemen: Inside the Forgotten War” on *History Talk*, Ohio State University, April 2019.

“Yemen: Civil Conflict and Intervention” for *The New Initiative for Middle East Peace* at Tufts University, November 2018. Sommerville, MA.

“The Last Lunch – The Assassination of President Hamdi” in *Al-Jazeera Media Networks Documentary Film*, August 2018. Doha, Qatar.

“Conflict Resolution in Yemen” in *Jindal School of Government and Public Policy*, June 2018. Sonipat, India.

“Book Talk: Beyond the Arab Cold War” in *Middle East Initiative*, September 2017. Harvard John F. Kennedy School of Government, Cambridge, MA.

“The Tenuous Taboo: Chemical Warfare in the Middle East” in *RSIS Seminar*, May 2017. Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.

“Chemical Warfare Implications in Syria” on *Channel News Asia*, May 2017, Singapore.

“Egypt’s Chemical War in Yemen” in *Strategy and Policy Department*, May 2016. Naval War College, Newport, RI.

“The Nature of Conflict and the Prospects for Peace in Yemen” in *Middle East Initiative Speaker Series*, April 2016. Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA.

“Yemen President Returns to Aden” on *Al-Hurra Arabic TV*, September 2015.

“Yemen’s Turbulent Transition: State Failure, Regional Actors, and an Uncertain Political Future” in *Middle East Initiative Speaker Series*, May 2015. Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA.

“Houthi Delegation Delayed Talks in Geneva” on *CCTV-America*, May 2015.

“US Aircraft Carrier off the Coast of Yemen” on *C-SPAN Washington Journal*, April 2015.

“Arabian Music” in *History Department Seminar*, April 2015. Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA.

“Airstrikes in Yemen” on *CCTV-America*, April 2015.

“Escalated Fighting in Yemen triggers fear for maritime trade” on *CCTV-America*, April 2015.

“Historical Context and the Current Conflict in Yemen” on *Politics of the US Radio*, March 2015.

“Yemen conflict complicates US foreign policy” on *Southern California Public Radio*, March 2015.

“Soccer Politics in Israel and Palestine” in *Center for Middle East Studies Seminar*, November 2014. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Yemen and the Global Cold War” in *Harvard International and Global History Seminar*, April 2014. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Sports in the Middle East” in *History Department Seminar*, February 2014. Pace University, Pleasantville, NY.

“The Art of Teaching” in *Departmental History Colloquium*, September 2013. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“A History of Minorities in Yemen” in *Anthropology of Arabia Seminar*, November 2012. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“The Last Anglo-Egyptian Confrontation” in *Program for Global Society and Security Seminar*, October 2012. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Referee for *I.B. Tauris*, 2019 – current

Referee for *Diplomatic History*, 2017 – current

Referee for *Routledge Middle East Studies Series*, 2016 – current

Referee for the *International Journal for Middle Eastern Studies (IJMES)*, 2014 – current

Harvard Bok Center for Teaching: “Designing the Course of the Future”, 2012

Organized Harvard International History Graduate Student Conferences, 2010 – 2013

President of the Brooklyn College Historical Society, 2004 – 2006