

# Melanie Schulze Tanielian

## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

#### University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Assistant Professor, Department of History and International Studies, June 2012 to present

#### University of San Francisco

Adjunct Faculty, Department of History, Spring 2011

### EDUCATION

PhD **University of California, Berkeley** History, Summer 2012

*The War of Famine: Everyday Life in Wartime Beirut and Mount Lebanon (1914-1918)*

2012 Best Dissertation Syrian Studies Association

Chair: Beshara Doumani

Examination Fields: Modern Middle East, Ottoman History, Late Modern Europe, Anthropology

MA **University of California, Berkeley**, History, Spring 2007

Chair: Beshara Doumani

BA **University of California, Berkeley**, Middle Eastern Studies, Spring 2004 (High Honors)

Honors Thesis: *Christian Minorities in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Aleppo*

Chair: Leslie Peirce

**Winner**, Best Undergraduate Thesis Award, Center of Middle East Studies

BA **University of California, Berkeley**, Religious Studies, Spring 2004 (High Honors)

Emphasis: The History of Islam

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Articles:

“Feeding the City: The Beirut Municipality and Civilian Provisioning During World War I,” in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 46 (2014), 737-758.

“Politics of Wartime Relief in Ottoman Beirut” in *First World War Studies*, 5 (2014): 69-82

“Food and Nutrition (Ottoman Empire/Middle East)” in: 1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War, ed. By Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2014-10-8.

“Disease and Public Health (Ottoman Empire/Middle East)” in 1914-1918-online. International Encyclopedia of the First World War, ed. By Ute Daniel, Peter Gatrell, Oliver Janz, Heather Jones, Jennifer Keene, Alan Kramer, issued by Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin 2014-10-8.

### **Book Reviews:**

Review of Leila Tarazi Fawaz *A Land of Aching Hearts; The Middle East in the Great War* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2014), for Michigan War Studies Review (forthcoming)

Review of Benjamin Thomas White *The Emergence of Minorities in the Middle East; The Politics of Community in Mandate Syria* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2012) for *English Historical Review* (forthcoming)

“Between State Amnesia and the Foot Soldier’s Remembrance” review of Haugbolle, Sune, War and Memory in Lebanon. H-Levant, H-Net Reviews. October, 2010

### **PAPERS IN PREPARATION**

“City of Orphans: The Orphan Child as Historical Agent in Post-WWI Syria” to be submitted to the Journal of the History of Childhood and Youth

“‘Protecting the Innocent’: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre (1909)” to be submitted to Social History

### **SELECTED GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

<b>Large Course Initiative Award 2015</b> , LSA/CRLT University of Michigan	2015
<b>Eisenberg Faculty Fellowship 2014/15</b> , Eisenberg Institute University of Michigan	2014
<b>National Endowment for the Humanities</b> (Summer Seminar Grant), Georgetown University	2014
<b>Syrian Studies Association</b> , Best Dissertation Award	2012
<b>SHAFR Diversity Grant</b> , Society for Historians of American Foreign Affairs	2012
<b>Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship</b> , University of California, Berkeley	2011-12
<b>Allan Sharlin Memorial Grant</b> , Institute for International Studies, University of California, Berkeley	2010-11
<b>DAAD Graduate Fellowship</b> , German Academic Exchange Service, Berlin, Germany	2010-11
<b>Sultan Fellowship for Arab Studies</b> , Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Berkeley	2010-11
<b>Mentored Research Award</b> , Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley	2009-10
<b>Research Travel Grant</b> , Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Berkeley	2009-10
<b>Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor</b> , Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley	2008
<b>Pre-Dissertation Research Grant</b> , Graduate Division, University of California, Berkeley	2007
<b>Andrew Mellon Travel Grant</b> , Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California Berkeley	2007

<b>Language Summer Grant</b> , History Department, University of California, Berkeley	2006
<b>Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship</b> , University of California, Berkeley	2005-06
<b>Genocide and Human Rights University Program Fellowship</b> , Zoryan Institute, Toronto	2005
<b>Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award</b> , Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Berkeley	2004

### INVITED TALKS

“Famine, Food and Female Volunteerism in the Context of World War I in the Middle East,” Invited Talk Dayton University, Ohio, scheduled for April 9, 2015.

“The Syrian Famine in the Global Context,” invited contribution to thematic conversation on new directions to the study of WWI in the Middle East at Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November, 2014.

“The War that Saved The Empire; World War I in the Middle East,” Invited Talk sponsored by Northwood University’s Forum for Citizenship & Enterprise, September 2014.

“World War I in the Middle East” Invited Talk for University of Michigan Retirees Association, January 2014.

“Politics of Neutrality: American Humanitarian Relief in Beirut in Ottoman Beirut” Invited Talk for *Americans in the Middle East Seminar Series* at Boston University, October 2013.

“The War of Graffiti: Contested Spaces in Beirut” Invited Talk for the Center of Middle East and North African Studies at the University of Michigan, September 2013.

“Seeds of Conflict the Making of the Modern Middle East” Invited Talk by Osher Life Long Learning Institute at University of Michigan, September 2013.

‘Protecting the Innocent’: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre (1909)” Invited Talk for Armenian Studies Program University of Michigan, Ann Arbor , January 16, 2013

“Teaching Silences: Women as Change Makers in the Middle East.” Invited Lecture given at ORIAS Summer Institute for K-12 Teachers: Absent Voices: Experience of Common Life in World History, Berkeley, July 2011

“Women as Agents of Change: the Egyptian Uprising of 2011.” Invited Lecture at Muslim Student’s Association Teach In: The Road to and from Tahrir Square.” University of San Francisco, February 2011.

“World War I: The Beginning of the End?” Invited Lecture given at the University of California, Berkeley, July 2010.

“Methodology of Oral History.” Invited Lecture Given at the Lebanese University, Beirut, June 2010.

“Politics of the Archive: A Survey of the Lebanese Archives.” Invited Lecture Given at the Lebanese University, Beirut, May 2010.

“Seeds of Conflict: The French Mandate Rule in Syria and Lebanon.” Invited Lecture Given at the University of California, Berkeley, March 2008.

“At the Beginning of Empire: Military, Economy and Administration of Ottoman Empire (14<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> Century).” Invited Lecture Given at the University of California, April 2008.

### CONFERENCES

“Feeding the City: Municipal Politics in Wartime Beirut” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, October 2013.

“Diplomacy of Neutrality: Politics of American Humanitarian Relief in Ottoman Beirut (1914-1918)” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Virginia, June 2013.

“Surviving the Great War: The Tribulations and Successes of the Syrian Protestant College’s Aid Campaign” Paper presented at the American University Beirut Conference celebrating the University’s 150 Anniversary, May 13, 2013.

‘The Politics of Humanitarian Aid: The Near East Relief in Greater Syria (1918-1923)’ Paper presented at the Annual Ohio Academy of History, April 6, 2013

‘Do Mothers and Fathers Devour their Children?’: Death and Survival of the Family During the Lebanese Famine (1914-1918)” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, Colorado, November 2012,

“Soup Kitchens, Orphanages and the Making of a Middle Class: American Relief Work in Beirut and Mount Lebanon During WWI” Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations, Hartford CT, June 2012.

“Middle Eastern Women’s Voices: Art, Story, Song.” Chair and Commentator at Annual Meeting of the Western Association of Women Historians, Berkeley CA, May 2012.

“*The Orphan Child as a Historical Agents in Post-WWI Greater Syria.*” Paper presented at the Fifth Biennial Conference of the Society for the History of Children and Youth, New York, June 2011.

“Protecting the Innocent’: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre, 1909.” Paper presented at “UC Davis Human Rights Initiative Symposium: Lost Children: The Transfer of Children during Genocide and Civil Conflict.” Davis, April 2011

“Feeding the City: The Beirut Municipality and the Provisioning of Civilians During WWI.” Paper presented at “Western Ottomanists’ Workshop (WOW)” Davis, May 2011

“The Ghosts of War: Remembering the Great Famine in Beirut and Mount Lebanon (1914-1918).” Paper Presented at the “History Students Association Conference: Collective Memory: The Voices of Remembering and the Silences of Forgetting.” San Francisco State University, May 2011.

“City of Orphans: The Making of a Middle Class.” Paper Presented at “The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting,” San Diego, November 2010.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

### **AFFILIATIONS ABROAD**

German Orient Institute, Beirut, Lebanon: 2009- 2010

American University of Beirut, Lebanon: 2009- 2010, 2007, 2006

Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon: 2009- 2010

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany: 2011

### **SERVICE**

*To the History Department, University of Michigan*

#### **Undergraduate Committee, Fall 2013, Winter 2014, Fall 2014**

Evaluated new courses and requests for cross listing; drafted history department plagiarism policy w/ Matt Lassiter; held 2.5 hours of undergraduate advising appointments per week.

#### **Manoogian Search Committee, 2014-2015**

Evaluated incoming applications

#### **Honors Committee, 2014-2015**

Held student informational meeting; evaluated 33 honors student applications and selected incoming co-hort.

#### **Rackham Global Engagement Seminar Winter 2014 with Hitomi Tonomura (who took on the responsibility of arranging our conversation with academics and students in Japan)**

1- Build a relationship with Sabanci University in Istanbul

- 2- Arranged for the visit of Prof. Ayse Parla and her talk for History and Armenian Studies Program (ASP). (solicited an additional honorarium from ASP)
- 3- Set up Skype Sessions with Prof. Parla to arrange for syllabus and student assignments
- 4- Drafted instructions and Blue Jeans sessions and chats with students in US and Turkey

#### **Rackham Global Engagement Seminar Winter 2014**

- 1- Traveled to Istanbul and taught course at Sabanci University

#### **Graduate Student Conference on Gender, Sexuality and Violence, 2015**

- 1- Drafted Call for Papers w/ H.Tonomura
- 2- Evaluated submissions
- 3- Organized conference and commentators for student papers
- 4- Created website: <https://gendersexandviolence.wordpress.com>

#### **Graduate Student Job Skills Mock Interviewer, 2014**

*To the International Institute and the Program in International and Comparative Studies (PICS), University of Michigan*

#### **Search Committee for Position in Global Health and the Environment, Winter 2015**

Read and evaluated files from Anthropology, conducted interviews with candidates, attended job talks.

#### **Search Committee for Position in Political Economy and Development Fall 2012-2013**

Read and evaluated approx. 40 files from Political Science, conducted interviews with candidates, attended job talks.

#### **Search Committee for Position in Global Health and the Environment, Fall 2013-2014**

Read and evaluated 33 files from Anthropology, Sociology, Economy, Psychology and Women Studies, conducted interviews with candidates, attended job talks.

#### **Faculty Review of Greta Uehling, (Lecturer in PICS, Winter 2014)**

Reviewed and evaluated teaching statements, student evaluations, and academic activity, composed report together with review committee.

#### **Selection of Graduate Student Instructors for PICS 301 (Fall 2013/Fall 2014)**

Read and evaluated around 30 application, conducted interviews, and made final selection

#### **U.S. Student Fulbright Program Campus Evaluation Committee**

Read application materials, conducted interviews, provided students with feedback and wrote final evaluations to the national committee.

*To Other Units*

*Armenian Studies Program:*

**Member of the Executive Committee 2012 to present**

Advised on Programming, Evaluated applications of Post-Docs, Pre-Docs, Fellows, and Graduate Students. Set up and maintained Facebook Site for the program.

<https://www.facebook.com/ASPumichAA?ref=hl>

**Exhibit: Now or Never: Collecting, Documenting and Photographing WWI, 2014- 2015**

Organized Exhibit in the Audubon Room on the journey of Francis Kelsey to the Middle East together with Kathryn Babayan. I helped select materials, wrote labels and promotional materials framing the exhibit and arranged for opening speaker Hegnar Watenpaugh.

**Workshop: Teaching about Genocide: Challenges and Approaches, 2014-2015**

Drafted and presented proposal of workshop; invited guest and set up roundtable discussions.

**Invited Talk: ‘Protecting the Innocent’: Humanitarian Child Transfer after the Adana Massacre (1909)’ at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 16, 2013.**

*Near Eastern Studies:*

**Preliminary Exams and Dissertation Committee:**

Dzovinar Derderian

Tugce Kayal (Co- Chair of Dissertation Committee)

*To the University:*

**UM Chapter Advisor, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (Fall 2013-present)**

Advised this first-and second-year honors organization, faculty liaison to the Office of Registrar

**Rackham-CLRT Preparing Future Faculty (May 2014)**

Shared experience as a junior faculty at a Research University with Graduate Students on the Job market.

**CLRT Teaching Academy Mentor Group (Winter 2013)**

Met twice with members of the CLRT group to discuss and workshop teaching issues

**Provost Seminar: “Engaging Difference” (March 2014)**

Participated in group discussion around diversity in the classroom

**Fulbright Campus Evaluation Committee (Fall 2014)**

Read applications, conducted mock interviews and gave verbal and written feedback for candidates

*To the Profession:*

**Syrian Studies Association (SSA) Prize Committee (2013-present)**

Review and evaluation of dissertations, articles and books submitted for the yearly SSA prize.

**Syrian Studies Association (SSA) Member at-Larger (January 2015-present)**

Duties include election officer and selecting SSA sponsored speakers for Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting.

**Anonymous Manuscript Reviewer for Stanford University Press (September 2014)**

**Anonymous Peer Reviewer for the Journal “Childhood in the Past” (June 2014)**

Reviewed and evaluated article.