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1. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Fall 2019-: The Ohio State University (Columbus, OH), Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Lecturer

Feb.-July 2019: Leiden University, Institute for Area Studies (Project: Persia and Babylonia), Academic Coordinator

2013-2017: Translator and editor, Arabic-English, Leiden

2004-2013: The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA, Syria), Teacher

2. EDUCATION

2017: PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Leiden University. Topic: *Thy Name is Deer. Animal Names in Semitic Onomastics and Name-giving Traditions: Evidence from Akkadian, Northwest Semitic, and Arabic*. Supervisor: Prof. dr. Holger Gzella

3. PUBLICATIONS

3.1. MONOGRAPHS

Animal Names in Semitic Name-giving (AOAT 464). Münster: Ugarit-Verlag (in press).

Revolt and Resistance in the Ancient Near East: Mesopotamia and Syro-Palestine in the Second Millennium BCE. Beirut: The American University of Beirut Press [in Arabic] (accepted).

3.2. PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

“Naming of Slave-girls in Arabic: A Survey of Medieval and Modern Sources”, *Zeitschrift für Arabische Linguistik* 69 (2019): 26-38.

“Onomastics and the Reconstruction of the Past: Rethinking Totemism in Semitic Traditions”, *Voprosy Onomastiki/Problems of Onomastics* 16/1 (2019): 19-35.

“Who has more Names than me? Lion Designations in Arabic”, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft* 167/2 (2017): 323-338.

“Name-giving Dreams in Arab Culture”, *Bibliotheca Orientalis* 74/1-2 (2017): 52-59.

“Additional Animal Terms in Amorite”, *NABU* 12 (2017): 21-22.

“Abd al-Asad and the Question of a Lion-God in the pre-Islamic Tradition: An Onomastic Study”, *Arabian Epigraphic Notes* 2 (2016): 123-132.

[with A. Hebbo] “Nuqūsh malakiyya li-samsī iluna” [Royal Inscriptions of Samsi-iluna], *Research Journal of Aleppo University, Arts & Humanities* 69 (2010).

[with A. Hebbo] “al-Turukkū fi al-‘aṣr al-bābilī al-qadīm” [The Turukkians in the Old Babylonian Period], *Research Journal of Aleppo University, Arts & Humanities* 68 (2010).

[with M. al-Alusi] “al-Mar’a wa al-mūsīqā fi maḥfūzhāt mārī [Women and Music in the Mari Archives]”, *Research Journal of Aleppo University, Arts & Humanities* 62 (2008).

[with M. al-Alusi] “Rasā’il al-kāhināt fi maḥfūzhāt māri [Priestesses’ Letters in the Mari Archives]”, *Research Journal of Aleppo University, Arts & Humanities* 57 (2007).

3.3. NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

“The Sacrifice of Riding Animals in Amorite and Arabic Traditions”, *Subartu* 8 (2014): 3-12.

“On the Areas of the Eastern Tigris at the Beginning of Shamashi Adda I’s Reign: The Kingdom of Akhazum”, *Subartu* 6-7 (2013): 135-143.

3.4. SELECTED ACADEMIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLES (IN ARABIC)

“Mā qabla al-qaṣīda al-jāhiliyya: dirāsa fi al-shi’r al-‘arabī al-qadīm [Before the pre-Islamic Qasida: A Study in Old Arabic Poetry]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (15 March 2018).

“al-Masīhiyyūn al-‘arab wa al-khilāfa al-umawiyya al-mubakkira: i‘adat nazhar bi-naqsh jadid [Christian Arabs and the Early Umayyad Caliphate: A Reconsideration through a New Inscription]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (12 February 2018).

“al-Āramiyya wa al-‘arabiyya: tafā‘ul lughawī wa thaqāfi ṭawīl [Aramaic and Arabic: A Long Linguistic and Cultural Interaction]” (interview with Prof. H. Gzella), *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (18 December 2017).

“Jāmi‘at lāyidin: nahḍa fi al-dirāsāt al-‘arabiyya [Leiden University: A ‘Renaissance’ in Arabic Studies]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (2 November 2017).

“al-tamarrud wa al-qam‘ al-muḍād fi al-mamlaka al-āshūriyya al-wuṣṭā [Revolt and Suppression in the Middle Assyrian Empire]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (15 October 2017).

“Min al-adab al-‘irāqī al-qadīm: marthāt imra’a [From Ancient Iraqi Literature: Elegy in Memory of a Woman]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (24 September 2017).

“Min al-adab al-‘irāqī al-qadīm: qaṣīdat ḥubb āshūriyya [From Ancient Iraqi Literature: A Neo-Assyrian Love Poem]”, *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* (3 September 2017).

3.5. OTHER PUBLICATIONS: POETRY

Collection: *A Few Meters and one Galaxy* [in Arabic] (Beirut: Al Farabi, 2018)

4. TRANSLATIONS (TO ARABIC)

Al-Wazzan, Faisal, *Politics, Economy, and Religion in a Near Eastern Periphery: The Region of Bahrain in East Arabia c. 1050-c. 1400 CE* [amended PhD diss.]. Kuwait: Almirqab Publishing House, 2019.

Stef van Bellingen and Dorian van der Brempt (eds.), *Cast Lead*. Brussels: Het Vlaams-Nederlands Huis deBuren, 2012 (a collection of articles in the volume).

5. CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, TALKS, AND INVITED LECTURES

‘Animal Names in Akkadian Name-giving Traditions’, Fierce lions, angry mice and fat-tailed sheep: Animal encounters in the ancient Near East, Conference, University of Cambridge, 22-23 March 2019.

‘Prayer in an Early Muslim City: The Case of Medina’, Prayer and the Ancient City: Influences of Urban Space, Conference, Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg, 23-25 January 2019.

‘Settlements in the Quran: A Lexical and Semantic Approach’, The North Atlantic Conference for Afro-Asiatic Linguistics (NACAL 45), Leiden University, 9-11 June 2017.

‘The integration of refugees in the Netherlands’, Beyond the ‘Integration’ of Refugees: Towards a Development of a New Paradigm’, International Symposium, Leiden University, 19 May 2017.

'Decolonisation & Partition: The Case of the Palestinian refugees', invited lecture for BA3 History course 'Seeking Asylum: From the Bible to Boat People', 12 November 2016.

'Inburgering in the Netherlands: A critical perspective', Leren van Elkaar/Learning from One Another: Reacties op de vluchtelingen in Nederland/Reacting to Refugees in the Netherlands, Workshop, Gravensteen, Leiden University, 29 January 2016.

6. LANGUAGES

Arabic (native), English and Dutch (fluent), French and German (working knowledge)

7. REFEREES

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