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## EDUCATION

<b>American University</b>	<i>Ph.D. in Anthropology</i>	Washington, DC	2007
<b>George Washington University</b>	<i>M.A. in Anthropology</i>	Washington, DC	2001
<b>Gannon University</b>	<i>B.A. in History</i>	Erie, PA	1999

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

<b>Eastern Washington University</b> (Cheney, WA) <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>Assistant Professor</i>	<b>Department of Geography &amp; Anthropology</b> Spring 2013 - present Fall 2007 - Spring 2013
<b>Northern Virginia Community College</b> (Loudoun, VA) <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor</i>	<b>Department of Sociology</b> Spring 2007
<b>Prince George's Community College</b> (Largo, MD) <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor</i>	<b>Department of Sociology and Anthropology</b> Fall 2006
<b>Gettysburg College</b> (Gettysburg, PA) <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor</i>	<b>Department of Sociology and Anthropology</b> Fall 2004 & Fall 2006
<b>American University</b> (Washington, D.C.) <i>Adjunct Instructor</i>	<b>Departments of Anthropology &amp; American Studies</b> Fall 2002 - Fall 2006

## REGULARLY TAUGHT COURSES

ANTH / GEOG 320 - Middle East History & Cultures	ANTH 496 - Nation-States & Their (Dis)Contents
ANTH / GEOG 336 - Geographies of Conflict: Middle East	ANTH 101 - Cultural Anthropology
ANTH / GEOG 436 - Politics of Culture: Israel & Palestine	ANTH 348 - Peasant Societies
ANTH / GEOG / WMST 437 - Women and Islam	GEOG 328 / 528 - GIS I
HIST 517 - Islam in Contemporary Perspective	GEOG 321 / 521- GIS for Social Sciences
ANTH / GEOG 438 - Peace, Violence & Culture	CSBS 331 - Documents-based Research
ANTH / GEOG 496 - Grassroots Globalization	

## PUBLICATIONS

- Sauders, Robert R. Graffiti and the Creation of Transnational Place along the Israeli Separation Barrier. Peer-reviewed journal article. Current status: In Submission.
- Sauders, Robert R. 2011. "Partners for Peace: Cooperative Popular Resistance and Peacebuilding in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict." In *Nonviolence in Palestine: Activism and Advocacy in the Second Intifada*, edited by Maia Carter Hallward and Julie Norman. [LINK](#)
- Sauders, Robert R. 2011. Whose Place is This Anyway? The Israeli Separation Barrier, *International Activists and Graffiti*. *Anthropology News* 52(3):16. [LINK](#)
- al-Houdalieh, Salah H., & Robert R. Sauders. 2009. Building Destruction: The Consequences of Rising Urbanization on Cultural Heritage in the Ramallah Province. *International Journal of Cultural Property* 16:1-23. [LINK](#)
- Sauders, Robert R. 2008. Past Matters - Examining the Role of Cultural Heritage in the Construction of Palestinian National Identity. *Proceedings of the Third International Conference for the Study of Palestinian Society*, 29-52. [LINK](#)
- Sauders, Robert R. 2008. Between Paralysis and Practice: Theorizing the Political Liminality of Palestinian Cultural Heritage. *Archaeologies: Journal of the World Archaeological Congress* 4 (3):471-494. [LINK](#)

## COLUMNS

Sauders, Robert R. "Grassroots & State-Sponsored Activism in Ukraine". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, April 29.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. "Boycotts, Academic Freedom & the Activist Scholar". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, January 31.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "Strike Debt: A Grassroots Debt Resistance Movement". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, December 18.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. "SFPD's Crackdown on Public Chess: Crime Prevention or Urban Renewal?". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, November 30.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "Silencing Dissent in Putin's Russia". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, October 20.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "Syria Anti-War Demonstrations: Evolution or Devolution". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, September 22.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "We Run for Boston - The Rise of Solidarity Activism in the Aftermath of Tragedy". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, April 17.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "It Happens Every Rosh Chodesh". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, March 14.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "The Evolution of Anonymous". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, February 4.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2013 "Get the Frack Out!". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, January 7.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012 "Why Does the Activist Cross the Road?". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, October 10.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012 "Pussy Riot Matters". Anthropology & Activism, Anthropology News, September 10.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012 "Activism, Media and Public Support – Profile of Four Activists". International Activism, Anthropology News, June 1.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012. "Does Justice Require a Village? Social Activism and the Case of Trayvon Martin". International Activism, Anthropology News, April 5.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012. "Textavism: A New Mode of Social Activism?". International Activism, Anthropology News, February 21.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2012. "Exploring the Critiques and Criticisms of Activism". International Activism, Anthropology News, January 19.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2011. "Occupy Wall Street; Occupy the World". International Activism, Anthropology News, November 1.	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2011. "I am Troy Davis". International Activism, Anthropology News, October 11	<a href="#">LINK</a>
Sauders, Robert R. 2011. "Why International Activism?". International Activism, Anthropology News, September 28.	<a href="#">LINK</a>

## HONORS, AWARDS & FUNDING

Outstanding Faculty Award in Scholarship, Eastern Washington University	2010 - 2011
Outstanding Faculty Award in Service, Eastern Washington University	2010 - 2011
Northwest Institute Mini-Grant, Eastern Washington University	2011
Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Washington University	2010 - 2011
Professor of the Year, Eastern Washington University	2009 - 2010
Outstanding Faculty Award in Teaching, Eastern Washington University	2009 - 2010
Outstanding Faculty Award in Scholarship, Eastern Washington University	2009 - 2010
Outstanding Faculty Award in Service, Eastern Washington University	2009 - 2010

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Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies Fellowship, Brandeis University	2009
Northwest Institute Mini-Grant, Eastern Washington University	2009
Faculty Research Grant, Eastern Washington University	2009 - 2010
Strategic Planning Grant - Student Exhibition Designs, Eastern Washington University	2008 - 2009
Service Learning Grant - Anthropology Internship Development, Eastern Washington University	2008 - 2009
David L. Boren National Security Education Program Fellowship	2004 - 2006
Dorot Foundation Travel Grant	2003
Mellon Research Grant, American University College of Arts & Sciences	2003
Mellon Travel Grant, American University College of Arts & Sciences	2003
Greenberg Award, American University Center for Teaching Excellence	2002
Merit Scholarship, American University Department of Anthropology	2001 - 2003

**CONFERENCE PAPERS**

<b><i>Landscapes of Structural Violence in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: A GIS Analysis</i></b>	April 8 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup>
2014 Association of American Geographers Annual Conference	Tampa, FL
Session: Exploring the Intersections of GIS, Structural Violence and Social Justice Activism	
<b><i>Hope is a Territory: Exploring Transnational Graffiti &amp; the Redefinition of Place in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i></b>	April 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup>
2013 Association of American Geographers Annual Conference	Los Angeles, CA
Session: Critical Geographic Explorations on the Significances of Political Posters and Graffiti in the Making and Propagating of Political Violence	
<b><i>At the Heart of the Palestinian Struggle from 6,675 Miles Away: Solidarity Activism in Spokane, WA</i></b>	April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>
2013 International Studies Association Annual Convention	San Francisco, CA
Session: Transnational Solidarity & Nonviolent Action in Israel/Palestine	
<b><i>Their Struggle Is All of Our Struggle - Exploring Transnational Activism &amp; Placeness in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i></b>	November 13 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>
2012 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting	San Francisco, CA
Session: Activisms	
<b><i>Online, On the Ground, Overseas and In Between: Exploring the Multi-Placed and Multi-Faceted Nature of International Activism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</i></b>	April 1 <sup>st</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup>
2012 International Studies Association Annual Convention	San Diego, CA
Session: Peace in the Holy Land	
<b><i>Graffiti on the Israeli Separation Barrier and the New Media</i></b>	November 16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>
2011 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting	Montreal, QC
Session: Music and Media in the Middle East	
<b><i>Rejecting Colonialism One Tag at a Time: International Grassroots Activism as Expressed in the Graffiti on the ISB</i></b>	April 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>
2011 Association of American Geographers Annual Conference	Seattle, WA
Session: Exploring the Colonial Present: Contemporary Research on Palestine	
<b><i>When National Resistance Meets International Solidarity: An Analysis of Graffiti on the Israeli Separation Barrier</i></b>	November 17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>
2010 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting	New Orleans, LA
Session: Nations and Public Negotiations in the Middle East	
<b><i>Solidarity through the Spray Can - The Internationalization of Graffiti on the Israeli Separation Barrier</i></b>	November 18 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>
2010 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting	San Diego, CA
Session: Conflict and the Agency of Youth	
<b><i>The New Writing on the Wall: The Internationalization of Palestinian Graffiti on the Israeli Separation Barrier</i></b>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup>
2009 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting	Philadelphia, PA
Session: Reconfiguring Spaces in Palestine and Israel	

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- Partners for Peace: Cooperative Nonviolent Resistance Networks among Palestinian, Israeli & International Activists***  
2009 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting November 21<sup>st</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Israeli-Palestinian Peace Activism Boston, MA
- Past Matters - Examining the Role of Cultural Heritage in the Construction of Palestinian National Identity***  
2008 Conference on the Future of the Palestinian National Identity March 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Organizers: The Society of Inaash El-Uusra Ramallah, OPT
- The Multiplicity of Being Jerusalem: Tourism, Identity and Politics in a Holy City***  
2007 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting November 28<sup>th</sup> - December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Session: Tourism, Temporality and Identity Formation. Washington, D.C.
- The Impact of Housing Development on Palestinian Cultural Heritage: Ramallah Province as a Case Study***  
2007 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting November 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Current Issues in Palestinian Cultural Heritage Management San Diego, CA
- Between Paralysis & Practice: Theorizing the Political Liminality of Palestinian Cultural Heritage Management***  
2007 Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Imperial Inspections: Archaeologists, War, and Violence. Austin, TX
- Political Liminality and its Impacts on Palestinian Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Management***  
2006 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting November 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Current Issues in Palestinian Cultural Heritage Management Washington, D.C.
- Past and Present Tense - The Nakba as a Turning Point in Palestinian Cultural Heritage***  
2005 Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Al-Nakba in Palestinian Collective Memory Florence, Italy
- Managing Palestinian Heritage – Interactions of Communities, Archaeologists & Politics in the West Bank***  
2004 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Archaeology and the Public San Antonio, TX
- A Land with People and a People with Land: Archaeology, Politics and the Palestinian Past***  
2004 Archaeological Institute of America Annual Meeting January 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Archaeology and Politics: Issues of Interaction San Francisco, CA
- Raising Canaan: Examining the Social and Political Genesis of a Palestinian Archaeology***  
2003 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Session: Theoretical & Anthropological Approaches to Near Eastern Art and Archaeology Atlanta, GA
- Who Do You Think You Are? Redefining the Role of the Archaeologist as Facilitator***  
2003 Radical Archaeology Theory Symposium October 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Praxis and Archaeology Binghamton, NY
- Beyond Public Archaeology: New Avenue for Integration of Public Communities in Archaeological Research***  
2003 World Archaeological Congress June 21<sup>st</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Stories We Tell, Stories We Don't Tell Washington, D.C.
- Writing the Present into the Past: Critical Discourse Analysis of Archaeological Writing from the Near East***  
2002 American Schools of Oriental Research Annual Meeting November 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Session: Theoretical & Anthropological Approaches to Near Eastern Art & Archaeology Toronto, ON
- Transitioning into a Palestinian Nation-State***  
2004 American University College of Arts & Sciences Annual Research Conference April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Session: Marginalized Communities in Transition Washington, D.C.
- Between the Lines: Exposing Biases in Archaeological Literature***  
2003 American University College of Arts and Sciences Annual Research Conference April 5<sup>th</sup>  
Session: Anthropological Approaches to Social History Washington, D.C.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

### *The Ethical Obligations of the Professional Archaeology Community for Public Access*

2002 University of Pennsylvania Ethics & the Practice of Archaeology Symposium

Organizer: University of Pennsylvania Department of Anthropology

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Philadelphia, PA

## PUBLIC & INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- The Syrian Civil War: National Politics, Regional Insecurity & International Paralysis  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Chapter  
Cheney, WA  
March 5, 2014
- Panelist: Demystifying the "Enemy": U.S. Relations with the Middle East  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University Office of Global Initiatives  
Cheney, WA  
November 20, 2012
- Panelist: The Turban - Headcovering Around the World  
Sponsor: Compassionate Interfaith Society of Eastern Washington University  
Cheney, WA  
May 29, 2012
- The Dynamics of Palestinian Politics, the Arab Spring and Rising Iranian Tensions  
Sponsor: Congregation Emmanu-el (Member of the Union for Reform Judaism)  
Spokane, WA  
February 17, 2012
- Panelist: Turmoil in the Middle East - Uprisings in Tunisia, Egypt and Beyond  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University Dept. of Geography & Anthropology  
Cheney, WA  
February 8, 2011
- Peace Activism in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
Sponsor: Congregation Emmanu-el (Member of the Union for Reform Judaism)  
Spokane, WA  
January 22, 2010
- Panelist: Gender and Family in Central Asia - A Look into the Future  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University International Speakers Series  
Cheney, WA  
October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Moderator & Discussant: China-Tibet Relations: High Stakes at a High Altitude  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University College of Social & Behavioral Sciences  
Cheney, WA  
March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Fence, Wall or Barrier? Israeli and Palestinian Insecurity in an "Era of Terror"  
*Panel Discussion: From Cold War to the War on Terror*  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University International Education Office  
Cheney, WA  
November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- The Politics of Geographic Naming in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
*Names and the Land: Global Issues in the Politics of Naming*  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University College of Arts and Letters  
Cheney, WA  
May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- Beyond that Highest, Hardest Glass Ceiling - Women, Political Power and Islam  
*Contemporary Issues in Feminist Research*  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University Women's & Gender Studies Program  
Cheney, WA  
February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009
- Crisis and Conflict in Gaza: A Beyond the Media Examination  
*Panel Discussion: Gaza - Massacre or Self-Defense*  
Sponsors: Eastern Washington University International Affairs Program & Department of Government  
Cheney, WA  
January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009
- The Cost of Separation - Social & Political Obstacles to Israeli-Palestinian Peace  
*Global Studies Forum*  
Sponsor: Eastern Washington University College of Social & Behavioral Sciences  
Cheney, WA  
February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008
- 60 Years of Searching for Peace - The UN's Role in the Israel-Palestine Conflict  
*2007 United Nations Human Rights Day*  
Sponsors: United Nations Association & Washington State Human Rights Commission  
Spokane, WA  
December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

- [Praxis: Three Views of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict](#)  
Interviewed to comment on the current Israeli-Palestinian struggles.  
October 8, 2012  
KYRS 92.3 FM
- [Just A Theory: Palestinian Resistance](#)  
Interview related to the various manifestations of Palestinian resistance.  
December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
KSFC 91.9 FM

**MEDIA APPEARANCES**

<a href="#">Beyond that Highest, Hardest Glass Ceiling - Women, Political Power and Islam</a>	May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2009
Broadcast of lecture given for EWU's Women's & Gender Studies Program	KYRS 92.3 FM
<a href="#">U.S. Electoral Politics, Israeli-Palestinian Peace and Middle East Foreign Policy</a>	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2008
Moderated discussion of how Israeli-Palestinian peace and Middle East policy issues are impacting the Republican and Democratic presidential primaries.	KYRS 92.3

**SERVICE & ACTIVITIES***University Service*

## Eastern Washington University

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences & Social Work Personnel Committee	2013 – present
Department Personnel Committee, Department of Geography & Anthropology	2013 – present
Office of Global Initiatives Advisory Group	2013 – present
Search Committee - Tenure Track Assistant Professor in Human Geography	2014
Fulbright Review Committee	2013-2014
Search Committee - Tenure Track Assistant Professor in GIS	2013
Graduate Curriculum Committee, Department of History	2011 – 2013
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of History	2010 – 2013
Graduate Affairs Council	2008 - present
Council Co-Chair (2010 - 2012)	
Policy Development and Review Committee (2011 – 2012; 2013 – Present)	
Committee Chair (2011 - 2012; 2013 – present)	
Interdisciplinary Program Review Committee (2013 – Present)	
Course and Program Approval Committee (2008 - 2011; 2012 – 2013)	
Committee Chair (2010 - 2011; 2012 – 2013)	
Medals & Awards Committee	2010 - 2012
Search Committee - Director of Institutional Research & Assessment	2010
University International Strategy Working Group	February 2009 - May 2009
Search Committee - Visiting Assistant Professor of Anthropology	2009

*Professional Service*

## Association of American Geographers

Exploring the Intersections of GIS, Structural Violence and Social Justice Activism, Session Organizer	2014
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## International Studies Association

The Use of Non-Violent Tactics: Sources of Constructive Conflict Management, Discussant	2012
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## American Anthropological Association

Contributing Columnist, Anthropology News Online	2011 - present
Reconfiguring Spaces in Palestine and Israel, Session Chair	2009

## Middle East Studies Association

Repression and Resistance in Palestine, Session Chair	2010
Political Thought and Nationalism, Session Chair	2009

## American Schools of Oriental Research

Current Issues in Palestinian Cultural Heritage Management, Session Co-Chair	2007
Current Issues in Palestinian Cultural Heritage Management, Session Co-Chair	2006

## SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

World Archaeological Congress	
InterCongress : Overcoming Structural Violence, Executive Organizing Committee	2006-2009
5th WAC Congress: Stories We Tell, Stories We Don't Tell, Session Co-Chair	2003
5th World Archaeological Congress: Exhibition Coordinator	2003

### *Community Service*

United Nations Association - Spokane Chapter	
President	January 2009 - October 2009
Vice President & Program Committee Chair	May 2008 - January 2009
World Affairs Council - Spokane Chapter	
Advisory Council	2012 – 2013
Board Member	2010 – 2012

## RESEARCH SUPERVISED

### *Masters Theses*

"A Study on Sports in International Peace Using the Delphi Method." - Abdiriziak, Ahmed	2013
"The Landscape of Primary Schools in Spokane County, 1920-1940." - Johnson, James	2011
"Britain's Broken Promises: Imperial Policy in Palestine 1915-21" - Webster, Jason	2010
"Intergroup Dialogue in Online Talkback Sections of Israeli Newspapers" - Helsing, Candice	2010

### *Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program*

"Understanding Terrorist Self-Framing Techniques" - Neghmouche-Salah, Naima	2010
"Secular & Sacred: The <i>Hijab</i> as Identity Marker " - Scheffer, Matthew	2008

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant, Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop - American Anthropological Association Meeting	Fall 2009
Fellow, Schusterman Summer Institute for Israel Studies - Brandeis University	Summer 2009
Student, Summer Intensive Arabic Language School - Middlebury College	Summer 2005

## LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic: Intermediate oral & written proficiency.

Modern Hebrew: Beginner written proficiency.

## MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association	International Studies Association
Association of American Geographers	World Affairs Council