

# LILY HINDY

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## EDUCATION

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University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., History

Expected 2025

- Prospectus: “Transnational Activism for Kurds in Iraq after the Human Rights Revolution, 1975-2003”

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA)

New York, NY

M.A., International Affairs

May 2011

Smith College

Northampton, MA

B.A., Political Science

May 2005

## SELECTED GRANTS AND HONORS

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Fullbright-Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship, England and Sweden	2024
American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Summer Fellowship for Intensive Advanced Turkish Language, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul	2023
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, Sorani Kurdish, UCLA Center for Near East Studies	2019, 2023
Silas Palmer Fellowship, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, Stanford University	2022
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2021
Graduate Student Research Fellow, Luskin Center for History and Policy, UCLA	2019-21
FLAS Summer Fellowship, UCLA Center for Near East Studies, Advanced Turkish	2020
FLAS Academic Year Fellowship, Columbia University SIPA, Arabic/Middle East Studies	2010-11
First Group Scholar, Smith College	2005
Dean’s List, Smith College	2001-05

## CONFERENCES AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- “Using Human Rights to Gain International Standing: A Comparison of the Iraqi Ba’thist and Kurdish Nationalist Movement Archives,” LSE Kurdish Studies Conference, University of Sheffield, May 22-23, 2024 (forthcoming)
- “Using Human Rights to Gain International Standing: A Comparison of the Iraqi Ba’thist and Kurdish Nationalist Movement Archives,” UCLA Near East Languages & Cultures “After Antiquity” Graduate Colloquium, January 18, 2024
- “‘Selling’ the Kurdish Plight to the U.S. of the 1980s and 1990s: The messaging of the Kurdish National Congress of North America,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montréal, Québec, Canada, November 2-5, 2023
- “Comparing Iraqi Ba’thist and Kurdish Nationalist Usage of Human Rights Language in the 1980s and 1990s,” Hoover Institution Library & Archives Iraqi History Conference “A Decade of Research Using Archives of Ba’thist Iraq: What We Now Know,” Stanford University, August 17-18, 2023
- “‘Selling’ the Kurdish Plight to the U.S. of the 1980s and 1990s: The messaging of the Kurdish National Congress of North America,” Kurdish Studies Conference, London School of Economics and Political Science, April 24-25, 2023
- “State Repression, Everyday Resistance and Complex Alliances: Kurds of Iraq, 1968 – 2003,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Denver, CO, December 1, 2022
- Workshop on Authoritarianism and Democratic Breakdown, Hoover Institution Library & Archives, Stanford University, July 5 – 15, 2022
- “Skewed Recovery: Minority Assistance Programs to Iraq in Historical Perspective,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Virtual, December 1, 2021
- “A Nation in Pieces: Views from Syrians in Exile,” Graduate Student Conference at University of California, Santa Cruz Center for World History, April 12, 2019

## PUBLICATIONS

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- “Using Human Rights to Gain International Standing: A Comparison of the Iraqi Ba’thist and Kurdish Nationalist Movement Archives,” in *A Decade of Research Using Archives of Ba’thist Iraq: What We Now Know*, edited by Lisa Blaydes and Samuel Helfont (under review)
- Review of “Disturbing Spirits: Mental Illness, Trauma, and Treatment in Modern Syria and Lebanon,” by Beverly A. Tsacoyianis, H-Net, December 2022
- “Germany’s Syrian Refugee Experiment,” (revised & updated from 2018 publication), Syrian Studies Association Bulletin, Vol. 25, No. 1 (2021)
- “Skewed Recovery: Minority Assistance Programs to Iraq in Historical Perspective,” co-authored with Philip Hoffman and Monica Widmann, UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, June 7, 2021
- “Germany’s Syrian Refugee Integration Experiment,” The Century Foundation, September 6, 2018
- “Kuwaiti Women Leaders Aim to Bring More Gender Parity to Politics,” The Century Foundation, June 13, 2018
- “Abrupt U.S. Funding Cuts to Palestinians Could Further Destabilize Middle East,” The Century Foundation, January 30, 2018
- “A Nation in Pieces: Views from Syrians in Exile,” co-authored with Sima Ghaddar, The Century Foundation, November 30, 2017
- “China Strives to Fill America’s Role in Foreign Aid,” The Century Foundation, June 13, 2017
- “A Rising China Eyes the Middle East,” The Century Foundation, April 6, 2017
- “Trump Administration Undermines U.S. Relationship with Iraqi Allies,” The Century Foundation, February 13, 2017
- “Will Trump Act on His Islamophobic Campaign Talk?” The Century Foundation, December 8, 2016

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

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- History Writing Center Tutor (2022-23)
- Teaching Fellow/Assistant, UCLA, 9 quarters (2019-23)
  - Taught sections and held office hours for between 45 - 60 students each quarter
  - Courses taught include *History of the Middle East; What is History?; Holocaust: History and Memory; Latin American Social History (1900 to present); History of Africa (1900 to present); History of Science and Technology (1900 to present); Introduction to Western Civilization (Circa 1715 to present)*
- Luskin Center Graduate Fellow (2019-21)
  - Served as mentor for five undergraduate students and co-led a multi-year research project on the history and implications of U.S. soft power in the Middle East in the twentieth century

## INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE

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- England and Sweden, dissertation fieldwork, February – July 2024
- Turkey, Turkish language study at Boğaziçi University, June – August 2023
- Kurdistan Region of Iraq, dissertation fieldwork, May 2022
- Germany, fieldwork for The Century Foundation, March 2018
- Lebanon, fieldwork for The Century Foundation, July 2017 and January 2018
- Kyiv, Nairobi, Kosovo, London and Turin; managing emergency medical trainings for freelance journalists, 2013-16
- Israel and occupied West Bank, research for Human Rights Watch, Summer 2010
- Syria, Arabic language study at University of Damascus, September – December 2008
- Egypt, intern at American University in Cairo Department of Communication, August 2005 – June 2006
- Italy, study abroad at Smith College program in Florence, September 2003 – May 2004

## LANGUAGES

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- Fluent Italian (R-5, S-5)
- Fluent Spanish (R-5, S-5)
- Advanced Modern Standard Arabic (R-4, S-4), Proficient Egyptian and Levantine Dialects
- Advanced Modern Turkish (R-4, S-4)
- Advanced French (R-4, S-3)
- Intermediate Sorani Kurdish (R-2, S-2)

- Ottoman Turkish

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### **UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy**

Los Angeles, CA

*Graduate Student Research Fellow*

January 2019 – June 2021

- Co-led a multi-year research project for undergraduates on the history and implications of U.S. soft power in the Middle East in the twentieth century, which culminated in two episodes on Luskin Center's *Then and Now* podcast and an edited volume published by the Luskin Center
- Devised syllabus and co-led weekly seminars one quarter, then facilitated workshops on student research process and paper writing during two following quarters and held weekly one-on-one meetings as research mentor

### **The Century Foundation**

New York, NY

*Senior Foreign Policy Associate*

October 2016 – August 2018

- Published regular reports, commentaries and podcasts on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East at progressive public policy think tank, focusing on national identity, refugees, foreign aid and China's involvement in the region
- Received funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York for fieldwork in Germany to research the country's policies and civil society efforts at integration of Syrian refugees

### **Reporters Instructed in Saving Colleagues (RISC)**

New York, NY

*Deputy Director*

August 2011 – November 2016

- Played key role from startup phase at journalist Sebastian Junger's nonprofit organization, which provides specialized first aid training and equipment to hundreds of freelance journalists working in conflict zones

### **The Century Foundation**

New York, NY

*Graduate Student Researcher/Editor*

February – May 2011

- As part of Capstone Workshop for Columbia University's SIPA Master's program, co-authored and served as managing editor for 75-page report on Islamist provincial rule based on case studies in Iraq and Pakistan

### **Human Rights Watch**

Jerusalem

*Intern Researcher*

June – August 2010

- Researched status of Bedouin villages in Israel through site visits and interviews with residents and government officials; assisted HRW staff in visits to West Bank for research on government allocation of municipal services in Israeli settlements and Palestinian villages; authored HRW press release on demolition of Bedouin village

### **Mada al-Carmel**

Haifa and Jerusalem, Israel

*Research Assistant*

June – August 2010

- Conducted research for Dr. Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian's essay "Challenging Unrecognizability: Bedouin Women and Israel's Political Economy" and other projects at Hebrew University and Mada al-Carmel research center

### **The Associated Press**

New York, NY

*International Desk Editorial Assistant/United Nations Correspondent*

September 2006 – September 2008

### **American University in Cairo**

Cairo, Egypt

*Presidential Intern, Communications & Marketing Office*

September 2005 – June 2006

## REFERENCES

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- Dr. James Gelvin (advisor & committee chair), Professor, UCLA History Department, [gelvin@history.ucla.edu](mailto:gelvin@history.ucla.edu)
- Dr. Aomar Boum (committee member), Professor, UCLA Anthropology Department, [boum@anthro.ucla.edu](mailto:boum@anthro.ucla.edu)
- Dr. Ash Ü. Bâli (committee member), Professor, Yale Law School, [asli.bali@yale.edu](mailto:asli.bali@yale.edu)
- Thanassis Cambanis (former supervisor), Senior Fellow and Director of Century International, The Century Foundation, [cambanis@tcf.org](mailto:cambanis@tcf.org)