

LILY HINDY

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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., History

Expected 2025

- Dissertation: *Transnational Activism for Kurds in Iraq after the Human Rights Revolution, 1975-2003*
- Committee: James Gelvin (Chair), Aslı Ü. Bâli (Yale University), Aomar Boum, Kevin Y. Kim

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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Hindy, Lily. "Germany's Syrian Refugee Experiment" (revised & updated from 2018 Century Foundation report). *Syrian Studies Association Bulletin* 25, Number 1 (Spring 2021).

Book Chapters

Hindy, Lily. "Claiming Human Rights Violations in Iraq: Kurdish and Iraqi Ba'athist Attempts to Gain International Recognition in the 1990s." In *Ba'athist Iraq through Archives: Reflections, Explorations, and Opportunities*, edited by Lisa Blaydes and Samuel Helfont (forthcoming from Stanford University Press).

Book Reviews

Hindy, Lily. Review of *Disturbing Spirits: Mental Illness, Trauma, and Treatment in Modern Syria and Lebanon*, by Beverly A. Tsacoyianis, H-Net Reviews, H-Sci-Med-Tech (December 2022).

Policy Publications

Hindy, Lily, Philip Hoffman and Monica Widmann. "Skewed Recovery: Minority Assistance Programs to Iraq in Historical Perspective." UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy, June 7, 2021.

Hindy, Lily. "Germany's Syrian Refugee Integration Experiment." The Century Foundation, September 6, 2018.

Hindy, Lily. "Kuwaiti Women Leaders Aim to Bring More Gender Parity to Politics." The Century Foundation, June 13, 2018.

Hindy, Lily. "Abrupt U.S. Funding Cuts to Palestinians Could Further Destabilize Middle East." The Century Foundation, January 30, 2018.

Hindy, Lily, and Sima Ghaddar. "A Nation in Pieces: Views from Syrians in Exile." The Century Foundation, November 30, 2017.

Hindy, Lily. "China Strives to Fill America's Role in Foreign Aid." The Century Foundation, June 13, 2017.

Hindy, Lily. "A Rising China Eyes the Middle East." The Century Foundation, April 6, 2017.

Hindy, Lily. "Trump Administration Undermines U.S. Relationship with Iraqi Allies." The Century Foundation, February 13, 2017.

Hindy, Lily. "Will Trump Act on His Islamophobic Campaign Talk?" The Century Foundation, December 8, 2016.

SELECTED GRANTS AND HONORS

Fulbright-Hays 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

Mosafer Centennial Fund for Near Eastern Scholars Award, Fieldwork in Iraqi Kurdistan, UCLA Center for Near East Studies

2022

Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA	2021
Graduate Student Research Fellow, UCLA Luskin Center for History and Policy	2019-21
FLAS Summer Fellowship, Advanced Turkish, UCLA Center for Near East Studies	2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

- Panelist, “Alternative Sovereignities,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, virtual, November 11-16, 2024
- “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
- “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, virtual, 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

TEACHING AND MENTORING

- Instructor of Record, self-designed undergraduate seminar, *History of Human Rights (1948-Present)* (2024-25)
- 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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Middle East Studies Association (since 2019), elected member of Nominating Committee (2025)
- American Historical Association (since 2024)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH AND EXPERIENCE

- 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 and Mada al-Carmel, 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

- 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

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

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

The Century Foundation

New York, NY

Graduate Student Researcher/Editor

February – May 2011

Human Rights Watch

Jerusalem

Intern Researcher

June – August 2010

Mada al-Carmel

Haifa and Jerusalem, Israel

Research Assistant

June – August 2010

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

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