

# ANTHONY (ANTOINE) EDWARDS

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## EDUCATION

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- 2015      **Ph.D. in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures**  
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Middle Eastern Studies  
Dissertation: *Performing Arabic at the Learned Societies of Beirut, 1846–1869*  
Supervisors: Mahmoud Al-Batal and Kristen Brustad
- 2009      **M.A. in Arabic**  
Georgetown University, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies
- 2008      **A.B. in Arabic, cum laude**  
Georgetown University, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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The 19<sup>th</sup>-century Arab *Nahḍa* (Renaissance), social and cultural institutions, history of Arabic language, classical Arabic grammar and lexicography, and Teaching Arabic as a Foreign Language (TAFL)

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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- 2017–present    Assistant Professor of Arabic, Washington and Lee University
- 2015–2017      Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic, Washington and Lee University
- Established the WLU Arabic Language and Literature program

### *Courses Taught at Washington and Lee University*

- ARAB 111 & 112: First-Year Arabic I & II
- ARAB 161 & 162: Second-Year Arabic I & II
- ARAB 210: Media Arabic
- ARAB 211: Third-Year Arabic I
- ARAB 395: Special Topics in Arabic Literature and Culture
- ARAB 403: Directed Individual Study
- LIT 295: Arab World Through Film (in English)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE – PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

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- 2011, 2012 & 2014    Arabic Summer Institute (ASI), The University of Texas at Austin
- Summer 2013        AALIM, Meknes, Morocco
- Taught recipients of the Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)
- 2013–2014        Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies (DMES), The University of Texas at Austin
- 2011–2012        Dept. of Middle Eastern Studies (DMES), The University of Texas at Austin
- Summer 2010      Arabic Language School, Middlebury@Mills

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Monograph*

*Performing Modernity: Arabic and the Learned Societies of Late Ottoman Beirut* (in progress)

### *Articles*

“Fact or Fiction? In Search of the ‘Learned Council’ of Ġirmānūs Farḥāt,” *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies* 18 (2018): 1–21.

“Revisiting a *Nahḍa* Origin Story: *Majma‘ al-Tahdhīb* and the Protestant Community in 1840s Beirut,” (R&R)

“Sabotaged! American Missionaries, their *Miscellany*, and the Early Arabic Press in 1850s Beirut” (in progress)

### ***Edited Anthology***

2018 Assistant Editor, *The Arab Renaissance: A Bilingual Anthology of the Nahda*, edited by Tarek El-Ariss with Anna Ziajka Stanton. New York: MLA.

### ***Translations***

2018 “Jirmanus Farhat (1670-1732) | *Issues Desired by Students Required*” in *The Arab Renaissance: A Bilingual Anthology of the Nahda*, edited by Tarek El-Ariss with Anthony Edwards and Anna Ziajka Stanton. New York: MLA.

## **PRESENTATIONS & TALKS**

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### ***Conference Presentations***

- 2016 “*Majmu‘ Fawayid*: Miscellany or Useful Knowledge from Nineteenth-Century Beirut?” 50<sup>th</sup> Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston, MA
- 2014 “An ‘Arabic’ Composition? Teaching the *Rawābiṭ* in the Arabic Language Classroom” 48<sup>th</sup> Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington, DC
- 2012 “Muḥammad Kurd ‘Alī’s Project: The Arab *Majma‘* of Damascus” 46<sup>th</sup> Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, CO
- 2012 “Emergence of MSA: Language Performance and Critique during the *Nahḍah*” 27<sup>th</sup> Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Conference, The University of Chicago
- 2012 “Muḥammad Kurd ‘Alī’s Project of Arabization” 3<sup>rd</sup> MESAAS Graduate Conference, Columbia University in the City of New York

### ***Invited Talks***

- 2017 “*Nahḍa* Studies and the “Learned Council” of Jirmānūs Farḥāt (1670–1732)” Christian Arab Cultural Semantics on the Eve of the *Nahḍa*, University of St. Andrews
- 2015 “Arabic at the Beirutī Learned Societies, 1847–1869” Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS), University of Oslo
- 2010 “Syria and Its Arabic Language Academy” (in Arabic) Arabic Flagship Program (AFP) Lecture Series, The University of Texas at Austin

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCES**

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### **Beirut, Lebanon**

Jafet Memorial Library, American University of Beirut  
Near East School of Theology (NEST) Library

### **Boston, United States**

Houghton Library, Harvard University

### **Damascus, Syria**

Al-Assad National Library  
*Markaz Wāṭha ‘iq al-Tārīkhiyya* (The Historical Documents Center)  
*Majma‘ Lugha al-‘Arabiyya* (The Arabic Language Academy)  
Al-Zahiriyah Library

### **Halle (Saale), Germany**

*Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft* (DMG) Special Collections

## GRANTS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Summer 2018	Washington and Lee University Lenfest Research Stipend
Summer 2017	Washington and Lee University Lenfest Research Grant (Halle, Germany)
Fall 2016	Washington and Lee University Course Enhancement Mini-Grant
Winter 2016	Washington and Lee University Course Enhancement Mini-Grant
Spring 2015	IKOS-Austin Collaboration Scholarship
2014–2015	UT Austin Graduate School Continuing Fellowship
Summer 2011	UT Austin DMES Study Grant (Berlin, Germany)
2009–2010	US Student IIE/Fulbright Grant (Damascus, Syria)
Fall 2006	David L. Boren/NSEP Undergraduate Scholarship (Cairo, Egypt)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Fall 2018	Peer Reviewer for <i>Mission Studies</i> (Brill)
Fall 2016	Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Evaluator, Arabic American Councils for International Education
Summer 2013	Arabic Tutor, Project GO (Global Officers), ROTC Language & Culture Project Meknes, Morocco
April 2013	ACTFL Arabic Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Training Workshop (in Arabic) Texas A&M University
Fall 2011	Model Instructor, UT Austin Arabic Flagship Program & National Middle East Language Resource Center (NMELRC) Arabic Instructor Training Series
April 2011	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Training Workshop The University of Texas at Austin

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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### *Washington and Lee University*

2018	Member, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic
2017–present	Faculty Adviser, Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Area Studies Program
2017	Chair, Search Committee, Mellon Arabic Postdoctoral Fellowship
2017	Co-architect, Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Area Studies Program
2016–present	Member, Graduate Fellowships Committee
2016–present	Faculty Advisor, Association of Middle East Interests (Student Activities Group)
2016–2017	First-Year Faculty Adviser
2016–2017	Mentor, Independent Study Program Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA
2015–present	Supervisor, Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant
2015–2018	Member, Middle East South Asia Studies (Teacher-Scholar Cohort)

### *The University of Texas at Austin*

Fall 2014	Department Representative, College of Liberal Arts TA Task Force
Spring 2012	Lead Organizer, Jil Jadīd 2012, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Conference in Arabic Literature & Linguistics

## **EXTENDED RESIDENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA**

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Egypt (2005 and 2006), Jordan (2013), Morocco (2013), Syria (2009–2010), and Yemen (2007)

## **LANGUAGES**

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Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)	Superior
Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Intermediate
Levantine Colloquial Arabic	Advanced
French	Proficient (Reading)
German	Intermediate
Russian	Intermediate

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Middle East Studies Associations  
Syrian Studies Association