

Curriculum Vitae

ANTHONY EDWARDS

Associate Professor of Arabic, Washington and Lee University

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EDUCATION

- 2015 PhD in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures
Department of Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 MA in Arabic
Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Georgetown University
- 2008 AB in Arabic, *cum laude*
Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Georgetown University

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Washington and Lee University

- 2023– Associate Professor of Arabic (with tenure)
- Founder and Manager of the Instagram Handle [@WLUArabic](https://www.instagram.com/WLUArabic)
 - Core Faculty Member of Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Studies Program
- 2017–23 Assistant Professor of Arabic
- 2015–17 Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic
- Established the Arabic Language, Literature, and Culture Program

Arab American Language Institute in Morocco

- 2013 Instructor of Arabic (Summer)

The University of Texas at Austin

- 2013–14 Assistant Instructor of Arabic
- 2011–12 Assistant Instructor of Arabic

The University of Texas at Austin, Arabic Summer Institute

- 2014 Assistant Instructor of Arabic
- 2012 Assistant Instructor of Arabic
- 2011 Assistant Instructor of Arabic

Middlebury College, Summer Arabic Language School

- 2010 Assistant Instructor of Arabic

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Accepted “Rival Institutions: Politics, Religion, and the *Jam ‘iyyāt* in Mid-Nineteenth-Century Beirut”, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*
- Forthcoming “‘Abdallah Witwat: An Ordinary Protestant of the Arab *Nahḍa*”, *Mission Studies* 42/1, 118–40.

- Forthcoming “Buṭrus al-Bustānī and the Oration Committee of 1859”, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 68/1, 32–59.
- 2024 “Orientalist Infotainment and the US Lecture Tour of Gregory M. Wortabet (1828–93)”, *Mashriq & Mahjar: Journal of Middle East and North African Migration Studies* 11/1, 25–57. <https://doi.org/10.24847/v11i12024.396>
- 2023 “Becoming the *Mu‘allim*: How Tradition and Innovation made a *Nahḍa* Icon”, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 86/2, 241–59. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X23000265>
- 2023 “The Business of Publishing in the Early Beirut *Nahḍa*: Khalīl al-Khūrī, Partnerships, and the Literary Committee”, *Die Welt des Islams* 63/4, 418–40. <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700607-20220025>
- 2022 “Serializing Protestantism: The Missionary *Miscellany* and the Arabic Press in 1850s Beirut”, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 49/1, 86–103. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13530194.2020.1765141>
- 2021 “A Journey Away from the Past: The Life and Ideas of Antonius Ameuney (1821–1881)”, *Philological Encounters* 6/3–4, 318–38. <https://doi.org/10.1163/24519197-bja10022>
- 2019 “Revisiting a *Nahḍa* Origin Story: *Majma‘ al-Taḥdhīb* and the Protestant Community in 1840s Beirut”, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 82/3, 427–51. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0041977X19000661>
- 2018 “Fact or Fiction? In Search of the ‘Learned Council’ of Ğirmānūs Farḥāt”, *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies* 18, 1–21. <https://doi.org/10.5617/jais.6368>

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.

Translation

- 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), 71–82.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2024–25 Washington and Lee University Lenfest Sabbatical Fellowship
- 2019 H. Hiter Harris III Rising Star Award, Virginia Foundation of Independent Colleges
- Statewide competition for top junior faculty in Virginia
- 2017–24 Washington and Lee University Summer Lenfest Research Grant
- Fall 2016 Washington and Lee University Course Enhancement Mini-Grant
- Winter 2016 Washington and Lee University Course Enhancement Mini-Grant
- 2015 University of Oslo-Austin Collaboration Scholarship
- 2014–15 UT Austin Graduate School Continuing Fellowship
- 2011 UT Austin DMES Summer Study Grant (Berlin, Germany)
- 2009–10 US Student IIE/Fulbright Grant (Damascus, Syria)
- Fall 2006 David L. Boren/NSEP Undergraduate Scholarship (Cairo, Egypt)

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

- 2024 “‘Abdallah Witwat: A Laborer and Layman of the Arab *Nahḍa*”
58th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference (virtual)
- 2023 “A Privileged Intellectual: Buṭrus al-Bustānī and His Dragomanship at the US Consulate in Ottoman Beirut”
57th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Montréal, Québec, Canada
- 2022 “An Ottoman *Nahḍawī*: The Life and Times of Dr. Ibrāhīm Bey (1822–1864)”
56th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, CO
- 2022 “Educating and Entertaining America: The US Lecture Tour of ‘The Syrian Traveler,’ Gregory M. Wortabet (1828–1893)”
The 34th Deutscher Orientalistentag, Berlin, Germany
- 2021 “Ordinary Orientalism: Knowledge and the US Lecture Circuit of Gregory M. Wortabet (1828–1893)”
International Symposium on Religion and Civilization in the Middle East, Necmettin Erbakan University (virtual)
- 2019 “Republic of Praise: The Printed *Taqrīz* (“Poetic Endorsement”) in Early Modern Beirut”
The Early Modern Christian Cultural and Literary Heritage in the Eyes of *Nahḍa* Scholars, University of Oxford
- 2016 “*Majmu‘ Fawayid*: Miscellany or Useful Knowledge from Nineteenth-Century Beirut?”
50th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston, MA
- 2014 “An ‘Arabic’ Composition? Teaching the *Rawābiṭ* in the Arabic Language Classroom”
48th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington, DC
- 2012 “Muḥammad Kurd ‘Alī’s Project: The Arab *Majma‘* of Damascus”
46th Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, CO
- 2012 “Emergence of MSA: Language Performance and Critique during the *Nahḍah*”
27th Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Conference, The University of Chicago
- 2012 “Muḥammad Kurd ‘Alī’s Project of Arabization”
3rd MESAAS Graduate Conference, Columbia University in the City of New York

Invited Presentations

- 2022 “Arabic Rhetoric: A Textual Analysis of al-Bustānī’s 1859 Oration”
Lenfest Faculty Research Colloquium, Washington and Lee University
- 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 Beirut 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 Lecture Series, The University of Texas at Austin

TEACHING

In Arabic

- ARAB 111: First-Year Arabic I
- ARAB 112: First-Year Arabic II
- ARAB 161: Second-Year Arabic I
- ARAB 162: Second-Year Arabic II
- ARAB 211: Third-Year Arabic I

ARAB 220: Media Arabic
ARAB 225: Arabic Dialects
ARAB 395: Special Topics: Arabic Storytelling (1 credit)
ARAB 395: Special Topics: *Shabab* Talk
ARAB 403: Directed Individual Study: The First Beiruti Novel
ARAB 403: Directed Individual Study: Media Arabic
ARAB 403: Directed Individual Study: Arab Pop Culture (1 credit)

In English

LIT 295: Arab World Through Film
MESA 255: Language Policies and Politics
MESA 260: From Travelogues to Blogs: American Depictions of the Middle East

RESEARCH ADVISING

2020 Summer Research Scholar, Tanner Hall ('21)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Beirut, Lebanon

Jafet Memorial Library, American University of Beirut
Near East School of Theology (NEST) Library
Université Saint-Joseph de Beyrouth

Boston, MA, United States

Houghton Library, Harvard University

Damascus, Syria

Al-Assad National Library
Markaz Wātha'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

Philadelphia, PA, United States

Presbyterian Historical Society

College Park, MD, United States

United States National Archives

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Washington and Lee University

2024– Member, Public Functions Committee
2024 Curriculum Developer, Redesigned Arabic Language Five-course Sequence
2024 Architect, Arabic Minor
2024 Member, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic (one-year)
2023– Member, Academic Calendar, Scheduling, and Registration Committee
2020– Member, International Education Committee
2017– Faculty Adviser, Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Area Studies Program
2016–17, 2019– First-Year Faculty Adviser

- 2016–20, 2021–23 Adviser, Fulbright World Language Teaching Assistant
 2015–19, 2021–23 Supervisor, Fulbright World Language Teaching Assistant
 2022 Chair, Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Visibility Committee for Internal Review
 2019 Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic (two-year)
 2019–21 Member, Center for Academic Resources and Pedagogical Excellence Advisory Board (now the Houston H. Harte Center for Teaching and Learning)
 2018 Chair, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic (one-year)
 2018 Member, Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Arabic (one-year)
 2017 Chair, Search Committee, Mellon Arabic Postdoctoral Fellowship
 2017 Co-architect, Middle East and South Asia (MESA) Area Studies Program
 2017 Interviewer, Johnson Scholarship
 2016–21 Member, Fellowships Committee
 2016–20 Faculty Advisor, Association of Middle East Interests (Student Activities Group)
 2016–17 Mentor, Independent Study Program, Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, VA
 2015–18 Member, Middle East South Asia Studies (Teacher-Scholar Cohort)

The University of Texas at Austin

- 2014 Department Representative, College of Liberal Arts TA Task Force
 2012 Lead Organizer, Jil Jadīd 2012, 2nd Annual Graduate Conference in Arabic Literature & Linguistics

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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- 2024 Critical Language Scholarship Evaluator (Arabic), American Councils for International Education
 2023 Critical Language Scholarship Evaluator (Arabic), American Councils for International Education
 2018– Peer Reviewer for *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *Die Welt des Islams*, and *Mission Studies*
 2017 Critical Language Scholarship Evaluator (Arabic), American Councils for International Education
 2013 Summer Arabic Tutor, Project GO, ROTC Language & Culture Project, Meknes, Morocco
 2013 ACTFL Arabic Oral Proficiency Interview Training Workshop, Texas A&M University (in Arabic)
 2011 Model Instructor, UT Austin Arabic Flagship Program & National Middle East Language Resource Center (NMELRC) Arabic Instructor Training Series
 2011 ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview Training Workshop, The University of Texas at Austin

EXTENDED RESIDENCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Syria, and Yemen

LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic (MSA)	Superior
Egyptian Colloquial Arabic	Intermediate
Levantine Colloquial Arabic	Advanced
German	Intermediate