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Abbreviated Curriculum Vitae

Current Positions

Professor of History, the Modern Middle East and South Asia, James Madison University, 2015-present (Assistant Professor 2003-2009, Associate Professor 2009-2015).

<https://www.jmu.edu/history/people/all-people/hanifi.shtml>

Coordinator, Middle Eastern Communities and Migrations Minor, James Madison University, spring 2007-present.

<https://www.jmu.edu/mecm/index.shtml>

Education

University of Michigan, History Ph.D., October 2001. Dissertation "Inter-Regional Trade and Colonial State Formation in Nineteenth-Century Afghanistan" (Department of History's Nominee for the Horace H. Rackham Graduate School's Distinguished Dissertation Award).

University of Wisconsin-Madison, History B.A., 1987.

Publications

Monograph

2008 *Connecting Histories in Afghanistan: Market Relations and State Formation on a Colonial Frontier*.

Columbia University Press, Gutenberg-e Series <http://www.gutenberg-e.org/hanifi/index.html>; print edition 2011

Stanford University Press <https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=20670>; 2014 inclusion in American Council of

Learned Societies Humanities E-Book Project <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=acls;idno=heb99027.0001.001>

Edited Volume

2019 *Mountstuart Elphinstone in South Asia: Pioneer of British Colonial Rule*. Hurst & Co. Ltd. and Oxford University Press, <https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/mountstuart-elphinstone-south-asia/> and

<https://academic.oup.com/book/32317?searchresult=1&login=true#login-purchase#login-purchase>

Journal Articles

2024 "Water in Afghanistan: A Modern History," *Water History* 16: 1

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12685-024-00338-5>

2022 "Deciphering the History of Modern Afghanistan," *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*,

<https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190277727.013.321>

2022 "Imperial Cartography and National Mapping in Afghanistan," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 54 (2): 340-346.

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2022 "Environmental War Crimes in Afghanistan," *South Asia Avant-Garde*,

<https://www.saaganthology.com/article/climate-crimes-of-us-imperialism-in-afghanistan>

2022 "Colonialism, War and Governance in Afghanistan," *Islamic Human Rights Commission The Long View* 4 (2): 6-10. <https://www.ihr.org.uk/colonialism-war-and-governance-in-afghanistan/>

2021 "What Next for Afghanistan," *The Royal Society of the Arts Journal* 21 (4): 32-35.

<https://www.thersa.org/journals/rsa-journal-issue-4-2021>

2021 "Local Experiences of Imperial Cultures," *Kitabhkhana on Faiz Ahmed's Afghanistan Rising, Comparative Studies in South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 42 (2): 243-249. <https://doi.org/10.1215/1089201X-9127141>

2021 (co-author with M. Jamil Hanifi), "Crypto-Colonial Independence Rituals in Afghanistan," *Afghanistan* 4 (1): 70-78. <https://www.eupublishing.com/doi/full/10.3366/afg.2021.0068>

2021 "The Battle for Minds in Cold War Afghanistan," *Iran and the Caucasus* 25 (2): 194-207

https://brill.com/view/journals/ic/25/2/article-p194_8.xml

2020 "Elephants in Afghanistan: Surveying the History of a Pachyderm Cultural Frontier," *Afghanistan Analysts Network* <https://www.afghanistan-analysts.org/en/reports/context-culture/elephants-in-afghanistan-surveying-the-history-of-a-pachyderm-cultural-frontier/>

2016 "The Pashtun Counter-Narrative," *Middle East Critique* 25 (4): 385-400.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/19436149.2016.1208354>

2015 "Reflections on the American War, Karzai, and Orientalism in Afghanistan," *e-International Relations*.

<http://www.e-ir.info/2015/01/12/reflections-on-the-american-war-karzai-and-orientalism-in-afghanistan/>

2012 "Shah Shuja's 'Hidden History' and its Implications for the Historiography of Afghanistan" *SAMAJ: South Asian Multidisciplinary Academic Journal* <https://doi.org/10.4000/samaj.3384>

2009 "The Intellectual Impact of Colonialism and the Urgency of Decolonizing Knowledge of Afghanistan," in *Afghanistan 1979-2009*, John Calabrese, ed. Washington: Middle East Institute.

<https://www.mei.edu/publications/intellectual-impact-colonialism-and-urgency-decolonizing-knowledge-afghanistan>

2004 "Impoverishing a Colonial Frontier: Cash, Credit, and Debt in Nineteenth-Century Afghanistan." *Iranian Studies* 37 (2): 1-20. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/0021086042000268174>

Book Chapters

2019 "A Book History of *An Account of the Kingdom of Caubul*," in S. M. Hanifi, ed., *Mountstuart Elphinstone in South Asia: Pioneer of Colonial Rule*. London/New York: Hurst & Co. Ltd. And Oxford University Press (see above). <https://academic.oup.com/book/32317/chapter/268546876>

2018 "A Genealogy of Orientalism in Afghanistan: The Colonial Image Lineage," in *Middle East Studies after September 11: Neo-Orientalism, American Hegemony and Academia*. Tugrul Keskin, ed. Leiden and Chicago: Brill and Haymarket. <https://brill.com/view/book/edcoll/9789004359901/BP000003.xml> and <https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/1309-middle-east-studies-after-september-11>

2014 "Arabs, Berbers, Islam and Orientalism in Morocco: Historically and Culturally Contextualizing the Work of Lalla Essaydi," in *The Photography of Lalla Essaydi: Critiquing and Contextualizing Orientalism*, Sarah Brooks, ed. James Madison University. <https://sites.lib.jmu.edu/lallaessaydi/explore/catalogue/>

2013a "A History of Linguistic Boundary Crossing Within and Around Pashto," in *Beyond Swat: History, Society and Economy along the Afghanistan-Pakistan Frontier*, Magnus Marsden and Ben Hopkins, eds. London: Hurst & Co.; New York: Columbia University Press. <https://www.hurstpublishers.com/book/beyond-swat/>

2013b "Comparing Camels in Afghanistan and Australia: Industry and Nationalism During the Long Nineteenth Century," in *Camel Cultures: Historical Traditions, Present Threats, and Future Prospects*. Ed Emery, ed. London: University of London School of Oriental and African Studies.

https://www.academia.edu/1810120/Comparing_camels_in_Afghanistan_and_Australia_Industry_and_nationalism_during_the_Long_Nineteenth_Century

2012 "Quandaries of the Afghan Nation," in *Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands*, Shahzad Bashir and Robert D. Crews, eds. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press.

https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctt2jbww1.9?seq=1#metadata_info_tab_contents

2011 "Henry George Raverty and the Colonial Marketing of Pashto," in *Knowing India: Colonial and Modern Constructions of the Past*, Cynthia Talbot, ed. New Delhi: Yoda Press. <https://www.amazon.com/Knowing-India-Colonial-Modern-Constructions/dp/9380403038>

2006 "Material and Social Remittances to Afghanistan," in *Converting Migration Drains into Gains: Harnessing the Resources of Overseas Professionals*, C. Wescott and J. Brinkerhoff, eds. Manila: The Asian Development Bank. <https://www.adb.org/sites/default/files/publication/27967/converting-migration.pdf>

Interviews and Public Lectures

"Surveying the Surveyors: Modern Maps of Afghanistan, and Their Critics," Mapping in the Islamic Tradition, Philips Lee Philips Society Annual Presentation, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., September 2024.

<https://www.loc.gov/item/webcast-11561/>

The Association for Asian Studies, "Histories of Afghanistan" September 2021

<https://www.asianstudies.org/interview-shah-mahmoud-hanifi-on-histories-of-afghanistan/>

The East is a Podcast, "Another Empire Falls in Afghanistan, August 2021

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/another-empire-falls-in-afghanistan-w-shah-mahmoud-hanifi/id1440795663?i=1000533194994>

In Memorium Lecture: Ludwig W. Adamec and the Architecture of Afghanistan Studies: Building a National History upon Transnational Realities, University of Arizona, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, February 2020.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FX3yco8XDzo>

Grants

Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies, Council of American Overseas Research Centers, American Historical Association and Andrew W. Mellon, Asian Development Bank, Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Service

Reviewer of grant applications, book manuscripts and journal submissions for institutions and publishers in North America, Europe, East Asia, South Asia and Australia.

Executive Boards of American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, American Institute of Indian Studies, Association for Asian Studies (South Asia Council).

Editorial Boards of *Afghanistan* journal, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*

Activities

Invited and Keynote Lecturer; Workshop, Conference Panel, Seminar and Roundtable Discussant, Contributor and Organizer; International Graduate Student Support