

# Stefanie Wichhart

## Curriculum Vitae

### Education

--PhD, History, May 2007, University of Texas at Austin.

--MA, History, Spring 2000, University of Texas at Austin.

--BA, History and French, *summa cum laude*, Spring 1997, State University of New York College at Geneseo.

### Teaching

Department of History, Niagara University

Professor (Fall 2020-present)

Associate Professor (Fall 2013-Spring 2020)

Assistant Professor (Fall 2007-Spring 2013)

Area of appointment: modern Middle East and British Empire

Courses taught:

--The Modern Middle East

--The Arab-Israeli Conflict

--World Terrorism

--The History of England, parts I and II

--Western Civilization

--French Revolution and Napoleon

--World History to 1500

--The Modern World

--NUB

--The Historian's Craft

--The US and the Contemporary World

--Introduction to Research

--Senior Seminar

### Honors and Awards

2022 College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Scholarship Award

2017 Honorary Inductee, Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society

2014 Niagara University Innovation in Teaching Award

### Single-Authored Book

*Britain, Egypt, and Iraq during World War II: The Decline of Imperial Power in the Middle East*  
I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury Academic. Published September 2021.

<https://www.bloomsbury.com/us/britain-egypt-and-iraq-during-world-war-ii-9780755634521/>

### Single-Authored Articles and Chapters in Edited Collections

“Cartoons of Decolonization: Anglo-Egyptian Relations and the Suez Crisis, 1954-1956,” chapter in Richard Scully and Andrekos Varnava, eds, *Comic Empires: The Imperialism of Cartoons, Caricature and Satirical Art*, Manchester University Press, 2019.

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“‘Innocent Efforts’: The Brotherhood of Freedom in the Middle East during World War II,” chapter in Simon Eliot and Marc Wiggam, eds., *Allied Communication to the Public during the Second World War: National and Transnational Networks*, Bloomsbury Academic, 2019.

“‘What Britain has done for Islam:’ British propaganda to the Islamic world during World War II, 1939-1942,” chapter in Justin Olmstead, ed. *Britain in the Islamic World: Imperial and Post-Imperial Connections*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

“The Formation of the Arab League and the United Nations, 1944-1945” *The Journal of Contemporary History*, 54, no. 2 (April 2019): 328-346 (part of a special issue on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dumbarton Oaks Conference).

“The 1915 Locust Plague in Palestine,” *Jerusalem Quarterly*, 56 (Winter/Spring 2014): 29-39.

“Selling Democracy during the Second British Occupation of Iraq, 1941-1945,” *Journal of Contemporary History*, 48, no. 3 (July 2013): 509-536.

“A ‘New Deal’ for the Kurds: Britain’s Kurdish Policy in Iraq, 1941-1945,” *Journal of Imperial and Commonwealth History* 39, no. 5 (December 2011): 815-831.

“Propaganda and Protest: Political Cartoons in Iraq during World War II,” chapter in Richard Scully, ed., “*Drawing the Line: New Research on Cartoons as Historical Evidence*,” Monash University e-press (Australia) and Sydney University Press, 2009 (8.1-8.21).

## Encyclopedia Articles and Book Reviews

Review of Robert T. Harrison, *Britain in the Middle East for History: Review of New Books*, vol. 45, no. 5 (Sept. 2017).

Review of Youssef H. and Basil H. Aboul-Einein, *The Secret War for the Middle East: The Influence of Axis and Allied Intelligence Operations during World War II*. In Michigan War Studies Review, 17 September 2014: <http://www.miwsr.com/2014-094.aspx>.

“Egypt,” 1,100-word entry for the *Encyclopedia of Military Science*, Sage publications, Summer 2013.

“Institut d’Egypte” entry for the *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, Summer 2007.

## Selected Conference Papers and Invited Lectures

“Rethinking World War II in the Middle East,” *Rethinking War: A Virtual Interdisciplinary Conference*, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh Center for Bioethics and Health Law, March 18-19, 2022.

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“Britain and the Arabs at the San Francisco Conference, 1945,” for panel titled *Anticolonialism and Internationalism*, North American Conference on British Studies (NACBS) virtual conference, November 2020.

“A constructivist approach to teaching Middle Eastern history in a digital landscape,” for panel titled *Learning without Boundaries: New Developments in Undergraduate Pedagogy in Middle Eastern Studies*, presented at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 16, 2018. Panel sponsored by the MESA Committee for Undergraduate Middle East Studies (CUMES).

Televised interview on the British World War II propaganda cartoons of cartoonist “KEM” for the weekly documentary series about Greek illustrators, cartoonists, and screenwriters “From Sketch to Feature.” Aired on the TV Channel of the Hellenic Parliament, October 2018. Produced by Alexandros Kakavas.

“Oral Propaganda in the Arab World during World War II,” Information and its Communication in Wartime conference, July 25-26, 2017, Senate House, University of London, UK.

“‘The peace-making jobs of persuasion’: Freya Stark in the Middle East during the Second World War,” Britain and the World Conference, April 6-8, 2017, Austin, TX.

“‘World Organization Intoxication’: The Arab League at the San Francisco Conference, 1945,” International Seminar on Decolonization Reunion Conference sponsored by the National History Center of the American Historical Association, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., July 5-7, 2016.

“Youth Must be Served: Teachers, Textbooks and Youth Movements in Iraq during World War II,” Comparative Home Fronts Conference, The Institute on World War II and the Human Experience, Florida State University, Jan. 14-17, 2016.

“The Arab Response to Dumbarton Oaks and the Formation of the Arab League,” at “The UN and the Post-War Global Order: Dumbarton Oaks in Perspective after 70 Years.” Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy, SOAS, University of London 17 May 2014.

“‘Our Place in the Sun’: Arab Internationalism during the Second World War,” part of a panel entitled “Decolonizing Rhetorics: War, Empire, and Internationalism,” (panel co-organizer) sponsored by the National History Center, American Historical Association (AHA) annual conference, January 4, 2013.

Invited lecture, “Selling Democracy during the Second British Occupation of Iraq, 1941-1945,” History Department, SUNY Geneseo, September 17, 2012.

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### **Community Presentations**

“History of Afghanistan, Lead-up to 9/11,” part of the Nineteenth Annual Understanding Islam Series Afghanistan: War, 9/11, Global and Local Impacts, sponsored by the Muslim Public Affairs Council WNY and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Feb. 13, 2022.

“Victorian London,” historical presentation to accompany the premiere of the series “Victorian Slum House” at the WNED studio, Buffalo NY, April 27, 2017.

“Women and Workers: the Transformation of Britain in the 1920s,” historical presentation to accompany the premiere of Season 6 of Downton Abbey at the WNED studio, Buffalo NY. Presented as part of a public event at the studio in November 2015 and as part of a fundraiser for top donors in December 2015.

“Britain and India in the 1930s,” introductory historical presentation to accompany the premiere of “Indian Summers” at the WNED studio, Buffalo NY, fall 2015.

“Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom under Law,” Remarks at the Bar Association of Niagara County Law Day Banquet, May 1, 2015, Niagara Falls Country Club, Niagara Falls, NY.

### **Leadership positions and service at Niagara University**

*Chair, Department of History, August 2016-May 2020*

*Faculty Representative, President’s Cabinet, Fall 2019-present*

*Faculty Liaison to Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, Fall 2016-Fall 2019*

*Academic Senate: Fall 2015-present*

- Secretary, Senate Executive Committee, Fall 2019-present
- Academic Senate Secretary, Fall 2017-Spring 2019
- Senate Executive Committee, Fall 2015-present
- Senate Elections sub-committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2021
- General Education Committee, Spring 2016

### **University Mission**

- Faculty Mission Director, Spring 2018-Fall 2021
- Vincentian Mission Institute, Fifth Cohort (2017-2019)

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- Faculty Liaison to IMPACT program, Spring 2019-Fall 2021 and Coordinator, Faculty Learning Community on Project-Based Learning and University Mission (2019-2020)
- Member, Niagara University Mission Committee, Spring 2010-December 2013; Spring 2019-present
- Member, 2012-2013 Vincentian Mission Certificate (VMC) cohort.

### *Other University Committees and Service*

Academic Task Force, March 2020-Fall 2021

Niagara University Research Council, Fall 2018-Spring 2021

University Common Good conversations committee, Spring 2019-present

Hearing Committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Member, Middle East and Islamic Studies Minor committee, Spring 2008-present

Faculty Mentor Program, 2016-2017 and 2017-2018

Member, CCTL Committee, 2013-Spring 2018

Faculty Adviser, Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society, Fall 2009-Fall 2016

Faculty Learning Community, 2015-2016

NUOP program one-week HIS 199 module, July 2015

Member, Faculty Learning Community on “Engaging the Millennial Student,” Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Chair, modern African-American history search committee, Fall 2010-Spring 2011.

Member, Faculty Learning Community on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, Spring and Fall 2010.

### *Niagara University Beginnings first-year experience course (NUB)*

- Faculty Coordinator, NUB (Niagara University Beginnings), May 2013-December 2014.

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- Member, Student Engagement and Retention Committee (SERC), Spring 2013-Fall 2014.
- Member, NSO Committee and summer orientation committee, 2013-2014.
- Member, Gen. Ed. sub-committee on NUB (Niagara University Beginnings), Summer 2010-December 2014.

## Fellowships and Grants

- 2022-2023      Research Support Grant (also 2017-2018, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014)
- 2020            NU-UN Sustainability Development Goals (SDG) grant recipient for HIS 372: Modern Middle East
- 2018            Research Council Summer Research Award for “Britain, Egypt, and Iraq during World War II: Competing Visions for the Post-War Middle East, 1943-1945”
- 2016            Niagara University Diversity Grant for HIS 199
- 2015            CCTL Grant for project titled “Reflective Journaling in the History Research Seminar”
- 2014            Research Council Summer Research Award for “Propaganda and Intelligence in Egypt and Iraq during World War II”
- 2012            Participant, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, “World War I in the Middle East,” American University, Washington, DC, June 11-July 6, 2012.
- 2012            Research Council Summer Research Stipend for “Arab Internationalism and the Formation of the Arab League, 1943-1945”
- 2008            Participant, International Research Seminar on Decolonization, sponsored by the National History Center, American Historical Association, Library of Congress, and Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in Washington, D.C. July 6-August 8, 2008.

## Niagara University Presentations

- 2022            Vincentian Heritage Week panel, Vincentian Mission Institute Alumni, Sept. 27, 2022
- 2019            Introductory comments, “Immigration in Context,” University-Wide Common Good Conversation, Nov. 20, 2019.

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- 2017 Panelist, “America and the World Reconsidered: A Discussion of International Conflict and American Foreign Policy,” April 25, 2017.
- 2016 Presidential Election Discussion Series panelist, “America and the World: Understanding the Role of Terrorism, the Global Refugee Crisis, and Middle East Policy in the 2016 Presidential Election,” Nov. 1, 2016.
- 2016 “Reflective Journaling in the Humanities,” CCTL Conference, Niagara University January 2016.
- 2015, 2016 SPIN Session “The Middle East Today: Understanding the Headlines,” for NSO August 29, 2015 and for the College of Arts and Sciences Accepted Students Reception, March 19, 2016.
- 2015, 2016, 2017 “History in an Inter-Disciplinary Context: The Locust Plague in World War I Palestine,” presentation to students in the Niagara University Ph.D. program in Leadership and Policy, October 2015, Sept. 2016, and Sept. 2017.
- 2015 TLC (Teaching and Learning Conversation) “Read smarter, not harder: Practical ways to help students read strategically without drowning in grading.” Facilitated with Kathleen McGrath, Youngsoo Choi, Sharon Green, April 13, 2015.
- 2014 TLC (Teaching and Learning Conversation) on “Our NU Freshmen,” November 18, 2014.
- 2014 Academic Expectations rotating session at New Student Orientation, co-presented with Diane Stoelting.
- 2013, 2014 “Good bye High School, Hello NU” presentation on the transition from high school to college, co-presented with Carrie McLaughlin at all summer orientation sessions.
- 2013, 2014 NUB faculty coordinator comments at New Student Convocation.
- 2014 TLC (Teaching and Learning Conversation) on “the mid-semester slump,” February 12, 2014.
- 2011, 2012, 2013 “Leadership and Policy Lessons from History-The Middle East” presentation to students in the Niagara University Ph.D. program in Leadership and Policy.
- 2012 Presentation to Honors Program mixer on “Arab Spring: One Year Later,” February 15, 2012.

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- 2011            Member of panel on “Revolution in Egypt” sponsored by the Middle East and Islamic Studies committee, February 23, 2011.
  
- 2011            Presentation to the Faculty Research Colloquium on Iraqi political cartoons in World War II, February 16, 2011.
  
- 2011            Invited speaker to present on the events of the Arab Spring to the graduate seminar on homeland security, taught by Dave Taylor, February 14, 2011.
  
- 2010            Public Lecture “Does History Make the Person or Does the Person Make the History? The World of St. Vincent de Paul” with Fr. Thomas McKenna, C.M., March 25, 2010.
  
- 2007            Presentation on the Kurds of Iraq and Iran as part of the “Timon Talks” series, November 16, 2007.

### **Professional Service**

Co-founder and co-general editor, H-Decol (decolonization) listserve, 2013-present

Advisory Board, H-Intel (intelligence) listserve, Spring 2016-present

Member of the National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Fellowship selection committee, 2011, 2012, and 2014.

Member of Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Ad Hoc Committee on Middle East Studies at non-Doctorate Granting Universities, 2010-2011.

Grader for Advanced Placement (AP) World History exam, Colorado, June 2008.