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EDUCATION

Yale University – New Haven, CT. (September 2003 - 2009)

Ph.D., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2009)

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M.Phil., Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations (2006)

American University of Beirut – Beirut, Lebanon (1997-2003)

MA., Arabic Language and Literature (2003)

BA., Arabic Language and Literature (2001)

BS., Mathematics (major), Statistics (minor) (2000)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor of Arabic Studies, Department of Arabic & NEL, American University of Beirut, February 2009- present.
- Coordinator of the Arabic Language School, CAMES, American University of Beirut, 2006-present.
- Instructor, Department of NELC, Yale University, 2008.
- Teaching Fellow, Department of NELC, Yale University, 2005-2007.
- Instructor, CAMES, American University of Beirut, 2002-2005.

PUBLICATIONS (Refereed)

A. Books

Sufi Treatises and Interpretations by Abū ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sulamī [Critical edition with introduction and study], Gerhard Böwering and **Bilal Orfali**, Beirut, Dar al-Machreq (in print, expected February 2010).

A Disputation over a Fragment of the True Cross: A Medieval Arabic Text from the History of Christian-Jewish-Muslim Relations in Egypt. [Critical edition with introduction, study, translation, and notes], Stephen J. Davis, **Bilal Orfali**, and Samuel Noble, Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University Press (expected January 2010).

Sufi Treatises of Abū ‘Abd al-Raḥmān al-Sulamī [Critical edition with introduction and study], Gerhard Böwering and **Bilal Orfali**, Beirut: Dar al-Machreq, Recherches, 2009.

B. Articles

“The Works of Abū Mansūr al-Tha‘ālibī,” *Journal of Arabic Literature* 40 (2009), 273-318.

“An Addendum to the Dīwān of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Ta‘ālibī,” *Arabica* 56 (2009), 440-449.

“The Art of the *Muqaddima* in the Works of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī (d. 429/1039),” in *The Weaving of Words: Approaches to Classical Arabic Prose*, ed. Laleh Behzadi and Vahid Behmardi, Beirut: Orient Institute, 2009, 181-202.

IN PREPERATION

Zād safar al-mulūk of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī [Critical edition with introduction and notes], **Bilal Orfali** and Ramzi Baalbaki, Beirut: Dār al-‘Ilm li-l-Malāyīn.

The Sources of Abū Maṣṣūr al-Tha‘ālibī in *Yatīmat al-dahr* and *Tatimmat al-Yatīma* (article).

Kitāb al-bayāḍ wa-l-sawād of al-Sīrjānī [Critical edition with introduction and notes].

In the Shadow of Arabic: The Centrality of Language to Arabic Culture [Edited volume, thirty articles]

AFFILIATIONS IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

- American Oriental Society (AOS)
- Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)

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