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Anthony Shadid Collection, 1904 - 2012

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Descriptive Summary

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Collection Title: Anthony Shadid Collection, 1904-2012.

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Abstract: Born in Oklahoma City, Anthony Shadid (1968-2012) is a two-time Pulitzer Prize winning journalist. His career as a reporter covered a wide range of geographic locations, and centered on the Middle East and North Africa. His reporting debut was at *The Milwaukee Journal*, Wisconsin in 1989-1990. From there, Shadid would go on to join the *Associated Press* in 1990-1991, then *The Boston Globe* in 2000, and then *The Washington Post*, from 2003 to 2009 and finally *the New York Times* as Baghdad bureau chief and Lebanon bureau chief. On February 16, 2012, Shadid died of an asthma attack while on a reporting assignment in Syria.

Language(s): English and Arabic

Administrative Information

Source: The collection was deposited on long-term loan at the AUB Archives, University Libraries, in 2015 by Ms. Nada Bakri Shadid. In 2016-2017, additional items related to the collection, and compiled by Mr. Rami Khouri, Senior Public Policy Fellow and adjunct professor of journalism at the American University of Beirut, were added to the collection.

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Scope and Content

The Anthony Shadid collection comprises Anthony Shadid's correspondence, items related to Shadid's reporting activities, academic and literary work, in addition to a few personal notes. The dates covered by the documents range from 1904 to 2012, and span a wide range of geographic locations (Baghdad, Fallujah, Najaf, Basra, Khalidiya, Marjayoun, Beirut, Damascus, Cairo, Dubai, Riyadh, Amman, Kabul, Ramallah, Jerusalem, etc...). The bulk of the collection consists of reporting fieldwork notebooks, emails, drafts and outlines of articles, transcribed interviews, book manuscripts, historical research documents, briefings, letters (correspondence), newspaper clippings, photos, leaflets, CDs, in addition to a book collection from Shadid's library. The notebooks contain field notes taken on the spot during his journalistic assignments, and they represent exemplars of Shadid's manner of working as he reports on events in many Middle Eastern countries (Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria). The notebooks also include occasional personal notes and thoughts on various socio-economic, political and human issues in the countries covered.

Arrangement

The Collection is arranged in six series:

- Series I:** Biography, personal information, education and honoring
- Series II:** Reporting
- Series III:** Publications
- Series IV:** Public lectures and Speeches
- Series V:** Research and Grants
- Series VI:** Audiovisual interviews

Biographical Sketch

Award winning journalist Anthony Shadid was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Buddy and Rhonda Shadid, on September 26, 1968. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin- Madison with a Bachelor's degree in political science and journalism in 1990, where he began his writing career at the University's student newspaper, *The Daily Cardinal*. Shadid later received a fellowship from the American University in Cairo to study Arabic in 1991-1992. He then attended Columbia University's International and Public Affairs School and majored in Middle East Studies (1993-1994).

Anthony Shadid started his career at *The Milwaukee Journal*, Wisconsin in 1989-1990. He later joined the *Associated Press* in Milwaukee as a reporter in 1990-1991 and editor 1992-1993. He was transferred to *the International Desk* in New York as editor from 1993 to 1994. Shadid's international corresponding career began in 1995 when he was appointed at the *Associated Press* in Cairo. He reported from various countries in the Middle East, including Libya, Sudan, Syria, Yemen, Egypt, Lebanon and the Palestinian territories, Kuwait, Turkey, Afghanistan, Iran and Pakistan. In 1999, Shadid became News Editor with *the AP's Los Angeles* bureau. In 2000, Shadid joined *The Boston Globe* as a Business Writer and later became Foreign Affairs Writer in 2001 covering diplomacy and the State Department. While reporting from the West Bank in 2002, with the *Globe's* Palestinian reporter Said Ghazali, Shadid was shot in the shoulder by an Israeli bullet in Ramallah, Palestine. Shadid joined *The Washington Post* (2003 -2009) as an Islamic Affairs correspondent, and then as Baghdad bureau chief and Lebanon bureau chief based in the Middle East. During this period, he twice won the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism in the International Reporting category for his coverage of the Iraq war. Shadid's final career stop was at the New York Times in late 2009 where he was the Baghdad bureau chief and later Beirut bureau chief.

On February 16, 2012, Shadid died of an asthma attack while on a reporting assignment in Syria with NYT photographer Tyler Hicks. He is survived by his wife, New York Times reporter Nada Bakri Shadid, his son Malik and daughter Laila. Shadid is the author of three books: "Legacy of the Prophet: Despots, Democrats and the New Politics of Islam" (2001), "Night Draws Near: Iraq's People in the Shadow of America's War," (2005) in which he drew from his experiences in Iraq and "House of Stone: A Memoir of Home, Family, and a Lost Middle East," (published in February 2012), and has been translated into over seven languages.

Subject Headings

Shadid, Anthony.
Journalists -- United States -- Biography.
Journalists -- United States -- Correspondence.
Middle East -- Press coverage -- United States.
Middle East -- Journalists -- Interviews.
Iraq war, 2003- 2011 -- Press Coverage - United States.
Iraq war, 2003-2011 -- Mass Media and the war.
Lebanon War, 2006 -- Press coverage--United States.
Lebanon War, 2006 -- Mass media and the war.
War correspondents -- Interviews.
Oral history -- Middle East.

Container List

Series I: Biography, personal information, education and honoring

- Biographical sketch
- Documents: Arabic Language Study Fellowship, American University of Cairo, 1991-1992.
- Documents and records Masters of International Affairs, Columbia University, 1993-1994.
- Shadid's Curriculum vitae 1998, 2000 and 2001.
- Honoring:
 - Awards: Pulitzer Prize documents 2004.
 - Certificate of the Michael Kelly Award, 2004.
 - Finalist for the Oklahoma Center for the Book Award (Nonfiction), 2006.
 - Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award (Nonfiction), 2006.
 - Award: Ridenhour prize, 2006.
 - Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame Induction, University of Central Oklahoma, 2012.
 - Doctor of Humane Letters degree, University of Oklahoma, 2012

Series II: Reporting

- **Egypt (1993-2005)**
 - Documents and articles:
 - The work of the USAID 1993-1999
 - Poverty and social situation of minorities in villages in Egypt 1998
 - Egypt and the Husni Mubarak government 2003
 - Abdel Halim Ibrahim 1989-2005
 - Notebooks and articles on:

- Egypt's position and involvement in the Iraqi-American war, 2003
 - Arab Summit, 2003
 - Abdin Palace protest in Cairo in 2005
 - Parliamentary elections in Egypt, 2005
 - Muslim Brotherhood protests in 2005
- **Iraq (1995-2010)**
- Articles on Iraqi President Saddam Hussein 1995-1998
 - Notebooks, articles and drafts articles on:
 - Pre-war bombings, clashes and US intervention on Iraq in 2002
 - US invasion of Iraq in 2003 and the fall of Saddam Hussein
 - Sayyed Ali Hosseini Sistani, Mouqtada Al- Sadr and related Shiite-Sunni confrontations in Iraq in 2002-2005 in several Iraqi cities including Karabala, Najaf, Baghdad, Sadr City, Mosul, Fallujah and Basra
 - Iraqi protests, bombings and casualties in Baghdad, Najaf, Karbala, Musol, Sadr City, Fallujah, Nasiriyah and Basra (2004- 2005)
 - US military interventions and causalities in Iraq cities (2004-2005)
 - Briefings on US military and policy status in Iraq in (2003-2005)
 - Parliamentary elections, Transitional Law and constitution drafts in Iraq, 2005
 - Notebooks and transcribed interviews about Iraqi public opinion towards US presence in Iraq in various cities including, Baghdad, Najaf, Basra, Nasiriyah and Karbala 2002-2005
 - Documents on Ambassador Paul Bremer statements on war in Iraq (2003-2005)
- **Lebanon (1996-2008)**
- Article for the Associated Press titled "Christians - Angry and isolated, Christians fear they've lost Lebanon" in Bsharre, Lebanon in 1998
 - Notebooks, drafts and articles on:
 - The return of General Michel Aoun from exile in France to Beirut, 2005
 - Assassination of Lebanese journalist Samir Kassir, 2005
 - Parliamentary elections and rallies by March 8 and March 14 movements in Lebanon, 2005
 - Hezbollah rallies in Beirut, 2005
 - Assassination, funeral and related interviews of Lebanese politician Gebran Tueini, 2005

- Lebanese detainees/prisoners in Israel (2005-2006)
 - Assassination of Lebanese politician Pierre Gemayel, 2006
 - Israeli invasion of South Lebanon 2006: Tyre, Dahiye, Naqoura, Qana and Bint Jbeil
 - Assassination anniversary rally of the late Prime Minister Rafic Hariri in Beirut 2006 and 2007
 - The post-war situation in the Southern suburb of Beirut, Dahiyeh, 2007
 - Presidential election in Lebanon, 2007
 - Articles for the New York Times on Hezbollah's political statues and sectarian clashes in Lebanon, 2008
 - Notebooks, interview transcriptions and documents about historical background and life in Marjeyoun, Hasbayya, Khiam (2006-2008) [some of which were later published in his book House of Stone]
- **Palestine (2002-2003)**
- Articles for the Associated Press about Israeli-Palestinian clash in Jerusalem in 1996
 - Notebooks, drafts and articles on:
 - Protests, Clashes, shootings and unrest in Bethlehem, Al Aqsa, Herat and Jerusalem. 2002
 - Military operations by the Israeli Army in Ramallah, 2002
 - Shadid's emails, letters (200 + documents) and legal documents about his shooting during a reporting mission in Ramallah, Palestine (2002-2003)
 - Official/legal documents and emails about Shadid's shooting in Ramallah 2002-2003
- **Jordan (2002-2007)**
- Notebooks and articles on:
 - Palestinian refugees in Baqaa in 2002
 - Jordan's government and policies in Maan, Baqaa, Zarqa and Amman (2003)
 - Rueished camp (2007)
- **Syria (2005)**
- Notebooks on:
 - Alawiites in Qurdaha, Syria 2005
 - Interviews and vox pops in Damascus and Aleppo, 2005

- **Miscellaneous Press Coverage in Arab Countries, Europe, Africa and East Asia (1992-2007)**
 - KSA: Baya ceremony in Riyadh – 2005
 - Sudan: Articles on the war in Khartoum, 1997, Mandela Camp, and Sudan's revolution in 1998
 - UAE: Al Arabiya Channel in Dubai 2006 and the general development of Dubai, 2007
 - Yemen: Articles on kidnapping of foreigners in Ma'rib, 1997 and fights in San'a, 1998; UNHCR in Mayfa'a and Bir Ali – 2007
 - Turkey: Kemalists, PUK, Islamists and Gallipoli rally in Gecekonu and Gallipoli, 2007
 - Short articles on Somalia, Norway, Greece, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Singapore for the Associated Press 1992-1995

- **Original Magazines and Newspapers**
 - Articles by Shadid:
 - The Wall Street Journal Newspapers 2003
 - Washington Post Newspapers 2003-2009
 - The Boston Globe Magazines 2002-2003
 - Articles, Records, Memos, and other documents sent to Shadid:
 - Articles and newsfeeds sent by colleagues to Shadid about Iraq 2002-2005 and Lebanon 2006
 - Records, Memos and Employee Evaluations from the Associated Press, the Boston Globe and the Washington Post

Series III: Publications

- Books by Shadid:
 - Legacy of the Prophet
 - book proposals, outlines and drafts, page proofs, manuscript, marketing material and related emails, 1998-1999
 - Night Draws Near
 - Night Draws Near proposals, outlines and drafts, manuscript and related emails (2005-2006)
 - Interview transcriptions and notebooks with Iraqis in Najaf, Baghdad, Khalidiya, Basra and Kerbul (2003-2005)
 - House of Stone
 - Books, newspaper articles, maps, photos on Lebanese families, mainly from Marjayoun and South Lebanon (1990-2006)
 - Notebook notes on interviews with Marjayoun is about history of South Lebanon
 - Shadid's Marjayoun house plans and photos 2006
 - Research material including books, articles, newspaper clippings and official records on Syrian-Lebanese family history and immigrants from Marjayoun (1904-2009)

- Interviews transcriptions in Lebanon and Oklahoma on Marjayoun and its history (2006-2008)
- Outlines and drafts, manuscripts and related emails (2007-2008)

Series IV: Advocacy, Lectures and Speeches

- Speeches for:
 - Carrol College 2002 (1)
 - Heritage Hall Oklahoma in 2002 (1)
 - Michael Kelly Award [2004] (1)
 - Talk in November 2007 about Shadid's experience in Iraq from 1998 to 2005
 - Palestine talk in October 2008 about "Loss" drawing from Shadid's experience in the Middle East since 2001
 - Harvard talk in April 2009 about Shadid's experience as a journalist in the Iraq war in 2003 and the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 2006
 - Medicine for Peace (Oklahoma) about his shooting in Ramallah [no date provided] (1)
 - OKC Memorial [no date provided] (2)
 - SPJ/ University of Texas about Shadid's Iraq experience [no date provided] (1)
 - Harvard Neiman Foundation about his career as a journalist in Iraq [no date provided] (1)
 - Southern Legislative Conference about Shadid's personal and professional experience in the Middle East [no date provided]

Series V: Research and Grants

- Documents and correspondence:
 - MacArthur research and writing grant, 1998
 - The Alicia Patterson fellowship, 1998-1999
 - Residency, Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs, American University of Beirut, 2007. [The documents have been provided by Mr. Rami Khouri.]

Series VI: Audiovisual interviews with, and posthumous tributes to, Anthony Shadid

- Audiovisual Interview: TV and radio; Middle East-related political commentary given by Anthony Shadid; Democracy Now, PBS, CNN and NPR.
- A series of academic lectures and interviews given by Anthony Shadid about his career and experience as a foreign correspondent in the Middle East; UW Madison, UCF, NYU and AUB.
- TED-talk: A talk given by Anthony Shadid about his experience as a foreign correspondent in the Middle East, Oklahoma City.

- Audiovisual posthumous tributes to Anthony Shadid: PBS News Hour, UW Madison, CNN, Frontline club, 2012.

Related Material at AUB

Articles

- Al-Arian, L. (2003). Anthony Shadid on covering Iraq. *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, 22(10), 74. Retrieved from <https://search.proquest.com/docview/218809625?accountid=8555>
- Khouri, R. G. (2012). The diligence and humility of Anthony Shadid (1968-2012). *The Washington Report on Middle East Affairs*, 31(2), 18-18,22. Retrieved from <https://search.proquest.com/docview/1027752547?accountid=8555>
- Matt Carney, & Anthony Shadid. (2012). Reclaiming What Was Lost: A Conversation with Anthony Shadid. *World Literature Today*, 86(2), 50-55. doi:10.7588/worllitetoda.86.2.0050

Photographs

- [Lecture by Anthony Shadid on Loss and nostalgia in the Middle East: A foreign correspondent's reflections on conflict and change in the region, 2008]; Ph:AUB:2008/05/29(05):1-2:84
- [Lecture by Anthony Shadid entitled *Imagining Otherwise: Covering the Arab Revolts from Tunisia to Bahrain*, 2011]; Ph:AUB:2011/11/17:1-5:89
- [Commencement, 2011]; Ph:AUB:2011/06/25:1-68:88
- [Memorial Ceremony in Memory of Anthony Shadid, 2012]; Ph:AUB:2012/02/21(03):1-14:89

Books

- *House of stone: a memoir of home, family, and a lost Middle East* / Anthony Shadid. CA:306.095:S524h:c.1 ; J:306.095:S524h:c.1
- *Legacy of the prophet: despots, democrats, and the new politics of Islam* / Anthony Shadid. CA:320.917:S524L:c.1; J:320.917:S524L:c.1
- *Night draws near: Iraq's people in the shadow of America's war* / Anthony Shadid. J:956.704:S524n:c.1
- *Ordinary lives* / Rania Matar; essay by Anthony Shadid. CA:306.874:M425o:c.1
- *Mediating the Arab uprisings* / editors, Adel Iskandar, Bassam Haddad; contributors, Adel Iskandar [and 13 others]. J 302.23:M489i

Posters

- *Imagining Otherwise: Covering the Arab Revolts from Tunisia to Bahrain*. Ps:AUB:2011/11/17:18
- *Loss and Nostalgia in the Middle East: A Foreign correspondent's reflections on conflict and change in the region*. Ps:AUB:2008/05/29(01):15

Audiovisuals

- Loss and nostalgia in the Middle East: a foreign correspondent's reflections on conflict and change in the region / by Anthony Shadid; DVD:AUB:2008/05/29