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## EDUCATION

- 2021 (Expected). **Ph.D. - Anthropology & Linguistics**, The University of Arizona, Tucson AZ  
– Dissertation: *Belonging, Memory, and Verbal Art in Palestinian Communities in Jordan*
- 2018. **M.A. - Linguistics**, The University of Arizona, Tucson AZ  
– Qualifying Paper: *Morphophonemic convergence and divergence in Palestinian Arabic*
- 2013. **M.A. - Sociolinguistics of the Arab World**, University of Essex, Colchester UK  
– Thesis: *Dialect contact and change in Gaza City*
- 2012. **B.I.S - Middle Eastern Studies**, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA

## OTHER COURSEWORK

- 2017. **Summer Institute**, Linguistic Society of America, University of Kentucky, Lexington KY
- 2010-2011. **Palestine and Arabic Studies**, Birzeit University, Occupied Palestinian Territories

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, and SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 - 2020. Bilinski Foundation Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Arizona (\$26832)
- 2018. Ethnographic Poetry award (Second Place), Society for Humanistic Anthropology, American Anthropological Association
- 2018. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$200)
- 2018. Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$200)
- 2017. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$660)
- 2017. Traditions Scholarship, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$420)
- 2017. Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$300)
- 2017. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1580)
- 2017. Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$200)
- 2017. Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for Linguistic Anthropology (Honorable Mention)
- 2017. Blue Chip Faculty and Staff Appreciation Award, University of Arizona
- 2017. Outstanding Graduate Student Leadership Award, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$125)
- 2017. Fellowship, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Kentucky (\$1990)
- 2016. Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$200)
- 2016. Travel Award, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arizona (\$250)
- 2016. Student travel subsidy, Acoustical Society of America (\$145)
- 2016. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1600)
- 2016. Traditions Scholarship, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$384)
- 2015. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$600)
- 2015. William and Nancy Sullivan Scholarship, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$350)
- 2015. Travel Award, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arizona (\$250)
- 2015. Postgraduate Student Bursary, Forum for Arabic Linguistics, University of Essex (\$183)
- 2015. Professional meeting award, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1600)

- 2015. Traditions Scholarship, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1600)
- 2015. Graduate Scholarship, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arizona (\$100)
- 2014. Travel Award, Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arizona (\$250)
- 2014. Travel Award, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$125)
- 2014. Graduate Access Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Arizona (\$10000)
- 2014. Graduate Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Arizona (\$6000)
- 2014. Graduate Scholarship, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona (\$2739)
- 2013. Young Scholars Award, Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe (AIDA) (\$260)

## GRANTS

- 2018 - 2019. Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Cultural Anthropology Program, National Science Foundation (Award 1823719). Co-PI; PI: Natasha Warner (\$4,460, direct costs).
- 2018 - 2019. U.S. Student Fulbright Research Grant - Jordan, United States Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. (\$40,600)
- 2018. Dissertation Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI), University of Arizona (\$1989)
- 2018. Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1000)
- 2017. Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$750)
- 2017. Travel Grant, Arabic and Contact Induced Change Workshop, International Conference on Historical Linguistics, School of Oriental and African Studies (\$500)
- 2016. Professional Opportunities Development Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1500)
- 2016. Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$750)
- 2016. Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1000)
- 2016. Travel Grant, New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAY) 45, University of Victoria and Simon Fraser University (\$530)
- 2016. Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$750)
- 2015. Pre-doctoral Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI), University of Arizona (\$500)
- 2015. Travel Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$750)
- 2015. Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1740)
- 2014. Professional Opportunities Development Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (\$1500)

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- (in prep). Mandache, Luminita-Anda, **William M. Cotter**, Florence Durney, and Felix Ampadu. The Courthouse as Classroom: Enacting critical pedagogy through Operation Streamline. (to be submitted to *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*).
- (in prep). **Cotter, William M.** "The voice of this coffee": Moral economies and enduring inequality in the world of specialty coffee.
- (under review). **Cotter, William M.** Refugee migration as a motivator of morphophonemic change in Palestinian Arabic. *Language Variation and Change*.
- (under review). **Cotter, William M.** The Arabic dialect of Gaza City. *Journal of the International Phonetic Association*.

- (to appear). **Cotter, William M.** and Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson. Bivalent class indexing in the sociolinguistics of specialty coffee talk. *Journal of Sociolinguistics*.
- 2017. Hall-Lew, Lauren, Mirjam Eiswirth, Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson, and **William Cotter**. Northern Arizona Vowels, in Valerie Fridland, Alicia Wassink, Tyler Kendall, and Betsy Evans (eds.) *Speech in the Western States, Volume 2: Mountain West*, Chapter 4, 59-82. Publication of the American Dialect Society. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.
- 2017. **Cotter, William M.** Not-so-strange bedfellows: Language documentation and sociolinguistics in Gaza. *Canadian Journal of Linguistics* 62(4): 596-613.
- 2017. **Cotter, William M.** Gaza at the margins? Legibility and indeterminacy in the Israel-Palestine conflict. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 27(1): 54-70.
- 2016. Horesh, Uri. and **Cotter, William M.** Current research on linguistic variation in the Arabic speaking world, *Language and Linguistics Compass* 10(8): 370-381.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** (q) as a sociolinguistic variable in the Arabic of Gaza City, in Haddad, Youssef and Eric Potsdam (eds.). *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics XXVIII. Papers from the Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, Gainesville, Florida, 2014*. Amsterdam: John Benjamins. 229-246.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** One piece of the puzzle: notes on the historic interdental fricatives [t̪], [d̪], and [d̪] in the Arabic dialect of Gaza City, *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies* 16: 149-162.
- 2015. **Cotter, William M.** and Horesh, Uri. Social integration and dialect divergence in coastal Palestine, *Journal of Sociolinguistics* 19(4): 460-483.

#### EDITOR REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- (in prep). **Cotter, William M.** 56 Seconds.
- (under review). **Cotter, William M.** Dialect Contact and Phonological Change, in Lucas, Chris and Stefano Manfredi (eds). *Arabic and contact-induced change: A handbook*. Berlin: Language Science Press.
- (to appear). **Cotter, William M.** Linguistic diversity and plurality in the Middle East and North Africa, in James Stanlaw (ed). *The International Encyclopedia of Linguistic Anthropology*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- (to appear). **Cotter, William M.** Spring in Gaza. *Anthropology & Humanism*.
- (to appear). Haeri, Niloofar and **Cotter, William M.** Form and Ideology Revisited, in Al-Wer, Enam and Uri Horesh (eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of Arabic Sociolinguistics*. New York: Routledge.
- (to appear). **Cotter, William M.** and de Jong, Rudolf E. Regional Variation, in Al-Wer, Enam and Uri Horesh (eds.). *The Routledge Handbook of Arabic Sociolinguistics*. New York: Routledge.
- 2017. **Cotter, William M.** Burying Tariq Aziz. *Arizona Anthropologist* 28: 27-36.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** A sociophonetic account of morphophonemic variation in Palestinian Arabic. *Proceedings of Meetings on Acoustics* 26: 060001.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** On depression, anxiety, and looking for the silver lining in short term fieldwork. *Arizona Anthropologist* 26: 23-35.
- 2015. Horesh, Uri. and **Cotter, William M.** Sociolinguistics of Palestinian Arabic, in Edzard, Lutz and Rudolf de Jong (eds.) *Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics*. Leiden: Brill.

#### PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP, MEDIA & ENGAGEMENT

- 2018 - present. **Cotter, William M.** Contributor to *Footnotes*.
- 2018. **Cotter, William M.** Author Interview with Alex E. Chavez about *Sounds of Crossing: Music, Migration, and the Aural Poetics of Huapango Arribeno*. Durham: Duke University Press. *CaMP Anthropology*.

- 2017. **Cotter, William M.** Do Military Leaflets Save Lives or Just Instill Fear? *SAPIENS Magazine*.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** and Valentinsson, Mary-Caitlyn. A seat at the bar: Issues of race and class in the world of specialty coffee, Article for *Anthropologies 22: thoughts on food, animals, and anthropology* as part of Savage Minds.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** Political conflict as a catalyst for language change: The case of Palestinian Arabic, *Babel - The Language Magazine* 14: 38-44.
- 2014. **Cotter, William M.** Navigating the Ph.D. Application Season, *GradHacker - Inside Higher Education*

## BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018. **Cotter, William M.** *Thank You for Dying for Our Country: Commemorative Texts and Performances in Jerusalem*. Chaim Noy. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2015. 274 pp. Hb (9780199398973) US \$105.00 / Pb (9780199398980) US \$41.95. *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* 28(2): 243-44.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** *Language and Identity in Modern Egypt*. Reem Bassiouney. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2014. 416 pp. Hb (9780748689644) US \$120.00 / Pb (9780748699940) US \$40.00. *Al-'Arabiyya* 49: 163-166.
- 2016. **Cotter, William M.** *Making Waves: the Story of Variationist Sociolinguistics* Sali Tagliamonte. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2015. 224 pp. Hb (9781118455166) US \$99.95 / Pb (9781118455166) US \$54.95. *LINGUIST List* 27.3402.
- 2015. **Cotter, William M.** *Language, Migration, and Identity: Neighborhood talk in Indonesia*. Zane Goebel. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010. 240 pp. Hb (9780521519915) US \$103.00 / Pb (9780521519915) US \$45.99. *LINGUIST List*: 26.1967.

## REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

- *Investigating negative marking in Palestinian Arabic as a site of contact-induced syntactic change*, Paper: 32nd Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, Tempe AZ, February 2018
- *Voicing the farmer: moral economies and enduring inequality in the world of specialty coffee*, Paper: Society for Linguistic Anthropology Graduate Student Paper Prize panel, 116th American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Washington DC, November 2017
- *Sugar, we're going down: Vowel lowering in Gaza City Arabic*, Paper as part of the workshop on Arabic and Contact-Induced Change: International Conference on Historical Linguistics, San Antonio TX, August 2017
- *Refugee migration, dialect contact, and morphophonemic change in Palestinian Arabic*, Paper: Linguistic Society of America annual meeting, Austin TX, January 2017
- *Morphophonemic convergence and divergence in Palestinian Arabic*, Poster: New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 45, Vancouver, Canada, November 2016
- *The voice of this coffee: Negotiating the moral economy of specialty coffee in professional barista competitions*, Paper: 115th American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Minneapolis MN, November 2016
- *A sociophonetic account of morphophonemic variation in Palestinian Arabic*, Poster: Acoustical Society of America, Salt Lake City UT, May 2016
- w/Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson *Materiality in and Through the Lens of Food*, Panel: 114th American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Denver CO, November 2015
- w/Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson *Indexicalities of Class in the Materiality of Coffee Talk*, Paper: 114th American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Denver CO, November 2015

- w/Uri Horesh *Not-so-strange bedfellows: Language documentation and sociolinguistics in Gaza*, Paper: New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 44, Toronto, Canada, October 2015
- w/Lauren Hall Lew, Mirjam Elswirth, and Mary-Caitlyn Valentinsson *Northern Arizona: Sound Change and Dialect Contact*, Poster: New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 44, Toronto, Canada, October 2015
- *A heavy workload: (Q) as a marker of (supra) local identity in Gaza City*, Paper: Forum for Arabic Linguistics, University of Essex, Colchester, United Kingdom, July 2015
- w/Uri Horesh, *Social integration and dialect divergence in coastal Palestine*, Paper: Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe 11th Annual Meeting, Bucharest, Romania, May 2015
- *On the status of the interdental fricatives [t̪], [d̪], and [d̪]* in Gaza City, Paper: Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe 11th Annual Meeting, Bucharest, Romania, May 2015
- *Recollective Performativity and Embedded Violence in Gazan Collective Memory*, Paper: 15th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Tucson AZ, Mar 2015
- *The Embedding of Violence in Gazan Collective Memory*, Paper: Sandrizona VIII - Linguistic Anthropology Exchange, Tucson AZ, Feb 2015
- *Gaza City: Language variation, lesser evil, and the spatiality of violence*, Paper: Discourses on Death: Conceptualizing Grief, Loss, and Transformative Interaction, Tucson AZ, Nov 2014
- *Examining the results of dialect contact among Palestinian communities in Gaza*, Poster: New Ways of Analyzing Variation (NWAV) 43, Chicago IL, Oct 2014
- w/ Uri Horesh - *Jaffa Palestinian Arabic: A contemporary and diasporic sociolinguistic analysis*, Paper: Arabic Linguistics Symposium 28, University of Florida, Gainesville FL, March 2014
- *[gahwa] - [ʾahwa]: Examining the uvular stop (q) in the Arabic of Gaza City*, Paper: Arabic Linguistics Symposium 28, University of Florida, Gainesville FL, March 2014
- *[gazza] vs [jazze]: Vowel raising in the Arabic of Gaza City*, Paper: Jil Jadid Conference, University of Texas - Austin, Austin TX, February 2014
- *A sociolinguistic analysis of pausal ima:la in the Gaza Strip*, Paper: Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe 10th Annual Meeting, Doha, Qatar, November 2013
- *A sociolinguistic analysis of pausal ima:la in the Gaza Strip - initial observations*, Paper: Sociolinguist Essex XVIII, University of Essex, United Kingdom, June 2013
- *SPSS and Rbrul as alternative means for statistical analysis of linguistic variation: a preliminary data-driven workshop*, Workshop: LangUE International Students Conference, University of Essex, United Kingdom, June 2013

## SYMPOSIUMS, COLLOQUIUMS, and INVITED TALKS

- *Language description and sociolinguistics in the Gaza Strip*, Languages and Societies of the Middle East (Guest Lecture), The University of Arizona, 2018
- *Gender, Linguistic Form, and Social Meaning: Vocal Fry*, Gender and Language (Guest Lecture), The University of Arizona, 2015, 2016, 2017
- *Race and Class in the Language of Coffee*, Foodways (Guest Lecture), Western Kentucky University, November 2017
- *Undergraduate Workshop on Graduate School & Career Prospects*, Linguistic Society of America Summer Institute, University of Kentucky, July 2017
- *Language contact and language change*, Oman-Zanzibar teacher curriculum development program, sponsored by Fulbright-Hays and the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, Center for Middle East Studies - University of Arizona, February 2016

- */q/ in Gaza City: Are we beating a dead horse?*, Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona, February 2015
- *The co-construction of systematic workplace norms and authentic exchange in barista culture*, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona, December 2014
- *Gaza: The effect of space, violence, and displacement on Palestinian Arabic*, Middle East & North Africa Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, October 2014
- *Learning Arabic, Learning Palestine*, Middle East Institute, Georgia State University, Atlanta GA, October 2014
- w/Uri Horesh - *Language variation and change in two Palestinian Arabic varieties: Gaza and Jaffa*, University of Chicago Workshop on Language Variation and Change, Chicago IL, February 2014
- *Gaza City: Research, obstacles, and challenges*, Northwestern University, Evanston IL, November 2013

## EXPERIENCE

- **University of Arizona**, *School of Anthropology and Department of Linguistics*
  - ANTH150B1 (Summer '16, '18): *Many Ways of Being Human*, Instructor of Record
    - \* Part of the New Start program at the University of Arizona: an intensive, six-week in-person summer course, geared towards helping students transition from high school into college.
  - ANTH383 (S'17, S'18): *Varieties of English*, Instructor of Record (Online)
  - ANTH150B1 (S'16, F'17): *Many Ways of Being Human*, GTA, Instructor: Susan Shaw, Brian Silverstein
  - LING322 (Summer '17): *The Structure and Meaning of Words*, Instructor of Record (Online)
  - ANTH150B1 (Summer '17): *Many Ways of Being Human*, Instructor of Record (Online)
  - ANTH150A1 (F'14, S'15, F'16): *Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream*, GTA, Instructor: Maisa Taha, Lindsey Feldman
  - ANTH303 (F'15): *Gender and Language*, GTA, Instructor: Qing Zhang
  - LING320 (F'15): *Language and Social Issues*, Co-Instructor of Record
- **University of Arizona**, *Research Assistant - Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute*
  - (S'16, F'16): Research Assistant to Elizabeth Stahmer
- **University of Essex**, *Research Assistant - Department of Language and Linguistics*
  - (Summer 2015) Research Assistant to Dr. Vineeta Chand and Dr. Enam Al-Wer

## MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- **2015** (Fall), Jacqueline Dowell & Katherine Juhlin (Undergraduate students)
- **2015** (Spring), Yara Askar & Tasnim Zahlan (Undergraduate students)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- *Acoustic analysis of Arabic emphatic consonants*, with Elise Bell and Skye Anderson, Department of Linguistics, The University of Arizona, 2016 - present
- *Authenticity and voicing in specialty coffee discourse*, School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona, 2015 - present
- *Sociophonetic change in Palestinian varieties of Arabic*, Department of Linguistics & School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona, 2015 - present

## SERVICE and PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Professional Service
  - Reviewing: *Journal of the International Phonetic Association* (2018), *Language Variation and Change* (2017), *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology* (2017), *Perspectives on Arabic Linguistics* (2016, 2017), *Al-'Arabiyya* (2016), *LinguistList* (2015, 2016), *Folia Linguistica* (2016), *Language Science Press* (2017), *Sociolinguistic Studies* (2016), *Forum for Arabic Linguistics* (2016, 2018), *Arizona Linguistics Circle* (2015, 2016, 2017)
  - Conference organizing committee: New Start Program, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ (2016, 2018)
  - Organizer: Sandrizona X, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ (2017)
  - College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Council. University of Arizona, Tucson AZ (2016)
  - Grant Review, Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona (2015-2017)
  - Co-Organizer: Sandrizona VIII, University of Arizona, Tucson AZ (2015)
  - Organizer: SociolinguistEssex XVIII, University of Essex, United Kingdom (2013)
- Departmental Service
  - Outreach volunteer (Linguistics), Meet Your Major Fair, University of Arizona (2017)
  - Outreach volunteer (Linguistics), Tucson Festival of Books (2016)
  - Vice President, Linguistics Circle, University of Arizona (2016)
  - Undergraduate Liaison, Association for Graduate Students in Anthropology, University of Arizona (2015-2016)
  - Anthropology & Linguistics program liaison, Linguistics Circle, University of Arizona (2015)
  - Outreach volunteer (Linguistics), Meet Your Major Fair, University of Arizona (2014)
- Community Service
  - Field Observer, Cyclovia, Living Streets Alliance, Tucson AZ (2016)
  - Volunteer Mechanic and Route Monitor, El Tour de Tucson, Perimeter Bicycling Association, Tucson AZ (2014)

## LANGUAGES

- English: *Native proficiency*
- Spoken Palestinian Arabic (Gaza and Jerusalem varieties): *Advanced proficiency*
- Modern Standard Arabic: *Intermediate-Advanced proficiency*

## ORGANIZATIONS

- Acoustical Society of America
- American Anthropological Association
  - Society for Linguistic Anthropology, Committee on Refugees & Immigrants (CORI)
- Arabic Linguistics Society
- Association Internationale de Dialectologie Arabe
- Linguistic Society of America
- Palestinian American Research Center

## CERTIFICATIONS

- *Leader in Classroom Diversity & Inclusion*, Certificate, Office for Diversity & Inclusive Excellence, University of Arizona, 2017
- *Safe Zone Training*, LGBTQ Affairs, University of Arizona, 2016

- *Course Level Assessment*, Office of Instruction and Assessment, University of Arizona, 2016
- *Online Discussions Mini-course*, Office of Instruction and Assessment, University of Arizona, 2016
- *Introduction to Teaching Online*, Office of Instruction and Assessment, University of Arizona, 2015

## REFERENCES

- Dr. Natasha Warner, Professor and Department Head, Department of Linguistics, The University of Arizona: 520-626-5591, nwarner@email.arizona.edu
- Dr. Qing Zhang, Associate Professor, School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona: 520-626-5618, zhangq1@email.arizona.edu
- Dr. Jennifer Roth-Gordon, Associate Professor, School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona: jenrothg@email.arizona.edu
- Dr. Enam al-Wer, Senior Lecturer, Department of Language and Linguistics, University of Essex: +4401206872240, enama@essex.ac.uk