**What’s Research Got to do With It?**

Since the beginning of my career, there was scarcely a moment when I was not involved in one or more research groups, formal or informal, often both. What follows is an incomplete listing of the formal research groups of which I was a member. See also my statement on this website “On Research and Teaching.”

**Membership in Research Groups, 1968-2011**

**At UCSC**

Comparative and International Studies Group. Self-funded. (UCSC, Spring 1971-

1984). Co-founder.

UC Humanities Institute Conference on “Beyond Orientalism” at UCSC **(**1993).Organizer. I was co-organizer of a two-year faculty seminar in preparation of this conference. It was supported by a Cultural Studies research grant.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar for College Teachers (1995) “Rethinking Europe, Rethinking World History” I was principal organizer and co-director of this summer seminar that sought to put European historians and World historians on the same page.

National Endowment for the Humanities, Seminar for College Teachers (1998) “The Environment and World History.” The aim of this summer seminar was to introduce the participants to the emerging literatures on environmental history and world history.

“Mediterranean Studies Organized Research Group” UC Institute for Humanities Research, Organizer and co-chair, 2001-2006. Mediterranean studies emerged at UCSC in this period as a joint enterprise including Brian Catlos, Sharon Kinoshita and myself with an energetic group of resident faculty and graduate students. I organized a seminar on Mediterranean history and ordinary people’s lives.

National Endowment for the Humanities. Summer Seminar for Teachers. “Production and Consumption in World History, 1500-2000," Director. Summer 2009 and Summer 2011. These seminars were directed to introducing classroom teachers to the ways in which the world history survey could be structured around the social biographies of key commodities. In doing so it drew upon my upper division world history course. (For syllabus, see elsewhere in this section of the website).

**At other UC Campuses**

UC Berkeley Middle East Center. Conference on “Islamic Political Movements” C-director. (Spring, 1981). Co-editor (with Ira. Lapidus) *Islam, Politics and Social Movements* (UC Press, 1988). This conference rew out of a year long collaborative faculty seminar on social movements in the Middle East.

UC Berkeley Seminar on “Comparative Colonialism” Spring term, 1980-81. Member.

This was a joint colloquium involving both Berkeley and UCSC faculty and graduate students in Middle East and South Asian history.

UC Davis “Modernity’s Histories” Interdisciplinary Research Group. (UC President’s Office) 1996-1998. Member.

UC Irvine “World History Workshop” (An all-UC faculty and graduate research seminar) funded by the UC President’s Office. It put on three conferences a year for the 12 years we had the grant. It helped to create a research generation of young world historians within US. Kenneth Pomeranz was Director and I was Associate Director.

**U.S.**

University of Chicago: Committee on New Nations (Chicago, 1969-70)

Research Fellow. Membership in this seminar played an important role in encouraging me to think in an inter-disciplinary fashion.

Member, Social Science Research Council. Joint Committee on the Middle East (1971-1974).

Joint Committee on the Middle East Social Science Research Council (1981-86) “Comparative Empires: Ottoman/Safavid/Mughal, I participated in three of the seminars, and presented a paper in one of them. It was one of the best ideas SSRC had in those years. Alas, its conference papers remain mostly unpublished.

National Endowment for the Humanities. Curriculum Development Grant, “World History For US All,” San Diego State University, Summers, 2001-2003. Co-director.

Ross Dunn was the director of this vitally important initiative--collaboration of three faculty and a group of experienced world history classroom instructors. It produced an on-line world history curriculum. See: https://whfua.history.ucla.edu

**U.K.**

St. Antony’s College (Oxford)

“Social Movements in the Arab World” Graduate research seminar (1978-9)

Visiting Lecturer.

Center for Lebanese Studies and St. Antony’s College, Oxford. I presented a paper at this important conference on “Modern Lebanon” (Fall 1987), an attempt to restart modern Lebanese history after 1982. It was included in the 1988 conference volume edited by Nadim Shehadi.

**Paris, France**

“Le Maghreb modern” (“Groupe de Sapporo”) Self-funding. 1974-??

This interdisciplinary group(of which I was a co-founder) played a key role in producing the leaders of the post-colonial Maghreb studies field. Among them were Lucette Valensi, Raymond Jamous, Fanny Colonna, Francois Pouillon and Gianni Albergoni.

“Popular Movements in the Arab World (4 lectures) “L’anthropologie politque du Maghreb” Lucette Valensi directeur d’etudes, Ecole des hautes etudes en sciences sociales (1985-). As Directeur d’etudes invite I presented what was the basis of a series of articles on social movements in the Arab world.

**Egypt**

American University at Cairo. Visiting Research Professor. (Spring 1984)

**Aix-en-Provence**

“L’Histoire du Maghreb” at Maison Méditerranée des sciences de l’homme. (Fall, 1999)

As chercheur invité I presented a series of four lectures that were the basis of a series of important conversations on aspects of the history of North Africa and the modern Mediterranean.

**Lebanon**

American University of Beirut. “Introduction to Middle East Studies for MA Program”

Visiting Professor of Middle East Studies, Co-Instructor. Fall 2004.