

Robert Vitalis

Academic Position

Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, July 2008 -
Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, 1999-2008
Associate Professor of Government, Clark University, 1996-1999
Assistant Professor of Government, Clark University, 1991-1996
Visiting Assistant Professor of Politics, Princeton University, 1990-1991, Fall 1992
Assistant Professor of Government, UT Austin, 1988 -1991
Instructor, Government Department, UT Austin, 1987-1988

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fellowship, January – May 2009
Penn University Research Foundation Grant 2008-2009
Penn Faculty Mellon Research Fellowship, 2007-2008
Principal Investigator, US/ED Comprehensive National Resource Center, 2000-2003, \$1 million, renewed 2003-2006, \$1.5 million, renewed 2006-2010, \$2.4 million
Rockefeller Center Residency, Bellagio, August 2003
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Fellowship, 2002-03 (declined)
International Center for Advanced Study, NYU, Fellowship, 2002-03
ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship, 2002-03
University Research Foundation, Grant, University of Pennsylvania 2001
Christopher Browne Center for International Studies, University of Pennsylvania 2000, 2001, 2006, 2009
Fellow, Penn Humanities Forum, U. of Pennsylvania, 2000
MacArthur-SSRC International Peace and Security Program, Fellowship, 1998
American Political Science Association Centennial Research Award, 1998
Dorothy and Sherman Hayden Junior Faculty Fellowship, Clark University, 1997
Bernath Prize, Best Article in Diplomatic History, Organization of American Historians, 1997
Higgins School of the Humanities Faculty Fellowship, Clark University, 1997
Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio Study and Conference Center, 1996 (declined)
Joseph A. Malone Fellowship, National Council on US-Arab Relations, 1996
Shelby Cullom Davis Center, Princeton University Post-Doctoral Fellowship, 1995-1996
Logan Fellowship for Excellence in Teaching, Clark University, 1995-1996 (declined)
Social Science Research Council, Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship, 1991
Clark University, Faculty Development Award, 1991, 1995, 1996
Policy Research Institute, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Research Award, 1989
Summer Research Award, University Research institute, UT, 1989

Carroll Wilson Award, MIT, 1986-1987

Research Fellowship, Center for International Studies, MIT, 1985-1986

Dissertation Fellowship, American Research Center in Egypt/USIA, 1984-1985

Graduate Fellowship, American University in Cairo, 1980-1982

Undergraduate Fellowship, US Department of Health, Education and Welfare, 1973-1977

Fullbright Fellowship, Semester Abroad in Egypt, 1975-1976

Education

Ph.D. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1989

Dissertation: "Building Capitalism in Egypt: The 'Abbud Pasha Group and the Politics of Construction"

S.M. in Political Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 1984

B.A. in Political Science, State University of New York at Stony Brook, 1978

Publications

Books (refereed)

America's Kingdom: Mythmaking on the Saudi Oil Frontier (Palo Alto: Stanford University Press, 2007) - Named one of the best books of 2006 by the London *Guardian* and one of the five essential books to read on Saudi Arabia by *Foreign Affairs*. Reviews in *American Historical Review*, *American Quarterly*, *Arab Studies Journal*, *Business History Review*, *Diplomatic History*, *London Review of Books*, *Middle East Journal*, *Perspectives on Politics* (APSA), *Political Science Quarterly*, *San Francisco Chronicle*

Paperback edition with new introduction published by Verso Press in March 2009

Counter-Narratives: History, Society and Politics in Saudi Arabia and Yemen, edited (New York: Palgrave/St. Martins Press, 2004), Madawi al-Rasheed, coeditor

When Capitalists Collide: Business Conflict and the End of Empire in Egypt (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1995)

Book Chapters (refereed)

"Alexandria Without Illusions," in Deborah Starr, ed., *Cosmopolitan Alexandria* (American University in Cairo Press, 2011) forthcoming

"Theory Wars of Choice: Hidden Casualties in the "Debate" Between Hegemony and Empire," in Charles-Philippe David and David Grondin, *Hegemony or Empire? The Redefinition of Power Under George W. Bush* (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2006), pp. 21-32

"The Past is Another Country," in Ellen Perelman and Sara R. Curran, eds, *Finding a Method in the Madness: A Bibliography and Contemplative Essays on Method in the Social Sciences* (New York: Sage, 2006): pp. 5-17

"Birth of a Discipline" in *Imperialism and Internationalism in the Discipline of International Relations*, edited by Brian Schmidt and David Long (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2005), pp. 159-182

"War, Keynesianism, and Colonialism: Explaining State-Market Relations in the Post-War Middle East," in Steven Heydemann, ed., *War, Institutions and Social Change in the Middle East* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), pp. 100-48 (Steven Heydemann, coauthor)

"American Ambassador in Technicolor and Cinemascope': Hollywood and Revolution on the Nile," in Walter Armbrust, ed. *Mass Mediations: New Approaches to Popular Culture in a Transregional World* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2000), pp. 269-291

"Aramco World: Business and Culture on the Arabian Oil Frontier," in Karen Merrill, ed., *The Modern Worlds of Business and Industry: Cultures, Technology, Labor* (Brepols, 1999), pp. 3-28, reprinted in *Counter-Narratives*, 2004

"Islam and the Struggle for the State in the Middle East," in Joe Stork and Joel Beinin, eds., *Political Islam: A Merip Reader* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1996), pp. 97-102

"Business Conflict, Collaboration and Privilege in Interwar Egypt" in Joel Migdal, Atul Kohli and Vivienne Shue, eds., *State Power and Social Forces: Domination and Transformation in the Third World*, (New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994), pp. 174-206

"The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Options and Scenarios for Peace," in Elizabeth Fernea and Mary Hocking, eds., *The Struggle for Peace: Israelis and Palestinians* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1992), pp. 285-316

Journal Articles (refereed)

"The Noble American Science of Imperial Relations and its Laws of Race Development," *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 52, 4 (2010), pp. 909-938

"Wallace Stegner's Arabian Discovery: The Imperial Blind Spots in a Continental Vision," *Pacific Historical Review* 76, 3 (August 2007), pp. 405-438

"Black Gold, White Crude: An Essay on American Exceptionalism, Hierarchy, and Hegemony in the Gulf," *Diplomatic History*, 26, 2 (Spring 2002), pp. 185-213, reprinted in Laleh Khalili, ed., *Politics of the Modern Arab World: Critical Concepts in the Modern Politics of the Middle East* (London: Routledge, 2008)

"The Graceful and Liberal Gesture: Marking Racism Invisible in American International Relations," *Millennium*, 29, 2 (September 2000), pp. 331-356

"Crossing Exceptionalism's Frontiers to Discover America's Kingdom," *Arab Studies Journal*, 6 (Spring 1998), pp 10-32

"The New Deal in Egypt: The Rise of Anglo-American Commercial Competition in World War II and the Fall of Neocolonialism," *Diplomatic History*, 20, 2 (Spring 1996), pp. 211-240, awarded the Bernath Prize in 1997, reprinted in Walter Hixson, *The American Experience in World War II, Volume 12: The United States Transformed* (London: Taylor and Francis, 2002)

"The End of Third Worldism in Egypt Studies," *Arab Studies Journal*, 4, 1 (Spring 1996), pp. 13-33

"On the Theory and Practice of Compradors: The Role of 'Abbud Pasha in the Egyptian Political Economy," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*. 22 (August 1990), pp. 291-315

"The Third World and After: Researching and Teaching the New Comparative Political Economy of Development," *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 25 (Summer 1990), pp. 91-103

Other Articles (non-refereed)

"Pitching the Princes," Review of Robert Lacey's *The Kingdom*, *Middle East Report*, No. 254 (Spring 2010), pp 45-46

"Into the Saudi Enigma," *The National* (Dubai), March 11, 2010, <http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20100311/REVIEW/703119988&SearchID=73384465331932>

"Past Its Peak," Review of *Crude World: The Violent Twilight of Oil* by Peter Maass, *London Review of Books*, 31, 24, December 17, 2009, pp. 21-22

"Sons and Heirs," Review of Steven Coll's *The Bin Ladens: An Arabian Family in the American Century*, *London Review of Books*, 30, 23, December 4, 2008, pp. 15-16

“Abdallah al-Turayki: The Warmth of the Sun,” in Muhammad bin `Abdallah al-Sayf, ed., *‘Abdallah al-turayki: sukhur al-naft wa al-rimal al-siyassa* (Beirut: Riad al-Rayyes Books, 2007), pp. 455-458 (in English) and Arabic translation, “‘abdallah al-turayki: dif’ al-shams,” pp. 451-454

“Thinner Than Air: A Review of Rachel Bronson’s *Thicker Than Oil*,” *Middle East Report*, March 2007, pp. 44-45

“International Studies in America,” *Social Science Research Council Items and Issues* 3 (Summer 2002), lead article for thematic issue, pp. 1-2, 12-16

“The Arabian Peninsula: Crucible of Globalization,” (Ellis Goldberg, co author) European University Institute Working Papers, RSC No. 2002/9, Mediterranean Programme Series, 2002

“Black Gold, White Crude: Race and the Making of the World Oil Frontier,” Proceedings of the Yale University, Center for International and Area Studies, Council on Middle East Studies, Conference on The United States and the Middle East: Diplomatic and Economic Relations in Historical Perspective, 1999

“The Closing of the Arabian Oil Frontier and the Future of Saudi-American Relations,” *Middle East Report* No. 204 (Fall 1997), pp.15-21

“Gun Belt Versus Belt Way,” *Middle East Report*, November 1995, p. 14

“The Middle East on the Edge of the Pleasure Periphery,” *Middle East Report*, September 1995, pp. 2-7

“The Democratization Industry and the Limits of the New Interventionism,” *Middle East Report*, March-June 1994, pp. 46-50

“Ra’smaliyyun fi al-khayal: idiyulugiyat al-tabaqat wa al-zabun fi al-itqtisadi al-siyasi al-Misri,” [Imagining Capitalists: Ideologies of Class and Client in the Egyptian Political Economy] *al-Jadal* (Damascus) 1 (1991), pp. 54-83

Recent Book Reviews in Professional Journals

Tore Petersen, Richard Nixon, Great Britain and the Anglo-American Alignment in the Persian Gulf and Arabian Peninsula, *Choice*, forthcoming

David Hendrickson, Union, Nation, or Empire: The American Debate Over International Relations, 1789-1941, *Choice*, February 2010

Nathan Sharansky, Defending Identity, *Choice*, September 2009

Eric Hobsbawm, On Empire: America, War, and Global Supremacy, *Choice*, March 2009

Jon Alterman, Egypt and American Foreign Assistance, 1952-1956: Hopes Dashed, *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 6, 3 (Summer 2004), pp. 148-150

Timothy Mitchell, Rule of Experts, *Middle East Review* 57, 3 (2003), pp. 498-99

Kiren Chaudhry, The Price of Wealth: Economies and Institutions in the Middle East, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 31, 4 (November 1999), pp. 659-61

In Progress

“The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Fables of Bandung,” under review at *Diplomatic History*

The End of Empire in American Political Science. A revisionist account of the institutional origins of international relations, development, and area studies in the United States and of the role of the all but forgotten “Howard School” of international relations in challenging white political science’s commitment to hierarchy.

Teaching

Dissertation Supervision and Committee Memberships (with Date of Graduation and Placement)

Jon Argamon (chair, current)

Chris Russell (chair, current)

Eric Trager (chair, current)

Edward Webb (chair, 2007) Dickinson College

Jon Isacoff (chair, 2004), Gonzaga University

Stefan Heumann (member, 2009), Northern Colorado College

Michael Dobe (Rutgers history-member 2008), Associate Vice President, U of North Texas

Tristan Mabry (member, 2007) Naval Postgraduate School

Jason Brownlee (Princeton political science-member, 2004) University of Texas at Austin

Jeannie Sowers (Princeton political science-member, 2003) University of New Hampshire

Lisa Wynn (Princeton anthropology-member, 2003) Macquarie University

Steven Cook (member, 2003) Council on Foreign Relations

Joe Glicksberg (member, 2003) Soros Foundation

Relli Schecter (Harvard history, member 1999) Ben Gurion University of the Negev

Phil Steinberg (Clark geography-member, 1996) Florida State University

Anne-Marie D'aoust (member, current)

David Faris (member 2009) Roosevelt College, Chicago

Perrin Seicer (history and sociology of science-member, current)

Ram Regavim (history-member, current)

Brandon Wolfe-Hunnicuttt (Stanford history-member, current)

Courses Taught

2010a	PSCI 211	Middle East Politics
	PSCI 598	Topics in American Foreign Policy
	PSCI 798	Politics and Culture of Oil
2009c	PSCI 355	Topics in Race & IR
	PSCI 611	Readings in Comparative Politics
2009a	PSCI 398	DC Semester (foreign policy)
2008b	PSCI 598	MLA Proseminar: The Middle East
2008a	PSCI 211	Middle East Politics
	PSCI 278	Middle East Politics (grad)
2007c	PSCI 010	War In Iraq
	PSCI 355	Topics in Race & IR
2007b	PSCI 598	Lost Black World Politics
2007a	PSCI 798	Transnationalism

	PSCI 598	American Foreign Policy
	PSCI 398	DC Semester (foreign policy)
2006a	PSCI131	American Foreign Policy
	PSCI 398	DC Semester (foreign policy)
2005c	PSCI 598	Middle East Politics
2005a	PSCI131	American Foreign Policy
	PSCI 398	DC Semester (foreign policy)
2004c	PSCI 598	Race and IR
	PSCI 598	Empire
2004a	PSCI 211	Middle East Politics
	PSCI 798	Prospectus Writing for Ph.D. Students
2003c	PSCI 601	History of IR and Development
	PSCI 497	Honors Seminar
2002a	PSCI 498	US-Third World Relations
	PSCI 798	Prospectus Writing for Ph.D. Students
2001c	PSCI 298	America in the Middle East
2001a	PSCI 009	Du Bois in Global Perspective
	PSCI 798	Prospectus Writing for Ph.D. Students
2000c	PSCI 598	Race, Development and IR
2000a	PSCI 131	American Foreign Policy
	PSCI 211	Middle East Politics

Recent Conference and Seminar Papers

“Mecca of the New Theorists: Post World War I American Imperial Relations and the Challenge of the Howard School,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2010

“The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Fables From Bandung,” Society for the History of American Foreign Relations Annual Meeting, Wisconsin, June 2010

“The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Fables From Bandung,” Conference on Interpreting Politics, History, and Society in the 21st Century, International Studies Association Annual Meeting, February 2010

“How Imperial Oil Haunts Our Present,” Princeton-Sciences Po Conference on Saudi Arabia, Princeton University, November 2009

“How Imperial Oil Haunts Our Present,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2009

“The Noble Science of Imperial Administration,” Annual Meeting of Cheiron, the Association for the History of the Social Sciences, State College, PA, June 2009

“How Imperial Oil Haunts Our Present,” Journée d’étude franco-canadienne sur l’histoire pétrolière du Moyen-Orient, Université de Montréal, May 2009

"The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Folktales From Bandung," Conference on Interpreting Politics, History, and Society in the 21st Century, New School of Social Research, April 2009

"The Master's World: Race, Empire, and the Rise of American International Relations," Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, April 2009, Conference on Reconsidering American Power, organized by the Workshop on Science, Technology, Society and the State, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, April 2009

"The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Folktales From Bandung," Workshop on the Non-Aligned Mediterranean, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, February 2009

"How Cold War Oil Haunts Our Present: A View From Saudi Arabia and Beyond," Workshop on the Cold War Mediterranean, Harriman Institute, Columbia University, November 2008

"How Imperial Oil Haunts Our Present," Conference on The Mediterranean and the European Union, Florence, Palazzo Vecchio, June 2008

"The Noble Science of Imperial Administration," International Studies Association, San Francisco, March 2008

"When the Aura of Factuality Fades," paper for the Conference on the Kingdom Without Borders (Saudi Arabia), Kings College, London, September 2007

"Captive Narratives," paper for the Business History and Middle East Studies Conference, University of Reading, England, June 2005

"The Lost World of Development Theory in the United States, 1865-1930," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, November 2004

"Eye of the Desert," presented at the Workshop on Working on the Oil Frontier, University of Pennsylvania, February 2004

"Eye of the Desert," presented at the Workshop on New Approaches to Middle East Economic History, University of Pennsylvania, January 2004

"Days of the Cadillac," presented at the Economic History Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, December 2003

"Wizards of Dhahran," presented at the workshop on Development After Development, New York University, May 2003

"Wallace Stegner's "Continental Vision" and its Imperial Entailments," Annual Meeting of the Western Historical Association, Colorado Springs, October 2002

"Wallace Stegner's "Continental Vision" and its Imperial Entailments," Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Liberal Arts, Augustana University College, Conference on Playing the Wild Card: Un/Disciplined Thoughts on Wild(er)ness, Banff, Alberta, Canada, May 2002

"International Studies in America," paper commissioned by the Social Science Research Council for a Workshop on International Studies Today, Washington, DC April 2002

"How Development Theory Became White," the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, January 2002

"North Versus Black Atlantic," American Political Science Association Meeting, San Francisco, August 2001

"The Lost World of Development Theory in the United States, 1865-1930," presented at the workshop on Development After Development, New York University, May 2002

"The Arabian Peninsula: Crucible of Globalization," (Ellis Goldberg, co author) Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, European University Institute, Florence, March 21-25, 2001

"Discovery! The Search for Wallace Stegner's Continental Vision in Saudi Arabia," Second Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, European University Institute, Florence, March 21-25, 2001

"The Island of Allah and Other Tales from Aramco World," invited Paper at the Yale University Middle East Council Conference on the United States and the Middle East: Cultural Encounters, New Haven, December 2000

"How Development Theory Became White," American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2000

"How American International Relations Became White," International Studies Association Meeting, Los Angeles, March 2000

"Black Gold, White Crude: Race and the Making of the World Oil Frontier," Yale University, Center for International and Area Studies, Council on Middle East Studies, conference on The United States and the Middle East: Diplomatic and Economic Relations in Historical Perspective, June 1999

"Against the Boundaries of Race: Changing Conceptions of the Global Jim Crow Regime within the pre-Realist (pre-Holocaust) Tradition of Academic International Relations," 1998 meeting of the International Studies Association, panel on Disciplinary History

"American Ambassador in Technicolor and Cinemascope': Hollywood and the Making of the Egyptian Revolution," presented at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 1995

"America's Kingdom." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 1, 1995

"World War II and the Politics of Economy Building in Egypt and Syria" presented at the Conference on War and Social Change in the Middle East, Social Science Research Council, Paris, November 1994. With Steven Heydemann

"Egyptian Nationalist Historiography and the End of Third Worldism," presented at the International Workshop on Rethinking Nationalism in the Arab World, 1920-, University of Colorado, Boulder, September 1994

Invited Talks and Colloquia, 1994-:

"The Midnight Ride of Kwame Nkrumah and Other Folktales From Bandung," Seminar on Transnational Identities in Global Governance, Political Science Department, University of Delaware, April 2010

"Oil Markets and Politics: Why Both the Left and the Right Get it Wrong," Bustani Seminar, MIT, April 2010

"The History of International and Area Studies: Challenges for the Present Era," invited keynote address, Conference of Directors of National Resource Centers, Santa Fe V, Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 2008

"The Hidden History of Race in American International Relations," Peace and Conflict Studies, Colgate University, October 2008

"America's Kingdom," First Annual Mueller Lecture in Islamic Studies, Franklin and Marshall College, October 2008

"Empire, Race, and American Political Science," lecture for the Philomethan Society, University of Pennsylvania, January 2008

"The Noble Science of Imperial Administration," Penn Humanities Forum, Faculty Seminar on Origins, November 2007

Discussant for Timothy Mitchell's "Hydrocarbon Utopia," Shelby Cullom Davis Center, Princeton University, April 2007

"Energy and the Middle East," two lectures to Wharton Executive Education Program and Middle East Peace Initiative Legal and Business Fellowship Program, Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, March 2007

"America's Kingdom," University of California at Santa Barbara, Department of History, November 2006, World Affairs Council of San Francisco, December 2006, Princeton University, Transregional Institute, December 2006, University of Washington at Seattle, Jackson School of International Studies, December 2006, University of Florida, Gainesville, January 2007, New York University, Cold War Project, February 2007, Columbia University, Middle East Institute, March 2007, Denver World Affairs Council, March 2007, University of Texas at Austin, March 2007, New School for Social Research, March 2007, University of Arkansas, October 2007, Albright College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Swarthmore College, and Trinity College, November 2007, Syracuse University, April 2008

"Suez 1956/2006," presentation for the conference on 1956: Year of Crisis, Hungary and Suez, Department of History, University of Toronto, September 2006

"Oil and Hierarchy Across the Long Twentieth Century," Programs in International Educational Resources Workshop, Black Gold: The Geopolitics of Oil in the Middle East," Yale University, July 2006

"Captive Narratives," Johns Hopkins Department of Political Science, April 2006

"America's Kingdom: Race, State, and the Business of Mythmaking on the Saudi Frontier," Yale University Center for International and Area Studies, March 2006

"Race, State, and the Business of Myth-Making on the Saudi Oil Frontier," Third Annual King `Abd al-`Aziz Ibn Saud Lecture, Middle East Center, Oxford University, February 2006

"Race and U.S. International Relations," Portsmouth State University series in International Affairs, September 2005

"America's Kingdom," talk for the Second Annual Economic and Business History Center Symposium, American University in Cairo, May 12, 2005

"Captive Narratives" and "the Future of US-Saudi Relations," two lectures for the Distinguished Visitors' Series, Middle East Studies, University of the Negev, Israel, May 2005

Response to Michael Klare, "Oil and the American Century," Howard Lamar Center for the Study of Frontiers and Borders, Conference on "Global Oil Frontiers," Yale University, April 29-30, 2005

"U.S. Hegemony in the Present World Order: Social Dimensions," University of Quebec in Montreal, Center for United States Studies, February 22, 2005

"The Lost World of Development Theory in the United States, University of Texas at Austin, March 2004

"The Origins of the US-Saudi Crisis Narrative: The Year Bin Ladin Was Born, presented at the Solomon Asch Center for Ethnopolitical Conflict, October 2003, NYU, October 2003, Dickinson College, December 2003, the University of Leiden, February 2004, and the University of Texas at Austin, March 2004

Democracy or Empire? Colorado State University, Colorado Springs, April 2003

W.E.B. Du Bois, Ralph Bunche and the Future of International Relations in America, Duke University, February 2003

"Let's Roll: America's Middle East Policy After 9/11," Second Annual Bodek Lecture, University of Pennsylvania Library, November 2002

"Alexandria Without Illusions," International Symposium on Alexandria, Egypt, Cornell University, October 2002

Race and the Origins of the U.S.-Saudi Special Relationship, Bustani Seminar, MIT, April 2002

American Exceptionalism, Hierarchy and Hegemony in the Persian Gulf, Invited Lecture in the series America and the Islamic World, University of Utah, March 2002

The Making and Unmaking of the U.S.-Saudi Special Relationship, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Middle East Program Lecture, March 2002

"North Versus Black Atlantic," Department of Africana Studies, Villanova, February 2002

"Why Do They Hate Us?" or "The Origins of Bin Ladin and Other Myths of 9.11 or Responding to the 9.11.01 Crisis, Talks at University Of Pennsylvania, Presidential Symposium on Responding to Terrorism (September 2001), Asian Student Association Roundtable (September 2001), Haverford College (September 2001), Franklin and Marshall College (September 2001), Penn Northern New Jersey Alumni Association (October 2001), the New School University (October 2001), the Graduate Center, City University of New York (November 2001), St Joseph's University (December 2001), Lauder Institute, Wharton School (December 2001)

"From Race Development to Ethnopolitical Conflict," Solomon Asch Center for the Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict, University of Pennsylvania, February 1, 2000

"How American International Relations Became White," Christopher Browne Center of International Politics, U. of Pennsylvania, January 2000

"Wallace Stegner, the West and the World Oil Frontier," Higgins School of the Humanities, Faculty Seminar Series, December 2, 1999

"How American International Relations Became White: The Black Atlantic's Challenge to the Contemporary Identity of the Social Sciences, Rutgers University, Center for Historical Studies, Black Atlantic Seminar, April 1999

"Black Gold, White Crude: Race and the Making of the World Oil Frontier," University of Pennsylvania, Department of Political Science, February 1999

"The Real World of Investors at the End of Globalization's American Round," Conference on the Role of the Business Sector in Economic and Political Change, Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Gammarth, Tunisia, August 3 1998

"How American International Relations Became White," University of Massachusetts at Amherst, April 1998

"The Tales Firms Tell," Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Princeton University, March 1998

"The Closing of the Oil Frontier and the Future of US-Saudi Arabian Relations," King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies, University of Arkansas, April 1997

"The Closing of the Oil Frontier and the Future of US-Saudi Arabian Relations," Conference on the Post-Cold War Middle East, Honors College, State University of New York at New Paltz, April 1997

"Race and Caste in Dhahran, Forum for Contemporary Arab Studies, Center for International Studies, Harvard University, March 1997

"Race and Caste in Dhahran, Watson Center for International Studies, Brown University, February 1997

"Exporting Jim Crow to the Hasa Frontier," Five College Middle East Studies Seminar, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, October 1996

"Madonna: The Highest Stage of Imperialism? Popular Culture, Domination and Dependency in Post Umm Kulthum Egypt," Stanford University, Program on Modern Thought and Literature, May 1996

"Umm Kalthum Versus the Muslim Brothers and Other Stories from Egypt's Culture Wars," American Research Center in Egypt, Seminar on Secularism, Islam and the Egyptian Cinema, March 1996

"Aramco World: Business and Enterprise on the Late American Frontier," Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, January 1996

"Aramco World: Business and Enterprise on the Late American Frontier," University of Chicago, November 1995

"Excavating the Origins of the Saudi State," New York University, October 1995

"The End of Third Worldism in Middle East Studies" American University, March 1995

"The Concept of Civil Society and Middle East Politics: A Pragmatic Approach." Invited presentation at the Workshop on Civil Society in the Arab World, University of Texas at Austin, February 1995

"The Political Economy of Post-Cold War American Foreign Policy in the Arab Gulf," A. J. Meyer Development Seminar, Harvard University, December 1994

"The Democratization Industry in a Rent-Seeking Society," Graduate Research Seminar in Development, International Development Program, Clark University, April 1994

"Historical Methods and the Turn to History in Political Science," Department of Government, University of Texas at Austin, March 1, 1994

"Democracy in the Middle East: What Does the United States Have to Do With It?" Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, February 28, 1994

University Service

Chair, FLAS Award Committee, Middle East Center 2010

Member of the Graduate Group in Near Eastern Languages and Cultures 2008-

Member, Faculty Senate Executive Committee and University Council 2007-

Member, MA Thesis Honors Awards Committee, Lauder Institute, Wharton School, 2007

Member, Core Faculty of the Center for Africana Studies and of the Middle East Center 2006-

Director, Middle East Center, 1999-2006

Board of Advisors, Project for Global Communications Studies, Annenberg School for Communications, 2006-

Board of Advisors, Penn Humanities Forum 2004-

Member of the Graduate Group in History 2004-

Member, University Research Foundation, Social Science Panel 2004-2007, 2009-

Board of Advisors, Center for Advanced Judaic Studies 2002-2008

Member of the Graduate Group in International Studies (Lauder School), 2002-

Advisor for Students in the Pilot Curriculum

Member University Council Committee on University Relations, 2001-2002

Committee on Undergraduate Education 2000-2001

Other Recent Professional Activities

Visiting International Professor of Middle East Studies, Ben Gurion University of the Negev, May-June 2010

Member, Founding Advisory Board of the Journal *Humanity* (U. Pennsylvania Press) 2009-

Chair and Commentator, Panel on Egyptian Political Economy, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2009

Member, Albert Hourani Book Award Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2009

Hour Long Interview on WBZ (Chicago) Worldview, August 2009

Invited Respondent to David Ottaway, *The King's Messenger*, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, November 2008

Conference Program Committee for the 2009 Meeting of the American Studies Association, 2008-2009

Reviewer, HED/AID Panel, Egypt Enhancing For Research in Economics, June 2008

Chair, Panel on "Disabilities in the Middle East," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 2008

Chair, Panel on "Techno-Politics in the Modern Middle East: Insights and Questions from Egypt, Iran, Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, November 2007

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award Committee, Politics and History Section, American Political Science Association, 2007

Appearance on WHY-FM *Radio Times* an hour-long discussion about my new book, November 2006

Board of Governors, the American Research Center in Egypt 2005-2008

Invited panelist on Research Scholarship on Politics and the Middle East, Weatherhead Institute, Harvard University, May 2005

Advisory Board and Founding Member of the Economic and Business History Research Center, American University in Cairo, 2004-2008

Consultant, Centra Technologies 2004-

Consultant, Community College of Philadelphia, Middle East Studies Initiative, 2004-2006-

Gabriel Almond Dissertation Award Committee, American Political Science Association 2004

Visiting Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Washington, 2004

Member, Presidential Nominations Committee, Middle East Studies Association, 2003

Fellowship Selection Panel, American Research Center in Egypt, 2003

Participant, Founding Meeting, Social Science Research Council, Middle East Committee, Project on Production of Knowledge in the Middle East, February 2003

Panelist, World Affairs Council of Philadelphia Conference on "America's War: Security, Policy, and Strategy in the Middle East," April 2002

Invited Participant, Social Science Research Council, Panel on the Future of International Studies After 9.11, SSRC Washington, DC, April 2002

Commentator, Panel on Social Capital in Historical Comparative Perspective, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2001

Commentator, Panel on Teaching Political Science, Northeast Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2001

Consultant, Rain Media (Video Documentary Company) for "Saudi Time Bomb?" aired on PBS *Frontline*, November 15, 2001

Hour Long Interview with Jerome McDonnell, *Worldview*, Chicago Public Radio's International News Analysis program, on the history of oil, America and Saudi Arabia, WBEZ, December 2001

Hour Long Interview with Amy Goodman, *Democracy Now in Exile*, NY, focused on the U.S.-Saudi relationship, November 2001

Appearance on WHY-FM *Radio Times* an hour-long discussion about Saudi Arabia, October 2001

Media interviews on the 9.11.01 Crisis with the *Austin American Statesman*, the Gannett Chain, the *New York Times*, and others, citations in all the above, the *Nation*, and the *Philadelphia Inquirer*

Invited Participant, Final Conference of the International Predissertation Fellowship Program, Social Science Research Council, Park City, Utah, June 2001

Organizer of the European Research University Workshop on the New Historiography in Arabian Peninsula Studies, Florence, March 2001

Invited Participant, Roundtable on Mary Dudziak's Cold War Civil Rights, Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2001

Member, International Dissertation Fellowship Committee, Social Science Research Council, 2001-2002

Commentator, Panel on Diplomatic Encounters, the Conference on Pairing Empires, Johns Hopkins University, November 2000

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee, Arab Studies Journal, 1999--

Member, Fellowship Committee, American Research Institute in Turkey, 1999-2001

Participant, Thematic Conversation, Locating the Ottoman Empire in North America, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1999

Faculty Participant, Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Fellows' Conference, Warrenton, VA, October 1999

Chair, panel on Politics and History, American Political Science Association Meeting, Washington, DC September 1999

MESA Albert Hourani Book Award Committee, 1999

Invited Commentator, Workshop on International Politics and History, Columbia University, February 1999

Plenary Speaker, Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Fellows' Conference, Scottsdale, Arizona, October 1998

Chair and Discussant, Panel on Modern Egypt, Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, November 1997

Chair and Discussant, "African Americans as International Players," Northeast Political Science Association and International Studies Association Northeast, annual meeting, Philadelphia, November 1997

Roundtable Participant on Norms in International Society, American Political Science Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, September 1997

Screening Committee, Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Program, 1997-2001

Social Science Research Council, Near and Middle East Research Training Act Committee, 1997-2000

Discussant, Panel on New Approaches to Diplomatic History, Society For Historians of American Foreign Relations annual meeting, Washington, DC, June 1997

Discussant, Conference on Popular Culture and Media Technologies in the Middle East, Princeton University, May 1997

Plenary Speaker, Social Science Research Council, International Pre-Dissertation Fellows' Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, October 1996

Discussant, History and Politics Section Round-table on Ian Lustick's, *Unsettled States, Disputed Lands*, American Political Science Association annual meeting, San Francisco, September 1996

Assistant Chair, Program Committee, 1996 Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting

Co-Chair, Social Science Research Council International Pre-Dissertation Fellowships Program, Workshop of the Social Science Research Council and the Harry S. Truman Institute of Peace, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, 25-29 December 1995

Participant, Roundtable on "The Rentier State in the Middle East," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 1994

Member, Near and Middle East Selection Panel for Predoctoral Fellowships, Social Science Research Council, 1994, 1996

Member of the Editorial Committee, MERIP, *Middle East Report*, January 1993-1998

Tenure, Promotion, and External Reviews in Political Science and Other Disciplines

American University in Cairo, Economics

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Middle Eastern Studies

University of California at Irvine, Anthropology

University of Chicago

Columbia University, Middle East Languages and Culture, History

Colorado State University, History

Georgetown University, School of Foreign Service

Harvard University, Anthropology

New School University

Ohio State University

University of Massachusetts at Amherst

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Richmond

University of Vermont

Referee for Foundations, Journals, and Presses

Council on Foreign Relations, MacArthur Foundation, National Science Foundation, United States Institute of Peace, Israel Science Foundation

American Political Science Review, American Quarterly, Arab Studies Journal, Business History Review, Comparative Politics, Comparatives Studies in International Development, Comparative

Studies in Society and History, Diplomatic History, International Journal of Middle East Studies, International Studies Quarterly, Jewish Social Studies, Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences, Middle East Studies Association Bulletin, Polity, World Politics

University of California Press, Cambridge University Press, Columbia University Press, Cornell University Press, Duke University Press, Harvard University Press, University of Indiana Press, University of Michigan Press, University of Minnesota Press, MIT Press, State University of New York Press, Oxford University Press, Palgrave, University of Pennsylvania Press, Princeton University Press, Routledge, Rutgers University Press, Stanford University Press, University of Texas Press, Verso

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Robert Wells - Still in Love, Piano Concerto.Â Piano Concerto "Rhapsody In Rock": No. 7, The Circus (Rock) â€” Robert Wells. 3:24.
Piano Concerto "Rhapsody In Rock": No. 5, The Royal (Rock) â€” Robert Wells. 3:57. Rhapsody in Rock No. VIII â€” Rhapsody In Rock.
4:06. Piano Concerto "Rhapsody In Rock": No. 1, The Overture (Rock) â€” Robert Wells. 3:51. The Christmas Song â€” Alain LefÃ¼vre.
4:51. Piano Concerto "Rhapsody In Rock": No. 4, The Academy (Rock) â€” Robert Wells. 4:28. Robert Vitalis serves as an associate
professor in the political science department at the University of Pennsylvania, where he also heads up the Middle East Center. His
primary areas of research interest include the state and market formation of Saudi Arabia, political and cultural economy of the world oil
industry, American expansionism, the history of international relations and development studies, race as it pertains to American
international relations theory, and the Egyptian political economy. Support. Menu. Robert Vitalis. Fellow. Term. September 1, 2008 â€”
May 1, 2009. Professional affiliation. Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania. Wilson Center Projects. Robert Vitalis.
Toni Morrison argues that a highly and historically racialised US culture today exhibits a powerful tendency toward 'silence and evasion'
in matters of race. I examine the effect of this 'norm against noticing' on American International Relations theory.