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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2012-Present Associate Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
2006-2012 Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC
2005-2006 Assistant Professor, Islamic World, Department of History, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado
2003-2005 Visiting Lecturer in Middle Eastern History, Department of History, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts

EDUCATION

Harvard University, 2006. Ph.D., History and Middle Eastern Studies.
The Ohio State University, 1996. M.A., Islamic History.
Duke University, 1988. B.A., History.

BOOK

Forging Urban Solidarities: Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700. Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2010.

Lives Astride: A Social and Cultural History of Ottoman Aleppo, 1516-1918 (in preparation).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

“The Self-Fashioning of an Ottoman Urban Notable: Ahmad Efendi Tahazâde (d. 1773),” *Osmanlı Araştırmaları/The Journal of Ottoman Studies* 30 (2014): 393-425.

“Slavery and Household Formation in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700,” *The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 56, 3 (2013), 345-91.

“Syrian Resources of Ottoman History: The Center for Historical Documents in Damascus,” *Türk Araştırmaları Dergisi (The Turkish Studies Journal)* (Istanbul) 11 (2002): 233-46.

“Aspects of the Social and Economic Structure of Early Nineteenth-Century Jaffa,” *Manarah* (Amman) 1, 1 (1996), 85-107.

BOOK CHAPTERS

“Witnesses and Testimony in the Courts of 17th-Century Ottoman Aleppo,” in Stefan Knost and Vanessa Guéno, eds., *Lire et écrire l’histoire ottomane*, 107-129. Damascus: Institut Français du Proche Orient; and Beirut: Orient-Institut, 2016.

“Ibrahim b. Khidr al-Qaramani (d. 1557), A Merchant and Urban Notable of Early Ottoman Aleppo,” in Christine Isom-Verhaaren and Kent F. Schull (eds), *Living in the Ottoman Realm: Empire and Identity, 13th to 20th Centuries*, 137-49. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2016.

“A Demographic Profile of Slaves in Early Ottoman Aleppo,” in Christoph Witzernath, ed., *Eurasian Slavery, Ransom and Abolition in World History, 1200-1860*, 221-46. Farnham, Surrey; Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2015.

“Masters, Servants, and Slaves: Household formation in the Ottoman Empire,” in Christine Woodhead, ed., *The Ottoman World*, 291-306. London: Routledge, 2012.

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of James Grehan, *Twilight of the Saints: Everyday Religion in Ottoman Syria and Palestine* (2014) in *The International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 48 (Feb 2016), 165-66.

Review of Pinar Emiralioğlu, *Geographical Knowledge and Imperial Culture in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*, in *Renaissance Quarterly* 68, 4 (Winter 2015), 1436-38.

Review of Hülya Canbakal, *Society and Politics in an Ottoman Town: ‘Ayntab in the 17th Century* (2007) in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135, 2 (2015), 408-10.

Review of Marc David Baer, *Honored by the Glory of Islam: Conversion and Conquest in Ottoman Europe* (2007) in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130, 4 (Oct-Dec 2010), 646-48.

Review of Ehud R. Toledano, *As If Silent and Absent: Bonds of Enslavement in the Islamic Middle East*. H-Levant, H-Net Reviews. April, 2011.
URL: <http://www.h-net.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=33062>.

Review of Virginia Aksan and Daniel Goffman, eds., *The Early Modern Ottomans: Remapping the Empire* in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41, 4 (2009): 499-502.

Review of Robert Dankoff, *An Ottoman Mentality: The World of Evliya Çelebi*, in *Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies* 7 (Spring 2007), 195-200.

Review of Suraiya Faroqhi, *The Ottoman Empire and the World Around it*, in *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 7, 2 (Autumn 2005): 243-49.

"Review of Jens Hanssen, Thomas Philipp, and Stefan Weber, eds., *The Empire in the City: Arab Provincial Capitals in the Late Ottoman Empire*," in H-Gender-MidEast, H-Net Reviews, September, 2003.

URL: <http://www.hnet.msu.edu/reviews/showrev.cgi?path=221021069350477>

Review article of Eugene Rogan, *Frontiers of the State in the Late Ottoman Empire: Transjordan, 1850-1921*, in *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 25, 1 (Spring 2001):105-114.

Review article of Dick Douwes, *Ottoman Syria: A History of Justice and Oppression*, in *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 2, 2 (Autumn 2000): 202-207.

"Peasants and Others: Two Recent Contributions to the History of Ottoman Palestine," *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 21, 1 (1997), 41-45.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Archie Grant for research travel in Turkey, Wake Forest University, May-June 2015.

Faculty Research Fellowship, National Endowment for the Humanities, 2015-16, for the project, "Lives Astride: An Social and Cultural History of Ottoman Aleppo, 1516-1918."

Resident Fellowship, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, Princeton, NJ, Spring 2016 (declined)

Stroupe Award for Excellence in Research, History Department, Wake Forest University, 2012-13

QEP Faculty Stipend for International Course Development, Wake Forest University, Summer 2010

Archie Grant for research travel in Syria and Turkey, Wake Forest University, May-July 2010

Research Fellowship, American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), Istanbul, May-June 2010

Archie Grant for conference travel, Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop, Ohio State University, Columbus, 18-19 April 2009

Archie Grant for research travel in Syria and Turkey, May-July 2008

Fellowship Recipient, Creative and Research Activities Development and Enrichment (CRADLE) Initiative, Wake Forest University, Sep 2007-Aug 2009

Faculty Stipend, International Studies Program, for the internationalization of the curriculum (QEP initiative), Wake Forest University, 2007

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Grant for dissertation completion, Harvard University, Sep 2002-Jun 2003

Harvard University Graduate Society Fellowship for dissertation completion, Sep 2002-Jun 2003

American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Research Fellowship, Jul-Sep 1999

Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Research (DDRA) Fellowship, Turkey, Syria, and the United Kingdom, Sep 1999-Aug 2000

Graduate Student Paper Prize, Turkish Studies Association (of North America), Nov 1996

Fulbright Student Fellowship for language study (Jordan), Sep 1988-Jun 1989

INVITED TALKS

“Mustafa Naima (1655-1716) and the Aleppo Military Establishment.” Paper to be presented at the International Conference on Ottoman Studies I: Janissaries,” Yıldız Technical University, Istanbul, 25 May 2015

“Patterns of Leadership in the Guilds of Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at conference, “Requiem for Ottoman Aleppo/Alep à l’Époque Ottomane: Un Requiem,” University of Québec at Montreal, 21-22 February 2014.

“Beyond Jizya: The Administration of Extraordinary Taxes (Avariz) Among the non-Muslim Population of Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at conference, “Minorities in Islam, Muslims at Minorities,” Wake Forest University, 18-20 October 2012.

“Ahmad Efendi Tahazade (d. 1773): Urban Notable of Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at the workshop, “Living Empire: Ottoman Identities in Transition 1700-1850,” McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, 20-22 April 2012.

“Ibn al-Hanbali wa damm Suriya al-shimaliyya (Halab) ila al-nizam al-‘uthmani,” (“Ibn al-Hanbali and the incorporation of Northern Syrian (Aleppo) to the Ottoman Order”). Paper presented in Arabic at the Center for Historical Documentation (Markaz al-Watha’iq al-Tarikhiyya), Damascus, Syria, 17 May 2010. (<http://www.discover-syria.com/news/6744>)

“Ibn al-Hanbali (1502-1563) and the Ottoman Incorporation of Northern Syria.” Paper presented at the Institut Français du Proche-Orient, Damascus, Syria, 19 May 2010.

“Slavery and Household Formation in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700.” Paper presented at the Medieval Studies Lecture Series, Wake Forest University, 18 March 2008.

“Slavery and Household Formation in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700.” Paper presented at Triad Early Modern Studies Group, UNC-Greensboro, 27 February 2008.

“Witnesses and Testimony in the Courts of 17th-Century Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at “Reading and Writing Ottoman History: A Critical Examination of Court Documents of Bilad al-Sham.” Paper presented at international workshop conducted at Institut Français du Proche Orient (IFPO), Damascus, 5-6 June 2006.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

“Ottoman Elite Recruitment and the Case of Janbulad Bek b. Qasim (d. ca. 1575).” Paper presented at the Twelfth Annual Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop (GLOW), York University, Toronto, Canada, 13-15 May 2016.

“Patterns of Leadership in the Guilds of Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper to be presented at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) conference, Washington DC, 22-25 November 2014.

“Beyond Jizya: The Administration of Extraordinary Taxes (Avariz) Among the non-Muslim Population of Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, Colorado, 17-20 November 2012.

“Provincial Governors as Judicial Authorities: The Assessment and Collection of Legal Fines in Seventeenth-Century Aleppo.” Paper presented at workshop, “Justice in Ottoman Society: Institutions, Actors, and Practices (16th-20th Centuries),” Institut Français d’Études Anatoliennes, Istanbul, 6-7 January 2012.

“Ibrahim b. Khidr al-Qaramani (d. 1557): A Merchant and Urban Notable of Early Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington, D.C., 1-4 December 2011.

“The Intellectual Horizons of the Tahazade Family of Aleppo, 17th-18th Centuries.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, San Diego, 18-21 Nov 2010.

“Ibn al-Hanbali (1502/03-1563) and the Ottoman Incorporation of Aleppo.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, Boston, 22-25 November 2009.

“Masters and Slaves in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700.” Paper presented at the workshop, “Slavery, Ransom, and Liberation in Russia and the Steppe Area, 1500-2000,” University of Aberdeen, Aberdeen, Scotland, 15-16 June 2009.

“Ibn al-Hanbali (d. 1563 C.E.) and the Ottoman Incorporation of Aleppo.” Paper presented at the Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop (GLOW), Ohio State University, Columbus, 18-19 April 2009.

“Ibn al-Hanbali (d. 1563 C.E.) and the Ottoman Incorporation of Aleppo.” Paper presented at the Renaissance Society of American conference, Los Angeles, Columbus, 19-21 March 2009.

“Slavery and Household Formation in 17th-Century Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, Montreal, 17-21 November 2007.

“Aleppo in the ‘The Age of Rebellious Governors’: The Revolts of Seydi Ahmed Pasha (1655-56) and Abaza Hasan Pasha (1658-59).” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, Boston, 18-21 November 2006.

“Households, Slaves, and Social Assimilation in 17th-Century Ottoman Aleppo.” Paper presented at the Institut Français du Proche Orient, Damascus, 11 July 2005.

“Solidarity and Discipline among Soldiers in Seventeenth-Century Aleppo.” Paper presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D. C., 7-11 January 2004.

“Guildsmen, Soldiers, and Provisioning Officers in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, Washington, D. C., 23-26 November 2002.

“Social Status and Tax Liability: The Politics of Extraordinary (*Avarız* and *Nüzül*) Taxation in Ottoman Aleppo, 1640-1700.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, San Francisco, 17-20 November 2001.

“Jaffa in the Early Tanzimat Period, 1840-1861: The Perspective of the Shari‘a Court.” Paper presented at the MESA Conference, Providence, RI, 21-24 November 1996.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chair, Prize Committee, Syrian Studies Association, 2014-present.

Reviewer for *Muqarnas: An Annual on the Visual Cultures of the Islamic World* (Cambridge, MA), 2015- present.

Reviewer for *International Journal of Turkish Studies* (Madison, Wisconsin), 2012-present.

Fellowship Committee, the American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT), 2011-12.

Review Panel, Summer Stipends, National Endowment for the Humanities, Middle East and North Africa Division, Fall 2011.

Panel Moderator and Discussant in conference entitled, “The Future of Coptic Studies: Theories, Methods, Topics,” Wake Forest University, 17-18 September 2010.

Organizer of panel entitled, “Themes in the Intellectual and Cultural History of the Arab Provinces under Ottoman Rule,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, San Diego, 18-21 November 2010.

Organizer of panel entitled, “Co-optation and Resistance: Indigenous Responses to Ottoman State-Building,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, 21-24 November 2009.

Organizer of panel entitled, "Violence and Social Order in the Ottoman Empire, Sixteenth to Nineteenth Centuries," American Historical Association Conference, Washington, DC, 7-11 January 2004.

Organizer of panel entitled, "Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion in Ottoman Syria," Middle Eastern Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, 17-20 November 2001.

Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review: Layout Editor and Editorial Board Member, 1998-2000.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Participant in panel, "The Syrian Tragedy: Human Rights, Security Dilemma, and Global Responsibilities," sponsored by the Middle East and South Asia Studies Program, Wake Forest University, 6 October 2015.

"Sectarianism in the Middle East." Part of the Great Decisions lecture series organized by the Shepherd's Center, Winston-Salem. Delivered at Wake Forest University, 26 March 2015.

"The Popular Uprising in Syria: Local Roots, Regional Implications." Part of the Great Decisions lecture series organized by the Shepherd's Center, Winston-Salem. Delivered at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winston-Salem, 16 April 2013.

Panelist, Question and Answer Session on Israel-Palestine, organized by the WFU Amnesty International Chapter, Wednesday, 29 February 2012. Fellow Panelists were Professors Browsers, Kennedy, and Ettin.

Interview with TV station, WXII, Winston-Salem, 11 February 2011. Live studio interview on the resignation of President Husni Mubarak of Egypt.

Interview with TV station, WFMY, Winston-Salem, 3 February 2011. Taped comments on popular protests in Tunisia and Egypt.

Organizer of public lecture entitled, "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East: A Syrian Perspective," by Dr. Imad Moustapha, Syrian Ambassador to the US, on the WFU campus, 3 February 2011.

Discussant with Imam Yaser Ahmed on panel entitled, "Spirituality in Islam," organized by Elon Community Church, Elon, 15 September 2007.

Participant in panel discussion with Sarah Lischer on the Iraq War, organized by the Political Science Department, Wake Forest University, 20 August 2007.

Participant in panel discussion on the Iraq War organized by the College Democrats, Wake Forest University, 2 April 2007.

“Turning Points in Shi’ite History,” public lecture given at Salemtowne Retirement Community, Winston-Salem, 22 March 2007, and at the High Point Study Group, High Point, NC, 3 April 2007.

Discussant in panel entitled, “The Three Faiths of Abraham,” organized by the Truitt Center for Religious Life at Elon University, Elon, NC, on 8 March 2007.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, French

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Syrian Studies Association
Middle East Studies Association

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association