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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Early Modern Middle Eastern History
Departments of History and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies
New York University, September 2018 – Present

Director, Ottoman and Turkish Studies Initiative (OTS-NYU)
New York University, September 2018 – Present

Senior Editor, Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History
March, 2022 - Present

Assistant Professor of Early Modern Ottoman History
Department of History
Binghamton University, State University of New York, September 2016 – August 2018

EDUCATION

Ph.D., History, Ohio State University, August 2016

Dissertation Title: “Safavid Conversion Propaganda in Ottoman Anatolia and the Ottoman Reaction, 1440s-1630s.”

Winner, 2017 Best Dissertation Award, Ohio Academy of History

M.A., History, Ohio State University, December 2012.

B.A., *valedictorian*, History, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2009.

B.A., School of Communication, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey, June 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Politics of Sect and Sectarianism in the Middle East: Ottoman Sunnism, Safavid Shiism, and the Qizilbash (in preparation, near completion).

Qizilbash dar Manabi'-i 'Osmani. (Tehran: Hikmat Publishers, forthcoming in 2024).

Journal Articles and Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

“Neither Victim nor Accomplice: The Qizilbash as a Borderland Actor in the Early Modern Ottoman Realm,” in *Rethinking “Sunnitization” in the Ottoman Empire, c. 1450-1700*, Tijana Kristic and Derin Terzioğlu (eds.) (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 423-450.

“‘Those Heretics Gathering Secretly....’ Qizilbash Rituals and Ceremonies according to Early Modern Ottoman Sources,” *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 6/1 (Spring 2019): 39-60.

“One Word, Many Implications: The Term “Kızılbaş” in the Early Modern Ottoman Context,” in *Beyond Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: New Perspectives on Ottoman Sunnism*, Vefa Erginbaş (ed.), (Edinburg: Edinburgh University Press, 2019), 47-70.

“The Formation of Kızılbaş Communities in Anatolia and Ottoman Responses, 1450s-1630s.” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* Vol 20, Nos. 1&2 (2014): 21-48.

Other publications

“The Emergence of the Safavids as a Mystical Order and Their Subsequent Rise to Power in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries,” in *The Safavid World*, Rudi Matthee (ed.), (London: Routledge, 2021), 15-36.

“Politics of Sectarianism in the Middle East: Past & Present.” Berkley Forum, March 2021.

“The Origins of Alawites and the Alawite Capture of Power in Syria.” In *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*, November 2013.

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- First Book Colloquium Grant at NYU, 2021-2022.
- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study (IAS), 2020-2021.
- NYU Center for the Humanities Fellowship, 2020-2021.
- Presidential Fellowship at Ohio State University, 2015-2016.
- Ruth Higgins Research Grant, 2015.
- Bradley Foundation Research Grant, 2013-2014.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Graduate Student Research Grant, 2013.
- Sydney N. Fisher Award, Ohio State University, 2010.

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

“Neither Victim nor Accomplice: The Qizilbash and the Notion of Subjecthood in the Ottoman-Safavid Rivalry,” Near Eastern Studies Department at Princeton University. September 26, 2022.

“Hagia Sophia and its “Ottoman” History: Past & Present.” History in the Headlines at NYUAD. March 23, 2021.

“Understanding Sect and Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Ottoman, Safavids, and the Qizilbash.” Near Eastern Studies Seminar at IAS School of Historical Studies. December 2, 2020.

“Politics of Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Safavid Shiism, Ottoman Sunnism, and the Qizilbash.” Islamic Studies Seminar Series, Vanderbilt University. February 21, 2020.

“Politics of Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Safavid Shiism, Ottoman Sunnism, and the Qizilbash.” Iran Colloquium at Yale University. October 4, 2019.

“Origins of the Safavid Empire: Sectarian Rupture or Continuity?” Iranian Studies Initiative at New York University. March 14, 2019.

“Ottoman Sunnism, Safavid Shiism and the Border Formation in Between,” Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar Series, Columbia University, New York, NY. March 1, 2019.

“Neither Accomplice nor Victim: The Qizilbash as a Borderland Authority in the Early Modern Ottoman Realm,” Eurasian Empires Workshop Series, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. October 8, 2018.

“Significance of the Ottoman-Safavid Relationship on Ottoman Policies towards its Qizilbash Subjects, 1450s-1630s.” Anjuman Zenan-e Pejuhashgir Tarekh, Shube-e Tabriz, Iran. June 25, 2015.

INVITED PANELS, ROUNDTABLES & CONFERENCES

“Imperial Connections: Ports, Power, People,” New York University, NY. March 7-9, 2019.

“Sunni-Shiite Encounters in the World War I,” The Decline and Fall of Empires: Habsburg and Ottoman, A Centennial Conference, New York University, New York, NY. November 8-11, 2018.

“Those Heretics Gathering Secretly...” Kızılbaş Rituals according to Early Modern Ottoman Sources,” Recent Perspectives on Ceremonies, Rituals, and Festivals in the Ottoman World, Yale University, New Haven, CT. April 13-15, 2017.

“Promising 'Salvation' by 'Touching' a Book: Pro-Safavid Books as Propaganda Tools in Early Modern Ottoman Anatolia,” the Conference of The Pre-Modern Book in a Global Context: Materiality and Visuality. Binghamton University (SUNY), Binghamton, New York. October 21-22, 2016.

“Aleviliğin Yazılı Kaynakları: Safevi Kronikleri (The Written Sources of Alevism: Safavid Chronicles),” Aleviliğin Yazılı Kaynakları Çalıştayı. TOBB University, Ankara, Turkey. July 8, 2016.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Organized

“Mid-Atlantic Ottoman Studies Workshop,” New York University, March 27-29, 2020 (converted into a series of talks and panels held in Spring/Summer 2021).

Papers Presented

“The Notions of Border and Border Formation in the Early Modern Ottoman-Safavid Relations,” Great Lake Ottoman Workshop (GLOW), The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. April 26-28, 2019.

“The Notions of Border and Border Formation in the Early Modern Ottoman-Safavid Relations,” Inaugural Mid-Atlantic Ottoman Studies Workshop, Salisbury University, MD. March 29-31, 2019.

“Sects and Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Ottoman Sunnism – Safavid Shiism, and the Qizilbash,” 52nd Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. San Antonio, Texas. November 15-18, 2018.

“Origins of the Safavids: Sectarian Rupture vs. Continuity,” Rescheduled Eighth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS). Tbilisi, Georgia. March 15-18, 2018.

“One Word, Many Implications: The Term “Kızılbaş” in the Early Modern Ottoman Context,” 50th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Boston, Massachusetts. November 17-20, 2016.

“Turning Kızılbaş - Turning Safavid: Pro-Safavid Propaganda in Ottoman Anatolia in the 15th and 16th Centuries,” 49th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association. Denver, Colorado. November 21-24, 2015.

“Shifting Identities in Early Modern Mediterranean: An Examination of Muslim *Rinnegati* in the Roman Inquisition, 1542-1766,” Fourth International Graduate Conference: Ideology, Knowledge, and Society in the Eastern Mediterranean. Central University of Europe, Budapest, June 4-6, 2015.

“Pro-Safavid Propaganda in Ottoman Anatolia during the 15th and 16th centuries,” Second Pre- Modernist Graduate Conference, The Ohio State University, Department of History, Columbus, Ohio, April 24, 2015.

“Shifting Identities in Early Modern Mediterranean: An Examination of Muslim *Rinnegati* in the Roman Inquisition, 1542-1766.” The Lure of the Other: Religious Conversion and Reversion in the Early Modern Mediterranean, A 2-Day Symposium. St. Mary’s University College, London, June 4-5, 2013.

“Safavid Propaganda for Conversion in Anatolia and Ottoman Reaction, 1492-1629.” Ottoman- Safavid Exchanges Symposium, University of Pennsylvania, April 26, 2013.

“Safavid Propaganda for Conversion in Anatolia, 1334-1579.” Great Lake Ottoman Workshop (GLOW), University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. March 29-31, 2013.

“‘Mi Faccio Turco:’ An Examination of Muslims in the Roman Inquisition and the Ottoman Reaction.” Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, May 4, 2012.

PODCASTS

“Understanding the Middle East,” with Dr. Jane Hathaway and Dr. Patrick Scharfe, Origins: History Talks (Dept. of History, Ohio State University), August, 2015.

“Armenians, Turks, and the Genocide Question,” with Dr. Ronald Grigor Suny and Dr. John Quigley, Origins: History Talks (Dept. of History, Ohio State University), April, 2015.

“The Syrian Civil War: Alawites, Women’s Rights, and the Arab Spring,” with Dr. Patrick Scharfe, Origins: History Talks (Dept. of History, Ohio State University), January 2014.

EDITORIAL & COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

- American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Fellowships Committee, 2021-2022
- Referee/Reviewer: Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Journal of Religious History, Journal of Kurdish Studies, Journal of Iranian Studies, Oxford University Press, Routledge Publishing House, Koç University Press.
- Undergraduate Fulbright Campus Committee, 2013 and 2015.
- Faculty First Look at NYU, 2019-2020, 2021-2022.
- Alevi Vakıfları Federasyonu, Uluslararası Alevilik ve Bektaşılık Çalışmaları Bilim Ödülü Jüri Üyesi

LANGUAGES

- Turkish (native)
- English (fluent)
- Persian (advance)
- Ottoman Turkish (advance reading)
- Italian (intermediate reading)

RESEARCH

- Topkapı Palace Museum Archive, Istanbul, Turkey, Summer 2019.
- Office of Prime Minister Ottoman Archives, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014 and 2015.
- Central Library of Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey, Summer 2014
- Süleymaniye Manuscript Library, Istanbul, Turkey, Summer 2014 and Summer 2015
- National Library of Turkey, Ankara, Turkey, Fall 2014.
- National Library of Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran, Iran, Summer 2014.
- Malek Manuscript Library, Tehran, Iran, Summer 2014 and Summer 2015.
- University of Isfahan Manuscript Library, Isfahan, Iran, Summer 2015.

ADVISING EXPERIENCE

- Ph.D. advisor for Fatma Deniz, New York University, 2020-present.
- Ph.D. advisor for Ahmet Yusuf Yüksek, New York University, 2019-present.
- Ph.D. advisor for Natalia Lanko, New York University, 2022-present.
- Ph.D. second advisor for Marco Ali Spadaccini, Binghamton University, 2017-present.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Level

- Empires of Early Modern Global Asia (Fall 2021)
- Early Modern Middle East Colloquium (Spring 2017, Fall 2019)
- Religion & Religious Movements in the Middle East (Spring 2019)
- Early Modern Ottoman State & Society (Spring 2018)
- Iran, Past & Present (Fall 2017)
- State & Society in Safavid and Qajar Iran (Fall 2022)

Undergraduate Level

- Empires of Early Modern Global Asia (Fall 2021)
- Islamic World, 500-1500 (Spring 2017 – Spring 2020)
- “Authority” and “Disobedience” in Early Modern Middle East (Fall 2019, Fall 2022)
- Age of Empires in the Middle East: Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals (Fall 2016, Spring 2019)
- Sunni vs. Shiite, Past & Present (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)
- Women and Gender in the Middle East (Fall 2017, January 2021)
- Global History, Post-1500 (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
- Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association (OTSA)
- Iranian Studies Association (ISA)
- Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS)
- American Historical Association (AHA)

REFERENCES

- Jane Hathaway, Arts and Sciences Distinguished Professor, Ohio State University, hathaway.24@osu.edu
- Rudolph Matthee, John A. Munroe and Dorothy L. Munroe Chair of History, University of Delaware, matthee@udel.edu
- Zachary Lockman, Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and History, zachary.lockman@nyu.edu
- Leslie Peirce, Silver Professor, Emeritus, New York University, lp50@nyu.edu
- Carter V. Findley, Humanities Distinguished Professor, Emeritus, Ohio State University, findley.1@osu.edu

NON-ACADEMIC MEDIA APPEARANCE

- Glamour – Historian Fact Checks Aladdin’s Wardrobe
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CUg424lmG4&t=209s>
- Historians Roast Trump – Full Frontal with Samantha Bee
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoH41HFzfVM>
- Rich Ancients – History Channel
<https://play.history.com/shows/historys-crazy-rich-ancients>