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EMPLOYMENT

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

Assistant Professor of Early Modern Ottoman and Middle Eastern 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., *vaedictorian*, History, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, June 2009.

B.A., Communications, Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey, June 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

“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.

“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.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

“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.

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

Edited Volume Chapters

“The Emergence of the Safavids as a Mystical Order and Their Subsequent Rise to Power in the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Centuries,” in *The Safavids*, ed. Rudi Matthee, (London: Routledge, forthcoming 2019).

Works in Progress

Politics of Sectarianism in the Early Modern Middle East: Ottoman Sunnism - Safavid Shiism, and the Qizilbash (in between) (book manuscript in preparation)

“Forced Migration (*Sürgün*) vs. Forced Settlement (*İskân*): Punishing Heresy with Population Policies in Eastern Anatolia after the Conquest of Cyprus, 1570s-1590s,” (article in preparation)

Other publications

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

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

“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 Kızılbaş 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.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS

"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.

"Dream Narratives as Tools of Rituals: Origins of the Ottomans and Safavids," Ritual and Religion in the Medieval World: A Conference in Honor of Professor Richard F. Gyug, Fordham University, New York, NY. March 30-31, 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

- Referee/Reviewer: *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, *Journal of Religious History*, Oxford University Press, Routledge Publishing House.
- Undergraduate Fulbright Campus Committee, 2013 and 2015.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Presidential Fellowship at Ohio State University, 2015-2016.
- Ruth Higgins Research Grant, 2015.

- The Ohio State University Summer Research Award, 2014.
- Retrieving the American Past Award, 2014.
- Mershon Center Graduate Student Research Grant, 2013.
- Ohio State University, Department of History, Sydney N. Fisher Award, 2010.
- Bradley Foundation Grant, 2013-2014.
- Foreign Language Enhancement Program (FLEP) Summer Scholarship for Intensive Persian, 2010.

LANGUAGES

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

RESEARCH

- Office of Prime Minister Ottoman Archives, Istanbul, Turkey, February-June 2014 and Summer 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (Undergraduate & Graduate Level)

- “Authority” and “Disobedience” in Early Modern Middle East (Undergraduate) (Fall 2020)
- Religion & Religious Movements in the Middle East (Graduate) (Spring 2019)
- Age of Empires in the Middle East: Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals (Undergraduate) (Fall 2016, Spring 2019)
- Early Modern Ottoman State & Society (Graduate) (Spring 2018)
- Women and Gender in the Middle East (Undergraduate) (Fall 2017)
- Iran, Past & Present (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Fall 2017)
- Islamic World, 500-1500 (Undergraduate) (Spring 2017)
- Early Modern Middle East Colloquium (Graduate) (Spring 2017, Fall 2019)
- Sunni vs. Shiite, Past & Present (Undergraduate/Graduate) (Fall 2016, Fall 2018)
- Global History, Post-1500 (Undergraduate) (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)