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**EDUCATION**

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2017 Ph.D., History, University of Chicago, granted June 10, 2017

Dissertation: "The Yazıcioglus and the Spiritual Vernacular of the Early Ottoman Frontier," defended February 24, 2017

Committee: Cornell H. Fleischer (Chair), John E. Woods, Hakan Karateke

2011 M.A., History, University of Chicago

2009 M.A., Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkeley

2005 B.A., Biological Sciences (honors), University of Chicago

**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

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2018-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Florida International University

2017-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Religious Studies, Florida International University

2016-2017 Preceptor, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Late medieval and early modern Islamic intellectual and cultural history; piety in the Ottoman Empire; popular religion and Sufism in civic life; confessionalization and canon formation; regional and local histories in early modern empires; Mediterranean borderlands; global Islamic textual traditions; the Ottomans and Iran; premodern natural philosophy.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### *Published Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

- 2018 "The Yazıcıoğlu Brothers and the Textual Genealogies of Ottoman Islam," *Turcica*, vol. 49 (Winter 2018)
- 2018 "Reassessing the Authorship of the *Dürr-i Mekkün*," *Archivum Ottomanicum*, Vol 34 (Autumn 2018)

### *Articles Under Review*

- "To String the Pearls of Orthodoxy: Vernacular Islamic Apologetics on the Fifteenth-Century Mediterranean Frontier" (under review at the *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*, November 2018)
- "Solomon, his Temple, and Ottoman Imperial Anxieties," (under review at *Renaissance Quarterly*, December 2018)

### *Monographs Under Review*

- 2018 *The Spiritual Vernacular of the Early Ottoman Frontier*, under external review at Edinburgh University Press (December 2018)

### *Book Reviews*

- 2018 Review of Sami Helewa, *Models of Leadership in the Adab Narratives of Joseph, David, and Solomon: Lament for the Sacred* (Lexington Books, 2018), in *Reading Religion*, American Academy of Religion
- Review of Tarek Kahlaoui, *Creating the Mediterranean: Maps and the Islamic Imagination* (Handbook of Oriental Studies, Brill Academic Publishers, 2017), in *H-Ideas*, H-Net

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2019 The *Nurnama*: Reviving Islamic Pluralism through a Translation of *The Book of Light* (with Iqbal Akhtar. Under review at the National Endowment for the Humanities)
- 2015-16 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Harper/Provost Dissertation Year Fellowship

- 2013-14 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Award, for research in Turkey
- 2009-11 Five-Year Fellowship, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago
- 2008 Critical Languages Scholarship for the study of Modern Turkish at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul
- 2007-8 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Florida International University***

- "Moses, Jesus, Muhammad" (Fall 2017)
- "Studies in World Religions" (Spring 2018, Fall 2018, and Spring 2019)
- "Islamic Faith and Society" (Fall 2018, as Guest Lecturer)
- "Quran, Gender and Jihad" (Spring 2018, as Guest Lecturer)
- "Earth Ethics: Religion, Nature, and Globalization" (Fall 2018, as Guest Lecturer)

### ***Loyola University, Chicago***

- "History of Islam" (Fall 2016)

### ***University of Chicago***

- Preceptor, Master's Program of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (Fall 2016 – Spring 2017)
- "Islamic History and Society II: The Middle Period" (Winter 2017)
- "Ancient Empires: Ottoman Empire" (Winter 2013)
- "Renaissance East and West: Boundaries and Connections in the Mediterranean"  
(Winter 2013, co-taught with Dr. Corey Tazzara)
- "Power, Identity, Resistance" (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, as Teaching Assistant)
- "Ancient Empires: Ottoman Empire," (Winter 2012, as Teaching Assistant)

## **LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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- 2017-19 Affiliate, Muslim World Studies Center, Florida International University
- 2017      Coordinator, Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2013      Lead Organizer, Middle East History and Theory Conference
- 2012-13    Coordinator, Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2019      “Solomon, His Temple, and Ottoman Imperial Anxieties,” Renaissance Society of America Conference, Toronto
- 2018      “To Know the Bond of Islam: Facing the Unknown on the Ottoman Frontier,” Keynote address, Department of Religious Studies Alumni Dinner, Florida International University
- “Ramadan in History and Imagination,” Keynote address, Inaugural Mohsin and Fauzia Jaffer Muslim World Studies Center Iftar Dinner, Florida International University
- 2017      “Solomon, his Temple, and Ottoman Imperial Anxieties,” Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago
- 2016      “‘To String the Pearls of Orthodoxy’: Vernacular Islamic Apologetics on the Fifteenth-Century Mediterranean Frontier,” Newberry Center for Renaissance Studies Conference, Chicago
- 2015      “‘I saw some *subaşı*s and asked how they could favor me’: Patronage on the Early Ottoman Borderlands,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver
- “Sunni Catechistics on the Fifteenth-Century Ottoman Frontier,” Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago
- 2014      “Writing a Frontier Canon: The Works of Ahmed and Mehmed Yazıcızade,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C.

2012 "The Caliph of the Unseen World: Qasim-i Anvar and Mystical Leadership in Timurid Iran," Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago; same paper also presented at American Oriental Society Conference, Boston

*Workshop Presentations*

2016 "Man and Cosmos at the World's Edge: Natural Philosophy in the Vernacular Turkish Writings of Ahmed Bican," Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago

"Sunni Apologetics in Fifteenth-Century Gallipoli," Late Antiquity and Byzantine Studies Workshop, University of Chicago

2013 "The Politics of Piety Between Istanbul and Tabriz, 1478-1512," Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago

**LANGUAGES**

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Turkish – Proficiency

Ottoman Turkish – Reading proficiency, paleography

Arabic (classical) – Reading proficiency, paleography

Persian – Reading proficiency, paleography

French – Reading proficiency

German – Reading knowledge

Spanish – Proficiency

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

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Middle East Studies Association

American Oriental Society

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association

Renaissance Society of America

## REFERENCES

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