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Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 1999 – 2006 Ph.D. Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
University of Chicago
Dissertation Title: “Cognizance of the Ottoman World: Visual and Textual
Representations in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire (1514-1596)”
- 2001 M.A., Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations
University of Chicago
Master Thesis Title: “Muslims and non-Muslims in Eighteenth-century
Istanbul: A Discussion of Daily Life in the Ottoman Empire”
- 1997 – 1998 Non-degree exchange student, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
University of Chicago
- 1994 – 1997 M.A., Department of History, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
Master Thesis Title: “Ottoman State Intervention in Agriculture: Beginning
of the Credit banking in Nineteenth-century Ottoman Empire”
- 1994 B.A. with Honors, Department of History, Bosphorus University, Istanbul,
Turkey

Professional Experience

- 2017 – Present Department Chair, History Department, Sam Houston State University,
Huntsville, TX, USA
- 2014 – Present Associate Professor of History, History Department, Sam Houston State
University, Huntsville, TX, USA
- 2008 – 2014 Assistant Professor of Islamic History, History Department, University of
Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 2006 – 2008 Visiting Assistant Professor of Islamic History, History Department,
University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, USA
- 2004 –2006 Instructor, Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University
Istanbul, Turkey
- 2003 – 2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Istanbul Bilgi University
Istanbul, Turkey
- 1997 Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey

Publications

Monographs:

Geographical Knowledge and Imperial Culture in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire. Burlington,
VT: Ashgate Publishing Company, 2014.

Monographs in Progress:

The Ottoman Enlightenment: Geography and Politics in the Early Modern World. Forthcoming in Kalamazoo, Michigan: MIP - the ARC Humanities Press.

Refereed Journal Articles:

“Relocating the Center of the Universe: China and the Ottoman Imperial Project in the Sixteenth Century.” *Journal of Ottoman Studies* XXXIX (2012): 161–187.

“Osmanlıda Müslim Gayrimüslim İlişkileri Üzerine Bazı Gözlemler.” (Some Reflections on Muslim-non-Muslim Relations in the Ottoman Empire).” *Kebikeç* 10 (2000): 75–88.

Book and Encyclopedia Chapters:

“Südosteuropa in der kartografischen Kenntnis der Osmanen im 17. und 18. Jahrhundert (Southeast Europe in the Ottoman Cartography of the Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries),” in *Fließende Räume Karten des Donauraums 1650–1800 (Floating Spaces: Maps of the Danube Region, 1650–1800)*, edited by Josef Wolf and Wolfgang Zimmermann, 97–109. Regensburg, Germany: Verlag Schnell & Steiner GmbH, 2017.

“Books on the “Wonders of Creation” and “Geography” in ‘Atufi’s Inventory,” forthcoming in *Treasures of Knowledge: An Inventory of the Ottoman Palace Library Commissioned by Sultan Bayezid II From His Librarian ‘Atufi*, edited by Gülru Necipoğlu, Cemal Kafadar, and Cornell Fleischer. Leiden: Brill, 2018.

“Islam and empire,” in *Encyclopedia of Empire*, edited by John MacKenzie. Hoboken, New Jersey: Wiley-Blackwell, 2016.

“Cartography and the Ottoman Imperial Project in the Sixteenth Century,” in *Imperial Geographies in Byzantine and Ottoman Space*, edited by Sahar Bazzaz, Dimitar Angelov and Yota Batsaki, 69–91. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Center for Hellenic Studies, Harvard University Press, 2013.

“Cartography and Geographical Consciousness in the Ottoman Empire (1453-1730),” in Ian Manners, *European Cartography and the Ottoman World*. Chicago: Oriental Institute Museum of the University of Chicago, 2007.

“A Report on the Issues of Documentation and Information in Historical Studies in Turkey: Problems and Potentials,” (with Oktay Özel) in *Le IIe Congrès du Dialogue Arabo-Turc sur Modernisation et Modernisme dans les pays Arabes et en Turquie au XXe siècle* (Zaghouan: Foundation Temimi pour la Recherche Scientifique et l’Information, 2001), 99-107.

Book Reviews:

Review of Hyunhee Park, *Mapping the Chinese and Islamic Worlds: Cross-Cultural Exchange in Pre-modern Asia* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012), *Der Islam* 91/2 (2014): 425–431.

Review of Cigdem Kafescioglu, *Constantinople / Istanbul: Cultural Encounter, Imperial Vision, and the Construction of the Ottoman Capital* (Penn State University Press, 2009), the *Renaissance Quarterly* (Spring 2011).

Invited Lectures and Conference Papers Given

“Mapping the Boundaries of the World: India in the Early Modern Ottoman Geographical and

Imperial Consciousness,” *Rum and Hind: relations and shared experiences of conquest, acculturation and Turkish rule in pre-modern India and Anatolia*, the University of St Andrews, 25–26 May 2017.

“Cartographic Knowledge and Imperial Power in the Eighteenth Century Mediterranean,” *Knowledge is Power*, the University of Cyprus, November 2–4, 2016.

“Cartography, Geographical Consciousness and the Ottoman Imperial Project” *Transcending Boundaries: The Ottoman Empire, Europe and the Mediterranean World, 1500-1800*, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar, Washington, D.C., June 20 – July 15, 2016.

“The Ottoman Enlightenment: ‘Geography’ and Politics in the long Eighteenth Century,” *Forschungskolloquium zur Geschichte nach 1800*, Historisches Institut der Universität Bern, June 1, 2016.

“Translations and Transmission of Geographical Knowledge in the Eighteenth Century Ottoman Empire,” *Forum for European Expansion and Global Initiative* (FEEGI), the University of California, Irvine, February 4–6, 2016.

“The Ottoman Enlightenment: ‘Geography’ and Politics in the Eighteenth Century,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America*, Washington, DC, November 22–25, 2014.

“The Ottoman Enlightenment: ‘Geography’ and Politics in the long Eighteenth Century,” *Ottoman Topologies: Spatial Experience in an Early Modern Empire and Beyond*, Stanford University, May 16–17, 2014

“Reflections on Atufi’s Inventory on the “Wonders of Creation” and “Geography,” *Ottoman Palace Library Workshop (TOROK Manuscript)*, Harvard University, April 4–6, 2014

“Ottoman Experience with the Enlightenment: ‘Geography’ and Politics in the Long Eighteenth Century,” *Eighteenth Century Studies*, University of Pittsburgh, February 2013.

“Ottoman geographical knowledge and imperial space in the Long Eighteenth Century,” *American Historical Association*, New Orleans, January 3–6, 2013.

“Defending the Mediterranean in the Long Eighteenth Century: the Ottoman understanding of imperial space on the eve of the Enlightenment,” *Forum for European Expansion and Global Initiative* (FEEGI), the University of Minnesota, April 20–21, 2012.

“Ottoman Geographical Knowledge and Imperial Project: Boundaries of the Ottoman World in the travel account of Ali Ekber Khitayi,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America*, San Diego, CA, November 18–21, 2010.

“New World in Sixteenth-century Ottoman Imperial and Geographical Consciousness,” *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference*, Montreal, Canada. October 14–17, 2010.

“Remapping the boundaries of the world: Indian Ocean in Sixteenth-century Ottoman Imperial and Geographical Consciousness,” *Forum for European Expansion and Global Initiative* (FEEGI), Duke University, NC, February 19–20, 2010.

“Re-casting the Center of the World: Istanbul in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Geographical Consciousness,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America*, Washington, D.C. November 17–20, 2008.

“The Ottoman Empire and Its Contribution to the World of Cartography,” *Symposium Mapping the World: From Ancient Babylon to the Ottoman Empire*, The Oriental Institute, Chicago, December 8, 2007.

“Visualising the Center of the World: Geographical Knowledge in the Service of Ottoman Imperial Propaganda in the 16th Century,” *Middle East Studies Association of North America*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 17–20, 2007.

“Ottoman Peripheries in the Early Modern World,” *Great Lakes Ottoman Workshop*. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 21–22, 2007.

“Tracing the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Peripheries: China, India, the Indian Ocean, and the New World,” *Center for Russian and East European Studies Lecture Series*, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, October 23, 2006.

“Who Read Books on Geography in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire?” *10th Annual Workshop ‘Ottoman Material Culture’: Books and Reading in the Ottoman World*. Istanbul, Turkey, October 14–15, 2005.

“Core Regions of the Ottoman Imperial Aspirations in the Sixteenth Century,” *10th International Congress of Economic and Social History of Turkey*. Venice, Italy, September 28–October 1, 2005.

“Ottoman *Portolan* Atlases and the Mediterranean,” *History Seminars*, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Sabancı University, Istanbul, Turkey, October 26, 2005.

“Muslims and non-Muslims in Eighteenth-century Istanbul: A Discussion of Daily Life in the Ottoman Empire,” *Early Modern History and Theory Workshop*, the University of Chicago, IL, May 2001.

Fellowships and Grants

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| 2017 | Summer grant from the Department of History, SHSU |
| 2015 | Summer grant from the Department of History, SHSU |
| 2013 | University of Pittsburgh candidate for the NEH Summer Stipends Program |
| 2010 | Center for Russian and Eastern European Studies Small Grant, University of Pittsburgh |
| 2010 | World History Center Faculty Award, University of Pittsburgh |
| 2004-2005 | Century Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 2003 | Turkish Studies Research Travel Grant, University of Chicago |
| 2002 | Turkish Studies Research Travel Grant, University of Chicago |
| 2000-2003 | Mellon Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 1999-2002 | International House Residential Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 1999 | University Endowment Fellowship, University of Chicago |
| 1994-99 | Fellowship in Graduate Studies, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey |

Language Proficiency

Native language: Turkish

Near-Native competency in: English

Advanced knowledge of: Ottoman Turkish, German, and French

Advanced reading knowledge of: Arabic and Persian

Teaching Experience

Sam Houston State University

HIST 2312 World History since 1500

HIST 3362 Middle East, 500–1700

HIST 3336 Middle East since 1700

HIST 5097 Graduate seminar on “Empires and World History”

HIST 5097 Graduate seminar on “Ottoman Empire, 1300–1922”

University of Pittsburgh (2006–2014)

HIST 0756/RELGST 455 Introduction to the Islamic Civilization^{[L][SEP]}

HIST 1753 History of the Ottoman Empire (1300–1923)^{[L][SEP]}

HIST 1001 Writing Seminar–Renaissance East and West^{[L][SEP]}

HIST 1790 Mediterranean World^{[L][SEP]}

Integrated Field Trip Abroad in Istanbul, Turkey

HIST 2015 Graduate Seminar: Historiography^{[L][SEP]}

HIST 2716 Graduate Seminar: Empires in World History

Committees served

Member of the Executive Committee of the *Forum for European Expansion and Global Initiative* (FEEGI), (2016–2020).

Member of Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2017–2018 (Sam Houston State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences).

Member of Faculty/Staff Annual Fund Campaign Committee, 2017–2018 (Sam Houston State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences).

Chair of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor of African History, 2016–2017 (Sam Houston State University, Department of History).

Member of the Fellowship committee for American Research Institute in Turkey (2015–2016).

Member of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2015–2017 (Sam Houston State University, Department of History).

Member of the Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian History, 2014–2015 (Sam Houston State University, Department of History).

Member of the Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Asian History, 2015–2016 (Sam Houston State University, Department of History).

Graduate Student Supervision

MA and PhD Committees Served

Daniel Jackson (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)’s MA Exam committee, 2017.

Allen Lowe (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)’s MA Exam committee, 2017.

Bradley Nelson (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2017.

Randall Menser (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2017.

David Matheson (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2017.

Jonathan Reibenspies (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee 2016.

Blythe Thorne (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee. 2016.

Jeffrey Couch (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee 2016.

Blythe Thorne (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee. 2016.

Cara Lawson (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2015.

Adam DiGiovanni (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2015.

Cecilia Abad (Sam Houston State University, Department of History)'s MA Exam committee, 2015.

İzzet Bahar (University of Pittsburgh, Department of Religious Studies)'s MA and PhD committees. Izzet successfully defended his PhD in 2012.

Cengiz Haksöz (University of Pittsburgh, Department of Anthropology)'s PhD committee. Cengiz successfully defended his PhD overview in Spring 2013.

Katie Parker (University of Pittsburgh, Department of History)'s MA and PhD committees. Katie successfully defended her PhD overview in 2013.

Chris Eirkson (University of Pittsburgh, Department of History)'s MA Committee. Chris successfully defended his Master's Paper in Spring 2013.

Ahmet İzmirlioğlu (University of Pittsburgh, Department of History). Ahmet successfully defended his PhD Dissertation in 2015.

PhD Dissertations Supervised

Jacob Pollock (University of Pittsburgh, Department of History; with Jonathan Scott). Jake successfully defended his PhD Dissertation in 2012.

Madalina Veres (University of Pittsburgh, Department of History). Madalina successfully defended her PhD Dissertation in 2014.

