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Education:

Princeton University
Department of Near Eastern Studies
Ph.D. November, 2002
M.Phil. January, 1998
M.A.: June, 1996

The University of Montana
BA, High Honors. May, 1993
Major: History, Minor: French
Teaching Certificate, ESL

Book:

The Margins of Empire: Kurdish Militias in the Ottoman Tribal Zone, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, June, 2011). (Turkish translation to be published by İletişim Yayınları).

Journal articles, book chapters, and occasional papers:

"Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World: A View from History and the Kurdish Periphery," in *Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World*, edited by Eva Pfoestl and Will Kymlicka, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2013), *forthcoming*.

"State, Tribe, and the Contest over Diyarbekir at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," in *Diyarbekir: Social Relations in an Ottoman Province, 1870-1915*, edited by Jelle Verheij and Joost Jongerden, (Leiden: E.J. Brill, July, 2012), 147-178.

"Minorities, Statelessness, and Kurdish Studies Today: Prospects and Dilemmas for Scholars," *Journal of Ottoman Studies/Osmanlı Araştırmaları Dergisi*, special issue in honor of Rifa'at Abou-el-Haj, (Dec., 2010), 225-237. This special issue has also been reprinted as a book: Donald Quataert and Baki Tezcan, eds, *Beyond Dominant Paradigms in Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Studies: A Tribute to Rifa'at Abou-El-Haj*, (Istanbul: İSAM, 2010), 225-237.

-Turkish translation: "Azınlıklar, Devletsizlik, ve Günümüzde Kürt Çalışmaları: Araştırmacılar için Yeni Olanaklar ve Açmazlar," in Donald Quataert and Baki Tezcan, eds., *Hakim Paradigmaların Ötesinde: Rifa'at Abou-El-Haj'a Armağan*, (Istanbul: ISAM, 2010/2012), 267-280.

"Turkish Responses to Kurdish Identity Politics: Recent Developments in Historical Perspective," in *The Kurdish Policy Imperative*, edited by Gareth Stansfield and Robert Lowe, (London: Chatham House/Royal Institute of International Affairs, 2010), 79-96. Invited contributor.

"Çevreyi İdare Etmek: Osmanlı Devleti ve Hamidiye Alayları," in *Tarihsel Perspektiften Türkiye'de Güvenlik Siyaseti, Ordu ve Devlet*, edited by Evren Balta-Paker and İsmet Akça, (Istanbul:Bilgi, 2010). [English translation of Turkish title: "Managing the Periphery: The Ottoman State and the Hamidiye Light Cavalry," in *Military, State, and the Politics of Security in Turkey in Historical Perspective*]. Invited contributor.

A Potential Kurdistan: The Quest for Statehood, Occasional Paper, (Abu Dhabi: Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research, 2009), 59 pp. Invited author.

"Conflict and Collaboration: Rethinking Kurdish-Armenian Relations in the Hamidian Period (1876-1909)," *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, Nos. 1, 2 (July, 2007), 153-166.
-Also published in *Identity and Identity Formation in the Ottoman Middle East and the Balkans: A Volume of Essays in Honor of Norman Itzkowitz* , edited by Karl Barbir and Baki Tezcan, (Madison: University of Wisconsin Madison Center of Turkish Studies Publications Series, 2007), 153-166. Invited contributor.
-Turkish translation: "Çatışma ve İşbirliği: Abdülhamid Dönemi Kürt-Ermeni İlişkilerini Yeniden Değerlendirmek (1876-1909)," in *Osmanlı Dünyasında Kimlik ve Kimlik Oluşumu: Norman Itzkowitz Armağanı*, edited by Karl Barbir and Baki Tezcan, (Istanbul: Bilgi University Press, May 2012), 181-196.

"Kurdish Nationalists and Non-Nationalist Kurdists: Rethinking Minority Nationalism and the Dissolution of the Ottoman Empire, 1908-1909," *Nations and Nationalism*, 13:1 (Jan. 2007), 135-153.

"Ein kritischer Blick auf den sunnitischen Faktor bei der Aufstellung kurdischer Stammesregimenter unter Abdülhamid II [Whose Hamidiye?: Another Look at the Sunni Factor in the Creation of Kurdish Tribal Regiments by Sultan Abdülhamid II and his Associates]," *Kurdische Studien* 2:1 (June, 2002), 131-153. Invited contributor.

"En-gendering Nationalism: The 'Woman Question' in Kurdish Nationalist Discourse of the Late Ottoman Period," in *Women of a Non-State Nation: The Kurds*, edited by Shahrzad Mojab, (Costa Mesa: Mazda Publishers, 2001), 25-51. Invited contributor.
-Also translated into Turkish as "Geç Osmanlı Döneminde Kürt Milliyetçi Söyleminde 'Kadın Sorunu,'" in *Devletsiz Ulusun Kadınları: Kürt Kadını Üzerine Araştırmalar*, edited by Fahriye Adsay, Sema Kılıç, and Ekin Uşaklı, (Istanbul: Avesta, 2005), 43-74.
-Also translated into Kurdish (Kurmanci), and presently being translated into Sorani (another dialect of Kurdish)

"Proverbial Nationalism: Proverbs in Kurdish Nationalist Discourse of the Late Ottoman Period," *The International Journal of Kurdish Studies* 14: 1 and 2, 2000, 7-26.

Translations:
Translation of Raymond Kévorkian, "Chronologie de l'extermination des Arméniens de l'Empire ottoman par le régime jeune-turc (1915-1916) [Chronology of the Extermination of Ottoman Armenians by the Young Turk Regime (1915-1916)]," from French to English (60 pp single-spaced). *Online Encyclopedia of Mass Violence*, ed. by Jacques Semelin (2008), http://www.massviolence.org/The-Extermination-of-Ottoman-Armenians-by-the-Young-Turk-Regime?decoupe_recherche=kevorkian

Book Reviews:
Review of Hakan Özoğlu, *Kurdish Notables and the Ottoman State: Evolving Identities, Competing Loyalties, and Shifting Boundaries*, (Albany: SUNY Press, 2004) in *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 37: 3 (Aug. 2005), 422-424.

Review of Robert Olson, *Turkey's Relations with Iran, Syria, Israel, and Russia, 1991-2000: The Kurdish and Islamist Questions*, (Costa Mesa: Mazda Publishers, Inc., 2001), in *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 26:2 (Fall, 2002), 60-64.

Review of David McDowall, *A Modern History of the Kurds*, Revised Edition, (New York: I.B. Tauris, 2000), in *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin* 26:2 (Fall, 2002), 57-59.

Peer-review service for manuscripts, grants/scholarships, and educational media:

- Scholarship reviewer for Turkish Studies Association's Adıvar Scholarship (April, 2012)
- Grant-application reviewer for American Research Institute in Turkey/Mellon Foundation /NEH Grants (2011-12)
- Reviewer of Turkish Educational Media, Critical Languages Program, University of Arizona, Dec., 2003-present.
- Reviewer of Kurdish (Kurmanci) Educational Media, Critical Languages Program, University of Arizona, Oct., 2008-present.

- Book-manuscript reviewer for University of Utah Press (2012).
- Book-manuscript reviewer for Cambridge University Press (2011).
- Book-manuscript reviewer for Stanford University Press (2011).
- Peer-reviewer for the journal, *European Journal of Turkish Studies* (2009, 2012).
- Peer-reviewer for the journal, *Arab World Geographer* (2010).
- Peer-reviewer for the journal, *New Perspectives on Turkey* (2009).
- Peer-reviewer for The Emirates Center for Strategic Studies and Research Occasional Papers (1998-2000)

Articles in Progress:

- "Noble Savages or Savage Notables? Tribes, the State, Race, and Civilizing Missions in the Ottoman Empire and the United States, 1890-1914."
- "En-gendering Nationalism in Kurdistan: Women in Kurdish Nationalism at the Turn of Two Centuries."
- "Proxy Colonists: French Plans to Settle Armenians in Algeria in the 19th Century."
- "Whither the Failure of Kurdish Nationalism?"
- "Journalism without borders: The Bedirkhans and *Kurdistan*, the first Kurdish gazette, 1898-1902

Doctoral Dissertation:

"Power in the Periphery: The Hamidiye Light Cavalry and the Struggle over Ottoman Kurdistan, 1890-1914" (Princeton University: November, 2002).

Master's Thesis:

"Claiming the Nation: The Origins and Nature of Kurdish Nationalist Discourse, A Study of the Kurdish Press in the Ottoman Empire" (Princeton: June, 1996).

Fellowships, grants, and awards:

- Institute of Turkish Studies Publication Grant (for book index) ($868) (2011)
- Univ. of Akron Faculty Research Committee Summer Grant ($10,000) (2011)
- Univ. of Akron College of Arts and Sciences Chairs' Award for Outstanding Research in Early Career (2007)
- Institute of Turkish Studies Library Grant; Univ. of Akron Kerem Fund/Friends of the Library
    - matching grant for the purchase of library books amounting to $5500 (2006-2007)
- Faculty Research Committee Summer Grant of $8000. The University of Akron (2006)
- University of Montana Dept. of History grant to present a paper at LSE in London, $2500 (2005)
- Institute of Turkish Studies Library Grant; UM Central Asia and Caspian Basin Program

    - matching grant for the purchase of library books amounting to $5000 (2003-2004)
- Awarded Fulbright-Hays fellowship for dissertation research abroad (2000-2001)
- Offered Fulbright I.I.E. (2000-2001) (declined)
- FLAS Fellowship (full tuition and stipend, Princeton University), 1994-1999
- MacArthur Foundation/Center for International Studies grant for dissertation research (1999)
- Princeton University Council on Regional Studies grant for dissertation research (1999)
- Offered Henry McCracken Fellowship for 5 years of study at NYU (1996) (declined)
- Ertegün Scholarship, (1995-1998)
- Combined NES Program, Council on Regional Studies, APGA, and Rea Grant to study intensive Kurdish, Washington, D.C. (Summer, 1998)
- Mellon Fellowship to study intensive Kurdish, Washington, D.C. (Summer 1997)
- FLAS Fellowship to attend the Harvard-Uludağ Summer Ottoman paleography program in Ayvalık/Cunda, Turkey (Summer, 1997)
- ARIT Fellowship for study at Boğaziçi University, Istanbul (Summer 1995)
- Erasmus Scholarship, 1991-1993 (University of Montana, university-wide scholarship)
- Bennett History Scholarship, 1992-1993 (University of Montana, departmental scholarship)

Conference Talks, Public Lectures, and invitations to speak at other seminars/venues:

"'Humanitarian' interventions in historical perspective," presentation for panel, "Evolution of Humanitarian Intervention: Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan," at the conference, "Humanitarian Dilemmas: Debating Interventions in Africa and the Middle East," Kent State University (April 5-6, 2012). Invited panelist.

"State, Tribe, and the Contest over Diyarbekir at the Turn of the Twentieth Century," presented at the workshop on the Social and Economic History of Diyarbakır and the Region; workshop sponsored by the Hrant Dink Foundation and Diyarbakır municipal government, (Diyarbakır, Turkey, Nov. 11-13, 2011). Expenses paid.

Invited speaker at Stanford University's Faculty/Graduate Student Geballe Research Workshop titled "Ethnic Minorities, Religious Communities, Rights, and Democracy in the Modern Middle East and Central Asia," 25 October, 2011. Expenses paid, honorarium.

Invited keynote speaker for the opening of the Kurdish library at SUNY Binghamton, Binghamton University (Sept. 23, 2011). Expenses paid, honorarium.

"Kurdish Studies in the United States: Prospects and Dilemmas for Scholars," presented at the Second Conference on Kurdish Studies, the University of Duhok, Duhok, Kurdistan Region, Iraq, April 30-May 4, 2011. Invited presenter. Expenses paid.

"The Kurds and the Armenian Genocide: Imperial and Ethnic Politics in the Transition from Empire to Nation-State," to be presented at the workshop, "Muslim Identities and Imperial Spaces: Networks, Mobility, and the Geopolitics of Empire and Nation (1700-2011)," Stanford University, April 7-8, 2011. Invited presenter. Expenses paid plus honorarium.

"Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World: A View from History and the Kurdish Periphery," presented at the workshop, "Minority Rights and Multiculturalism in the Arab World," hosted by LUISS Univ. and Istituto di Studi Politici (Rome, Italy, March 24-26, 2011), invited speaker. Expenses paid.

Invited discussant for two panels at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (San Diego, Nov. 2010): "Leftists After All: The Kurdish Movement in Turkey and the Left from the 1960s to the 2000s," and "Kurdishness in the Vernacular."

"The Kurdish Factor in the Armenian Genocide: Rethinking the Link between Culpability and Ethnicity," presented at the University of Chicago (April 29, 2010). Invited speaker. Expenses paid, plus honorarium.

"Minorities, Statelessness, and Kurdish Studies: Prospects and Dilemmas for Scholars," presented at the conference, "Beyond Dominant Paradigms in Ottoman and Middle Eastern/North African Studies: A Tribute to Rifa'at Abou-El-Haj," presented at SUNY Binghamton, (April 24, 2010). Partial expenses paid.

Invited Discussant on two panels at the 2009 annual Middle East Studies Association conference: "Imperial Power, Local Politics, New Forms of Knowledge: Kurdish Identity and the Kurdish Question in the Late Ottoman Empire," and "State Formation in the Middle East: The Kurdish Case" (Nov., 2009).

"The Kurdish Question in Historical Perspective," presented to high-school teachers as part of NYU's educational outreach program, New York, (Oct. 24, 2009). Invited presenter. Expenses paid, honorarium.

"Transnational Developments in Kurdistan in Historical Perspective," presented at NYU's Middle East Studies Center, New York, (Oct. 22, 2009). Invited speaker. Presented in conjunction with the Kurdish Film Festival in New York City. Expenses paid, honorarium.

"Women in Kurdish Nationalist Discourse from a Historical Perspective," presented at the first Congress on Kurdish Women, Hakkari University, Hakkari, Turkey (Oct. 1-5, 2009). Invited speaker. Expenses paid.

"Nationalism, Statelessness, and Kurdish Studies Today," paper presented at the international conference, "The Kurds and Kurdistan: History, Politics, Culture," at the University of Exeter, Exeter, U.K. (April 1-3, 2009). Partial expenses paid.

"Iraqi Kurdistan Between Statelessness and State-building," Sharp lecture at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX (March 30, 2009). Invited speaker. Expenses paid plus honorarium.

"The Kurds and the Armenian Genocide: Reflections on Historiography," presented at the Society for Armenian Studies Conference, "Armenian Studies at a Threshold: Celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Society for Armenian Studies," Los Angeles, CA (March 26-28, 2009). Invited presenter. Partial expenses paid.

"Strange Bedfellows: The Village Guards and the Kurdish War in Turkey in Historical Context," presented at the panel titled "Parallel Authorities? State and Kurdish Tribes in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey" at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 22-25, 2008).

"Kurds as Minorities and Minorities in Kurdistan," presented at the "Middle East Minorities" workshop sponsored by the University of Michigan's Center for Middle East and North African Studies," Ann Arbor, MI (Nov. 7-8, 2008). Invited presenter. Expenses paid.

"Women, Gender, and the (Re)Construction of Kurdistan as 'The Other Iraq,'" presented at the University of Dohuk, Dohuk, Kurdistan Region Iraq (Oct. 14, 2008). Invited speaker. Expenses paid.

"Kurdish Studies Today: Prospects and Dilemmas for Scholars," presented at the Organization for the Advancement of Inner Eurasian Societies panel on Power, Knowledge, and Kurdistan, Columbia University, New York City, (May 9, 2008). Invited speaker. Expenses paid.

"What makes neighbors kill neighbors? Nuancing explanations of the Armenian Genocide during the First World War." Invited participant at a mini-conference/workshop titled "From Empire to Nation State: The Ottoman Great War and Post-War Politics" at the University of Richmond. Richmond, VA, (April 26, 2008). Expenses paid.

"Nationalism and violence in the Hamidian period." Invited speaker at a graduate History seminar at Columbia University, "The Ottoman Empire and its Rivals," taught by Prof. Christine Philliou. New York City, (April 14, 2008). Expenses paid.

"Turkish Responses to Kurdish Identity Politics: Recent Events in Historical Perspective," invited speaker at the Chatham House (Royal Institute for International Affairs) conference on The Kurds in International Affairs, London, Dec. 19, 2007. Expenses paid.

"Tribal Militias from the Wild West to the Wild East: U.S.-Ottoman Frontier Projects in the Late-Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries," paper presented on the panel titled "Rethinking the Ottoman Military, 1876-1922," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, Nov. 2007.

"Whither the Failure of Kurdish Nationalism?" presentation for discussion in the thematic conversation titled "Majorities and Minorities in the Middle East and North Africa," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, Nov. 2007.

"Journalism Beyond Borders: The Bedir Khans and the First Kurdish Newspaper, 1898-1902," Conference on Development of Kurdish Print Media sponsored by the European Center for Kurdish Studies, the Association Havibun and the Bedirkhan Committee Dohuk, Berlin, April 20-22, 2007. Invited speaker/participant. Expenses paid.

"En-gendering Nationalism in Kurdistan: Women and Kurdish Nationalism at the Turn of Two Centuries." Invited speaker, "Women and Islam Seminar Series," The University of Pennsylvania, April 12, 2007. Expenses paid, plus honorarium.

"Kurdish Militias and the Ottoman State: An Historical Case Study with Implications for Present-Day Conflict Resolution." Invited speaker at the International Conference on Kurdish Studies, sponsored by Institut kurde de Paris and Salahaddin University. Erbil/Hawler, Kurdistan Region, Iraq. Sept. 6-9, 2006. Expenses paid.

"Noble Savages or Savage Notables? Tribes, the State, Race, and Civilizing Missions in the Ottoman Empire and the United States, 1890-1914." Presented at the American Historical

Association Conference, Philadelphia, January, 2006 (paper read by Ryan Gingeras due to car accident en route to conference).

"Identities and Nationalism: A Theoretical Perspective," and "Kurdish Identity and Nationalism," two one-hour lectures presented as part of the NJ High School Teachers' Summer Institute on Identities and Nationalism in the Middle East, Sponsored by Princeton University's Program in Near Eastern Studies, June, 2005. Expenses paid, plus honorarium.

"Kurdish Nationalists and Non-Nationalist Kurdists: Rethinking Nationalism and Imperial Decline in the Ottoman Empire," presented at the Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism's 15th Annual Conference under this year's theme: Nation and Empire, London School of Economics, London, April, 2005. Grant that paid travel and accommodations.

Moderator/panel chair for panel, "The Veil, Sexual Identity, and its Masks," at the Islam, Women, the Veil, and the West Symposium, The University of Montana, April, 2005.

Respondent for "Maps and Census: Construction of National Identity in Macedonia, 1870-1906," by İpek Yosmaoğlu. Hellenic Studies Workshop. Princeton University, May 2, 2003.
"Multimedia Middle Eastern Studies: Expanding Teaching and Research Options with New Technologies." Presented to the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University. April 30, 2003.

"Kurds in Iraq." Presented as part of a one-day teacher-training seminar for New Jersey High-School Teachers, sponsored by Princeton University's outreach program, with co-presenters Professors Michael Cook and L. Carl Brown of Princeton, and Yitzhak Nakash of Brandeis. Princeton, March 8, 2003. Invited speaker. Honorarium.

"Kurdish Nationalists and Non-Nationalist Kurdists: Diverse Agendas of the 'Kurdish Clubs' in the Late Ottoman Period." Presented at the American Historical Association Conference, Chicago, January, 2003.

"Conflict and Collaboration: Rethinking Kurdish-Armenian Relations in the Hamidian Period (1876-1909)." Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November, 2002.

"'Kurdistan' in Early Kurdish Nationalist Discourse: Mapping with Words." Presented at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Providence, November, 1996.

Local/community lectures:
"The Kurdish Question," presented to high-school students at Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, OH (Dec. 2011). Invited presenter.

"Understanding the Kurdish Question," presented to high-school students at Western Reserve Academy, Hudson, OH (Jan. 15, 2010). Invited presenter. Honorarium paid.

"Kurdistan: The Other Iraq," presented at the Center for Inquiry (Northeast Ohio branch) meeting, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Stow, OH (Sept. 9, 2008). Invited speaker.

"Kurdistan: The Other Iraq." Presented as part of the University of Akron Phi Alpha Theta lecture series. Akron, OH, Oct. 6, 2006.

"Prospects for Iraqi Kurdistan." Presented to the Akron Rotary Club. Akron, OH, Oct. 3, 2006.

"(De)Constructing Iraqi History," presented at the Missoula Rotary Club, Missoula, MT, Nov., 2003.

Languages:

Turkish	Persian (intermediate)
French	Kurdish [Kurmanci] (intermediate)
Arabic (beginning)	Ottoman Turkish (printed and handwritten materials)

Academic Work Experience:

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The University of Akron (8/2005-present).

Courses:

- World Civilizations: The Middle East
- Iraq in Historical Perspective
- States and Statelessness in the Middle East: Kurds and Palestinians
- Critical Approaches to Middle Eastern Histories and Historiographies (graduate course)
- Ottoman State and Society, 1300-1922 (undergrad/grad course)
- Islamic Economics? (independent graduate reading course)
- Women and Gender in Middle Eastern Societies (undergrad/grad course)
- Race, Nation, and Class in the Middle East (undergrad/grad course)
- Modern Iran
- Kurdistan between States and Statelessness
- Empire, Genocide and Mass Violence (undergrad/grad course co-taught with Shelley Baranowski)
- Humanities in the World since 1300

Committee assignments: On search committee for external chair (2007-2008); On search committee for historian of East Asia (fall 2005), Tenure committee (2010-2011); Technology committee (2005-present), Miller Humanities Fund Committee/Academic Engagement Committee (2005-present (Co-chair, 2011-present)); World Civilizations steering committee (2006-present); peer review committees (2005-present); university-wide Global Studies Initiative (taskforce) (2005-2009); creator and director of the Certificate Programs in Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (2006-present); Global Studies Degree committee (2007-2009); Chair's Advisory Committee (2008-09); Scholarship committee (2009-present); Honors committee (2009-present); Director of the World Civ program (2012-present).

Visiting Assistant Professor of History, The University of Montana (8/2003-6/2005)

Courses: Ottoman State and Society, 1300-1922
Iraq: A History
The Historian's Craft
States and Statelessness in the Middle East: Kurds and Palestinians
Critical Approaches to Middle Eastern Histories and Historiographies (graduate course)

Committee assignment: Instructional media and technologies

Director, NES Writers' Group (Informal Writing Advisor to Undergraduates)
Fall, 2001-Spring, 2002

Eastern Consortium Intensive Summer Language Program at NYU

Instructor of Second-Year Turkish. Summer, 2001

Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University
Assistant Instructor, "Introduction to the Middle East" (NES 201). Autumn, 1996-97
English Language Institute, University of Montana

Bilingual Instructor for Turkish student, beginning English. Spring, 1994
Department of Linguistics, University of Montana

Instructor, "Intermediate ESL" (ESL 450/451). Autumn/Spring, 1992-1993
Department of History, University of Montana

Other Educational Work Experience:
Writer for the Reading Comprehension section of the TOEFL exam
Languages Division, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ
Freelance Consultant, September, 1996 to December, 2000; Dec, 2001-Aug, 2003
Full time: July-September, 1996

Writer for the Listening Comprehension section of the TOEFL exam, ETS
March, 2003-August, 2003

Educational Technology Consultant
Princeton University, Office of Information Technology
August, 2002-August, 2003

Academic Fields:
General exams passed in Jan., 1998: Late Ottoman History (19th and 20th Centuries); Ottoman History (1300-1800); Nationalism; History of the Modern Middle East
Supervisors: Professors M. Şükrü Hanioğlu, Norman Itzkowitz, Khaled Fahmy, and Zachary Lockman (of NYU)

Other areas of interest: Racism; Human Rights; History of Modern Turkey and modern Iraq; Kurdish History; Immigration; Gender Studies; Ethnic Conflict; Culinary History; Diasporas; Comparative Genocide; Violence; Militias; Tribes

Professional Associations
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for the Study of Ethnicity and Nationalism (ASEN)

Personal Interests:
Shotokan Karate; member of the Japan Karate Association (JKA)
Food (eating it, cooking it, writing about it)
Web design and educational technologies
Yoga—Ashtanga; Ashtanga/Vinyasa