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EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019-present Professor of History and International Studies, Trinity College
2012-2019 Associate Professor of History and International Studies, Trinity College
2013-2015 Charles A. Dana Research Associate Professor, Trinity College
2006-2012 Assistant Professor of History and International Studies, Trinity College
2004-2006 Assistant Professor of History, Syracuse University

EDUCATION

2005 Ph.D., Department of History, Harvard University
Dissertation: "Place and Belonging in Medieval Syria, 6th/12th to 8th/14th Centuries"
Advisor: Roy Mottahedeh, Gurney Professor of History, Harvard University
1997 M.Phil., Modern Middle Eastern Studies, St. Antony's College, Oxford University
Thesis: "Renegotiating Islam: The Critical Response to Muḥammad Sa'īd al-'Ashmāwī's *Al-Islām al-Siyāsī* in the Modern Egyptian Press"
1995 BA, with Highest Distinction in History, University of Virginia
Thesis: "Remything Africa: Perceptions of Precariousness and Illusions of Power in the Literature of Sarah Bowdich"

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

Mapping the Middle East. London: Reaktion Books, 2018; reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, and eleven other venues

Routes and Realms: The Power of Place in the Early Islamic World. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012; paperback edition, 2015; long-listed for the British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize 2013; reviewed in *American Historical Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Historical Geography*, and ten other venues

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"*Qamarayn*: The Erotics of Sameness in the *1001 Nights*." *Al-'Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists* 28 (2020), 1-44: <https://doi.org/10.52214/uw.v28i1.8287>

"Becoming Syrian: Aleppo in Ibn al-'Adīm's *Bughyat al-ṭalab fī ta'rīkh Ḥalab*." In *Grounded Identities: Territory and Belonging in the Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean and Mesopotamia*, ed. Steve Tamari, 46-71. Leiden: Brill, 2019

"The Discourse of Place in Ayyūbid and Mamlūk Syria: A Politics of Scale." In *Egypt and Syria in the Fatimid, Ayyubid, and Mamluk Eras IX*, ed. Kristof D'hulster, Gino Schallenberg, and Jo Van Steenberg, 33-43. Leuven: Peeters Publishers, 2019

"Jerusalem in the Ayyubid and Mamluk Periods." In *Routledge Handbook on Jerusalem*, ed. Suleiman Mourad, Bedross Der Matossian, and Naomi Koltun-Fromm, 102-109. New York: Routledge, 2018

"Nostalgia for the Future: A Comparison between the Introductions to Ibn 'Asākir's *Ta'rīkh madīnat Dimashq* and al-Khaṭīb al-Baghdādī's *Ta'rīkh Baghdād*." In *New Perspectives on Ibn 'Asākir in Islamic Historiography*, ed. Steven Judd and Jens Scheiner, 9-29. Leiden: Brill, 2017

"The Politics of Place in the Works of Ibn Taymīyah and Ibn Faḍl Allāh al-'Umārī." *Mamlūk Studies Review* 18 (2014-15): 91-111

"Connectivity and Creativity: Representations of Baghdad's Centrality, 3rd/9th to 5th/11th Centuries." In *İslam Medeniyetinde Bağdat (Medīnetü's-Selām) Uluslararası Sempozyum/International Symposium on Baghdad (Madinat al-Salam) in the Islamic Civilization*, ed. İsmail Safa Üstün, 55-74. Istanbul: Marmara Üniversitesi, İlahiyat Fakültesi, İslam Tarihi ve Sanatları Bölümü & İslam Konferansı Teşkilatı, İslam Tarihi, Sanat ve Kültür Araştırma Merkezi (IRCICA), 2011

- “*Waṭan* before *Waṭaniyya*: Loyalty to Land in Ayyūbid and Mamlūk Syria.” *al-Masāq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean* 22, 2 (2010): 173-190
- “Making Syria Mamluk: Ibn Shaddād’s *al-A’lāq al-Khaṭīrah*.” *Mamlūk Studies Review* 11, 1 (2007): 1-18
- “Ibn ‘Asakir’s Representations of Syria and Damascus in the Introduction to the *Ta’rikh Madinat Dimashq*.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 38, 1 (2006): 109-129
- “Renegotiating Islam: The Reception of al-‘Ashmawī’s *al-Islam al-Siyasi* in the Egyptian Press.” *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 1, 1 (1999): 15-33

Other Publications, Encyclopedia Entries, and Documentary Film Appearances

- “5 Things to Know about Early Islamic Maps,” *Reaktion Books: Author Blog* (28 June 2018)
- “Ibn Shaddād, ‘Izz al-Dīn.” *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3d edition. Leiden: Brill, 2018-5
- “Spatial Thought in Islamicate Societies, 1000-1600: The Politics of Genre, Image, and Text,” co-authored with Jean-Charles Ducène and Kurt Franz for *Al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists* 25 (2017): 141-148: <https://doi.org/10.7916/alusur.v25i1.7001>
- “New Texts Out Now: Zayde Antrim, *Routes and Realms: The Power of Place in the Early Islamic World*,” *Jadaliyya* (2 April 2014): http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/17161/new-texts-out-now_zayde-antrim-routes-and-realms_t
- “Tamerlane in Damascus.” *Jadaliyya* (7 January 2013): <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/9452/tamerlane-in-damascusn>
- “Mecca and Medina” and “Jerusalem.” *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012
- “A Thirteenth-Century *Faḍā’il* Treatise on Syria and Damascus.” *Al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists* 21, 1-2 (April 2009): 5-7
- “Jerusalem: Center of the World,” PBS documentary (premiered April 2009)
- “Abū Shāma, Shihāb al-Dīn al-Maḳḳisī.” *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3d edition. Leiden: Brill, 2009-2
- “Gorée.” *World Book Encyclopedia* (2001)
- “Confronting the Legacy of the African Slave Trade” and “Ouidah.” *Wonders of the African World*, PBS (1999): <http://www.pbs.org/wonders/>

Book Reviews

- Review of Gottfried Hagen and Robert Dankoff, eds., *An Ottoman Cosmography: Translation of Cihānnumā by Kātib Çelebi* (2022), *Der Islam* 99, 2 (2022): 602-605
- Review of Alfred Hiatt, ed., *Cartography between Christian Europe and the Arabic-Islamic World, 1100-1500: Divergent Traditions* (2021), *Der Islam* 99, 2 (2022), 605-608
- Review of Jean-Charles Ducène, *L’Europe et les géographes arabes du Moyen Âge* (2018), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 140, 1 (2020): 233-234
- Review of Yossef Rapoport and Emilie Savage-Smith, *Lost Maps of the Caliphs: Drawing the World in Eleventh-Century Cairo* (2018), *Imago Mundi* 71, 2 (2019): 208-209
- Review of Nizar F. Hermes and Gretchen Head, eds., *The City in Arabic Literature: Classical and Modern Perspectives* (2018), *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* 29, 2 (2019): 366-370
- Review of Tim Mackintosh-Smith and James E. Montgomery, ed. and trans., *Two Arabic Travel Books: Accounts of China and India and Mission to the Volga* (2014), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 138, 4 (2018): 875-877
- Review of Ignacio Sánchez and James Montgomery, ed. and trans., *On Geography: An Arabic and English Translation of Epistle 4* (2014), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 29, 1 (2018): 91-94
- Review of Harry Munt, *The Holy City of Medina: Sacred Space in Early Islamic Arabia* (2014), *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136, 2 (2016): 466-468
- Review of Stephennie Mulder, *The Shrines of the ‘Alids in Medieval Syria: Sunnis, Shi’is, and the Architecture of Coexistence* (2014), *Al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists* 23 (2015): 129-133: <https://doi.org/10.7916/alusur.v23i1.7041>
- Review of Arezou Azad, *Sacred Landscape in Medieval Afghanistan: Revisiting the Faḍā’il-i Balkh* (2013), *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 47, 3 (2015): 634-636
- Review of Pınar Emiralioğlu, *Geographical Knowledge and Imperial Culture in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire* (2014), *American Historical Review* 120, 2 (2015): 748-749
- Review of Nancy Khalek, *Damascus before the Muslim Conquest: Text and Image in Early Islam* (2011), *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 24, 1 (2013): 139-140

- Review of Daniella Talmon-Heller, *Islamic Piety in Medieval Syria: Mosques, Cemeteries and Sermons under the Zangids and Ayyūbids (1146-1260)* (2007), *Mamlūk Studies Review* 13, 2 (2009): 171-174
- Review of Simon O'Meara, *Space and Muslim Urban Life: At the Limits of the Labyrinth of Fez* (2007), *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41, 3 (2009): 512-514
- Review of Zachary Lockman, *Contending Visions of the Middle East: The History and Politics of Orientalism* (2004), *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies* 7, 1 (2005)
- Review of Shaun E. Marmon, ed., *Slavery in the Islamic Middle East* (1999), *Journal of North African Studies* 8, 2 (2003): 124-126
- Review of Sulaymān al-Madanī, *Ṭīmūrlank fī Dimashq* (2000), *Mamlūk Studies Review* 7 (2003): 264-267
- Review of John Hunwick and Fatima Harrak, eds., *Mi'rāj al-ṣū'ūd: Aḥmad Bābā's Replies on Slavery* (2000), *Journal of North African Studies* 6, 3 (2001): 96-99
- Review of Adam Sabra, *Poverty and Charity in Medieval Islam: Mamluk Egypt, 1250-1517* (2000), *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 3, 2 (2001): 256-259
- Review of David Westerlund and Eva Evers Rosander, eds., *African Islam and Islam in Africa* (1997), *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 1, 2 (1999): 162-165
- Review of Armando Salvatore, *Islam and the Political Discourse of Modernity* (1997), *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 1, 1 (1999): 225-227

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Research and Writing Fellowships

- Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, 2023-2024
- National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, 2015-2016
- American Council for Learned Societies Fellowship, 2009-2010
- Radcliffe Fellowship, 2009-2010 (declined)
- Whiting Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2003-2004
- Foreign Language Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, 2001-2002

Prizes, Scholarships, and Other Honors

- Charles A. Dana Research Associate Professorship (Trinity), 2013-2015
- Bruce D. Craig Prize in Mamluk Studies, 2005
- Walter Zander Prize for Modern Middle Eastern Studies (Oxford), 1997
- Rhodes Scholarship, 1995-1997
- Marshall Scholarship, 1995 (declined)
- Edward A. and Barbara Younger Prize in History (UVA), 1995
- Elizabeth Cady Stanton Prize in Women's Studies (UVA), 1995
- Phi Beta Kappa, 1994
- Echols Scholarship (UVA), 1990-1991; 1992-1995
- Jefferson Scholarship (UVA), 1990-1991; 1992-1995

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

- "Min al-'Arīsh ilā l-Furāt: al-Shām in Medieval Thought," The American University in Cairo, March 2022
- "Sex, Sameness, and Embodiments of Desire in the *1001 Nights*," Columbia University, February 2020
- "Mapping at the Margins: Regionalism in Early Arabic Atlases," Harvard University, February 2019
- "Global Umma: Connectivity in Islamic Mapping Traditions," Yale University, October 2018
- "Place Beyond Genre," Columbia University, September 2018
- "Mapping the Realm of Islam," Williams College, April 2017
- "Mapping Mobility in the Medieval Islamic World," Cornell University, March 2015
- "The Image of the City in the Medieval Islamic World," University of Notre Dame, January 2010
- "Power and Place in the Early Mamluk Empire," University of Chicago, January 2009
- "Writing the History of Holiness," Middlebury College, January 2004

Conference Papers

- "Traversing Gender and Geography in *Alf Layla wa-Layla* and *Kitāb al-Ḥikāyāt al-'Ajība*," at the conference "Métamorphoses des Mille et Une Nuits," Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, April 2023

- “Neither Disguise nor Drag: Cross-Dressing and Embodiment in Arabic Middle Literature,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, December 2021
- “Imagining a ‘Realm of Islam’: Centricity, Capacity, Connectivity,” at the conference “Jewish, Christian and Muslim Travel Experiences,” University of Groningen, January 2020
- “On Reading al-Idrisi in the 21st Century: A Thought Experiment in Metageography,” at the conference “The Future of Geography,” Harvard University, October 2019
- “Connectivity in Islamic Mapping Traditions, 11th-16th Centuries,” at the conference “Correspondence, Cross-Pollination, and Control: Transregional Connections and Movements in the Early Islamic Empire,” University of Leiden, May 2018
- “Spatial Thought and the Limitations of Genre,” opening lecture for “Spatial Thought in Islamicate Societies, 1000-1500: The Politics of Text, Image, and Genre,” University of Tübingen, March 2017
- “Of Borders and Belonging: Palestine and Syria before the Age of Partition,” 7th International Conference on Critical Geography, Ramallah, Palestine, July 2015
- “The Discourse of Place in Ayyubid and Mamluk Syria: A Politics of Scale,” Conference on the History of Egypt and Syria in the Fatimid, Ayyubid, and Mamluk Eras, KU Leuven, May 2015
- “Virtual Pilgrimage and Mapping the *Umma*,” at the workshop “Holy Places in Medieval Islam: Functions, Typologies, and Narratives,” University of Edinburgh, September 2014
- “Becoming Syrian: Aleppo in Ibn al-‘Adīm’s *Bughyat al-talab fī ta’rīkh Ḥalab*,” 12th Mediterranean Research Meeting, Robert Schuman Centre, European University Institute, April 2011
- “Home as Homeland in Medieval Arabic Literary Anthologies,” at the symposium “Tropics of Travel: Homes,” Université de Liège, January 2011
- “Mapping the Region in the Medieval Islamic World,” Royal Geographical Society Annual Conference, September 2010
- “The Politics of Place: A Comparison between Ibn ‘Asākir’s *Ta’rīkh Madīnat Dimashq* and al-Khaṭīb al-Baghdādī’s *Ta’rīkh Baghdād*,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2009
- “Connectivity and Creativity: Representations of Baghdad’s Centrality, 3rd/9th to 5th/11th Centuries,” International Symposium on Baghdad (Madinat al-Salam) in Islamic Civilization, Istanbul, November 2008
- “‘Abode of the Prophets’: Geography as Hagiography in al-Muqaddasī’s Tenth-Century *Aḥsan al-taqāsīm fī ma’rifat al-aqālīm*,” at the colloquium “Landscapes of the Saints: Hagiography and Land in the Near East and Europe, ca. 500-900,” Princeton University, March 2008
- “*Waṭan* before *Waṭaniyya*: Loyalty to Land in Ayyubid and Mamluk Syria,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2007
- “Ibn Taymiyyah as Syrian Patriot?” at the colloquium “Ibn Taymiyyah and His Times,” Princeton University, April 2005
- “Remembering Damascus: Representations of Place and War in the Accounts of Two Mongol Invasions of Syria,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2004
- “The City Triumphant: Ibn ‘Asākir’s Representation of Place in the *Ta’rīkh Madīnat Dimashq*,” Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, May 2003
- “There’s No Place Like Home: The Literary Roots of Nostalgia for Place in Mamluk Syria,” Vagantes Graduate Student Conference on the Middle Ages, Harvard University, March 2002
- “Which Islam? For Whom? The Debates Surrounding Sa’īd al-‘Ashmāwī’s *Political Islam* (1987) in the Egyptian Press,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Meeting, July 1997

Other Conference Participation

- “Memory in the Making,” seminar discussant, KITAB Project, April 2022
- “Book Chat II a: Mapping the Middle East,” International Society for the History of the Map Symposium, Virtual Meeting (São Paulo, Brazil), June 2020
- “Geographical Cognizance of the Indian Ocean in West Eurasian Scientific and Political Practices, 700-1700,” panel discussant, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2019
- “Constructing and Contesting Scholarly Authority in Syria and Egypt 1200-1400,” panel discussant, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2018
- “Places and Spaces in Pre-Modern Arabic Writing from the Islamic West,” panel discussant, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2016

- “Power and Institutions in Times of Transition: Case Studies from the Medieval Middle East,” panel discussant, Middle East Studies Annual Meeting, November 2016
- “Frontier as Place not Periphery,” discussant for the Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies Second Annual Book Colloquium on Asa Eger’s *The Islamic-Byzantine Frontier*, University of North Carolina –Chapel Hill, January 2016
- “Place and Space in Middle East History: Bridging the ‘Modern/Premodern’ Divide,” roundtable co-organizer and participant, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, November 2014

COURSES

FYSM121: Traveling the Middle East
 FYSM137: Arabian Nights
 HIST128: Islamic Civilization to 1517
 HIST229: Middle East since 1517
 HIST318/INTS321/WMGS321: Gender and Sexuality in Middle Eastern History
 HIST/INTS319: Mapping the Middle East
 HIST/INTS/WMGS342: History of Sexuality
 INTS130: Daily Life in Middle Eastern History
 INTS/HIST258: Islamic City
 INTS/HIST264: Slavery in Middle East History
 INTS300: Mapping the World
 INTS306: Gender and Nationalism in the Modern Middle East
 INTS/HIST/WMGS320: Global 1001 Nights
 INTS326: Baghdad in History
 INTS401: Senior Seminar in International Studies

SERVICE

To the Profession

2022-2026 Editor, *al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists*

2021 Secretary, Middle East Medievalists

2019-2020 Vice President, Middle East Medievalists

2019 Chair, Middle East Medievalists Book Prize Committee

2019 Chair, Bruce D. Craig Prize in Mamluk Studies Committee

2017 Member, External Review Committee, International and Global Studies Program, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

2017 Member, Middle East Medievalists Book Prize Committee

2017 Examiner, Dissertation Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University

2017 Conference co-organizer, “Spatial Thought in Islamicate Societies, 1000-1600: The Politics of Genre, Image, and Text”: <http://www.spatial-thought.uni-tuebingen.de/>

2016 Member, Program Committee for the Middle East Studies Association 2016 Annual Meeting

2015-2021 Member, Editorial Board, *al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists*

2014 Chair, External Review Committee, International Studies Department, Macalester College

2010-2012 Secretary/Treasurer, Syrian Studies Association

2000-2001 Member, Editorial Board, *Harvard Middle Eastern and Islamic Review*

Book and article manuscript reviewer for University of Chicago Press, Edinburgh University Press, Oxford University Press, Library of Arabic Literature, Brill, Bodleian Library Publishing, American University of Beirut Press, Lynne Rienner Publishers, I. B. Tauris, Routledge, *Mamlūk Studies Review*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *al-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā: The Journal of Middle East Medievalists*, *Jewish Quarterly Review*, and *Mizan: Journal for the Study of Islamic Societies and Civilizations*

To Trinity College

Spring 2023 Director, International Studies Program

Fall 2018, Fall 2021 Director, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program

2017-present Courtesy Appointment in Women, Gender, and Sexuality

2016-2018	Director, International Studies Program
2016-2017	Member, Bicentennial Strategic Planning, Global College Subcommittee
2015-2019	Member, Muslim Chaplaincy Advisory Group
2012-2015	Director, International Studies Program
2012-2013	Member, Organizing Committee for the Co-Curricular Initiative on Cities
2011-2015, 2020-present	Coordinator, Middle East Studies Interdisciplinary Minor
2011-2013	Member, Faculty Conference
2010-2013	Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa Chapter
2010-2012	Member, Study Away Faculty Advisory Committee
2008-2017	Member, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program Core Faculty
2007-2008	Member, Women, Gender, and Sexuality Program Steering Committee
2007-2009	Chair, Kenneth S. Grossman '78 Fund for Global Studies Committee