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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2020–            Assistant Professor of Global Studies. University of California, Santa Barbara.  
                    Affiliate Faculty in History, Religious Studies, and Middle East Studies.
- 2019–20        Assistant Professor of History. Furman University.
- 2018–19        Postdoctoral Research Scholar. Columbia University, Harriman Institute.

## EDUCATION

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- 2018            Ph.D. Stanford University. History.
- 2013            M.A. Stanford University. History.
- 2011            M.Sc. University of Edinburgh. Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies.
- 2010            M.A. (Hons) University of St Andrews. Arabic and International Relations.
- Study abroad: American University of Cairo, 2009. University of Damascus, 2008.

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *Book*

- 2024            *Empire of Refugees: North Caucasian Muslims and the Late Ottoman State.*  
                    Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press. 360 pp.
- Co-Winner** | 2025 Joseph Rothschild Prize in Nationalism and Ethnic Studies,  
                    Association for the Study of Nationalities
- Winner** | 2024 Gold Medal in the History (World) category, Independent  
                    Publisher Book Awards
- Winner** | 2024 Alixa Naff Prize in Migration Studies, Moise A. Khayrallah  
                    Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review* 129, no. 4 (2024): 1773–75; *Annales: Histoire, Sciences Sociales* 79, no. 4 (2024): 697–721 (in French); *Turkish Historical Review* (Oct 1, 2024); *European Review of History* (2025); *Middle Eastern Studies* 61, no. 1 (2025): 161–63; *Journal of Refugee Studies* (April 2025); *Russian Review* 83, no. 3 (2024): 475–76; *Mashriq & Mahjar* 12, no. 1 (2025): 153–56; *Journal of Islamic Studies* 35, no. 4 (2024); *Slavonic and East European Review* 102, no. 3 (2024): 579–81; *Ab Imperio* no. 4 (2024): 244–48; *Journal of Caucasian Studies* 9, no. 15 (2024): 223–27; *Choice* (Jan 2025); *Middle East Monitor* (Feb 22, 2024); *Critical Forced Displacement* (Apr 21, 2024); *Jotwell* (May 31, 2024); *Kadim* 9 (Apr 2025): 203–7; *CEU Review of Books* (July 2024); *The Book Review India* 49, no. 2 (2025); *Shanghai Review of Books* (Aug 9, 2024, in Chinese).

Forthcoming translations:

Turkish (*İletişim*, 2026)

Russian (*Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie*, 2026)

Arabic (Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, 2027)

### ***Peer-Reviewed Articles***

- 2023 “Letters from the Ottoman Empire: Migration from the Caucasus and Russia’s Pan-Islamic Panic,” *Slavic Review* 82, no. 2: 311–33.
- Honorable Mention** | 2023 Ab Imperio Award for the best study in new imperial history and history of diversity in Northern Eurasia
- 2023 “Welcome, Not Welcome: The North Caucasian Diaspora’s Attempted Return to Russia since the 1960s,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 24, no. 3: 585–610.
- 2021 “Ottoman and Egyptian Quarantines and European Debates on Plague in the 1830s–1840s,” *Past & Present* 253: 235–70.
- 2021 “Becoming Armenian: Religious Conversions in the Late Imperial South Caucasus,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 63, no. 1: 242–72.
- Honorable Mention** | 2022 Best Article Award in Kurdish Studies, Kurdish Political Studies Program, University of Central Florida
- 2017 “Circassian Refugees and the Making of Amman, 1878–1914,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 49, no. 4: 605–23.
- Winner** | 2018 Best Article Prize, Syrian Studies Association
- Winner** | 2018 Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies

### ***Roundtable Articles***

- 2024 “*Hijra* from the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union: Middle East Routes of Muslim Displacement,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 56, no. 3: 490–94.
- 2024 “Tracing Dagestani Deportees from Opochka to Tashkent: Notes on Transnational Archival Research and Decolonization,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History* 25, no. 4: 783–92.

### ***Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters***

- 2023 “Population Transfer: Negotiating the Resettlement of Chechen Refugees in the Ottoman Empire (1865, 1870),” in *Russian-Arab Worlds: A Documentary History*, eds. Eileen Kane, Masha Kirasirova, and Margaret Litvin. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 60–68. [with translations from Arabic and Russian]

### ***Peer-Reviewed Translations***

- 2020 “Snake Charmer,” *Metamorphoses: A Journal of Literary Translation* 28, no. 2: 92–103. Translation from Russian of Boris Polozov, *In the Wilds of Transcaucasia*, c. 1906–13.

### ***Selected Essays and Reviews***

- 2025 “The United States and the World’s Wealthiest Countries Have Turned Their Backs on Refugees,” *The Sacramento Bee* (January 11).
- 2024 Review of Leyla Amzi-Erdoğan’s *The Afterlife of Ottoman Europe* (Stanford University Press, 2023). *Slavic Review* 83, no. 4: 857–58.
- 2024 Review of Davide Rodogno’s *Night on Earth: A History of International Humanitarianism in the Near East, 1918–1930* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022). *First World War Studies* (September 24).
- 2023 Review of James H. Meyer, *Red Star over the Black Sea: Nâzım Hikmet and His Generation* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2023). *Russian Review* 82, no. 4: 754–55.
- 2022 “Medical Travelogues and Quarantines in the Eastern Mediterranean,” *Past & Present Blog* (January 14).
- 2021 Review of Lâle Can, *Spiritual Subjects: Central Asian Pilgrims and the Ottoman Hajj at the End of Empire* (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2020). *Arab Studies Journal* 29, no. 1: 84–88.  
Reprinted in *Jadaliyya* (July 6, 2021).

Translated into Spanish as “Reseña de Súbditos espirituales: una lectura del hajj otomano,” *El Intérprete Digital* (August 9, 2021).

- 2021 With Mathijs Pelkmans. “Borderland Beliefs,” *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, Under the Rubric section (April 2).
- 2016 Review of Eileen Kane, *Russian Hajj: Empire and the Pilgrimage to Mecca* (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2015). *Ab Imperio* 17, no. 3: 408–12.
- 2015 Review of Isa Blumi, *Ottoman Refugees, 1878–1939: Migration in a Post-Imperial World* (London: Bloomsbury, 2013). *Journal of Refugee Studies* 28, no. 1: 141–42.
- 2014 Conference review. “An Ottoman Understanding of Space.” Ottoman Topologies: A Spatial Experience in an Early Modern Empire and Beyond. *Turkish Review* 4, no. 4: 474–75.
- 2014 “Awwal azmat lāji’īn hadītha fī bilād al-Shām: al-muhājirūn al-sharākisa fī al-’Urdun al-’Uthmāniyya” [The First Modern Refugee Crisis in Greater Syria: Circassian Muhajirs in Ottoman Jordan]. *7iber* (September 3). [in Arabic]
- 2014 Archival review. “Central Historical Archive of Georgia.” *Hazine* (March 19).

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

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### *National and International Fellowships and Grants*

- 2025 Humboldt Research Fellowship
- 2024 Fulbright Global Scholar Award
- 2023–24 Stanford Humanities Center, External Faculty Fellowship
- 2023 American Research Institute in Turkey Research Fellowship
- 2021–22 University of California Humanities Research Institute Junior Faculty Manuscript Workshop Grant
- 2021 NEH Summer Stipend
- 2021 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society
- 2018–19 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Columbia University, Harriman Institute
- pre-doctoral:
- 2017–18 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2017 American Historical Association, Bernadotte Schmitt Grant
- 2015 American Research Center in Sofia, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2014–15 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014 American Center of Oriental Research, Pierre and Patricia Bikai Fellowship
- 2013 Harvard-Koç Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School Scholarship
- 2010–11 Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World Fellowship, University of Edinburgh

***Internal Fellowships and Grants*** (postdoctoral only)

2024–25	Faculty Career Development Award, UC Santa Barbara
2024	Public Voices Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara and The Op-Ed Project
2023–24	Hellman Family Faculty Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara
2023	Harriman Institute First Book Subvention Award, Columbia University
2023	Conference Support Award, College of Letters & Science, UC Santa Barbara
2022–23	Center for Middle East Studies Collaborative Seed Grant, UC Santa Barbara
2021–22	Academic Senate Faculty Research Grant, UC Santa Barbara
2021	Interdisciplinary Humanities Center Faculty Fellowship, UC Santa Barbara
2019	PepsiCo Research Travel Fellowship, Harriman Institute, Columbia University

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book awards:

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2018	Best Article Prize, Syrian Studies Association for “Circassian Refugees and the Making of Amman, 1878–1914”
2018	Khayrallah Prize in Migration Studies, Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies for “Circassian Refugees and the Making of Amman, 1878–1914”

dissertation awards:

2020	Outstanding Dissertation Prize, Society for Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies for “Imperial Refuge: Resettlement of Muslims from Russia in the Ottoman Empire, 1860–1914,” Ph.D. diss., Stanford University, 2018
2019	Honorable Mention, Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences, Middle East Studies Association
2018	Dissertation Prize, World History Association: for the best dissertation in world, global, or transnational history

**LANGUAGES**      Russian, Arabic, Turkish (Ottoman, modern),  
Bulgarian, Latvian

June 15, 2025