

Curriculum Vitae
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Academic Experience

Associate Professor Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, History Department, 2015-Present

Assistant Professor Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, History Department, 2008-2015

Education

PhD, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, August, 2012

-Dissertation Title "The Failure of Ottomanism: the Albanian Rebellions 1910-1912" Advisors Holly Shissler, Victor Freidman, Cornell Fleischer

MA, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, June 2003

Publications

Books

Coeditor with Veysal Şimşek, *The Military and Late Ottoman Society: Ideology, Literature, and Image 1780-1923* (Under Review with Brill Press)

Editor with Mark Soderstrom, *Sank into the Sea of the Past: The Late Ottoman Empire in the Memoir of Russian Consul, Sergei Vladimirovich Tulkholka* (Under Review with Lexington Books)

The War for Centralization: Rebellion, State Power, and Ottomanism, 1909-1912
(Being completed)

The Transformational War: The Ottoman Empire's Long World War I, 1910-1923
(Research under way)

Articles/Book Chapters

"Ottoman Anti-Insurrectionary Operations in Yemen and Albania, 1910-1912: The End of Ottomanism and the Beginning of an Age of Violence" in Tobias Hof ed., *Empire, Ideology, Mass*

Violence: The Long 20th century in Comparative Perspective. Munich: Herbert Utz Verlag, 2016, 45-71.

“The Albanian *Villayets* of the Ottoman Empire: Between Young Turks (or CUP) and Balkan Players, 1909-1912”, in Dimitris Stamatopoulos (ed.), *Balkan Nationalism(s) and the Ottoman Empire, vol.3: The Young Turk Revolution and Ethnic Groups*. Istanbul: The Isis Press, 2015, 173-187.

“The Transformational War: A New Understanding of the Ottoman Empire’s Long World War I” *World History Connected*, 2015 (Volume 12, #1, February 2015)

“Albania's Long World War I, 1912-1925.” *Studia Historyczne* (Volume 4, 2014): 437-455.

“Nationalism in the Balkans an Overview/ Balkanlarda Milliyetçilik Üzerine Bir Bakış” in Zeynep İskefiyeli ed. *The Balkans in Turkish History/ Turk Tarihinde Balkanlar*. Eskişehir, Turkey: Sakaraya University Press, 2013, 619-632.

“Revaluating the Balkan Wars of 1912-1913” *The Journal of the World War I Historical Association* (Volume 1, #4, Fall 2012): 19-23.

“Centres de Regroupment: The French in Algeria” in Edward Erickson ed., *A Global History of Relocation in Counterinsurgency Warfare*. London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2019 (forthcoming November 2019)

“Adversaries and Allies: Anglo-Ottoman Boundary Negotiation in the Middle East, 1906-1914” in Justin Olmstead ed. *Britain in the Islamic World - Imperial and Post-Imperial Connections*. London: Palgrave-Macmillan (forthcoming 2019)

Encyclopedia Articles

“Crusade of Nicopolis”, “Saudi-Hashemite War” and “Almohad Revolution” in *War and Religion: An Encyclopedia of Faith and Conflict* Jeffery Shaw ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2017.

“Albania”, “the Balkan Wars” “The Ottoman Empire”, and “Turkey” in *The Social Science of War Encyclopedia*. J. Geoffrey Golson and Paul Joseph eds. SAGE Publications, 2016.

“Albanian Rebellions 1910-1911” and “Albania in the Balkan Wars” in *War in the Balkans: An Encyclopedic History from the Fall of the Ottoman Empire to the Breakup of Yugoslavia*. Richard C. Hall ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014.

“Algiers” “Dey of Algiers” “Hassan Bey” “Murad Reis” “Tripoli” and “Tunis” in Spencer Tucker ed. *The Encyclopedia of the Wars of the Early American Republic, 1783–1812: A Political, Social, and Military History*. Spencer C. Tucker ed. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2014

“Ottoman Armies 1200-1453” *Weapons and War Encyclopedia Revised Edition Volume 1. Ancient and Medieval Warfare* John Powell ed. Pasadena, California: Salem Press, 2010.

Book Reviews

George A. Bournoutian, *The 1820 Russian survey of the Khanate of Shirvan. A primary source on the demography and economy of an Iranian province prior to its annexation by Russia.* (Cambridge, UK: Gibb Memorial Trust, 2016) *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*

Yıldız, Aysel, *Crisis and rebellion in the Ottoman Empire: the downfall of a Sultan in the age of revolution.* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2017) *Choice*

Bedross Der Matossian, *Shattered Dreams of Revolution: From Liberty to Violence in the Late Ottoman Empire* (Palo Alto, CA: Stanford University Press, 2014) *H-Net*

Eyal Ginio, *The Ottoman Culture of Defeat: The Balkan Wars and Their Aftermath (1912-1914).* (London: Hurst Publications and New York: Oxford University Press, 2016) *Hamizrah Hedadash (The New East)* 56, 243-246. (Hebrew)

Brian L. Davies, *The Russo-Turkish War, 1768-1774: Catherine II and the Ottoman Empire* (London: Bloomsbury Academic, 2016) *History: Reviews of New Books* 2017, 45 #3.

Denis Vovchenko, *Containing Balkan Nationalism: Imperial Russia and Ottoman Christians, 1856-1914.* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016) *Choice*, 54(7), 1068.

Sabri Ateş, *Ottoman-Iranian Borderlands: Making a Boundary, 1843-1914.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013) *The Middle Ground: World History and Global Studies* Fall 2016, #16.

Nevzat Uyanik, *Dismantling the Ottoman Empire: Britain, America and the Armenian question* (London: Routledge, 2015) *Choice* 54 (3), 434.

Ulf Brunnbauer *Globalizing Southeastern Europe: Emigrants, America, and the State since the Late Nineteenth Century* (Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2016) *Choice* 54 (2), 264-265.

George Gawrych, *The young Atatürk: from Ottoman soldier to statesman of Turkey.* (London: I. B. Tauris, 2013) *H-Net*

Robert C. Austin, *Founding a Balkan State: Albania's Experiment with Democracy* (University of Toronto Press, 2012) *Canadian Slavonic Papers/Revue canadienne des slavistes* Sept.-Dec. 2013, vol. 55. # 3-4.

Judy Barret Litoff ed., *Dancing with Colonels: A Young Woman's Adventures in Wartime Turkey* (South Dakota Historical Society Press, 2011) *South Dakota History* summer 2013, vol. 43, #2

Birsen Bulmuş, *Plague, Quarantines and Geopolitics in the Ottoman Empire* (University of Edinburgh Press, 2012) *H-Net*

Manuscript Review

Books:
Bloomsbury Academic Press
McGraw Hill
Kendall Hunt Publishing

Journal:
Studia Historyczne
War in History

Conference/Workshop/Seminar Papers

-Britain and the World Conference, Kansas City, MO

4-12-19 "Allies and Adversaries: Anglo-Ottoman Diplomacy in the Middle East, 1906-1923"

-Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies Annual Conference, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY (Organized Conference)

3-22-19 "Teaching the Modern Middle East through the lens of Military History and State Formation"

-Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX Blurring the Boundaries between the Military and Society during the Ottoman Empire's Long World War I (Organized Panel)

11-15-18 "The Long World War I of the Ottoman Empire and the 'Scramble for Arabia'"

-World History Association, Milwaukee, WI

Reordering the World: Labor, War, and Revolution

6-23-18 "The Globalized First World War: Age of Revolution, Faltering Imperialism, and the Emergence of an International Order"

-African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

Competing Visions of Colonialism (Chaired Panel)

11-17-17 "The Ali Dinar and Koacen Rebellions (1916-1917) and the Specter of the "Turk": An Examination of the Ottoman Empire's Sahara Policy"

- Association for Slavic, Eurasian, and Eastern European Studies Annual Convention, Chicago, IL

Beyond Nationalism: Religion, Migration, and Hybridity in Southeastern Europe

11-12-17 "Struggling with Empire and Independence: Albanians and Hyphenated Identities"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Oklahoma City, OK (Organized Panel) Diplomacy and Peacemaking in the Middle East

9-23-17 "New Boundaries in the Post-Versailles Middle East, 1918-1926"

-Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies Annual Conference, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY (Organized Conference)

4-21-17 "Albanian Identity After Empire"

-Society of Military History Annual Meeting, Jacksonville, FL

The Scramble for Arabia: The Ottoman Empire, the British, and the First World War in the Middle East (Organized Panel)

3-31-17 "The Other Arabian Revolt: 'Asir, the British, and Ottoman Operations 1910-1918"

-A Century of Conflict: The Middle East and International Security, 1917 – 2017 Conference, University of New Brunswick and the Canadian Army Combat Training Centre, Fredericton, NB

2-1-17 "The Dissolution of the Ottoman Empire and the Impact on Security in the Modern Middle East"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, St. Paul, MN Arab Middle East

9-24-16 "The Scramble for Arabia: The Ottoman Empire, the British, and Arab States Struggle for Dominance, 1903-1925"

-Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies Annual Conference, University of Nebraska Omaha, Omaha, NE
4-30-16 "Defining and Claiming Space: The Convention of Tripoli 1910 and the Anglo-Ottoman Convention of 1913"

-Society of Military History Annual Meeting, Ottawa, ON
War and Remembering: The Ottoman Empire, The First World War, and Re-imagining the Past (Organized Panel)
4-15-16 "Continuity and Change: Ottoman Operations in South Arabia 1910-1918"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Crawfordsville, IN
Infusing "Non-Western" Material into a World History Course (Organized Panel)
9-25-15 "Infusing the Ottoman Empire and Turkey into World History Curricula"

-Cultures of Violence from the Colonial Wars to the Present, German Historical Institute of Warsaw, Potsdam University, Potsdam, Germany
-6-5-15 "Anti-Insurrectionary Operations of the Young Turks, 1909-1912"

-Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies Annual Conference, Louisville, KY
4-19-15 "Islamic Modernisms in the Young Turk Period 1908-1913"

-Society of Military History Annual Meeting, Montgomery, AL
World War I beyond the Western Front
4-12-15 "War and the Unravelling of the State in the Ottoman Empire, 1912-1919"

-Missouri Conference on History, Chesterfield, MO
The Great War and the Missouri "Home Front"
3-11-15 "Albania in the First World War"

-Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
The Sahara in Focus: Frontier-hood, Imperialism, and the Transnational
11-23-14 "Contesting the Libyan Hinterland"

-African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
Political Culture and Change along the Sahel (Chaired Panel)
11-22-14 "Ottoman Interest in the Sahara: Reform and Imperial Politics in Libya, 1900-19"

-Northern Great Plains History Conference, Sioux Falls, SD
Gender, Race, and War
10-9-14 "The Long World War I of the Ottoman Empire, 1910-1923"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, University Park, IL
Borderlands into Borders (Organized Panel)
9-26-14 "Colonialism, Peripheral Incorporation, and Islamism in the Libyan Hinterland, 1900-1912"

- The Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, Chicago, IL
4-12-14 "Crafting Islamic Civilization Curricula"

- Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO
Insurgencies and Asymmetric Warfare
4-4-14 "The Transformational War of the Ottoman Empire, 1910-1923"

-Nineteenth Century Studies Association Conference, Chicago, IL
Urban Planning

3-22-14 "Urbanism in the Ottoman Balkans"

-National Council on Social Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO

11-21-13 "Innovative Lessons on World War I: Balkans and Middle East"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Springfield, OH

Nationalism and Colonialism

9-28-13 "The Imperialism of Reclamation and Regeneration: Portugal, Spain, and the Ottoman Empire and New Categories of Imperialism "

- The Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies, Terra Haute, IN

4-6-13 "Establishing the Frontier and Incorporating the Periphery: Revisiting Centralization at the Edge of Empire and the CUP Policy in the Late Ottoman Empire"

-Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

The Experience of War: Ordinary Ottomans and Prolonged Conflict (Organized Panel)

11-19-12 "The Experience of Ottoman Soldiers in the CUP's War of Centralization"

-International Balkan Annual Conference, Tirana, Albania

Nation Building in Albania

10-11-12 "Re-evaluating the Albanian Rebellions of 1909-1912 in the History of the Balkans and the Ottoman Empire"

-Balkan Worlds Conference Ottoman past and Balkan nationalism,

University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

10-6-12 "The "Albanian Vilayets" of the Ottoman Empire as a Zone of Contention, 1909-1912"

-Northern Great Plains History Conference, Fargo, ND

The Ottoman Empire, the Turkish Republic, and the Balkans (Organized Panel)

9-29-12 "Nationalism, Colonialism, and the Ottoman Civilizing Mission, 1908-1912"

-Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Nationalism, Power, and Education in Comparative Context

10-07-11 "Contesting the Nation and the State through Education: The Struggle for and between National Schools in the Late Ottoman Balkans"

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI

Nationalism and Revolution: Harmony and Discord during Nation-building

9-16-11 "Harmony in Discord: The Age of Revolution 1900-1925 in the Black Sea World"

-Society for Military History Annual Meeting, Lisle, IL

Fighting World War I

6-11-11 "The Young Turks and Ottoman Anti-Insurrectionary Operations 1910-1912"

-Turks/Ottomans in Conflict 1800-2010: New Approaches, New York, NY

4-29-11 "Peripheral Incorporation, the War for Centralization, and Ottomanism: Young Turk Reform in the Provinces 1910-1912"

-Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE

Conflicts, Contacts, and Influences in the Muslim World (Organized Panel)

3-04-11 "Peripheral Incorporation, Civil War, and Ottomanism: Young Turk Reform in the Provinces 1910-1912"

-Great Lakes History Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Causes and Consequences of Civil Wars Through the Ages

10-09-10 "The Young Turks and the War for Centralization"

-Junior Scholar's Training Seminar, Washington, D.C.

8-13 to 8-16-10 Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

-Missouri Valley History Conference, Omaha, NE

Contesting the Peripheries of the Middle East in the Age of Reform (Organized Panel)

3-5-10 "The Pitfalls of Ottoman Centralization: Albania 1910-1912"

-Violence, Trauma, and Displacement in the Middle East and Eurasia, Urbana, IL

1-30-10 "Displacement, War, and Reform: Incorporating the Periphery in the Late Ottoman Empire, Albania as a Case Study"

-Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, IL

Trials of Empire in the Late Ottoman Period

5-08-09 "The Failure of Ottomanism: Albanian Rebellions 1910-1912"

-Middle Eastern Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

War, Disease, and Displacement in the Late Ottoman Empire

11-25-08 "Death, Desertion, and Cholera: Ottoman Operations in Albania 1910-1912"

Speaking Engagements/Events

-Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN

4-9-15 Topic: Between Genocide and Rebellion: The Armenians and the Ottoman Empire

-Lewis University, Romeoville, IL

9-16-14 Topic: The Ottoman Empire and the Scramble for Africa

-Lewis University, Romeoville, IL; International Education Month

11-12-13 Topic: Middle Eastern Identity: Myths and Realities of a Misunderstood Region

-Lewis University, Romeoville, IL; Global Awareness Series

9-18-13 Topic: Understanding Sharia/Law

-World War One in the Balkans and Middle East, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

4-7-13 Panelist via teleconference, "The Experience of War: Ordinary Ottomans and Prolonged Conflict"

-Amos Alonzo Stagg High School, Palos Hills, IL; Campus Connections Series

2-28-12 "The 1918-1925 period as the Foundational Moment for the Modern Middle East"

-Lewis University, Romeoville, IL; Art of Memory Series

3-08-10 Topic: Contested Memory: Armenia and Turkey

-Lewis University, Romeoville, IL; Ethnic Studies Colloquium

11-09-09 Topic: What is Middle Eastern Identity?

-Francis W. Parker School-Chicago, IL; Francis W. Parker Saturday Workshop Series, Staff Development

12-06-08 Topic: Thematic Lessons in the History of Iraq and Iran

-North Central College, Naperville, IL; Focus on Turkey Series

2-13-08 Topic: From Empire to Republic: The Transition of the Ottoman Empire into the Republic of Turkey

-Francis W. Parker School, Chicago, IL; Francis W. Parker Saturday Workshop Series, Staff Development

12-10-05, Topic: The Gunpowder/Muslim Empires in the Late 17th-18th century: The Rest of the Story

-Northeastern Illinois University-Chicago, IL; Asian-American Heritage Conference "Islam in the Asian Continent"

4-7-05, Topic: Current Conflicts in the Middle East and the Role of Islam

-First Congregational Church of Western Springs -Adult Education Western Springs, IL

11-07-04, Topic: Secularism and Islam in Turkey

-Midwest Institute-Kalamazoo Valley Community College-Kalamazoo, MI

8-11-04, Topic: The Historical Development of the Kosovo Crisis

-South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium Staff Development, St. Xavier University-Orland Park, IL

5-26-04, Topic: The History of the Ottoman Empire in Europe

-St. Louis Community College-Forest Park, St. Louis, MO; Staff Development

4-22-04, Topic: The History of the Balkans

-First Congregational Church of Western Springs, IL; Adult Education

10-26-03, Topic: Ethnic and Religious Groups in Iraq

Conference Chair /Moderator

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Edmond, OK

9-24-17 Moderator *World War One and Beyond in the Eastern Mediterranean* panel

-Midwest World History Association Conference, Crawfordsville, IN

9-25-15 Moderator *Famine and Famine Relief* panel

-African Studies Association Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN

11-22-14 Moderator *Political Culture and Change along the Sahel* panel

-Nineteenth Century Studies Association, Chicago, IL

3-22-14 Moderator for *Global Urbanities* panel

- Balkan Worlds Conference Ottoman past and Balkan nationalism, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

10-05-12 Moderator for the *Nationalism and Identities* panel

- Middle East History and Theory Conference University of Chicago-Chicago, IL

5-12-07 Moderator for *Transformation of National Identity 1908-1939* panel

- Middle East History and Theory Conference University of Chicago-Chicago, IL

5-12-06, Moderator for *Symposium on Modern Turkey: Domestic, Regional and Global Challenges and Turkish Responses* panel

- **Middle East History and Theory Conference University of Chicago-Chicago, IL**
5-01-04 Moderator for *Reform and Modernization in the Ottoman Empire* panel

Service

Appeals Committee 2017-Present
President Midwest Association for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies 2016-Present
Co-Director *Arts & Ideas* program 2015-Present
Faculty Advisor Phi Alpha Theta, Faculty Advisor 2013-Present
Faculty Advisor Arabic Language and Culture Minor, Lewis University 2015-Present
Executive Director Midwest Association for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies 2014-2016
Chair History Department Search Committee 2016
Member Library Search Committee 2015

Grants/Fellowships Received

Institute for Turkish Studies Library Grant 2014-2015
Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship 2012-2013
Onyx Foundation 2010
Nippon Foundation Grant 2009
Institute for Turkish Studies Library Grant 2009-2010
Humanities Division University of Chicago Travel Grant 2007
Institute for Turkish Studies Grant summer 2005
Doolittle-Harrison Fellowship 2003-2004
Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) 2002-20003-Arabic
Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) 2000-2001 and summer 2004-Turkish
Northrup Scholarship Recipient, Winona State University (Education) 1997

Languages

Advanced Modern Turkish, Intermediate Ottoman Turkish, Reading knowledge of French, German, and Albanian

Courses Taught

Modern Middle East, Ottoman Empire, Modern Iran, Modern Turkey, the Mediterranean World, India, Eastern Europe, the Persian Gulf, North Africa, Central Asia, Historiography, World History, 20th century, Nationalism, the Balkans, Early Islam, Middle East Civilizations, History of Muslim World, World War I in Global Context, World History, History of the 20th century, and World Humanities

Memberships

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)
Society for Military History (SMH)
Midwest Association for Middle East and Islamic Studies (MAMEIS)
Midwest World History Association (MWWHA)
Phi Alpha Theta (PAT)

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