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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

Department of History

M.A., Ottoman History, 1991

Ph.D., Ottoman History, 1997

Dissertation: Ottoman-French Interaction 1480-1580: A Sixteenth-Century Encounter

Committee: Cornell Fleischer, Halil Inalcik, John Woods, Colin Lucas

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

M.L.S., Library Science, 1977

B.A. cum laude, 1976

Major: History

Honor's Program

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 2015-

History 202, World History 1500-

History 240, Middle East History, 500-1800

History 241, Modern Middle East History

History 390, Ottoman History

Instructor, Benedictine University, Lisle, Illinois, 2001-2015

Hist 271/371 History of the Modern Middle East

Hist 272/372 History of the Middle East, 500-1258

Hist 273/373 History of the Middle East, 1200-1800

Hist 291 Special Topics: Holy War

Humn 230 Baptism of Europe

Humn 240 Converging Hemispheres

Humn 250 Contemporary World

Humn 101 First Year Seminar

Writing 101

GBLS 102 The Global Environment

Hist 291 Special Topics History of the Silk Road

Global Studies 300 Empire and Imperialism

Global Studies 399 Senior Thesis

Student Mentoring: Dalia Qubbaj, 2010-2011; Martin Tomszak, 2011; Adam Carruthers, 2012;

Ioana-Denis Benea 2012; Moudar Jano, 2014

Instructor, North Central College, Naperville, Illinois, 1997-2006

History of the Modern Middle East
History of Early Modern Europe
History of Western Civilization, 1789-
Global Perspectives
Regional Geography
Geography of North Africa

Lecturer, Indiana University Northwest, 2004

History of Islamic Civilization, 1300-1918
History of Western Civilization, to 1500
History of Western Civilization, 1500-

Associate Lecturer, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, 2002-2003

History of Islamic Civilization, 600-1258
Ottoman History: The Golden Age
History of the Modern Middle East
History of Islamic Civilization, 1258-1800

Visiting Lecturer, Dominican University, River Forest, Illinois, 2000

History of Western Civilization, 1600-

Visiting Lecturer, University of St. Francis, Joliet, Illinois, 1999

History of Western Civilization, 1300-

Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago, 1993-94

Western Civilization

English Instructor, TÖMER, Ankara, Turkey, 1987-88

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Cataloger, Genealogical Society of Utah, 1977-79

PUBLICATIONS, BOOKS

Allies with the Infidels: Ottoman and French Views of Their Early Modern Encounter,
London: IB Tauris, May 2011; paperback, 2013, Turkish translation 2015

Living in the Ottoman Realm: Empire and Identity, 13th to 20th Centuries, Bloomington: Indiana University
Press, March 2016. Edited by Christine Isom-Verhaaren and Kent F. Schull.

PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES OR BOOK CHAPTERS

“Introduction: Dealing with Identity in the Ottoman Empire,” in *Living in the Ottoman
Realm*. 2016, pp. 1-19. [co-authored with Kent Schull]

- “Mihrimah Sultan: A Princess Constructs Ottoman Dynastic Identity,” in *Living in the Ottoman Realm*. 2016, pp. 150-165.
- “Patronage in the Ottoman Navy during the Late 15th and 16th Centuries, in *Uluslararası Piri Reis ve Türk Denizçilik Tarihî Sempozyumu, 26-29 Eylül 2013*, pp. 17-30, Ankara: Türk Tarih Kurumu, 2014 [2015].
- “Constructing Ottoman Identity in the Reigns of Mehmed II and Bayezid II: Transforming Balkan Elites into Ottomans,” *Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association Journal* (2014): 111-128.
- “Was there Room in Rum for Corsairs?: Who Was an Ottoman in the Naval Forces of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th and 16th Centuries?” *Journal of Ottoman Studies* (2014): 231-60.
- “Süleyman and Mihrimah: The Favorite’s Daughter,” *Journal of Persianate Studies* (special issue on fathers and daughters in Islam) (2011): 64-85.
- “Barbarossa and his army who came to succor all of us”: Ottoman and French Views of Their joint campaign of 1543-44,’ *French Historical Studies* (special issue on France and Islam) (2007): 395-425.
- “Royal French Women in the Ottoman Sultans’ Harem: The Political Uses of Fabricated Accounts from the Sixteenth to the Twenty-first Centuries,” *Journal of World History* (2006): 159-96.
- “Shifting Identities: Foreign State Servants in France and the Ottoman Empire,” *Journal of Early Modern History* (2004): 109-34.
- “An Ottoman Report about Martin Luther and the Emperor: New Evidence of the Ottoman Interest in the Protestant Challenge to the Power of Charles V,” *Turcica* (1996): 299-318.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Noel Malcolm, *Agents of Empire: Knights, Corsairs, Jesuits and Spies in the Sixteenth-Century Mediterranean World*, *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies* (2016): 191-193.
- Kaya Şahin, *Empire and Power in the Reign of Süleyman: Narrating the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman World*, *American Historical Review* (2015): 747-748.
- Karen M. Kern, *Imperial Citizen: Marriage and Citizenship in the Ottoman Frontier Provinces of Iraq*, *The Historian* (2013): 824-26.
- E. Natalie Rothman, *Brokering Empire: Transimperial Subjects between Venice and Istanbul*, H-Empire, July 2012.
- Ilham Khuri-Makdisi, *The Eastern Mediterranean and the Making of Global Radicalism, 1860-1914*, *The Historian* (2011): 896-97.

Colin Imber, *The Ottoman Empire, 1300-1650: The Structure of Power*, *The Historian* (2006): 329-30.

Antoine Galland, *Le Voyage à Smyrne*, edited by Frederic Bauden, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, (2001): 232-33.

Nabil Matar, *Turks, Moors, and Englishmen in the Age of Discovery*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (2000): 108-9.

Daniel Goffman, *Britons in the Ottoman Empire 1642-1660*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (1999): 59-60.

Nicolas Vatin, *Sultan Djem: Un prince ottoman dans l'Europe du XV^e siècle d'après deux sources contemporaines: Vaka'at-ı Sultan Cem*, *Oeuvres de Guillaume Caoursin*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (1998): 200-1.

Metin Kunt and Christine Woodhead, eds., *Süleyman the Magnificent and His Age: The Ottoman Empire in the Early Modern World*, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (1996): 210-11.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

Hayreddin Pasha, Piri Reis, Battle of Lepanto, Galley, Ottoman Empire, articles for *The Sea in World History*, forthcoming (April 2017), ABC-CLIO.

Guillaume Postel: *Alcorani seu legis Mahometi et evangelistarum concordiae Liber, in quo de calamitatibus orbi Christiano imminentibus traditur; De orbis terrae concordia libri quatuor, multiiuga eruditione ac pietate referti, quibus nihil hoc tam perturbato rerum statu vel utilius, vel accommodatius potuisse in publicum edi, quivis aequus lector iudicabit; De la Republique des Turcs, et là ou l'occasion s'offrera, des meurs et loy de tous Muhamedistes; Descriptio Alcibirae Urbis quae Mizir, et Maçar dicitur; Histoire et consideration de l'origine, loy, et coustume des Tartares, Persiens, Arabes, Turcs, & tous autres Ismaelites ou Muhamediques, dicts par nous Mahometains, ou Sarrazins; La tierce partie des orientales histoires, ou est exposée la Condition, Puissance and Revenu de l'Empire Turquesque: avec toutes les provinces & païs generalement depuis 950 ans en ça par tous Ismaelites conquis*; articles for *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*, Volume 6, (2014) Brill.

WORK IN PROGRESS

The Sultan's Fleet: Seafarers of the Ottoman Empire, IB Tauris, under contract. Book manuscript commissioned by IB Tauris. This book focuses on the personnel who staffed Ottoman naval forces and connects naval history to major phenomena in Ottoman history.

The Ottoman Empire and the Transformation of Power in Mediterranean Lands, 1480-1530.

This will be a book length study of the geopolitical transformation of the Mediterranean world at the end of the fifteenth century and the beginning of the sixteenth from the Ottoman perspective.

A Dynasty of Sea Lords in the Ottoman Empire: Husam Bey and His Son Ali Pasha

This will be a biography of Husam Bey and Ali Pasha, exploring middle ranking Ottoman seafarers' careers, duties, and challenges of advancing in the naval hierarchy.

"Tracing the Life of Husam: Career Paths in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Navy," in *A Historian of Ottoman War, Peace and Empire: a Festschrift in Honor of Virginia Aksan*, Leiden: Brill, forthcoming.

"Istanbul as a Military Target," *Osmanlı İstanbulu IV*, forthcoming.

Anders Ingraham, *Writing the Ottomans: Turkish History in Early Modern England*, *Journal of Early Modern History*.

"Sixteenth Century French Travelers to the Ottoman Empire: The Impact of Travels in the Ottoman Empire on Guillaume Postel and Philippe du Fresne-Canaye's Views of the Reformation," *The Muslim World* (special issue on Islam and the Protestant Reformation), October 2017.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

"Establishing an Ottoman Naval Vision: A Derya Bey at Biga and Menteşe," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2016.

"Ottomans and the Sea: The State Captains (*Hassa Reis*)," Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Bruges, August 2016.

"Captivity Tales and the Captive Admiral, Venedikli Hasan," Piracy and Captivity in the Mediterranean, Innsbruck, June 2016.

"Istanbul as a Military Target," *Osmanlı İstanbulu IV*, Istanbul, May 2016.

"Ottoman Corsair Patrons and Clients: One Path to Naval Leadership," Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November, 2014.

"François I, Süleyman, and Franciscan Control of the Cenacle on Mount Zion," Religious Orders & Christian-Muslim Relations: International Symposium, Benedictine University and DePaul University, September 2014.

"Patronage in the Ottoman Navy in the late 15th and 16th Centuries," International Piri Reis and Turkish Maritime History Symposium, Turkish Historical Society, Istanbul, September 2013.

"Political Connections at the Center Trump Expertise on the Periphery: Leadership of the Ottoman Fleet in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2013.

"Who Was an Ottoman in the Naval Forces of the Ottoman Empire in the 15th and 16th Centuries?" *Living Empire*, McMaster University, April 2012.

- “Süleyman and Mihrimah: The Favorite’s Daughter,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2011.
- “From Byzantium to Istanbul: Environmental and Social Challenges of Urbanization,” Faith and Reason Symposium, Benedictine University, 2011.
- “Revolution of Syria Against the al-Asad Family: A Historical Perspective,” College of DuPage, 2011. invited presentation
- “Analyzing *Cutting the Fuse*,” Global Studies Workshop, Benedictine University, 2011.
- “Corsairs in Süleyman’s Naval Forces,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, 2009.
- “Kemal Reis and Piri Reis Sail the Bahr-i Rum: An Uncle and Nephew’s Exploits along the Coasts of the Mediterranean Sea,” Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, Geneva Switzerland, 2009.
- “Kemal Reis and Piri Reis Sail the *Bahr-i Rūm*: Turks in the Mediterranean Sea,” Great Lakes Ottomanists Workshop, Ohio State University, 2009.
- “The Ethnic Identity of Ottoman Naval Forces in the 15th and 16th Centuries,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008.
- “Mediterranean Cooking: Food in the Empire of the Turks,” Global Studies Forum, Benedictine University, 2008.
- “Historical Context to Manuel II’s Dialogues: Benedict XVI’s Regensburg Address,” Dialogue of Cultures, Notre Dame University Center for Ethics and Cultures, 2007.
- “The Formation of Ottoman Identity in the 15th Century,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2005.
- “Royal French Women in the Ottoman Sultans’ Harem,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 2004.
- “Ottoman versus Western Views of Renegades in the Ottoman Empire,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1999.
- “France through Ottoman Eyes,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois, 1998.
- “Hüseyn: Spymaster and Diplomat for Sultan Bayezid,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California, 1997.

“Foreign State Servants in the Ottoman Empire and France in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries: A Case of Multiple Identities,” Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies Conference, Tempe, Arizona, 1997.

“Multiple Identities: State Servants in the Ottoman Empire and France in the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Centuries,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York, 1997.

“A Royal Pawn: An Ottoman View of Renaissance Diplomacy,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, 1996.

“Allies with the Infidel: The Ottoman Fleet in Toulon, 1543-44,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 1995.

“Spying for Süleyman: The Ottoman Information Network in the Sixteenth Century,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, 1994.

“Fictive Kinship: Ottoman Authors' Accounts of the French Ancestry of the Ottoman Sultan,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, 1993.

SCHOLARLY PANEL ORGANIZER, CHAIR, OR DISCUSSANT

“Perceptions of Culture and Society in the Ottoman Period,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, November, 2015, panel chair.

“Personnel and Patronage: Getting Ahead in the Ottoman System,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November, 2014, panel organizer.

“Law and Legitimacy in the Ottoman Empire: Legal Opinions and Practical Concerns in the Ottoman Empire,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2013, panel discussant.

“Places Shaping Men: Investigations into the Role of Place in the Military Elite of the Ottoman Empire,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, 2013, panel organizer.

“Transhistorical Accounts of the Environment,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, 2012, panel chair.

“Ottoman Identity: Anatolian Beylik Abyss to Emerging Empire,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2011, panel organizer and chair.

“Ottoman Identity: Military Conquest State to World Empire,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2011, panel organizer and chair.

“Ottoman Identity: Transformation to an Administrative State,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2011, panel organizer.

“Ottoman Identity: Empire to Nation State: Mass Politics and Nationalism,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, 2011, panel organizer.

Arab Revolutions, 2011, Benedictine University, panel organizer.

“Ottoman & Turkish Urban Social History, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, 2010, panel chair.

“Ottoman Identity: From Osman to the Young Turks, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2008, panel organizer.

“Mediterranean Food,” Global Studies Forum, Benedictine University, 2008, panel organizer.

“Regional Identities in the Ottoman Empire, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2007, panel chair.

“Studies in Andalusian Social History,” Middle East Studies Annual Meeting, Boston, 2006, panel chair.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Middle East Studies, Committee of the Whole, Brigham Young University, 2016-

Phi Alpha Theta, faculty advisor, Brigham Young University, 2015-2017

“Interdisciplinary Teaching in Global Studies: British Imperialism in Egypt, 19th and 20th Centuries,” Symposium presentation for visiting faculty from Dalian Nationalities University, China at Benedictine University.

Global Studies Major Development Committee, 2005-2014.

Led student groups to control invasive species on Benedictine University campus, 2006-2014.

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

“Middle East and Turkey,” presentation at a fireside for Provo, Utah, ward, December 2016.

“Beit Benedikt: The Dormition Abbey, 100 Years in Jerusalem,” speech given at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church, Naperville, IL, 2007.

“Understanding the Middle East: What we can do to promote peace,” presentation given at Foreign Policy study group, Downers Grove, IL, 2007

“Understanding the Middle East: What we can do to promote peace,” presentation at Naperville 3 Ward, Joliet Stake Relief Society Enrichment meeting, 2007.

“Understanding the Middle East: What we can do to promote peace,” presentation at Naperville Stake Women’s conference, 2003.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Book evaluator for Brill Press, 2015.
Book evaluator for Routledge Press, 2014.
Article reviewer for *Journal of Early Modern History*, 2014
Article reviewer for *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, 2014
Article reviewer for *Journal of World History*, 2011
Tour Director, American Research Institute in Turkey, 1987
Camp Manager, Kurban Höyük Archaeological Excavation, Turkey, 1983

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Middle East Studies Association
Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association
American Historical Association
Sixteenth Century Society and Conference
Renaissance Society of America

FELLOWSHIPS/GRANTS

Kennedy Center, Research Grant, 2016
Kennedy Center, Travel Grant, 2016
Faculty Development grant Benedictine University, 2013
China Faculty Study Trip, Faculty Development grant Benedictine University, 2013
Research in Turkey, Faculty Development grant Benedictine University, 2012
Faculty Development grant Benedictine University, 2012
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Fulbright IIE, Turkey, 1992-93
Scholarship, Unendowed Funds, University of Chicago, 1991-92
National Resource, Title VI Scholarship, University of Chicago, 1988-91
Committee on Institutional Cooperation, Foreign Language Enhancement Scholarship, 1990
American Research Institute in Turkey, Summer Language Fellow, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey, 1989

LANGUAGES

Turkish, Modern: Reading and Speaking ability

Ottoman Turkish: Reading ability

French: Reading and Speaking ability