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## EDUCATION

- 2020 PhD Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations (NELC), University of Chicago  
(*expected*) Dissertation Title: “Women on the Verge: Emotions, Authoritarianism and the Novel in Italy and Turkey, 1923-1936”  
Committee: Dr. A. Holly Shissler (chair, UChicago NELC), Dr. Hakan Karatake (UChicago NELC), Dr. Leah Feldman (UChicago Comparative Literature), and Dr. Eden K. McLean (Auburn History)
- 2014 MA Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago  
Thesis: “Anavatandaşlar: Motherhood and Kemalist Modernity in *Gürbüz Türk Çocuğu*, 1926-1936”  
Advisor: Dr. A. Holly Shissler
- 2011 BA Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC,  
*Magna cum laude*, History with Honors  
Minors in Italian and Women’s & Gender Studies

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Middle Eastern and Islamic History  
Mediterranean History  
Gender History  
Cultural History  
Authoritarianism  
History and literature

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

“Bad Romance: Toxic Masculinity, Authoritarianism, and Heartbreak in Interwar Italian and Turkish Women’s Novels, 1923-32” (In revise and resubmit stage at peer-reviewed history journal)

## TEACHING POSITIONS

*Instructor of Record – University of Chicago*

2019 Introduction to the Middle East, Spring 2019

*Teaching Assistant – University of Chicago*

2019 The Rise of the Global New Right, Winter 2019

2018 Shamans and Oral Poets of Central Asia, Spring 2018

2016 Islamic History & Society – 1: The Rise of Islam & the Caliphate, Autumn 2016

2016 Ancient Empires – 2: The Ottoman Empire, Winter 2016

*Teaching Assistant – Uşak Üniversitesi*

2011-12 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Uşak Üniversitesi, Uşak, Turkey

**RESEARCH & WRITING FELLOWSHIPS**

2019-20 Mellon Foundation – University of Chicago Dissertation Completion Fellowship

2018 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Humanities Division, University of Chicago  
(Archival research conducted at the Gramsci Foundation Archives – Rome)

2018 Bucerius Fieldwork Grant, ZEIT-Stiftung Trajectories of Change Program  
(Archival research conducted at Central State Archives and Gramsci Foundation Archives – Rome; Istituto Etnografico della Sardegna (ISRE) – Nuoro, Sardinia, Italy; Mondadori Archives and Historic Archives of the National Feminist Union – Milan; International Institute of Social History – Amsterdam; National Library of France – Paris)

2017 Graduate Fellowship for Research in the British Isles, Nicholson Center for British Studies, University of Chicago  
(Archival research conducted at London School of Economics Women’s Library Archives and the British Library)

**LANGUAGE STUDY FELLOWSHIPS**

2015 Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Language Study Grant  
(Completed the Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School – Cunda)

2015 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Grant – Turkish  
University of Chicago Center for East European & Russian/Eurasian Studies

2013-14 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic-Year Grant – Turkish  
University of Chicago Center for East European & Russian/Eurasian Studies

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2018 “The Interwar Softboy: Weak Men and Strong Ladies in Italian and Turkish Women’s Literature, 1922-1932,” Third European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman & Turkish Studies, Bamberg, Germany, September 19-21

2018 “The Interwar Softboy: Fragile Masculinities and Strong Ladies in Italian and Turkish Women’s Literature, 1922-1932,” American Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 29-April 1

2017 “Betrayed by Beloveds: The Politics of Fiction in Fascist Italy and Kemalist Turkey,” Annual Meeting of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, July 5-7

- 2016 “European Sisterhood: Türk Kadın Birliği and the International Woman Suffrage Alliance, 1925-7,” Annual Meeting of the British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Lampeter, Wales, UK, July 13-15
- 2015 “My Self is Mine!: The Politics of Nezihe Muhiddin’s Fiction in the Early Republican Era,” Panel title: “Women Writers of the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic” (co-organizer), 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 21-24
- 2015 “The Woman in the East: A Critical Reading of *Kadınlar Dünyası*’s Ottoman/French Issues Nos. 124 & 125,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Conference, May 1-2
- 2014 “Anavatandaşlar: *Gürbüz Türk Çocuğu* and Kemalist Modernity, 1926-1936,” American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages Graduate Pre-Conference, Washington, DC, November 22
- 2014 “Better to be Ottoman?: Machiavelli’s *The Prince* and State-building in the Early Modern Mediterranean,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Conference, May 2-3

## WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Anxiety of Age: Rhetoric of Youth, Generational Conflict, and Agency in Italian & Turkish Women's Novels, 1923-33,” University of Chicago Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, April 17
- 2018 “Bad Romance: Toxic Masculinity and Problematic Relationships in Italian and Turkish Women’s Novels, 1923-1933,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Workshop, May 2
- 2017 “Womanhood Mediterranean Style: Patriarchal Authoritarianism and the Politics of Fiction in Italy and Turkey, 1922-1935,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Workshop, April 19
- 2017 “A Woman’s Worth: Nezihe Muhiddin’s *My Self is Mine!* and the Politics of Fiction in the Early Turkish Republic,” University of Chicago Transnational Approaches to Modern Europe Workshop, February 8
- 2014 “Per un’ora di luce, un’ora di tenebra: Sibilla Aleramo and Halide Edib on the Eve of Mussolini and Atatürk,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Workshop, January 9

## PEDAGOGY TRAINING

- 2019 “Creating Lesson Plans,” Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago, January 11

- 2018 “Making Content Accessible to All Students: an Introduction to Universal Design for Learning,” Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago, November 5
- 2018 “Promoting an Inclusive Classroom Climate,” Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago, October 18
- 2018 College Teaching Certificate, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2017 Course Design and College Teaching (10-week program), Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago, Autumn 2017
- 2017 Pedagogies of Writing (10-week program), University of Chicago Writing Program, Spring 2017
- 2017 Public Humanities Publishing Camp (1-week program), University of Chicago GRAD, Spring 2017
- 2016 Fundamentals of Teaching in the Humanities Workshop, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago, Autumn 2016
- 2015-2016 Workshop on Teaching in the College, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago, Autumn 2015 and 2016

**SERVICE**

- 2019 Department Representative, Dean’s Students Advisory Board, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
- 2018-2019 Modern Student Representative, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Student-Faculty Committee, University of Chicago
- 2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Interviewer, Center for Scholarly Advancement, University of Chicago, Autumn 2016
- 2016 Co-Organizer, “Gender & Sexuality in Middle Eastern History” Lecture Series, University of Chicago, February 25, April 14, and May 19
- 2015-2016 Co-Coordinator, Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop, University of Chicago

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2019 Career Development Intern, University of Chicago GRAD Office
- 2018-9 Research Assistant, Dr. Leah Feldman, University of Chicago Department of Comparative Literature

- 2018 Proofreader for Dr. Leah Feldman's book *On the Threshold of Eurasia: Revolutionary Poetics in the Caucasus* (Cornell University Press, 2018)
- 2012-2014 Digital Publishing Assistant, University of Chicago Press
- 2011 Summer Research Assistant for Dr. Monique O'Connell's book *The Mediterranean World: From the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Napoleon* (Johns Hopkins Press, 2016), Department of History, Wake Forest University

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association  
Coordinating Council for Women in History  
Middle East Studies Association  
Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association  
Society for Italian Historical Studies

## LANGUAGES

Italian: advanced reading and writing, advanced proficient speaking  
Modern Turkish: highly proficient reading, proficient writing and speaking  
Ottoman Turkish: highly proficient reading  
French: advanced reading, proficient writing and speaking  
Arabic: intermediate  
Spanish: working knowledge, can read with dictionary  
Azeri: beginning reading comprehension

## REFERENCES

A. Holly Shissler (Advisor and Chair of Dissertation Committee)  
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