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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020- Postdoctoral Humanities Teaching Fellow, Division of the Humanities,
University of Chicago
Affiliated with the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality

EDUCATION

2020 PhD Islamic History – Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations,
University of Chicago
Dissertation Title: “Women on the Verge: Emotions, Authoritarianism,
and the Novel in Italy and Turkey, 1922-1936”

2014 MA Middle Eastern Studies, Center for Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Chicago
Thesis: “Anavatandaşlar: Motherhood and Kemalist Modernity in *Gürbüz
Türk Çocuğu*, 1926-1936”

2011 BA Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC,
Magna cum laude, History with Honors
Minors in Italian and Women’s & Gender Studies

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Middle Eastern and Mediterranean History; gender history; twentieth-century
authoritarianisms; transnational women’s movements; history and literature;
comparative colonialisms; cultural history (European and Middle Eastern); history of
the press

PUBLICATIONS

“Bad Romance: Toxic Masculinity, Authoritarianism, and Heartbreak in Interwar Italian
and Turkish Women’s Novels, 1923-32” (Forthcoming in *Journal of Women’s History* 33.2,
Summer 2021)

TEACHING POSITIONS

Lecturer – University of Chicago

- 2021 Women’s Movements in the Modern Middle East (online)
- 2021 Self, Culture, and Society (online)
- 2020 Ancient Empires II – The Ottoman Empire (online)
- 2019 Introduction to the Middle East

Teaching Assistant – University of Chicago

- 2019 The Rise of the Global New Right
- 2018 Shamans and Oral Poets of Central Asia
- 2016 Islamic History & Society – I: The Rise of Islam & the Caliphate
- 2016 Ancient Empires – II: The Ottoman Empire

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019-20 Mellon Foundation – University of Chicago Dissertation Completion Fellowship
 - 2018 Dissertation Research Travel Grant, Humanities Division, University of Chicago
 - 2018 Bucerius Fieldwork Grant, ZEIT-Stiftung Trajectories of Change Program
 - 2017 Graduate Fellowship for Research in the British Isles, Nicholson Center for British Studies, University of Chicago
 - 2015 Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Language Study Grant
Advanced Level Certificate, Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School – Cunda, Turkey
 - 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
 - 2011-12 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship – Uşak, Turkey
- INVITED TALKS

2021 "Under Pressure: The Closure of Türk Kadın Birliği, 1935," MESA Global Academy Panel on "Elections, Gender, and Representation in the Ottoman Empire and the Republic," January 18

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panels Organized

2020 "Unhappy Women: Emotions and Gender Politics in Modern Italy" (co-organizer), 134th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, January 3-6

2015 "Women Writers of the Late Ottoman Empire and Turkish Republic" (co-organizer), 49th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, November 21-24

Papers Presented

2020 "*Sono vecchia'*: Discontents of Middle Age in Grazia Deledda's *Annalena Bilsini* (1927)," 134th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, New York, January 3-6

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, 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," 49th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, 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 22-25

PEDAGOGY TRAINING

- 2020 "Engaging Students in Remote and Hybrid Teaching," Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2020 "Pedagogical Considerations for Remote and Hybrid Teaching," Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2019 "Creating Lesson Plans," Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 "Making Content Accessible to All Students: an Introduction to Universal Design for Learning," Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2018 "Promoting an Inclusive Classroom Climate," Chicago Center for Teaching Inclusive Pedagogy Workshop, University of Chicago
- 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
- 2017 Pedagogies of Writing (10-week program), University of Chicago Writing Program
- 2017 Public Humanities Publishing Camp (1-week program), UChicagoGRAD

- 2016 Fundamentals of Teaching in the Humanities Workshop, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago
- 2015-16 Workshop on Teaching in the College, Chicago Center for Teaching, University of Chicago

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

- 2019-20 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Interviewer, University of Chicago College Center for Research and Fellowships
- 2019 Department Representative, Dean's Students Advisory Board, Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago
- 2018-19 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
- 2016 Co-Organizer, "Gender & Sexuality in Middle Eastern History" Lecture Series, University of Chicago
Featuring Marion Katz, NYU (February 25), Sara Omar, Yale (April 14), Eve Troutt-Powell, Penn (May 19)
- 2015-16 Co-Coordinator, Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop, University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Career Development Intern, UChicagoGRAD
- 2018-19 Research Assistant, Leah Feldman, University of Chicago Department of Comparative Literature
- 2018 Proofreader, Leah Feldman, *On the Threshold of Eurasia: Revolutionary Poetics in the Caucasus* (Cornell University Press, 2018)
- 2012-14 Digital Publishing Assistant, University of Chicago Press

2011 Summer Research Assistant, Monique O'Connell, *The Mediterranean World: From the Fall of Rome to the Rise of Napoleon* (Johns Hopkins Press, 2016)

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

REFERENCES

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