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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- Assistant Professor of History & Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies,  
University of Maine
- 2020-2021 Postdoctoral Humanities Teaching Fellow  
Division of the Humanities, University of Chicago  
*Affiliated with the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality*

## EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: "Women on the Verge: Emotions, Authoritarianism, and the Novel in Italy and Turkey, 1922-1936"
- 2014 M.A. Middle Eastern Studies, Center for Middle Eastern Studies,  
University of Chicago  
Thesis: "Anavatandaşlar: Motherhood and Kemalist Modernity in *Gürbüz Türk Çocuğu*, 1926-1936"
- 2011 B.A. 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 authoritarianism; transnational women's movements; history and literature; comparative colonialisms; cultural history (European and Middle Eastern); history of the press

## PUBLICATIONS

### Published

- 2021 "Bad Romance: Toxic Masculinity, Authoritarianism, and Heartbreak in Interwar Italian and Turkish Women's Novels, 1923-32," *Journal of Women's History* 33, no. 2 (2021): 35-60. doi.org/10.1353/jowh.2021.0014

## **In Progress**

- 2022 *Suffrage Mediterranean Style: Egyptian, Italian, Spanish, and Turkish Activists and the International Alliance of Women, 1920-35* (book manuscript)
- 2022 “Sisters on the Margins: Suffrage and the Dictatorial Turn in Italy and Turkey, 1922-6” (article)
- 2022 “Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman: Generational Conflict and Kemalist Social Engineering, 1923-35” (article)

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2022 Bird & Bird Faculty Development Fund, Department of History, University of Maine
- 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
- 2015 University of Chicago Center for East European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Grant – Turkish
- 2013-14 University of Chicago Center for East European & Russian/Eurasian Studies Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic-Year Grant – Turkish
- 2011-12 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship – Uşak, Turkey

## **INVITED TALKS**

- 2022 “The Light at the End of the Tunnel: A Conversation on the Job Market during the COVID-19 Pandemic,” University of Chicago Middle East History and Theory Workshop, March 9 (online)
- 2021 “At a Crossroads: Italian and Turkish Suffrage, Authoritarianism, and the International Woman Suffrage Alliance 1926 Congress in Paris,” Wake Forest University Department of History Lecture Series, October 27 (online)

- 2021 “Grazia Deledda: A Regional, National, and International Life (1871-1936),” AAUW San Jose Exploring World Literature Interest Group, October 18 (online)
- 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 (online)

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Panels Organized

- 2022 “Gender, Non-State Actors, and Politics in the Interwar Middle East and Mediterranean” (co-organizer), British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 4-6
- 2020 “Unhappy Women: Emotions and Gender Politics in Modern Italy” (co-organizer), 134<sup>th</sup> 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), 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, November 21-24

### Papers Presented

- 2022 “The Lost Congress: Mediterranean Suffrage and the International Alliance of Women – Athens, 1932,” British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Annual Conference, St. Andrews, Scotland, July 4-6
- 2021 “Sisters on the Margin: Turkish and Italian Suffrage Activism, 1923-1935,” Consortium for European Symposia on Turkey Virtual + Naples 2021,” Naples, Italy, September 24-25 (Virtual Workshop) and November 25-27 (Symposium)
- 2020 “‘Sono vecchia’: Discontents of Middle Age in Grazia Deledda’s *Annalena Bilsini* (1927),” 134<sup>th</sup> 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,” 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Denver, November 21-24

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Maine Assistant Professor**

- 2022 European Society and Culture in the Age of Total War  
2022 The Mediterranean World  
2022 Transnational Feminisms  
2021 Senior Seminar in History: The Global First World War  
2021 Introduction to Women’s, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

### **University of Chicago Lecturer**

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

### **Teaching Assistant**

- 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

## **ADVISING**

### **University of Maine**

- 2022 Ali Janes, BA student, Honors Thesis committee member

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **University of Maine**

- 2022-2024     Research Faculty Fellow, Center for Undergraduate Research (CUGR)
- 2021-present     Member, Department Life Committee, Department of History
- 2021-present     Member, Curriculum Committee, Program in Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

### **University of Chicago**

- 2019-21     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
- 2015-16     Co-Coordinator, Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop, University of Chicago

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2021     Writing Consultant, University of Chicago College Center for Research and Fellowships
- 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  
British Society for Middle Eastern Studies  
Coordinating Council for Women in History  
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  
Spanish: working knowledge, can read with dictionary  
Arabic: beginning reading comprehension  
Azeri: beginning reading comprehension