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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present 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; interwar Europe; history and literature; comparative colonialisms; cultural history (European and Middle Eastern)

PUBLICATIONS

Published

- 2023 "Sisters on the Margins: Suffrage and the Dictatorial Turn in Italy and Turkey, 1922-6" (forthcoming in *Studi Magrebini/North African Studies*)
- 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

Under Review

"Not a Girl, Not Yet a Woman: Suat Derviş, Nezihe Muhiddin and Generational Conflict in Turkey, 1923-35" (article; at the revise and resubmit stage as of 17 November 2022)

"*Ragazza, Donna, Vecchia*: Age and Fascist Gender Politics in Grazia Deledda's *Annalena Balsini* (1927)" (article)

In Progress

Suffrage Mediterranean Style: Authoritarianism, Feminism, and Transnational Activism, 1920-1935 (book manuscript)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2023 | CLAS Pre-Tenure Faculty Research and Creative Activity Fellowship, College of Library Arts and Sciences, University of Maine |
| 2023 | "Teaching with Maps" Faculty Fellowship, Osher Map Library and Smith Center for Cartographic Education, University of Southern Maine |
| 2022-2023 | Enhanced Mentoring Program with Opportunities for Ways to Excel in Research (EMPOWER) Fellowship, University of Maine |
| 2022 | Clement and Linda McGillicuddy Humanities Center Faculty Grant, University of Maine |
| 2022-2023 | Bird & Bird Faculty Development Fund, Department of History, University of Maine |
| 2019-2020 | 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 |

- 2013-2014 University of Chicago Center for East European & Russian/Eurasian Studies
Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic-Year Grant – Turkish
- 2011-2012 Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship – Uşak, Turkey

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Title TBD, “The Interwar Middle East: Between the Transnational and the Marginal, 1918-1945” Conference, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University, June 13
- 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), 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

- 2022 “‘Awake, Arise, Take Courage’: Mediterranean Women and the International Woman Suffrage Alliance Congress in Rome, 1923,” Society for Italian Historical

- Studies “Marching on Rome: Contesting the Eternal City through the Centuries”
Conference, New York, October 28
- 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 “Turkey and the Mediterranean: linkages, connectivities and ruptures,” 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),” 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Maine
Assistant Professor

History

European Society and Culture in the Age of Total War
The Mediterranean World
Senior Seminar: The Global First World War
History & Fantasy Literature

Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Introduction to Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

Transnational Feminisms (cross-listed with Political Science and International Affairs)

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 & MENTORING

University of Maine

2022-2023 Alex Cross, Philosophy BA student, Honors Thesis committee member
2022-2023 Mackenzie Reynolds, History BA student, CUGR Undergraduate Fellowship
2022-2023 Marguerita Fairfield, Undergraduate Research Assistant

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Maine

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

University of Chicago

- 2019-2021 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Interviewer, College Center for Research and Fellowships
- 2019 Department Representative, Dean's Students Advisory Board, Division of the Humanities
- 2018-2019 Modern Student Representative, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Student-Faculty Committee
- 2016 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Campus Interviewer, Center for Scholarly Advancement
- 2016 Co-Organizer, "Gender & Sexuality in Middle Eastern History" Lecture Series
- 2015-2016 Co-Coordinator, Middle Eastern History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Writing Consultant, University of Chicago College Center for Research and Fellowships
- 2019 Career Development Intern, UChicagoGRAD
- 2018-2019 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)
- 2012-2014 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