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Curriculum Vitae

EMPLOYMENT AND TEACHING

Assistant Professor, Department of History, The Catholic University of America <i>Courses:</i> Rise of Islam, Historiography of Medieval Islam	2013-present
Assistant Instructor, Princeton University <i>Courses:</i> Introduction to Islamic Law	2010

EDUCATION

PhD, Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University <i>Dissertation:</i> "Syriac Christians in the Medieval Islamic World: Law, Family, and Society"	2013
BA, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies and Music (minor), New York University <i>Honors:</i> Summa Cum Laude, Highest Honors, University Award for Excellence in Arabic (2006), Founders Day Award (2006), Phi Beta Kappa (2005), Dean's List (all semesters)	2006

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship	2012-2013
Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship	2011-2012
Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University	2011-2012
Donald and Mary Hyde Academic Year Research Fellowship <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>	2010-2011
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship for Arabic <i>Cairo, Egypt</i>	2010
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Fellowship and FLAS Fellowship for Arabic <i>Damascus, Syria</i>	2008
Program in Judaic Studies Annual Award, Princeton University	2007-2013
FLAS Fellowship for Arabic	2007-2008
Presidential Honors Scholarship, New York University	2002-2006
National Merit Scholarship, New York University	2002-2006

PUBLICATIONS

“Al-Ghazali, Bar Hebraeus, and the ‘Good Wife.’” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*.
Forthcoming.

“Polygyny and East Syrian Law: Local Practices and Ecclesiastical Tradition.” In *Christians, Muslims and Jews in the Early Medieval Mediterranean World: Minority Perceptions and Minority Constructions*, edited by Robert Hoyland. Princeton, NJ: The Darwin Press, forthcoming.

“Prisoner of Damascus” (English translation of Yassin al-Haj Saleh’s Arabic editorial). *The New York Times*. April 10, 2011.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP PAPERS

- Thinking about Law and Its Role in Society (panel commentator)
Shaping Legal Cultures from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages, University of Pennsylvania Apr 2013
- New Approaches to Non-Muslims and Law in Islamic Societies (panel organizer)
Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting Nov 2012
- Bar Hebraeus and al-Ghazali: The Image of ‘the Good Wife’ between Christianity and Islam
XI Symposium Syriacum, University of Malta Jul 2012
- Syriac Christian Case Law
Colloquium on Law in Late Antique & Medieval Cultures, University of Pennsylvania May 2012
- ‘He Has Gone on a Long Journey’: Wives, Disappeared Husbands, and East Syrian Law in Abbasid Iraq
MESA Annual Meeting Dec 2011
- Polygyny and East Syrian Law: Local Practices and Lettered Traditions
Colloquium on Late Antiquity and Early Islam: Continuity and Change in the Mediterranean, University of Oxford Sep 2011
- Kinship, Law, and Exegetical Tradition, or: Why Can’t an East Syrian Marry Her Cousin?
Sixth North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University Jun 2011
- The Boundaries of Tradition: Some Islamic Legal Opinions on Suicide Bombing
Sixth Annual Duke-UNC Graduate Islamic Studies Conference, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Apr 2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association
Middle East Medievalists
Middle East Studies Association

LANGUAGES AND TRAINING

Research Languages

Arabic (proficient), Syriac (proficient), Judeo-Arabic (advanced-intermediate), Persian (intermediate), German (reading knowledge), French (reading knowledge)

Arabic Training

Abdallah Siraj Arabic Instruction , Cairo, Egypt	2011
International Language Institute , Cairo, Egypt	2010
Sibawayh Center , Cairo, Egypt	2010
Institut Français du Proche-Orient (IFPO) , Damascus, Syria	2008