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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

### **University of Houston**

Associate Professor of History, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, September 2015-

### **University of Texas at Dallas**

Associate Professor, August 2014-August 2015

Assistant Professor, August 2008-August 2014

### **Senior Fellow at Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, İstanbul Turkey**

September 2009-June 2010

### **University of Texas at Dallas**

Visiting Assistant Professor, August 2007-August 2008

## **EDUCATION**

### **Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

Ph.D. June 2007

Department of History and Middle Eastern Studies.

Dissertation: “*Ottoman-Mamluk Relations: Diplomacy and Perceptions*”

Advisors: Prof.Cemal Kafadar, Prof. Roy Mottahedeh, Prof. Michael Winter

### **Koç University, Turkey**

B.A. in History, 1999

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books:**

*The Ottomans and the Mamluks: Imperial Diplomacy and Warfare in the Islamic World.*

London: I.B.Tauris, 2014.

### **Book Translations:**

Turkish Translation of *The Ottomans and the Mamluks: Imperial Warfare and Diplomacy (Osmanlılar ve Memluklar: İslam Dünyasında İmparatorluk Diplomasisi ve Rekabet)*

Istanbul: Kitap Yayınevi, 2016.

**Articles:**

“Attempting to Understand the Language of Diplomacy between the Ottomans and the Mamluks.” *Archivum Ottomanicum* 30 (2013): 247-69.

**Chapters in edited volumes (refereed):**

“Ottoman-Mamluk Relations and the Complex Image of Bayezid II.” In *Conquête ottomane de l’Égypte (1517): arrière-plan, impact, échos*. Edited by Benjamin Lellouche and Nicholas Michel. Leiden: Brill, 2013.

“Nomadic Borders of Ottoman Provinces during the Mamluk-Ottoman Imperial Transition.” In *The Mamluk-Ottoman Transition*. Edited by Stephan Conermann and Gül Şen. Bonn: Bonn University Press, 2017.

**Chapters in edited volumes:**

“Patterns of Mobility between Ottoman and Mamluk Lands.” In *The Mamluk Sultanate from the Perspective of Regional and World History*. Edited by Reuven Amitai and Stephan Conermann. Bonn: Bonn University Press, 2019.

**Book Reviews:**

Book Review of Abdurrahman Atçıl, *Scholars and Sultans in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017. *American Historical Review*, 2018.

**FORTHCOMING**

“Gaykhatu b. Abaqa.” *Encyclopaedia of Islam* (Third Edition), forthcoming in 2020.

Ikil Selcuk and Cihan Yüksel. “Early Modern Reflections on Bayezid II’s Reign.” In *Festschrift in Honor of Professor Cemal Kafadar*. Forthcoming in 2020.

**WORK IN PROGRESS**

**Papers**

“Captivity Narratives in Ottoman-Mamluk Relations.” Will be submitted for publication in May 2020.

“Reflections on Pre-Conquest Ottoman Perceptions of the Mamluks: Al-Maqrizi on the Ottomans”

“Ottomans in the Writings of al-Biqai.”

**Book Projects**

“Mercantile Networks between Ottoman and Mamluk Territories.”

“Like Father, Like Son: Bayezid II and Restructuring of the Ottoman Empire”

### **ORGANIZED PANELS**

“Networks of Knowledge and Connectivity in the Early Modern Mediterranean and the Near East,” Panel Organizer and Presenter, MESA in November 2019.

“Ottoman-Mamluk Relations and the Complex Image of Bayezid II.” Panel co-organizer and Presenter, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) in November 2013.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

“Reflections on Pre-Conquest Ottoman Perceptions of the Mamluks.” Presented at Skilliter Center for Ottoman Studies at Newnham College in July 2017 (University of Cambridge).

“Cultural and Social Mobility between Ottoman and Mamluk Territories.” Invited by Annemarie Schimmel Kolleg at University of Bonn to present at the International Workshop entitled “The Mamluk Sultanate and its Neighbors: Economic, Social and Cultural Entanglements,” in Bonn, Germany on December 18-20, 2015. Published in 2019.

“Mamluk Anatolian Lands in Transition.” Invited by Annemarie Schimmel Research College at University of Bonn to present at the International Workshop entitled “The Mamluk-Ottoman Transition: Continuity and Change in Egypt and Bilad al-Sham in the Sixteenth Century,” in Bonn, Germany on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Published in 2017.

“Attempting to Understand the Language of Diplomacy between the Ottomans and the Mamluks.” Presented at the international conference “Mamluk Cairo: A Crossroad for Embassies” in Liege, Belgium on September 7, 2012. Published in 2013.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS and PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES**

“Ottomans in the Writings of al-Biqai.” Third European Convention on Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies (Turkologentag 2018) in September 2018. Received Provost’s Travel Fund.

“The Impact of Time on Ottoman-Mamluk Relations: Captivity Narratives.” Presented at Mamluk Studies Conference in May 2017 in Beyrouth, Lebanon.

“Ottoman-Mamluk Relations and the Complex Image of Bayezid II.” Panel co-organizer and Presenter, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) in November 2013. Published in 2014.

“Ottoman or Mamluk: Caught Between Two Loyalties?” Presented at the annual MESA Conference (MESA) in Washington, D.C. in December 2011.

“Legacies of Exchange and Conflict: The Letter of a Prisoner.” Presented at the University of California Multi-Campus Research Group in Mediterranean Studies (the Ottomans and Mediterranean Empire) in UC Davis on April 8-9, 2011.

“Slaves or Sultans? Perceptions in Early Ottoman-Mamluk Contacts.” Presented at the mini-symposia at Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey in March 2010.

“How to present Ottoman-Mamluk Relations?” Presented at ANAMED (Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations), Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey on December 30, 2009.

“Legacies of Exchange and Conflict: Ottoman-Mamluk Peace Treaty in 1491.” Presented at the Global Encounters Conference at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and at the Annual MESA Conference, Washington, D.C. in November 2008.

“The Rise of the Ottomans.” Presented at 2002 Summer Teacher’s Workshop, prepared by the Teaching Resource Center at Harvard University’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies on June 26, 2002.

### **SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Archival Research in Turkey, every summer

Archival Research in Turkey, September 2009-June 2010

Dissertation research in Turkey, September 2003-January 2004 and April 2004-June 2004

Dissertation research in Egypt, January 2004-April 2004

### **COURSES (University of Houston and UT Dallas)**

#### **Undergraduate**

Historical Inquiry

The Crusades

Ottoman History I and II (sequential courses for two semesters)

Survey of the Islamic Middle East (sequential courses for two semesters)

#### **Graduate**

Travel and Knowledge in the Islamic Middle East

Mediterranean Studies: History and Historiography

History and Historiography of Medieval and Early Modern Muslim World

Research Seminar in Medieval and Early Modern Muslim World

Research Seminar in Ottoman History and Historiography

#### **Graduate Student Mentoring**

Quentin Adams, served on the comprehensive exam committee

Taylor Mankin, served on the comprehensive exam committee

Patrick Higgins, served on the comprehensive exam committee

Derek Ide, served on the comprehensive exam committee

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Served on the MESA Program Committee Board for MESA 2018.

Article reviews submitted for *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*.

### **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE (University of Houston)**

Director of Undergraduate Studies Committee, August 2018.

Member of Graduate Studies Committee, Fall 2017-Spring 2018

Member of Undergraduate Studies Committee, Fall 2015-Fall 2017

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Committee, College Level, April 2018

### **SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES**

Provost's Teaching Excellence Award, University of Houston, Core Curriculum, 2019

Senior Fellowship, ANAMED, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, 2009-June 2010

Harvard University Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2005-2006

Harvard University, Grant for Tuition, 2001-2004

Harvard University, Grant for Tuition and Stipend, 1999-2001

DAAD (Deutsche Auslaendische Austausch Dienst) Stipend for Summer Language Study in Stuttgart and Freiburg, Germany.

Vehbi Koç Scholarship, Full Tuition and Stipend for five years, 1994-1999

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)

The Society for Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies (Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeiforschung/GTOT)

JOTSA (Ottoman Studies Association)

**LANGUAGES**

Turkish: native.

Ottoman Turkish: excellent

English: excellent.

German: fluent.

Arabic: good (reading level)

Italian: intermediary (reading level)

French: intermediary (reading level)