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CURRICULUM VITAE

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2020-pres. Associate Professor of Middle Eastern History, Oklahoma State University
2016-2022 Core Faculty, Iranian and Persian Gulf Studies, Oklahoma State University
2014-2020 Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern History, Oklahoma State University
2012-2014 Postdoc (Medieval Middle East), History Department, Princeton University
2012-2014 Research Fellow, Syriaca.org, Beth Mardutho Research Library, Piscataway, NJ

CURRENT RESEARCH

- Book project: *Mosaics in Earthquake Country* (tentative title) explores the social impact of eastern Mediterranean religious and ethnic diversity in the period ca. 950-1500.
- A book chapter on citations of the Qur'an in Arabic Christian apologetics ca. 1000-1400.
- A book chapter on religious conversion in Byzantine/Islamic relations
- A book-length edition, translation, and commentary on Ishaq Shbadnaya's "Poem on God's Government from In the Beginning to Eternity," from fifteenth-century Iraq.
- Expanding the *Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East* (HIMME), a reference work.

EDUCATION

PhD, 2012 Doctor of Philosophy in History, Princeton University
MA, 2009 Master of Arts in History (*with distinction*), Princeton University
MSt, 2007 Master of Studies in Syriac Studies (*with distinction*), Oxford University
MDiv, 2006 Master of Divinity (*summa cum laude*), Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
BA, 2002 English Literature (*summa cum laude*), University of Washington
BS, 2002 Math & Computer Science (*with honors, summa cum laude*), U. of Washington

Fellowships, Awards, and Prizes:

2020 Distinguished Early Career Faculty Award, Oklahoma State University
2019 Junior Faculty Award for Scholarly Excellence, OSU College of Arts & Sciences
2013 Global Outlook::Digital Humanities Essay Contest 2nd prize
2011-2012 Whiting Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities
2011-2012 Religion & Culture Fellowship, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton Univ.
2009-2012 Philip A. Rollins Prize, History, Princeton University
2007-2012 Stanley J. Seeger Prize, Program in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
2007-2009 Shelby Collum and Kathryn Davis Prize, History, Princeton University
2008 Margaret Goheen Summer Research/Travel Fellowship, Princeton University
2007 Research Travel Grant, Wolfson College, Oxford
2007 Graduate Student Book Prize, Gorgias Press, Piscataway, NJ

2003-2006 Alan and Susan Ruud Scholarship, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
 2003 Pathfinder Award, Puget Sound Association of ΦBK
 2002 Dean's Medal, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington
 2000 President's Junior Medal, University of Washington

GRANTS

2019-2021 National Endowment for the Humanities, Humanities Collections and Reference Resources, \$212,767
 Sum. 2017 Subcontract, Qatar National Research Foundation, \$6,000
 Sum. 2016 OSU College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Incentive Grant, \$3,000
 Nov. 2015 OSU College of Arts & Sciences, Fall Travel Award, \$1,000
 Sum. 2015 OSU College of Arts & Sciences, Dean's Incentive Grant, \$3,000

SKILLS

Languages:

Advanced Reading: Greek (*koinê* and Byzantine), Arabic, Syriac, French, Spanish
 Intermediate Reading: Armenian (classical), Persian, Latin, German, Hebrew (ancient), Portuguese, Greek (modern)
 Elementary Reading: Turkish (modern), Russian, Italian, Hebrew (medieval), Romanian
 Elementary Spoken: French, Arabic (Syrian), Spanish, Greek (modern)

Digital Humanities:

XML, XSLT 2.0, TEI P5, HTML, RDF, C/C++

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Fall 2023 "Medieval Islamic History" and "World History to 1500," OSU
 Spring 2023 "Jerusalem: City and Symbol" and "World History to 1500," OSU
 Fall 2022 "Modern Middle East" and "Methods in the Historical Study of Religion" (grad.)
 And "The Byzantine Empire" (undergraduate independent study)
 (Fall '21-Spring '22 Sabbatical)
 Spring 2021 "The Mongol Empire" and "Middle Eastern Christianity" (grad. indep't. study)
 Fall 2020 "Medieval Islamic History"
 Spring 2020 "Modern Middle East" and "Methods in the Historical Study of Religion" (grad.)
 Fall 2019 "The Mongol Empire" and "World History to 1500," Oklahoma State University
 Spring 2019 "Minorities of the Middle East" and "New Testament Intro.," Oklahoma State
 Fall 2018 "Israel and Palestine since 1800" and "World History to 1500," Oklahoma State
 Spring 2018 "Medieval Islamic History" and "World History to 1500," Oklahoma State
 Fall 2017 "Intro to the Study of History" and "Survey of Eastern Civ.," Oklahoma State
 Spring 2017 "The Mongol Empire" and "Modern Middle East," Oklahoma State University
 (Fall 2016 History Department Research Assignment – no teaching)
 Spring 2016 "Senior Seminar" and "Survey of Eastern Civilization," Oklahoma State Univ.
 Fall 2015 "Minorities of the Middle East" and "Survey of Eastern Civ.," Oklahoma State
 Spring 2015 "Modern Middle East" and "Survey of Eastern Civilization," Oklahoma State
 Fall 2014 "Islamic Civilization" and "Survey of Eastern Civilization," Oklahoma State
 Spring 2011 Part-time Lecturer, "The Mongol Empire," History Dept., Rutgers University

Spring 2010 Part-time Lecturer, “Age of Reformation,” History Dept., Rutgers University
 Fall 2009 Trained as Assistant in Instruction (AI), McGraw Center, Princeton University
 Fall 2009 Substitute teacher, Introductory Greek, Somerset Christian College
 2005-2006 New Testament Teaching Fellow, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School
 Summer 2003 Integrated Math II Instructor, Robinson Center, University of Washington
 Summer 2002 Integrated Math III Instructor, Robinson Center, University of Washington
 2001-2003 Precalculus Instructor, Transition School, Robinson Center, U. of Washington
 2000-2001 Honors Calculus Teaching Asst., Math Department, University of Washington
 1998-2000 English Teaching Asst., Transition School, Robinson Center, U. of Washington

PUBLICATIONS

Book:

Christianity in Fifteenth-Century Iraq, Cambridge Studies in Islamic Civilization (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018).

Reviewed in: *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Islamic Studies*, *al-‘Uşūr al-Wuṣṭā*

Co-edited Volumes:

Section editor, “Armenian, Syriac and Other Languages,” in David Thomas, ed., *Christian-Muslim Relations: Primary Sources*, Volume 1 (London: Bloomsbury, 2023).

* I commissioned (or authored) entries in Persian, Armenian, and Syriac.

Section editor, “Armenian, Syriac and Other Languages,” in David Thomas, ed., *Bloomsbury Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations, 600-1500* (London: Bloomsbury, 2022).

* A shorter version of the full *Primary Sources* volume, targeted for classroom use.

Articles and Chapters:

“‘Becoming All Things to All People’: Positive Readings of Qur’ānic Christianity in Arabic Christian Apologetics,” in Octavian-Adrian Negoită, *Eastern Christians’ Engagement with Islam and the Qur’ān (c. 8th–18th Centuries). Texts, Contexts and Knowledge Regimes* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2024), pages?

“‘Peace be upon whoever follows the guidance’: Christian and Muslim ‘Mission’ in the Late Medieval Middle East,” in Andrea Sterk and Sergey Ivanov, eds., *Byzantine Missions: Sources, Strategies, and Stories of Eastern Christian Expansion* (accepted by editors, in negotiations with presses).

“For Whom the Bell Tolls: Middle Eastern Christians and the So-Called ‘Counter-Crusade’ in Edessa, 1144 CE,” in John-Paul Ghobrial, Michael A. Reynolds, Christian C. Sahner, and Jack Tannous, eds., *Strangers No More: Christians in Middle Eastern History* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, *forthcoming*), 8300 words.

“Who Says? A Social History of Syriac Use in the Medieval Islamic Period,” in Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Miriam L. Hjälml, and Robert A. Kitchen, eds., *The Third Lung: New Trajectories in Syriac Studies: In Honour of Sebastian P. Brock* (Leiden: Brill, 2023), 347–61.

“Karakoyunlu ve Akkoyunlu Yönetiminde Süryani Kimliği” [“Syriac Identity under the Qarāqūyunlū and Āqqūyunlū”], in Zafer Duygu, Kutlu Akalin, and Umut Var eds., *Süryaniler: Kimlik, Din, Literatür* (İstanbul: Selenge, 2023), 271–84. [not peer-reviewed]

With Jessica S. Mutter, “Indexing A Shared Knowledge Culture from Many Perspectives: Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East (HIMME) as a Tool for Researching Diversity,” *Medieval Worlds* 17 (2022): 185-97.

*My contribution was about 60% of the words and about 40% of the final editing.

“‘The Garden of the Reasonable’: Religious Diversity among Middle Eastern Physicians after 1000 CE,” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 81 (2022): 99-118.

“Syriac in the Polyglot Medieval Middle East: Digital Tools and the Dissemination of Scholarship Across Linguistic Boundaries,” in Aaron Michael Butts and Robin Darling Young, eds., *Syriac Christian Culture: Beginnings to Renaissance* (Washington, DC: CUA Press, 2020), 201–11.

“Faith among the Faithless? Theology as Aid or Obstacle to Islamization in Late Medieval Mesopotamia,” in Petre Guran and David A. Michelson, eds., *Faith and Community around the Mediterranean: In Honor of Peter R. L. Brown* (Études Byzantines et Post Byzantines, new series, vol. I (VIII). Bucharest, Académie roumaine; Heidelberg: Herlo Verlag UG, 2019 [2020]), 227–38. [not peer-reviewed]

“Syriac in a Diverse Middle East: From the Mongol Ilkhanate to Ottoman Dominance, 1286-1517,” in Daniel King (ed.), *The Syriac World* (London: Routledge, 2018), 718-730.

“When Did the Middle East Become Muslim? Trends in the Study of Islam’s ‘Age of Conversions,’” in *History Compass* 16 (2018): e12494 (10 pages).

“The Long Shadow of Sasanian Christianity: The Limits of Iraqi Islamization,” in *Mizan* 3 (2018). <http://www.mizanproject.org/journal-post/the-long-shadow-of-sasanian-christianity/> (12,600 words but no page range).

“Safavids Before Empire: Two Fifteenth-Century Armenian Perspectives,” in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 49 (2017): 277-294.

“Syriac Christology and Christian Community in the Fifteenth-Century Church of the East,” in H. Teule, E. Keser-Kayaalp, K. Akalin, N. Doru, and M. S. Toprak (eds.), *Syriac in its Multi-Cultural Context* (Eastern Christian Studies 23; Louvain: Peeters, 2017), 265-276.

“Contours of Conversion: The Geography of Islamization in Syria, 600-1500,” in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 135 (2015): 791-816.

“Formulaic Prose? Rhetoric and Meaning in Late Medieval Syriac Manuscript Colophons,” in *Hugoye* 18 (2015): 379-398.

“History and Self-Concept in the Fifteenth-Century Church of the East: The Works of Īshāq Šbadnāyā and Īšō‘yahb bar Mqaddam,” *Parole de l’Orient* 40 (2015): 101-13.

“The Future of the Past: The Reception of Syriac Qaṭraye Authors in Late Medieval Iraq,” in Mario Kozah, Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn, Saif Shaheen al-Murikhi, and Haya Al-Thani (eds.), *The Syriac Writers of Qatar in the Seventh Century* (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2014), 169-193.

“The Nature of the Church (of the East) in Ishaq Shbadnaya’s ‘Poem on the Divine Economy,’” *The Harp: A Review of Syriac and Oriental Studies* 27 (2011): 271-289.

“A Light From ‘the Dark Centuries’: Ishaq Shbadnaya’s Life and Works,” *Hugoye* 14 (2011): 191-214.

“The edge-isoperimetric problem for discrete tori,” *Discrete Math* 254 (2002): 33-49.

Digital Publications:

Editor and Principal Investigator, HIMME: *Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East* (August 2021): <http://www.medievalmideast.org>

Contributing editor, *Beth Qaṭraye Gazetteer*, ed. Haya Al Thani, Saif al-Murikhi, Abdulrahim Abu-Husayn, George Kiraz, Mario Kozah, & David Michelson (2019).

Co-editor, with David A. Michelson, *The Syriac Gazetteer* (2014): <http://syriaca.org/geo>

Book Reviews:

Andy Hilken, *The Anonymous Syriac Chronicle of 1234 and Its Sources* (Leuven: Peeters, 2018). In *Church History* 91 (2022): 137–38.

Hugh Goddard, *A History of Christian-Muslim Relations*, 2nd ed. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University, 2020). In *Medieval Encounters* 27 (2022): 109–12.

Li Tang & Dietmar W. Winkler, eds., *From the Oxus River to the Chinese Shores: Studies on East Syriac Christianity in China and Central Asia* (Zürich: Lit, 2013). In *Hugoye* 17 (2014): 388-394.

Li Tang, *East Syriac Christianity in Mongol-Yuan China* (Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2011). In *Hugoye* 15 (2012): 393-399.

Philip Jenkins, *The Lost History of Christianity: the Thousand-Year Golden Age of the Church in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia--and How It Died* (New York: HarperCollins, 2008). In *Trinity Journal* 31 NS (2010): 164-65.

Meic Pearse, *The Age of Reason: From the Wars of Religion to the French Revolution, 1570-1789* (Baker History of the Church 5; Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker, 2006). In *Trinity Journal* 29 NS (2008): 172-73.

Roger J. Green, *William Booth: Founder of the Salvation Army* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2005). In *Trinity Journal* 28 NS (2007): 325-26.

Noel Lenski, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Constantine* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006). In *Trinity Journal* 28 NS (2007): 157-59.

Other Academic Publications:

“‘Alā’ al-Dīn ‘Aṭā-Malik Juvaynī,” “Mar Yahballaha and Rabban Sawma,” “Armenian Colophons,” and “Ishō‘yahb bar Mqaddam” in David Thomas, Thomas A. Carlson, Johannes Pahlitzsch, Juan Pedro Monferrer Sala, and Graham Barrett (eds.), *Christian-Muslim Relations: Primary Sources*, Volume 1 (London: Bloomsbury, *forthcoming*).

“Syriac and Armenian Christians under Muslim Rule” and “Mar Yahballaha and Rabban Sawma” in David Thomas, ed., *Bloomsbury Reader in Christian-Muslim Relations, 600-1500* (London: Bloomsbury, 2022), 169–71 and 209–11.

“Ṣalībā b. Yuḥannā al-Mawṣilī” and “Anonymous (Rabban Ṣawma),” in Charles Barber and Foteini Spingou (eds.), *Medieval Texts on Byzantine Art and Aesthetics*, Volume 3: *From Alexios I Komnenos to the Rise of Hesychasm (1081 – ca. 1330)*, (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2021), I:98–108 and 530–38.

“A Communal Lament Over Apostasy,” in Nimrod Hurvitz, Christian Sahner, Uriel Simonsohn, and Luke Yarbrough (eds.), *Turning to Mecca: A Sourcebook on Premodern Conversion to Islam* (Berkeley and Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2020), 280-285.

Mark Dickens and Nicholas Sims-Williams, with contributions by Thomas A. Carlson and Christiane Reck, “Christian Calendrical Fragments from Turfan,” in J. Ben-Dov, W. Horowitz, and J. Steele (eds.), *Living the Lunar Calendar* (Calendars and Years 3; Oxford: Oxbow Books, 2012), 269-295.

“Iṣḥaq Shbadnaya,” in Sebastian P. Brock, Aaron M. Butts, George A. Kiraz, and Lucas Van Rompay (eds.), *Gorgias Encyclopedic Dictionary of the Syriac Heritage* (Piscataway, N.J.: Gorgias Press, 2011), 214-215.

Comment:

“The Perils of Partitions: Iraq & Syria.” *Muftah* August 5, 2014.

Invited Presentations:

“Distorting Mirrors and Diversity Management: Comparing Byzantine and Muslim Rulers’ Policies, c. 950-1450,” 2nd Mainz-Princeton Symposium “Reflections on Byzantium from a Global Perspective,” Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), June 29, 2023.

“‘Peace be upon whoever follows the guidance’: Christian and Muslim ‘Mission’ in the Late Medieval Middle East,” Dumbarton Oaks 2020 Byzantine Studies Symposium “Byzantine Missions: Meaning, Nature, and Extent,” Washington, D.C., April 25, 2020. [Postponed to April 30, 2022 due to Covid-19]

“Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East (HIMME),” Munich (Virtual) Workshop – Data Exchange, hosted by Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Zoom, June 29-30, 2020.

“For Whom the Bell Tolls: Middle Eastern Christians and the Counter-Crusade in Edessa, 1144,” presented at the Oxford Workshop on “Christian Layers in the History of the Middle East,” Oxford University, March 23, 2019.

“Passing the Torch or Grudging Collaboration? Religious Diversity in ‘Islamic’ Medicine,” presented at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA, May 25, 2018.

“How and When Did the Middle East Become Islamic?” presented at the University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, March 15, 2018.

“Named Concepts Between Reality and Imagination: Syriaca.org’s Approaches to Historical Places and Persons,” presented at the “Global Philology – Digital Infrastructure for Named Entities Data” workshop, Leipzig University, January 11, 2017.

“More than Conversion: Multi-Faceted Islamization and the Unity of Medieval Middle Eastern History,” presented at “Recovering the Role of Christians in the History of the Middle East” Workshop, Princeton University, May 6, 2016.

“Faith Among the Faithless? Theology as Aid or Obstacle to Islamization in Late Medieval Mesopotamia,” presented at “Faith and Community Around the Mediterranean in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages” Colloquium, New Europe College, Bucharest, Romania, March 7, 2016.

“Cinderella’s Slipper: Seeking Islamic Cultural Phenomena between Universal and Local,” Mediterranean Seminar Panel: “Was there an Islamo-Mediterranean Culture and When?” University of Colorado – Boulder, November 20, 2015.

“Mosaics in Earthquake Country: Religious Diversity and Islamization in Late Medieval Anatolia,” University of Minnesota, November 18, 2015.

“Byzantium as a Middle Eastern Society,” guest seminar, University of Minnesota, November 18, 2015.

“The Future of the Past: The Reception of Syriac Qatraye Authors in Late Medieval Iraq.” Invited presentation for “The Syriac Writers of Qatar in the 7th Century C.E.” conference, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar, February 26, 2014.

Conference and Colloquium Presentations:

“Decentering ‘Islamic Law’: Syriac Evidence for *Fiqh*’s Role in Late Medieval Middle Eastern Society,” North American Syriac Symposium, Yale University, June 13, 2023.

“Transcending Scholarship’s Linguistic Boundaries with HIMME: *Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East*,” Symposium Syriacum XIII/11th International Congress of Christian Arabic Studies, Paris, July 7, 2022.

“Diversity and Integration as Frameworks for Investigating the Medieval Middle East,” part of the roundtable “Reimagining Middle Eastern Studies: Notes from the Margins,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Zoom, November 30, 2021.

“Indexing A Shared Knowledge Culture from Many Perspectives: *Historical Index of the Medieval Middle East* (HIMME) as a Tool for Researching Diversity,” Virtual Forum – “Jews, Christians, and Muslims as Colleagues and Collaborators in the Abbasid Near East,” hosted by Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Zoom, December 11, 2020.

“Moving Beyond Babel and Balkanization: A Digital Tool for the Polyglot Medieval Middle East,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Zoom, October 14, 2020.

“Enslaving Dhimmis: Rulers, Fiqh, and Religious Diversity in Late Medieval Türkmen States,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 15, 2019.

“The Garden of the Reasonable: Inter-Religious Collaboration and Competition in Late Medieval ‘Islamic’ Medicine,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 16, 2018.

“A Tangled Web: Physicians and Religious Elites in the Biographical Dictionaries of al-Qiftī, Ibn Abī Uṣaybi‘a, and al-Mawṣilī,” Symposium on Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, MO, June 19, 2018.

“Who Says? A Social History of Syriac Use in the Medieval Islamic Period,” The Future of Syriac Studies Conference, Sigtuna, Sweden, June 14, 2018.

“Muslims, ‘Heretics,’ and Dogs: 11th C Byzantine Rule over Religious Diversity in Syria and Armenia,” Byzantine Studies Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 5, 2017.

“The Longest Revolution: The Slow Demographic Rise of Islam,” Midwest World History Association, Edmond, OK, September 23, 2017.

“The Long Shadow of Sasanian Christianity: The Limits of Iraqi Islamization to 950,” Middle East Studies Association, Boston, MA, November 18, 2016.

“Beyond Gadgetology: Basic Concepts for Assessing the Limitations of Digital Methods,” THATCampOK Workshop Day, Oklahoma State University, May 20, 2016.

“A Necessary Other: Muslim and Christian Leaders in Medieval Eastern Anatolia and Jazīra,” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 22, 2015.

“Syriac in the Polyglot Medieval Middle East: Digital Tools and the Dissemination of Scholarship Across Linguistic Boundaries,” North American Syriac Symposium, Catholic University of America, June 24, 2015.

Chair, “Is There a Need for a New Primary Source Reader for the History of Pre-Modern Islamic Civilizations?” Roundtable Discussion, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D. C., November 24, 2014.

“Do Actions Speak Louder Than Words? Communal Rituals and Collective Identity in Late Medieval Iraq,” Faculty Research Colloquium, Oklahoma State University History Department, Stillwater, OK, November 5, 2014.

“Ibn Baṭṭūṭa and Islamicate Cultural Unity in Hodgson’s Middle Periods.” Presented at the Islamicate Studies Symposium: 40th Anniversary of Marshall Hodgson’s *Venture of Islam*, University of Chicago, October 18, 2014.

“Formulaic Prose? Colophon Rhetoric and Meaning in Late Medieval Syriac Manuscripts.” Presented at Hugoye Symposium III: Colophons in the Syriac Tradition, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., May 16, 2014.

“Contours of Conversion: The Geography of Islamization in Syria, 600-1500.” Presented at the Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium, October 3, 2013.

“Identity and Identification in the Digital Humanities: The Challenges and Experience of Syriaca.org.” Presented at Identity and Authenticity, a Symposium of the Research Group on Manuscript Evidence, Princeton, March 23, 2013.

“Christian History and Christian Identity in Ishaq Shbadnaya and Ishoyahb bar Mqaddam.” Presented at Symposium Syriacum XI, University of Malta, Valletta, Malta, July 17, 2012.

“Syriac Christology and Christian Community in the Fifteenth-Century Church of the East.” Presented at I. Uluslararası Süryani Sempozyumu – Süryaniler ve Diğer Kültürlerle Etkileşimleri, Mardin Artuklu Üniversitesi, Mardin, Turkey, April 21, 2012.

“Community and Theology in a War Zone: The Christology of the Church of the East under Türkmen Rule.” Presented at the Late Antique, Medieval, and Byzantine History Colloquium, Princeton University, March 28, 2012.

“Ecclesiological Theory and Ecclesiastical Practice: Writing the Church in History in 4th-Century Mesopotamia and 15th-Century Kurdistan.” Presented at the Second Annual Symposium in Honor of Fr. Florovsky, Princeton Theological Seminary, February 10, 2012.

“Christians in Muslim Society: The Case of Fifteenth-Century Jazira and Iraq.” Presented at the Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium, November 17, 2011.

“Syriac Patriarchs and Muslim Rulers in the Fifteenth Century.” Presented at the 6th North American Syriac Symposium, Duke University, June 26-29, 2011.

“Community Self-Concepts and Social Diversity from Trebizond to Tabriz.” Presented at the 6th Annual Pearl Kibre Medieval Study Graduate Student Conference, City University of New York, March 4, 2011.

“Concepts of Community as Historical Forces.” Presented at the Graduate Medieval Studies Colloquium, Princeton University, November 29, 2010.

“The Nature of the Church (of the East) in Ishaq Shbadnaya’s ‘Poem on the Divine Economy.’” Presented at the 7th World Syriac Conference, Saint Ephrem Ecumenical Research Institute (SEERI), Kottayam, Kerala, India, September 8-16, 2010.

“Dogma and Diplomacy in Persia.” Presented at the 4th Annual Archbishop Iakovos Graduate Students Conference in Patristic Studies, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts, April 17-19, 2008.

“A Light From the Dark Ages: Ishaq Shbadnaya’s Life and Works.” Presented at the Dorushe Annual Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies, Notre Dame University, April 5, 2008.

“The Edge-Isoperimetric Problem for Discrete Tori.” Presented at the Joint Mathematics Meeting of the American Mathematical Society and the Mathematical Association of America, New Orleans, Louisiana, January 10-13, 2001.

References available upon request.