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CURRICULUM VITAE

2025-pres.	Professor of Middle Eastern History, Oklahoma State University
2020-2025	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

2024-2025	Patricia Crone Member, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.)
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 2 nd prize

- Book project: *Mosaics in Earthquake Country: Diversity & Islamization in the Medieval Middle East* (tentative title) explores the social impact of Middle Eastern religious and ethnic diversity in the period ca. 950-1500. The Turkic influx into the Middle East fostered political, social, and legal experimentation. Religious diversity, both local variations within Islam and large populations of non-Muslims (Jews, Christians, Yezidis, and Zoroastrians), shaped the development of Islam itself into the early modern period.
- Next book project: *Getting Along Sometimes: Intersecting Lives in the Medieval Middle East* explores the biographies of a range of people from different religions, different geographies, and different social stations in the medieval Middle East to demonstrate how diversity impacted real people's lives and the choices they made.
- 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.

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

Fellowships, Awards, and Prizes:

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

Digital Humanities:

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2026	"Modern Middle East" and "The Old Testament and Its Study," OSU
Fall 2025	"World History to 1500" & "Introduction to World Religions," OSU
Spring 2024	"The Mongol Empire," OSU
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)
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
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-‘Uṣūr al-Wuṣṭā*, *Church History*

Co-edited Volumes:

Section editor, “Armenian, Syriac and Other Languages,” in David Thomas, ed., with Graham Barrett, Thomas A. Carlson, John Chesworth, Juan Pedro Monferrer-Sala, and Johannes Pahlitzsch, *Christian-Muslim Relations: Primary Sources*, Volume 1: 600-1500 (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:

“Religious Conversions,” in James Skedros, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Byzantium and Islamic Societies* (Abingdon, Oxon.: Routledge, *forthcoming*), 7800 words.

“‘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 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, *forthcoming*), 12300 words.

“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, 2026), 185–202.

“‘Becoming All Things to All People’: Positive Readings of Qur’ānic Christianity in Arabic Christian Apologetics,” in Octavian-Adrian Negoită, ed., *Eastern Christians’ Engagement with Islam and the Qur’ān: Texts, Contexts and Knowledge Regimes* (Berlin: de Gruyter, 2025), 77–99.

“Who Says? A Social History of Syriac Use in the Medieval Islamic Period,” in Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony, Miriam L. Hjälms, 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. Akalın, 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 ʾIṣḥāq Šbadnāyā and ʾIṣōʾyahb bar Mqaddam,” *Parole de l’Orient* 40 (2015): 101-13.

“The Future of the Past: The Reception of Syriac Qaṭṭāyeh 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 Qaṭṭāyeh 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>

Primary Source Translation:

The History of Mar Yahballaha and Rabban Sawma, translated by Pier Giorgio Borbone and Laura E. Parodi (Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing, 2025).

* I revised their previously-published translation and added introduction, notes, glossary

Book Reviews:

Ann E. Zimo, *In Plain Sight: Muslims of the Latin Kingdom of Jerusalem*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024. In *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 85 (2026): 190–93.

Phillip I. Lieberman, *The Fate of the Jews in the Early Islamic Near East: Tracing the Demographic Shift from East to West*. Cambridge, UK: Cambridge University Press, 2022. In *Speculum* 100 (2024): 262–63.

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, 2023), 242–44, 246–48, 250–55.

“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.

Invited Presentations:

“Getting Along, Sometimes: Intersecting Lives of Muslims, Jews, and Christians in the Medieval Middle East,” Judaic and Near Eastern Studies Lecture, University of Tulsa, April 13, 2026.

“Mosaics in Earthquake Country: Religious Diversity in the Middle East and Its Effects, 1000-1500 CE,” Global Medieval Studies Program, Rutgers University, March 4, 2025.

“Opportunities and Challenges for Indexing a Polyglot Society: The Development of HIMME,” Digital Scholarship Conversations, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), February 26, 2025.

“The Making of the Muslim Middle East: Surprising Answers to the When and How of Medieval Islamization,” Near Eastern Studies Seminar, Princeton University, February 3, 2025.

“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:

“Beyond Innovation and Imitation: The Post-Formative Development of Islam in Light of Medieval Religious Diversity,” Near Eastern Studies Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), April 2, 2025.

“Middle Eastern Non-Muslims: Developments due to Medieval Religious Diversity,” Medieval Studies Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), January 23, 2025.

“Thinking Together, Sometimes at Cross Purposes: Medieval Middle Eastern Intellectual Life in a Diverse Society,” Near Eastern Studies Seminar, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), November 20, 2024.

“Beyond Relevance or Irrelevance: The Social Function of Law and Jurists in Late Medieval Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association, Zoom, November 14, 2024.

“Diversity Before Modernity: The Medieval Middle East as a Case Study,” School of Historical Studies Colloquium, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton, N.J.), November 4, 2024.

“Through a Glass Darkly: Byzantine and Islamic Diversity Management after 950 CE,” Byzantine Studies Conference, New York, October 24-27, 2024.

“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 Ishāq 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 Ishāq 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: Ishāq 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.

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