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EMPLOYMENT

Claremont McKenna College

Associate Professor of History / Middle East and Ottoman Empire (June 2017-present)
Assistant Professor of History / Middle East and Ottoman Empire (August 2011-June 2017)

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellow / Abbasi Program for Islamic Studies (January 2010-January 2011) Visiting Instructor
/ Department of History (Autumn Quarter 2009 and Spring Quarter 2011)

EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D., History, University of California, Berkeley, Fall 2009
Field exams: Passed with Distinction

University of Texas at Austin

Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies, 1999

La Sierra University, Riverside, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Literature (Ind. Major), 1996
Honors, *Summa Cum Laude*

SUPPLEMENTARY EDUCATION

Harvard–Koç University, Cunda / Ayvalik, Turkey

Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School, July–August 2001, 2003

Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey

Intensive Advanced-Intermediate Turkish, June–August 2000

Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

School of Arabic, Advanced (Fourth-year) Arabic, June–August 1999

University of California, Los Angeles

Summer Middle East Institute, Intermediate Literary Arabic, June–August 1998

University of California, Berkeley

Summer Middle East Institute, Intensive Intermediate Hebrew, June–August 1997

Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Immersion Program in Modern Hebrew, June–August 1996

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Proper Order of Things: Language, Power, and Law in Ottoman Administrative Discourses
(Stanford University Press, June 2018).

Sovereign Valedictions: “Last Acts” and Archival Ventures in Ottoman and Habsburg Courts (in progress).

Paper Trails: Law and Archival Consciousness in Contested Early Modernities (tentative title), project co-authored with Guy Burak and Nathalie Rothman (in progress).

Journal Articles

- “Towards Early Modern Archivality: The Perils of Comparative History,” with co-authors Natalie Rothman and Guy Burak, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, 64:3 (2022), 541-75.
- “Unseating ‘State’ and ‘Archive’: Mobility and Manipulation in Past Environments and Present Praxis,” *Itinerario* 44:3 (2021), 591-608.
- “Periodizations in Crisis: Early Modernity and Ottoman Imperial Historiography,” for *Early Modernity in Ottoman Studies* in the *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, eds. Virginia Aksan, Boğaç Ergene, Antonis Hadjikyriacou (*Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, 7:1, 2020).
- “From Hyperbole to Bureaucracy: Ottoman and Habsburg Courtly Rivalries,” In *Iacobus: Revista de Estudios Jacobeos Y Medievales*, memorial issue for Louis Cardaillac (Issue 33-34, 2015), 265-90.
- “Genres of Power: Constructing a Discourse of Decline in Ottoman *Nasīhatnāme*.” In *Osmanlı Araştırmaları Dergisi /The Journal of Ottoman Studies* (35: 2010), 81-116.
- “Reading Kanunname: Law and Governance in the Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Empire.” In *The International Journal of the Humanities* 6 (2007-08), 74-88.

Book Chapters (all peer reviewed)

- “*Muhimme Defterleri* and Interior Ottoman Frontiers,” for Linda Darling and Matthew Lubin, eds., *Ottoman Sourcebook Project* (in progress).
- “Producing Time in Islamicate Histories: Schemes of Medieval and Modern and the Racialization of the Past,” *Chronologics: Periodisation in a Global Context*, eds. Thomas Maissen, Barbara Mittler, Pierre Monnet (Max Weber Stiftung, Forum Transregionale Studien, 2022), 173-189.
- “Ottomans, Ottomanists, and the State: Redefining an Ethos of Power in the Long Sixteenth Century,” for *Political Thought and Practice in the Ottoman Empire, Halcyon Days of Crete IX* (Crete University Press, 2019), 19-43.
- “Defining a Political Ethos: The Circle of Justice and Legal Vocabularies in Ottoman Administrative Genres.” Submission for Huricihan Islamoğlu, ed. *Justice, Statecraft and Law: A New Ottoman Legal History* (in negotiation with Syracuse University Press, 2016; submitted Winter, 2012).
- “Property, Language, and Law: Conventions of Social Discourse in Seventeenth-century Tarablus al-Sham.” In Beshara Doumani, ed., *The Family in Middle Eastern History* (New York: SUNY Press, 2003).

Reviews and Review Essays

- Review of Helen Pfeifer’s *Empire of Salons: Conquest and Community in Early Modern Ottoman Lands* for *The American Historical Review* (in progress)
- Review of *Egypt and Syria under Mamluk Rule: Political, Social and Cultural Aspects* for the *Renaissance Quarterly* (in progress)
- Review of Christopher Markiewicz’s, *The Crisis of Kingship in Late Medieval Islam: Persian Emigres and the Making of Ottoman Sovereignty* for the *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* (forthcoming).
- Review of Abdurrahman Atçıl’s *Scholars and Sultans in the Ottoman Empire* for *The International Journal of Middle East Studies* 50:4 (2018).
- Review of Jane Hathaway’s *The Arab Land’s Under Ottoman Rule, 1516-1800*. In *The International Journal of Middle East Studies* 45: 4 (Winter 2013).
- Review of Christine Philliou’s *Biography of an Empire: Governing Ottomans in an Age of Revolution*. In *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* XLIII: 1 (Summer 2012).
- Review of Reşat Kasaba’s *A Moveable Empire: Ottoman Nomads, Migrants & Refugees*. In *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History* XLI: 4 (Spring 2011).

Editorial Work

Letters from the Editor.” *Review of Middle East Studies*, 51.2 – 57.1 (2017-2023).

Journalism

- “DEI Discourse in Higher Education Could Do More Harm Than Good,” with Mohammad Gharipour and Charles Davis II, Guest Commentary, *Baltimore Sun*, December 17, 2021. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/op-ed/bs-ed-op-1219-dei-higher-education-20211217-urqttlubcrgjbg5dgjho4o7614-story.html>
- “Teaching the Middle East after The Arab Uprisings: A Roundtable,” *JadMag, The Pedagogy Edition* (2019): 18-21.
- “Language, Power, and Law in the Ottoman Empire,” *Ottoman History Podcast*, Episode 441, December 13, 2019. <http://www.ottomanhistorypodcast.com/2019/12/language-power-ottoman-empire.html>
- NEWTON New Texts Out Now Interview, “Heather Ferguson, *The Proper Order of Things: Language, Power, and Law in Ottoman Administrative Discourses*.” In *Jadaliyya*, (November 2018). <http://jadaliyya.com/Details/38176>
- “Methods and Strategies for Teaching the History of Islam.” In *The Bulletin of Middle East Studies* (April 2016), 30.
- “In Search of ‘Roomy’ Travel.” In *The Claremont Globetrotter* 4:2 (Spring 2013), 3-5. <https://www.cmc.edu/sites/default/files/studyabroad/Spring2013Globetrotter.pdf>
- “Occupying the Future” *The Tahrir Forum of the Cairo Review* (November 29, 2011). <http://www.aucegypt.edu/gapp/cairoreview/pages/articleDetails.aspx?aid=108>
- “The Long Revolution?” *The Tahrir Forum of the Cairo Review* (May 22, 2011). <http://www.aucegypt.edu/gapp/cairoreview/pages/articleDetails.aspx?aid=58>
- “Is 140 Characters (Enough!) for Arab Civil Society.” Co-authored with Ty McCormick, *The Huffington Post* (February 22, 2011). http://www.huffingtonpost.com/ty-mccormick/is-140-characters-enough- b_826764.html
- “Why Islamic History Offers New Reasons to Support Democracy in Egypt, Middle East.” Co-authored with former student Ty McCormick, *The Huffington Post* (September 13, 2010). http://www.huffingtonpost.com/heather-ferguson/why-islamic-history-offer_b_699016.html

SELECTED INVITED AND PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- “Holding the Knowledge of Empire: Archives and Administration,” Guest Faculty Lead, NEH Global Geographies of Knowledge Summer Institute at Saint Louis University, July 5, 2023.
- “‘Last Acts’” as a Historical Index of Commemorative Objects” in the Roundtable “Objects of Governance” at the *Renaissance Society of America Conference*, San Juan, March 8-11, 2023.
- “Archiving the Early Modern World: A Global Comparative Perspective,” Roundtable participation at the *Renaissance Society of America Conference*, Dublin, March 30-April 2, 2022.
- “Corrupting the Archive and Archival Corruption,” for the workshop on “Corruption in the Ottoman Empire,” November 12, 19, and 26, 2021.
- “Resurgent Myopias: Positioning Textual Practices and Archival Studies via Ottoman-Habsburg Borderlands,” invited participation in panel series “Loose End of History: Challenging Paradigms, Producing New Narratives” at the *Sixteenth Century Studies Conference*, October 27-30, 2021.
- National Endowment for the Humanities Workshop, “Ottoman Imperial Geographies,” St. Louis University (deferred to July, 2022).
- “Record-Keeping and Sovereignty: Misinformation and Imperial Fragility,” invited participation in a workshop on *New Directions in Political Thought*, organized by Nedim Nomer and Kaya Şahin, Sabancı University (delayed due to COVID to Summer, 2021).
- Panel Organized for the Middle East Studies 2020 online conference, “Archival Itineraries and Political Projects: New Geographies of Ottoman Imperial Sovereignty.” Paper title: “Masquerades and Fragmented Reports: Misinformation and Imperial Fragility as an ‘Archival’ Crisis.”

- “Archives and Archivalities: Record-keeping and Sovereignty in Early Modern Eurasia,” invited lecture at New York University’s Ottoman and Turkish Studies center, October 22, 2019.
- Reconfiguring "Borderland" as Past Praxis and Present Method: Sites of Encounter from Fortress to Catalogue, *Cultures of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia (15th-19th Centuries)*, Public Lecture at the Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, June 2-7, 2019.
- Ottoman Imperial Registers and Discordant Treatises: Defining a Shared Discursive Space across Textual Genres, *Cultures of Documentation in Persianate Eurasia (15th-19th Centuries)*, Paleography Workshop at the Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, June 2-7, 2019.
- “Imperial Paper Trails: Law and Archival Consciousness in the Ottoman Empire,” co-presented with Guy Burak. *Renaissance Society of America*, Toronto, March 17-19, 2019.
- “Scripted Courts and Entangled Practice: ‘Archive’ as Method in Ottoman-Habsburg Territorial Rivalries,” Keynote for *Beyond the Islamicate Chancery: Archives, Paperwork, and Textual Encounters Across Eurasia (15th-20th Centuries)*, Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, October 4-5, 2018.
- “Producing Islamic History: Schemes of Medieval and Modern and the Racialization of the Past,” co-presented with David Moshfegh. *Chronologies: Periodisation in a Global Context*, Berlin, December 7-9, 2017.
- “The Sovereign State: Spatial and Textual Politics in Early Modern Eurasian Courts.” Invited talk for The Eurasian Empires Workshop, Stanford Humanities Center, November 6, 2017.
- “Intimate Rivals: Monuments and Models of Universal Sovereignty in the Habsburg and Ottoman Courts of Charles V and Süleyman I.” Don Carlos, 500 Años De La Llegada Del Rey A Castilla Y León (1517), Valladolid, April 13-15, 2017.
- “Ottomans and Ottomanists at Play in the Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Empire.” Late Antique, Medieval, and Early Modern Studies Conference, Claremont, February 26, 2016.
- “Genealogies of Practice Teaching Early Islamicate History.” Middle Eastern Studies Association, Denver, November 21-24, 2015.
- “Discourses and Archives: Re-Thinking Ottoman Administrative Modes.” Rethinking Early Modernity: Methodological and Critical Innovation since the Ritual Turn, University of Toronto, June 26-27, 2014.
- “The *Muhimme* as a Spatial Practice.” Western Ottomanist’s Workshop, University of Washington, April 25-26, 2014.
- “Curses in the Classroom and Other Forms of Misdirections.” Late Antique and Medieval Studies Symposium on Translation, Claremont Colleges, February 28, 2014.
- “The Elaboration of Islamic Law as a Critical Mode in Ottoman Administrative Genres.” American Society for Legal History, Nov. 10, 2013.
- “Re-Inventing Tradition as a Response to Crisis: Ethical Categories and Administrative Strategies in Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Documentary Genres.” Middle Eastern Studies Association Meeting, Oct. 9, 2013.
- “Legacies of Power in the Ottoman Terrains: Alexander, Constantine, and Süleyman.” International Medieval Studies Congress, May 10, 2013.
- “Ottoman Policy Makers: Inventing an Archive in the Midst of Crisis.” Middle Eastern Studies Association, Nov. 18, 2012.
- “Ethical Rule: Muslim Religio-Legal Discourse and Ottoman Administrative Strategies.” Claremont Colleges Consortium of Classics, Medievalists, and Early Modernists, March 9, 2012.
- “Ideologies on the Defense: Venetians, Ottomans, and Theories of Just Rule in the Early Modern Mediterranean.” Conference on the Connected Histories of the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia. Pomona College, February 3-4, 2012.
- “From Conquest to Consolidation: Internalizing the Language of Rule and the Formation of an Ottoman Identity.” Middle Eastern Studies Association, December 1, 2011.
- “The Feminization of Decline in the Ottoman Empire.” Intercollegiate Women’s Studies at Claremont University Consortium, November 19, 2011.

- “Genres of Power: The Circle of Justice as an Administrative Strategy in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire.” Workshop on Understanding Early Islamic Empires Through Archives and Literature sponsored by the Abbasi Program In Islamic Studies, Stanford University, March 2010.
- “Problems in the Historiography of the Early Modern Ottoman Empire.” Ottoman Historiography Roundtable, Stanford University, March 2010.
- “A Mercantile World and the Ottoman Empire: Defining Authority in an Age of Absolutism, Middle Eastern Studies Association, November, 2008.
- “Shared Seventeenth-Century Horizons: Commerce and the Changing Language of Statecraft,” New Directions in the Humanities Sixth International Conference, Istanbul, July 15-18, 2008.
- “Paths Through the Archives: Research as Storytelling,” La Sierra University, 2007
- “Legacies of Imperialism in the Middle East.” Lecture for the Friends of History Association, Berkeley, March 21, 2004.
- “Ethical Rule and the Moral Economy in Seventeenth-century Hama and Diyarbakir.” Working paper presented to the American Research Institute, Turkey, Istanbul April 7, 2003.
- “Language and Law: Conventions of Social Discourse in Seventeenth-century Tarablus al-Sham.” Working paper presented to the California Middle East Social and Cultural History Association, UCLA, April 21, 2001.
- “Legal Representations of the Family in Islamic Court Records from Nineteenth-century Palestine.” Paper presented at the Middle Eastern Studies Association, November 18, 2000.
- “Handicrafts, Heritage, and History: Social Elites and the Construction of National Identity in Jordan.” Lecture presented in the Center for Middle Eastern Studies Colloquium Series, University of Texas at Austin, November 24, 1998.
- “Exhibiting the ‘Nation’: Public Culture and the Invention of Tradition in Contemporary Jordan.” Paper presented to the Ford Foundation Workshop for Social Science Concepts in Area Studies, University of Texas at Austin, October 27, 1998.
- “Music is Personal is Political: HaBreira HaTiv’it and the Struggle for Authenticity in Israeli Musical Culture.” Paper presented to the Texas Association of Middle East Scholars, University of Texas at Austin, February 21, 1998.
- “The ‘Feminine Picturesque’: Language and Positionality in Lady Duff Gordon’s *Letters from Egypt, 1862-1869*.” Paper presented at the 5th annual Graduate Conference on Emerging Scholarship in Women’s and Gender Studies, Univ. of Texas at Austin, January 23, 1998.
- “Representing Self / Representing Other: Palestinians in Israeli Cinema.” Multimedia presentation to the graduate seminar *Ethnography & Literature: Perspectives on the Middle East*, organized by Elizabeth W. Fernea, University of Texas at Austin, October 29, 1997.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- American Council of Learned Societies Burkhardt Fellowship, 2020 (deferred to 2021-22).
- National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Research Grant, 2019 (deferred to 2020).
- Dean of the Faculty Research Award, Claremont McKenna College, 2012, 2016-17, 2018, 2020.
- Curricular Innovation Grant, “Gender and Popular Culture in Middle East History,” 2018.
- Lead: 7 College Professional Development Grant “Methodology and Pedagogical Practice in Islamic Studies,” 2018-19.
- American Council of Learned Societies Junior Faculty Fellow, 2014-2015.
- Gould Center for Humanistic Studies Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2012.
- Department of History Dissertation Write-up Grant, UC Berkeley, 2007-2008.
- Graduate Division Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2004-2005.
- American Research Institute in Turkey Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2003-2004.
- al-Falah Dissertation Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley, 2003-2004.
- Department of History Block Grant, UC Berkeley, 2002-2003.
- Humanities Research Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2001.
- Mellon Travel Grant, UC Berkeley, Summer 2001.

Foreign Language & Area Studies Summer Fellowship, UC Berkeley 2000, 2001.
 Foreign Language & Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2000-01.
 Department of History Block Grant, UC Berkeley, 1999–2000.
 David Bruton, Jr. Endowed Graduate Fellowship, UT-Austin, 1998–99.
 Foreign Language & Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship, UT-Austin, 1997-98, 1998-1999.
 Foreign Language & Area Studies Summer Fellowship, UT-Austin, 1997, 1998.
 Ford Foundation Research Grant for Social Science Concepts in Area Studies, Summer 1998, in cooperation with the Texas. Fund for Training Foreign Policy Professionals / National Security Education Program, Summer and Winter, 1998.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS AND SERVICE TO THE FIELD

Editor, *Journal of Ottoman and Turkish Studies* April 2022 to present
 Editor, *Review of Middle East Studies*, ongoing: June 2017-to June 2022.
 Middle East Studies Association Publication Committee, 2017-present.
 Associate Editor and Editor for *The International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, October 2011-present.
 External Manuscript Reviewer (Stanford University Press/Oxford University Press/Cambridge University Press).
 NEH Emerging Scholars Fellowship Review Committee Member, Spring 2020.
 Faculty Fellow, Claremont Faculty Leadership Program, 2018-19.
 American Research Institute of Turkey/NEH Grant Review Committee Member, 2016. Treasurer for the Turkish Studies Association, October 2012-2018.
 Middle East Studies Association Program Committee, 2011-12 and 2018.
 Faculty Research Affiliate/UCLA Center for 17th & 18th Century Studies, 2011-present.
 Associate Editor for *International Journal of the Humanities*, volume 6, 2007-08.
 Assistant Research Editor for Dr. Ira Lapidus, Dept. of History, UC Berkeley, 2007-2009.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Western Ottomanists' Workshop, 2011-
 Urban History Association, 2009-
 World History Association, 2007-
 American History Association, 2000-
 Middle East Studies Association, 1996–

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic (Modern/Classical): Speaking/Near Native; Reading/Advanced High
 Turkish (Ottoman): Reading/Advanced High
 Turkish (Modern): Speaking/Intermediate; Reading/Advanced
 Basic reading ability in Persian, German, Latin, Spanish, and French

TEACHING FIELDS

Southwest Asia/Middle East	Eurasian Empires and Urban History
Ottoman Empire	Comparative Legal Systems
Islam in Late Antique and Medieval Worlds	Art and Architecture of the Islamic World
Imperialism and Nationalism	Historiography and Cultural Theory
Gender and Popular Culture	

COURSES TAUGHT AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE

The Graphic Novel and Middle East History
 Gender and Popular Culture in Middle East History
 Worlds of Words: Theory and Politics of the Islamic World

Nations, Nationalisms, and a Global Middle East
 Crusading Mentalities

From Muhammad to the Mongols: The Creation of a Muslim Middle East (600-1400)

From Empire to Imperialism: Ottomans to the Present

Urban Power and Ottoman History: Cities, Identities, and Historical Change

Travel and Encounter in the Islamic World

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE AND THE CONSORTIUM

Athenaeum Committee, 2023-24

Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees Academic Affairs Committee, 2022-23 and 2023-24

Faculty Co-Director of [Open Academy](#), July 2022 to present

Founding Executive Committee Member of the Claremont College's Consortial AAUP Chapter; Secretary, 2020-21; Interim President, 2022-23, Vice President, 2023-24

Faculty Steering Committee for the President's Initiative on Anti-Racism and the Black Experience in America, 2020 to the present

Chair, South Asian History, Tenure-Track Search, 2021-22

History Department Major Requirements Re-Design, Thematic Tracks, 2019-21

Academic Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2019-22

Designated History Department Mentor for Junior Colleagues, 2017 to the present

Administration Committee, Elected Faculty Representative, 2014-16

Athenaeum Committee, 2013-14

Off-Campus Study Committee, 2012-13

History Department Recruitment Representative, 2011-12

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISING

2022-23

Meghana Garcia (SCR): Cultural Perceptions of Janissaries in the Ottoman Empire and Beyond

Saneen Khan (CMC): A Historical Analysis of the Evolution of Violence Targeting Palestinian Children (1947 – Present)

2021-22

Anna Raines (CMC): Seeing Forced Isolation Through New Eyes: COVID-19, Anne Frank, and the Violence of the Nation-State

Hailey Wilson (CMC): The Implication of the Politics of Ani's Preservation for the International Community and the Geopolitics of Turkish-Armenian Relations (Winner, Mgrublian Center for Human Rights Best Thesis Award)

2020-21

Renee Perper (CMC): The Propaganda of Religious Extremism: Recruitment Strategies of ISIS and al-Qa'eda

2019-20

Laleh Ahmed (CMC): Historical Analysis of Intracommunal Violence

Nezihe Atun (CMC): (Mis)Representations of Kurds in Global Media Platforms

Erin Baranko (CMC): Art of Protest: Graffiti and Revolt in Egypt, Syria, and Lebanon (Winner, Best History Thesis and Best Thesis in Gender Studies)

Zubin Jotwani (CMC): The Evolving Discourse of Zionism from 1880-1950

Claire Dwyer (POM): Language and Law in Medieval Iberia

Nina Zietlow (SCR): Re-thinking Fanon: Violence and Revolution as Praxis and Theory

2018-19

Lauren Broidy (CMC): "Ni a fuego, ni a pleto" as Jewish Lament: Re-Animating Diversity and Challenging Monolithic Assumptions in the Late Ottoman Empire and Nascent Middle Eastern Nations (Winner, Best History Thesis)

2016-17

Malek Debbas (CMC): "Examining Lebanon's Susceptibility to Foreign Influence: Institutional Roadblocks to State Stability"

Haley Goodman (CMC): “The Birth of No Nation: An Exploration of Fragmented Turkish Identity through the Prism of Visual Vocabularies and Cinematic Roots”

Jack Adolfson (CMC): “An Evolution of the Kurdish Issue in Turkey: Beyond a State-Centric Perspective”

Madeleine Minke (POM): “The Embodied Metaphor in Islamic Philosophy”

2015-16

Cole Clark (POM): “Sex as Social Order: Rhetoric, Sexual Values, and Spatial Empire in the Ottoman Empire during the Sixteenth and Seventeenth Centuries”

Alejandro Duran (CMC): “The Iranian Green Movement and the Journey of Democracy in the 20th and 21st Centuries”

Jenya Green (CMC): “Towards a Realist Framework for Understanding Conflict and Cooperation in the Middle East”

Nikhil Kanade (CMC): “Tracing Islamic Extremist Ideologies: The Historical Journey of Jihad from the Late Antique Period to the 21st Century”

Simone Prince-Eisner (POM): “Embodying the Empire: Singing Slave Girls in Medieval Islamicate Historiography”

Miranda Russell (PTZ): “Curating the Modern: Institutionalization of a Nation State & the Selective Formation of Identity in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire”

2014-15

Noor Haddad (CMC): “Bound to the Patron and the Beloved: Hierarchy, Gender, Sexuality and the Structuring of Ottoman Homosociality”

Rolando Gutierrez (CMC): “Pieces of a Mosaic: Revised Identities of the Almoravid Dynasty and the Almohad Caliphate and *al-Bayan al-Mughrib*”

Kyle Gosselin (CMC): “Rhetorical Tales of Jerusalem and Constantinople: Cities and Strategies of the Crusades” (Winner Best History Thesis)

Henry Johnson (CMC): “Islamic Nationalism: Tracing Paradoxes in the Evolution of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps”

Ben Baker (CMC): “Dwarf Stars: A Historiographic Approach”

Morgan Joscelyn (CMC-Second Reader): “British Imperialism of the Ottoman Empire: Gender, Nationalism and Cultural Exchanges”

Lily Lousada (PTZ): “Tribal-States and Non-State Tribes: Negotiated Stability in Yemen and Jordan

Sarah Menzies (SCR): “The Transformation of an Empire to a Nation-State: From the Ottoman Empire to the Republic of Turkey”

Sophie Saouma (SCR): “Hizbullah and the ‘Failed State’ Paradigm in Lebanon”

Emma Kellman (SCR): “Politicized Historiography and the Zionist-Crusader Analogy” (awarded Distinction)

2013-14

Kyle Wood: “Imperial Dissolution: Predestined or Manufactured?”

2012-13

Thomas Chandler Winter: “The Rhetoric of ‘Idealism’ and ‘Pragmatism’ in 1950s U.S Foreign Policy Dictates Concerning the Middle East.”

Olivia Uranga: “Islamic Modernism Re-Considered: Ibn Rushd and the Egyptian Labor Movement.”