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## EDUCATION

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2018 Ph.D., Department of History, UCSB  
2011 M.A., Department of Religious Studies, UCSB  
1998 B.A., Management, Clark University

Dissertation: *Before Banks: Credit, Society, and Law in Sixteenth-Century Syria and Palestine*

Examination Fields: Middle East History, Islamic Law, Medieval European History

Committee: R. Stephen Humphreys (Co-Chair), Adam Sabra (Co-Chair), Baki Tezcan, Ahmad Ahmad, Edward English

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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2018/19 *Lecturer*, Departments of History and Religious Studies, UCSB

2013-2018 *Teaching Associate*, Department of Religious Studies, UCSB

2010-2016 *Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, UCSB

## PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

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“Leveraging patrimony: the waqf legacy of Sāra bt. Shams al-Dīn Ibn al-Muzalliq of Damascus (d. 923/1517),” *ORIENT: Journal of the Society for Near Eastern Studies in Japan*, Vol. 54 (2019) (Forthcoming)

Histories of Economy in the Middle East, May 18<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, UCSB: “Measuring Interest Rates in the Ottoman Periphery: the case of Jerusalem (1564-1654)”

3<sup>rd</sup> School of Mamluk Studies Conference, June 2016, Chicago: “Women’s waqf management: Waqf-sourced credit as form of social currency in late Mamluk Damascus”

Anacapa School Synthesis Unit 2015-2016, January 2016, Santa Barbara: “Imagined historical identities of the Middle East”

UCSB History Graduate Student Organization Chapter Talk, November 2015, Santa Barbara, “Women’s debt strategies and the preserving family estates in fifteenth-century Damascus”

Middle East Studies Association (MESA), November 2014, Washington D.C.: “The Business of Companionship: Re-evaluating the significance of “*ṣuḥba*” business relations in the late medieval Near East”

International Arabic Papyrology (ISAP), October 2014, Munich: “*Ṣuḥba* in the Arabic Papyri: Comparison of friendship in geniza and Arabic letters from Quseir”

Medieval Studies Graduate Student Conference, UCSB, May 2014: “Any Goods to Declare? A comparison of medieval Mediterranean port customs procedures”

4<sup>th</sup> Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference, UCSB, April 2014, Organizer, “(Un)civil Society, Past and Present”

Middle East History and Theory Conference (MEHAT), University of Chicago, May 2013: “Transgressions and Privileging: Imagery of Merchants from the Mind of a Thirteenth-Century Adeni Port Administrator”

## PRIOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007-2010	Head of Investments, First Bahrain Real Estate Co., Bahrain. Developed investment strategy, financing and project implementation for several projects promoted by a Bahrain-based investment company.
2004-2007	Manager, Investment Banking, Ithmaar Bank, Bahrain. Managed investment origination, due diligence and divestment activities for U.S. and European investment fund portfolios.
2000-2003	Assistant Manager, Investment Banking Dept, TAIB Bank, Bahrain. Coordinated financial due-diligence of private equity transactions in U.S.
1998-1999	Project Lead, Lewtan Technologies, Waltham, Massachusetts. Financial analyst for financial services software provider.

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2017	Dissertation Writing Grant, UCSB
2016	History Associates Award, UCSB Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Department of History, UCSB
2015	University of California Economic History Group Research Grant, UC Berkeley Stephen and Eloise Hay Fellowship, UCSB
2014	Research Associate, American Research Center in Egypt (ARCE) Conference travel grant, Academic Senate, UCSB Center for Middle East Studies summer research grant, UCSB Dean's Advancement Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB
2013	Center for Middle East Studies research travel grant, UCSB
2012	Ingrid Dineen-Wimberly Graduate Award King A. Aziz ibn Saud Chair in Islamic Studies research fellowship

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Lecturer*, Department of History

Survey of the Modern Middle East (Summer & Fall '18); History of the Modern Middle East (Winter '18); The Middle East: Early Modern Empires and Transformations, 1500-1800 (Spring '19)

*Teaching Associate & Lecturer*, Department of Religious Studies

Introduction to Middle East Studies (Winter '19, Summer '18, Winter '18, Fall '16, Fall '15, Fall '14, Fall '13)

*Teaching Assistant*, Department of History, UC Santa Barbara

Modern World History (1500-present), Spring '11, Fall '11, Spring '12.

Middle East History (600-present), Fall '12, Spring '14.

Medieval World History (1000-1500), Winter '12, Spring '13.

Ancient World History (prehistory-1000), Winter '14.

Medieval Western Civilization (1050-1715), Spring '16, Winter '15.

Medieval European Art History, Winter '16.

## RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic (fluent reading, writing, speaking), French (intermediate - reading)

## ASSOCIATIONS

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Assoc., Middle East Studies Assoc., Economic History Assoc.