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EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Nov. 2002 ***Ph.D.***, *History and Middle Eastern Studies*
1999 ***A.M.***, *History and Middle Eastern Studies*

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Summer 1999 ***Graduate Seminar***

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

1996 ***Research M.A.***, *Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies*
1992 ***B.A. Magna cum Laude***, *Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies*

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2010- present ***Assistant Professor of Medieval Middle Eastern History***
Fellow, Medieval Institute

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

2005-2010 ***Assistant Professor***, *Department of Middle Eastern History*

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

2004-2005 ***Kreitman Society of Fellows Post-Doctoral Fellow and Lecturer***, *Department of Middle Eastern Studies*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

1999-2004 Variously ***Teaching Fellow***, ***Graduate Writing Fellow***, ***Tutor***, *Department of History*, ***Head Teaching Fellow***, *Department of History*, ***Resident Tutor in History***, *Leverett House*, *Harvard College*, and ***Post-Doctoral Research Fellow***, *Center for Middle Eastern Studies*

REFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED ACADEMIC BOOKS

MONOGRAPHS

- *The Great Seljuq Sultanate and the Formation of Islamic Civilization: A Thematic History.* Studies in Islamic Civilization Series, series ed. David Morgan .Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming (signed contract).
- *Violent Order: Religious Warfare, Chivalry, and the 'Ayyar Phenomenon in the Medieval Islamic World.* Istanbul Texts and Studies of the German Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Band 11 Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2007.

EDITED VOLUMES

- A.C.S. Peacock and D.G. Tor, eds., *Persianate Culture and Islamic Civilisation: Eastern Iran and Transoxiana, 750-1150.* British Institute of Persian Studies Series. London: I. B. Tauris, forthcoming 2014.

REFEREED ACADEMIC ARTICLES

- "God's Cleric: Fuḍayl b. 'Iyāḍ and the Transition from Caliphal to Prophetic Sunna," in *Islamic Cultures, Islamic Contexts: Essays in Honor of Professor Patricia Crone*, ed. Behnam Sadeghi, Asad Q. Ahmed, Adam Silverstein, and Robert Hoyland. Leiden: Brill, 2013.
- "The Long Shadow of Pre-Islamic Iranian Rulership: Antagonism or Assimilation?" *Late Antiquity: Eastern Perspectives*, ed. Teresa Bernheimer and Adam Silverstein, E. J. W. Gibb Memorial Series (Oxford: Oxbow, 2012), 145-163.
- "The Islamising of Iranian Kingly Ideals in the Persianate Fürstenspiegel," *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies* 49 (2011), 15-22.
- "Mamlūk Loyalty: Evidence from the Late Saljūq Period," *Asiatische Studien* 65: 3 (2011), 767-796.
- "Sovereign and Pious': The Religious Life of the Great Seljuq Sultans," *The Seljuqs: Politics, Society, and Culture*, ed. Christian Lange and Songul Mecit (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2011), 39-62.
- "A Tale of Two Murders: Power Relations Between Caliph and Sultan in the Twelfth Century," *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft (ZDMG)* 159 (2009), 279-297.
- "The Islamization of Central Asia in the Sāmānīd Era and the Reshaping of the Muslim World," *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BSOAS)*, 72:2 (2009), 272-299.

- “The Mamlūks in the Military of the Pre-Seljūq Persianate Dynasties,” *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies*, 46 (2008), 213-225.
- “Privatized Jihad and Public Order in the Pre-Saljūq Period: The Role of the *Mutaṭṭawwi‘a*,” *Iranian Studies* 38:4 (2005), 555-573.
- “Historical Representations of Ya‘qūb b. al-Layth al-Ṣaffār: A Reappraisal,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (JRAS)*, 12: 3 (Nov. 2002), 247-275.
- “A Numismatic History of the First Saffarid Dynasty,” *Numismatic Chronicle*, Series 7, 162 (2002), 293-314.
- Toward a Revised Understanding of the ‘Ayyar Phenomenon, in *Iran; Questions et Connaissances: actes du IVe congrès des études Iraniennes organisé par la Societas Iranologica Europaea, Paris, 6-10 Septembre 1999. Vol. II: Périodes médiévale et moderne*. Ed. M. Szuppe. *Cahiers de Studia Iranica* 23 (Paris: Peeters Editions, 2002), 231- 254.
- “An Historiographical Re-examination of the Appointment and Death of ‘Alī al-Riḍā,” *Der Islam* 78: 1 (2001), 103-128.

REFEREED ACADEMIC ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed. (Leiden, E.J. Brill, 2010-)
“*Fuḍayl b. ‘Iyād*”; “*Futuwwa*”; “*Ghaznavids*”; “*‘Ayyār*”; “*‘Awāṣim*”
- *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, ed. Ehsan Yarshater (New York: Columbia University Press, 1982-)
“*Sanjar b. Malikshāh*”
- *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering, Patricia Crone, Wadad al-Qadi, M. Qasim Zaman, *et alii*, (Princeton University Press, 2012):
“*Sultan*”; “*Seljūq Dynasty*”; “*Sāmānid Dynasty*”; “*Ghaznavid Dynasty*”; “*Shāhānshāh*”; “*Ghāzī*”

TEXTBOOKS

Meridian Series, Pearson Custom Publishing

2004-2007 *Editor for Middle East World History Area*, under the general editorship of
Professor Mark Kishlansky, History Department, Harvard University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, PRINCETON

2013-2014 *Member, School of Historical Studies* (yearlong fellowship)

THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)

2013-2014 *Fellowship* (yearlong)
 2008 *Summer Research Stipend*

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2012 *Henkels Conference Grant*
 2012 *Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Research Grant*
 2011 *Library Grant* (together with Li Guo and Gabriel Reynolds)

ISRAEL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT (ISF)

2007-2010 *Individual Research Grant, Principal Investigator*

ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

Sept. 2008 *Visiting Fellowship*

GERMAN-ISRAELI FOUNDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (GIF)

2008-2009 *Young Scientists Research Grant*

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AFGHANISTAN STUDIES

2006 *Research Grant*

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY, KREITMAN SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

2004-2005 *Kreitman Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship*

FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES

2003 *Dissertation Prize* (Awarded to the best dissertation written anywhere in the world, in any field or period of Iranian studies)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

2001 - 2002 *Packard Humanities Fellowship*
 1999 - 2002 *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship* (FLAS)
 2001 *Harvard Graduate Society Term-Time Dissertation Research Award*
 1998 - 1999 *Center for Middle Eastern Studies Merit Award*
 1997 - 1999 *Center for Middle Eastern Studies Fellowship*

MIDDLE EAST MEDIEVALISTS

2000 *Graduate Student Prize for best paper*, Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Summer 1999 *Graduate Fellowship*

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

1990 - 1991 *Dean's Prize* (First in a department of 300 students)

1989 - 1991 *Dean's List* (Top 5% in the Faculty of Humanities throughout the B.A.)

1988 - 1989 *Horace W. Goldsmith Scholarship Award*, Rothberg School for Overseas Students

ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED

INVITED ACADEMIC PAPERS

- "Sultan and Caliph in the Great Seljuq Period," Conference on *Eastern Iran and Transoxiana 750-1150: Persianate Culture and Islamic Civilisation*, University of St. Andrews, March 2013.
- "Futuwwa: Chivalric Violence in the Seljuq and Mongol Periods," Conference on *Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought* (ESRC and AHRC funded), University of Exeter, September 2012.
- "On the Edge of a Sword: The Seljuq rulers between Khān and Sultān," Conference on *Nomad aristocrats in a world of empires*, Sonderforschungsbereich of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the Universities of Leipzig and Halle-Wittenberg, Hamburg, November 2011.
- "The Realm of the Zunbil: A Late Antique Survival in Early Islamic Times," Research Workshop on *Shifting Frontiers: Current Issues in the History of Early Islamic Central Asia*, Leiden University, Holland, December 2010.
- "Limited Loyalty: A Case Study of the Islamic Military Slave System in the Late Seljuq Period," *International Workshop in Memory of David Ayalon*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 2008.
- "The Seljuqs and the Turkmens," Institut für Turkologie, Freie Universität, Berlin, December 2008.
- "A Case Study in the Downfall of Kings: The End of Great Seljuq Rule," Conference on *Kingship in the Middle East and Mediaeval Europe*, University of Cambridge, September 2008
- "The Seljuq Sultans and Personal Piety: Religion and Politics in the Seljuq Era," International Symposium on *The Seljuqs: Islam Revitalized?* University of Edinburgh, September 2008.
- "The Long Shadow of Pre-Islamic Iran: Conflict or Assimilation?" Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity Seminar on *Late Antiquity: Eastern Perspectives*, University of Oxford, February 2008.
- "An Heretical Re-evaluation of the Mamluk Military Institution in the Eastern Islamic World, 800-1040," Conference on *Availing of Nomadic Power- Stratagems and Pitfalls: Iran and Adjacent Areas in the Islamic Period*, Institut für Iranistik der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, February 2008.

- “The Islamization of Central Asia in the Sāmānid Period and the Reshaping of the Muslim World,” Conference on *The Islamization of Central Asia: Social practices and acculturation from the VIIIth to the XIIth c.*, Collège de France and École Normale Supérieure, Paris, November 2007.
- “Sunnis and Shi’ites under Great Seljuq Rule,” International Research Workshop on *The Sunni-Shi’i Schism in Historical Perspective*, Center for Iranian Studies and the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, June 2007.
- “Charity in the Great Seljuq Era,” Conference on *Piety and Charity in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, Institute for Advanced Study, Jerusalem, February 2007.
- “The ‘Ayyars and the Sufis,” Israel Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Bar-Ilan University, May 2006.
- “Jews in the Central Islamic Lands in the Eleventh Century,” Conference on *Bridging the Worlds of Islam and Judaism*, Bar-Ilan University, January 2006.
- “Jihad, Christians and the Christian Polity in Late Umayyad and Early ‘Abbāsīd Islam,” Boniuk Center for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University, August 2005.
- “Privatized Jihad and Public Order in the Pre-Seljuq Period,” 29 Deutscher Orientalistentag of the Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft, Halle, Germany, September 2004.
- “The Mint of Andarāba and Sāmānid Reign in Khurāsān,” Middle East Medievalists and the American Numismatic Society Conference on *The Heritage of the High Caliphate: Dinars, Dirhams and Coppers of the Late Umayyad and Early ‘Abbasid Periods, 700-950 CE*, American Numismatic Society, New York, June 2004.
- “The Saffarids: Historical Representations of a Ninth-Century Islamic Dynasty,” Harvard Humanities Center Medieval Studies Seminar, Harvard University, October 2000.
- “Coin Issues of the First Saffarid Dynasty,” The American Numismatic Society, New York, August 1999.

SUBMITTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS

- “‘The Centre Cannot Hold’: Center and Periphery in the Great Seljuq Empire,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2011.
- “Zābul and Kābul’: A Late Antique Relict in Early Islamic Times,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2010.
- “The Islamization of Iranian Kingly Ideals: The Persianate Fürstenspiegel of the Seljuq Era,” The Shahnameh and Persianate Identity Conference, University of St. Andrews, April 2010.
- “Overweening Amirs? Magnates and Sultan in the Late Seljuq Period,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2009.
- “The Murder of the Caliph al-Mustarshid,” Sixth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, International Society for Iranian Studies in conjunction with the Iran Heritage Foundation and the London Middle East Institute, London, August 2006.

- “The Contextualization of Violence: Paramilitary ‘Youth’ Bands in Medieval Islamic Society,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2006.
- “The Opposition to Courtly Culture: The Ahl al-hadith Border Warriors of Syria in the Early ‘Abbasid Period,” Conference on "Courtly Culture Outside the Court," Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, December 2003.
- “The Caliphs and the ‘Ulama’: Religious Legitimacy, Leadership, and the Role of Jihad in the Early ‘Abbasid Period,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2002.
- “The Transformation of the Jihad in the 8th and 9th Centuries: The Mutatawwi’a,” The 212th meeting of the American Oriental Society, Houston, Texas, March 2002.
- “Historical Representations of Ya‘qub b. al-Layth: A Reappraisal,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 18, 2000.
- “The Image of the ‘Ayyar in *Samak-e ‘ayyār*,” Conference on Middle Eastern Popular Culture, Magdalen College, Oxford University, September 2000.
- “The Coin Issues of Ya‘qub b. al-Layth: the Historical Use of Medieval Numismatic Evidence,” Thirty-Fifth International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 2000.
- “The Contribution of Early Persian Sources Toward a Revised Understanding of the ‘Ayyar Phenomenon,” Fourth Iranian Studies Conference of the Societas Iranologica Europaea, Paris, September 1999.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

2010-2011 *Peer-Review Panelist*, Middle East and Africa subject area

Medieval Islamic Colloquium of Israel

2006-2010 *Initiator, Organizer, and Chairperson*

Israel Science Foundation (Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences)

2008-2009 *Middle Eastern History Professional Committee*

2007-2008

ACADEMIC EDITORSHIPS AND REFEREEING

Editorial board membership

Monograph series “Violence in World History”, Cambridge University Press

Article referee

Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (JRAS); Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BSOAS); Journal of the American Oriental Society (JAOS); Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient (JESHO)

Book referee

Brill, Inner Asian Library series

Oxford University Press

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association (AHA)

American Numismatic Society (ANS)

American Oriental Society (AOS)

International Society for Iranian Studies (ISIS)

Medieval Academy of America (MAA)

Middle East Medievalists (MEM)

Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic, Danish (also Swedish and Norwegian Bokmål), English, French, German, Hebrew, Latin, Persian, and Turkish