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Curriculum Vitae

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Employment

2017–present: Postdoctoral Research Associate, Mossavar-Rahmani Center
for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University
2020–present: Acquisitions Editor for Iranian Studies, Gorgias Press,
Piscataway, NJ.

Education

Ph.D. University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Near Eastern
Languages and Cultures program in Iranian Studies. June 2017.
Dissertation: “The Use of Treaties in the Achaemenid Empire.”
M.A. University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Near Eastern
Languages and Cultures program in Iranian Studies. Fall 2012.
B.A. in History. The College of New Jersey. Spring 2008.

Publications

“Into the Ashes: Punishment at the Achaemenid Court.” Under revision,
Journal of Ancient Near Eastern History.
“Law, Mercy, and Reconciliation in the Achaemenid Empire.” *Journal of
Ancient History* (forthcoming).
“From War to Peace. Greco-Persian Treaties from the Achaemenid
Perspective.” In *Brill’s Companion to War in Ancient Iran*, edited by John
Hyland. Brill. (forthcoming)
“Cyrus the Great and Ancient Propaganda.” In *Cyrus the Great: Life and Lore*,
edited by M. Rahim Shayegan (2018), 150–69. Boston; Washington, DC:
Illex Foundation; Center for Hellenic Studies.
“The Many Deaths of Cyrus the Great.” *Iranian Studies* 51, no.1 (2018): 1–21.
“King Artaxerxes’ Aegean Policy.” *Journal of Persianate Studies* 10 (2017): 1-
25.

Conference Presentations

“The Frontiers of Royal Legitimacy Under Alexander and the Diadochoi.” The
2020 Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, University of Iowa,
Iowa City, IA, April 23-25, 2020.
“*Eranophobia*: Greek Fears of the Persian Royal Banquet.” Food and Drink in
the Ancient World, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May 31-June
1, 2019.

- "The Parallel Afterlives of Alexander in Iran." The 2019 Meeting of the Association of Ancient Historians, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, April 25-27, 2019.
- "'He became his own History:' Xenophon and Greco-Persian Historiography in the First Century CE." Fiftieth Annual Northeast Modern Language Association Conference, Washington, DC, March 21-24, 2019.
- "Pontos, Armenia, and Parthia: Iranian Power in the First-Century-BCE Near East." Twelfth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of California, Irvine, CA, August 14-17, 2018.
- "From Sennacherib to Xerxes: On a possible Assyrian source of the Achaemenid demand for 'Earth and Water.'" 64th Rencontre Assyriologique Internationale and 12th Melammu-Symposium, University of Innsbruck, Austria, July 16-20, 2018.
- "Mithridates Eupator and Tigranes the Great: Hellenistic Propaganda in an Iranian Context." The Eighth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Ilia State University, Tbilisi, Georgia, March 16-18, 2018.
- "The Death of Cyrus the Great." The International Society for Iranian Studies Eleventh Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, University of Vienna, Austria, August 2-5, 2016.
- "Achaemenid Satraps and the Aegean Frontier." The International Society for Iranian Studies Tenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Montréal, Québec, Canada, August 6-10, 2014.
- "The Aegean Policy of Darius the Great." Symposia Iranica, University of St. Andrews, Scotland. April 13-14, 2013.
- "Transmission of cultural information in Achaemenid and Hellenistic Babylon." American Oriental Society Annual Conference, Boston. March 16-19, 2012.
- "Achaemenid, Alexandrian, and Seleucid Babylon." The Many Faces of a Hellenistic King, Durham University. November 11-12, 2011.

Invited Talks

- "Into the Ashes: Punishment at the Achaemenid Court." Contextualizing Iranian Religions in the Ancient World. Symposium organized by the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World and 14th Melammu Symposium. University of California, Los Angeles, February 19, 2020.
- "The Eye of the King comes to Athens: Persia in the Greek Imagination." Ancient Persia and the West. Symposium co-organized by the Pourdavoud Center for the Study of the Iranian World and the Getty Research Institute. University of California, Los Angeles, April 25, 2018.
- "Managing the Greek Frontier: Achaemenid Strategies in the West." The Sharmin and Bijan Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Iran and Persian Gulf Studies, Princeton University. November 8, 2017.

“What is Writing?” Guest lecture, “Language and its Contexts,” Program in Linguistics, Princeton University. October 10, 2016.

“History of Writing.” Guest lecture, “Language and Culture,” Department of Linguistics, University of Connecticut. March 12, 2015

Teaching Experience

Instructor, “Alexander the Great: Life and Legacy.” Freshman Seminar Program, Princeton University. Fall 2018.

Teaching Assistant, departments of Classics and Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at UCLA.

Iranian M110B - “History of the Arsacid Empire.”

Near Eastern 50A - “First Civilizations.”

Near Eastern 50B - “The Origins of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.”

Near Eastern M20 - “Visible Language: A Study of Writing.”

Classics 20 - “Discovering the Romans.”

Languages

Reading knowledge of Classical Greek, Latin, Old Persian, Middle Persian (Pahlavi), French, German. Basic conversational Farsi (Modern Persian).

Professional Associations

American Oriental Society

Association of Iranian Studies

Society for Classical Studies