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Current Position

Assistant Professor
Department of History, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
Fall 2022 - Present

Academic Appointments

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow, European University Institute
Fall 2021 - Summer 2022

Education

Stanford University / Ph.D. in History

2014 - 2021

Dissertation: *The Age of the Perplexed: Translating Nature and Bodies between the Ottoman Empire and Europe, 1650-1730*

- Honorable Mention, Forum for History of Human Science
- Honorable Mention, Turriano Early Career Book Prize
- Honorable Mention, Santorio Award for Excellence in Research

Dissertation Committee: Paula Findlen (Chair), Robert Crews, Jessica Riskin, Alan Mikhail (External, Yale University)

Certificate in Teaching World History

2016

Sabanci University / M.A. in Ottoman History

2013

Istanbul University / B.A. & M.A. in American Literature

2011

Awards

Honorable Mention, FHHS Dissertation Prize, 2022

History of Science Society, The Forum for History of Human Science

Honorable Mention, Turriano Early Career Book Prize, 2022

For Books and Unpublished Dissertations on the History of Technology

Honorable Mention, Santorio Award for Excellence in Research,

2022

The Centre for the Study of Medicine and the Body in the Renaissance (CSMBR)

Dan David Prize Scholarship, 2021

In the selected field of History of Health and Medicine

Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2021-23

European University Institute, Florence, IT

Honorable Mention, FEEGI Article Prize, 2021

The Forum on Early Modern Empires and Global Interactions

Geballe Dissertation Prize Fellowship, 2019-20

Stanford Humanities Center

Fellowships & Grants
(Selected)

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS) Fellowship

2023-24

Dibner Research Fellowship, The Huntington Library

Short Term, 2023-24

University of Tennessee Humanities Center Fellowship

2023-24 (declined)

Visiting Fellowship, Max Planck Institute for the History of Science

2020-21 (declined due to the pandemic)

Mabelle Mcleod Lewis Memorial Fund Dissertation Completion Award

2019-20 (declined)

Digital Humanities Research Fellowship

Center for Spatial and Textual Analysis (CESTA), Stanford University, 2018-19

Bodleian Library Research Fellowship, Renaissance Society of America

2018

Discretionary Director's Scholarship, Rare Book School

University of Virginia, 2018

NEH Summer Institute

Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, 2018

Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)

SSRC, 2017-18

Visiting Fellowship, Harvard University

Publications

Books

Monograph in preparation:

Uncertain Knowledge: The Making of Slow Science between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe

Edited volume:

Natural Things in Early Modern Worlds, co-edited with Mackenzie Cooley and Anna Toledano (London & New York: Routledge, 2023)

Journal Articles

“Ottoman Plants, Nature Studies, and the Attentiveness of Translational Labor,” (forthcoming in *History of Science*)

“(Un)Making Labor Invisible: A Syllabus,” with Patrick Anthony, Juliana Broad, Xan Chacko, Zachary Dorner, and Judith Kaplan (forthcoming in *History of Science*)

“Comparing Faiths: The Making of Religious Dialogue between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe” (forthcoming in *History of Religions*)

“*Bevanda asiatica*: Scholarly Exchange between the Ottomans and Europeans on Coffee,” *Journal of Ottoman Studies* 56 (2020): 25-48.

Honorable Mention, FEEGI (The Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions) Article Prize, 2021.

Book Chapters

“Food” in *A Cultural History of Technology*, Volume IV: The Age of Expansion and Enlightenment 1650-1800, ed. Marieke M.A. Hendriksen (London; New York, NY: Bloomsbury Academic, forthcoming in late 2024)

“Coffee: Of ‘Melancholic Turkish Bodies’ and Sensory Experiences,” in *Natural Things in Early Modern Worlds* (London & New York: Routledge, 2023), 182-206.

“Introduction” in *Natural Things in Early Modern Worlds*, with Mackenzie Cooley and Anna Toledano (London & New York: Routledge, 2023), 1-14.

Other Writings

"Herkes için Bilim Tarihi Kitap Eleştirisi, [Book review of *History of Science for All*]," *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], 354 (2023): 70.

"Global Bilim Tarihi [Global History of Science]," *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], 333 (2021): 75.

"Merak ve Endişe Çeperinde Kahve: Osmanlı İmparatorluğu'ndan Avrupa'ya Bedenin Bir Tarihi [Coffee at the Periphery of Curiosity and Anxiety: A History of the Body from the Ottoman Empire to Europe]," *Toplumsal Tarih* [Social History], 336 (2021): 64-69.

Book Reviews

"E. Natalie Rothman, *The Dragoman Renaissance: Diplomatic Interpreters and the Routes of Orientalism* (Cornell University Press, 2021)," *EuropeNow*, 52 (2023): online.

"Helen Pfeifer, *Empire of Salons: Conquest and Community in Early Modern Ottoman Lands* (Princeton University Press, 2022)," *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, vol. 54 (2022): 608-610.

"Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim, *ReOrienting Histories of Medicine: Encounters along the Silk Roads* (Bloomsbury Academic, 2021)," *H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews*. May, 2022.

"Simon Mills, *A Commerce of Knowledge: Trade, Religion, and Scholarship between England and the Ottoman Empire, 1600-1760* (Oxford University Press, 2020)," *Journal of Jewish Studies*, vol. 72, no. 1 (2020): 214-216.

"Elias Muhanna, *The World in a Book: Al-Nuwayri and the Islamic Encyclopedic Tradition* (Princeton University Press, 2018)," *Nazariyat*, vol. 4, no. 3 (2018): 179-184.

"Miri Shefer-Mossensohn, *Science among the Ottomans: The Cultural Creation and Exchange of Knowledge* (University of Texas Press, 2015)," *Early Science and Medicine*, vol. 22, no. 4 (2017): 396-398.

Research Projects

Team Member, *Global Shapes of Knowledge: Towards a History of Research*
Bard Graduate Center, Fall 2021-present

Founding Researcher, *Natural Things | Ad Fontes Naturae*
CESTA, Stanford University & Hamilton College, Spring 2016-present

Invited Talks

"On Not Knowing Yet: The Making of Slow Science between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe," *Medieval and Early Modern Studies*, Rice University
April 5, 2023

"Of Melancholic Turkish Bodies and Sensory Experiences: A History of Coffee at the Crossroads"
Medieval and Early Modern Studies, Rice University

April 4, 2023

“Tarrying Knowledge and the Global Histories of Science,” The History of Science of the ‘Big Picture’ Conference, Global History and Culture Centre, University of Warwick

June 9-10, 2022

“Precarious Knowledge: Uncertainty and Medicine in Cross-Cultural Encounters,” Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge

February 11, 2022 (withdrew after accepting the UTK’s offer)

“Uncertain Knowledge: Translating Faith and Things between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe,” Department of Religious Studies, Northwestern University

January 11, 2022

“Precarious Substances: Medical Uncertainty between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe,” Department of History of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University

February 18, 2021

“History of Coffee between the Islamic World and Early Modern Europe,” Guest Lecture, Claremont McKenna College, CA

February 8, 2021

“Tracing the Unknown: Coffee and the Uncertainty of Medicine in the Early Modern World,” Intoxicating Spaces Research Group, University of Sheffield, Stockholm University, and Utrecht University

February 3, 2021

“The Nature of Bodies: Natural History, Medicine, and Knowledge Exchange in the Early Modern Mediterranean,” Department of History, Bogaziçi University, Istanbul

July 22, 2020

“Lost in Translation: Comparing Faith and Curing Melancholy in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul,” Department of History, University of Texas San Antonio

January 28, 2020

“History of Knowledge and Things,” [“Bilginin ve Şeylerin Tarihi”], Guest Speaker at the METU Philosophy Students Conference, Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara

April 14, 2018

“Coffee: Debating Islam, Rationality and the History of Medicine in the Seventeenth Century,” Department of Philosophy, the University of Bologna, Italy

April 5, 2018

“Global Nature Studies: Natural History, Local Knowledge, Transimperial Connections,” [with Mackenzie Cooley and Anna Toledano] Grupo de Historia de la Ciencia, Institución Milà i Fontanals – CSIC, Barcelona

December 11, 2017

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Organized Workshops and Panels

“Politics of Excrement in Early Modern Worlds,” RSA Organized Panel

Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Juan, March 2023

“The Making and Unmaking of Identities in the Early Modern Mediterranean,” International Workshop
Co-organized with Tommaso Stefini

European University Institute, Florence, May 12-13, 2022

“Science, Medicine, and Technology in the Middle East: Infrastructures of Global Knowledge, 17th -20th Centuries,” Co-Organized Panel with Cihan Tekay

Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington DC, October 2020

“Natural Things Beyond Their Environments: Modernity and Alienation,” Co-Organized Panel with Mackenzie Cooley and Anna Toledano

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 2017

“Natural Things and Their Environments: Early Modernity,” Co-Organized Panel with Mackenzie Cooley and Anna Toledano

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 2017

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Conference Talks

“Ottoman Nature Studies and Rudiments of Invisibility in Scientific Translation,” Botanical Knowledge in Motion, Interasia Workshop, Yale Macmillan Center

Yale University, New Haven, May 5-6, 2023

“Of Blood and Saliva: Making Bodily Waste Useful in Early Modern Ottoman Medicine”

Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, San Juan, March 2023

“Translators at Work: Language and the Making of Science in the Early Modern World,” Gordon Cain Conference—Let’s Get to Work: Bringing Labor History and the History of Science Together

Science History Institute, PA June 2-4, 2022

“Collecting Ottoman Collecting Practices: Making an Oriental Library in Seventeenth-Century Europe,” Philology and Archaeology: On Manuscript Collections Unearthed by Archaeology Workshop

Centre Jacques-Berque, Rabat, Morocco, May 24-25, 2022

“Food as a Technology: Materiality and Self-Knowledge in the Early Modern World,” Storie Materiali – Storie Globali Workshop

University of Florence, April 7, 2022

“Coffee: A History of the Body from the Ottoman Empire to Europe,” Kadın Kadına Tarih Konferansı II [Feminist Historians Conference II], in Turkish

Istanbul Bilgi University, December 17, 2021

“In the Time of Melancholy: Medical Translation, Religious Conversion, and Resilience in the Early Modern Ottoman World”

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, November 20, 2021 (Online)

“The World in Hezarfenn Hüseyin Efendi’s World Histories,” Spatial References in Middle Eastern Historical Documents (1500-present): A Primary Source Workshop

European University Institute, Florence, October 7-8, 2021

“What’s in a Name: Medical Translation and the Question of Practical Knowledge in 17th Century Istanbul”

MESA, Washington DC, October 10-13, 2020

“In the Time of Melancholy: Medical Translation, Religious Conversion, and Resilience in the Early Modern Ottoman World,”

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 8-11, 2020

“Comparing Faith: Translation and Religious Relativism in Seventeenth-Century Istanbul,” History of Political Thought Workshop

Stanford Humanities Center, October 31, 2019

“Collecting, Copying, Revising: Writing Global Histories in the Seventeenth Century Constantinople,” Writing Global History: Rethinking the World in the Early Modern Era Conference

Stanford University, May 3-4, 2019

“Ways of Knowing: Quest for the Natural History of Coffee in the Seventeenth Century,” Collection & the History of Science in the Age of Global Empires Workshop

Hamilton College, April 7-9, 2019

“Natural History in the Early Modern Ottoman World: Selections from Hezarfenn Huseyin’s Pharmacological Encyclopedias,” Shared Practices, Common Legacies: Ottoman Science from a Global Perspective Workshop

University of Pennsylvania, April 5-6, 2019

“Building Empathy: Inter-religious Dialogue in the Seventeenth Century Constantinople,” Mid-Atlantic Ottoman Studies Workshop

Salisbury University, March 29-31, 2019

“Coffee, Medicine, and Islam: Revising Knowledge in the Seventeenth Century”

Renaissance Society of America Annual Meeting, Toronto, March 17-19, 2019

“Between Text and Nature: Egyptian Plants and Intellectual Traditions in Hezarfenn Hüseyin’s Medicinal Encyclopedia”

MESA, San Antonio, Texas, November 15-18, 2018

“Scholarly Engagements and the Nature of Knowledge Construction in the Seventeenth Century Constantinople,” Reconstructing Historical Networks Digitally: Third Annual GHI Conference on Digital Humanities and Digital History

German Historical Institute, Washington DC, October 25-27, 2018

“Coffee, Intellect, and Medicine: Marsigli’s *Bevanda asiatica*”

History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, November 9-12, 2017

“Post-Humanist Discourse in Medicine: Marsigli’s *Bevanda asiatica* (1685),” Medicine, Environment and Health in the Eastern Mediterranean World, 1400-1750 Workshop

Christ’s College, University of Cambridge, April 3-4, 2017

“Doubled Selves or Separate Worlds? F. Luigi Marsigli and Ottoman Intellectuals in Constantinople (1679),” Globalization of Science in the Middle East and North Africa Conference

College of the Holy Cross, March 24-25, 2017

“Doubled Selves or Separate Worlds? Scientific and Intellectual Networks between the Ottoman Empire and Early Modern Europe” Early Sciences Working Group

Harvard University, November 8, 2016

“Post-humanist Discourse on the Ottomans and the Integration of Islamic Science into European Epistemology,” Ways of Knowing: 5th Annual Graduate Conference on Religion at Harvard Divinity School

Harvard University, October 27-29, 2016

“Perceptions of Nature in the Early Modern Ottoman World,” Western Ottomanists Workshop

University of California, Berkeley, March 10-11, 2016

Teaching Experience

University of Tennessee

HIST 262 World Civilization 1500-Present

Spring 2023

HIME 384 Food, Health, and Society

Fall 2022

European University Institute

March Paper Seminar in Early Modern History

Co-Instructor, Winter 2022

Stanford University

The Age of Plague: Medicine and Society, 1300-1750

Teaching Fellow, Fall 2020 (on Zoom)

Graduate Teaching Assistants Program

Teaching Mentor, 2019-20

Sources & Methods Syllabus Design Workshop

Co-Instructor, 2019-20

Science and Medicine in Islam: Perceptions of Cosmos and the Body

Instructor of Self-Designed Course, Winter 2019

Professional Service

Folger Institute Long-term Fellowship Selection Committee Member

2023-24

Convener, Science Across Regions in Asia Working Group

Consortium for History of Science, Technology and Medicine, Fall 2021 - present

Media Appearances

“Karın Ağrısı: Yemek, Beden ve Bilim Tarihlerini Beraber Düşünmek,” Akl-ı Kıssa Salı Konuşmaları

Tarih Vakfı, 2022 (YouTube)

“Global Bilim Tarihi [Global History of Science]”

Interview with Açık Radyo, 2021 (online)

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Research Languages

Turkish

Native

French, Italian, Ottoman Turkish

Proficient

Arabic, Latin, Persian, Spanish

Basic/Intermediate Reading

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Professional Memberships

History of Science Society, RSA, MESA, FEEGI, Coordinating Council for Women in History

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