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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013 to Present Professor, Department of History, Yale University

2010 to 2013 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Yale University

2008 to 2010 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities Postdoctoral
Fellow, Department of History, Stanford University

EDUCATION

2008 PhD, History, University of California, Berkeley

*The Nature of Ottoman Egypt: Irrigation, Environment, and
Bureaucracy in the Long Eighteenth Century*

Winner, 2009 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Social
Sciences, Middle East Studies Association

Winner, 2008 James H. Kettner Dissertation Award, University of
California, Berkeley

2003 MA, History, University of California, Berkeley

2001 BA, History and Chemistry, Rice University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

The Animal in Ottoman Egypt. New York: Oxford University Press, October 2013.

ed., *Water on Sand: Environmental Histories of the Middle East and North Africa*. New York:
Oxford University Press, 2013.

Reviewed in *Choice*, *Middle East Report*, *Arab Studies Quarterly*, *Middle East Media
and Book Reviews*

Nature and Empire in Ottoman Egypt: An Environmental History. Studies in Environment and History. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2011.

Winner, 2012 *Gustav Ranis International Book Prize, MacMillan Center, Yale University*

Winner, 2011 *Roger Owen Book Award, Middle East Studies Association*

Winner, 2011 *Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Publication, Yale University*

Books of the Year, *Ahram Online*

Cambridge University Press Paperback, 2012. American University in Cairo Press Edition, 2012. Turkish Translation Under Contract with İş Bankası, Expected 2013.

Reviewed in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (vols. 44 and 45), *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *Environmental History*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, *Social History*, *Middle East Journal*, *The Arab World Geographer*, *Arab Studies Journal*, *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, *Geographical Review*, *Eighteenth-Century Studies*, *Mamlūk Studies Review*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *Ankara Üniversitesi Siyasal Bilgiler Fakültesi Dergisi*

Interviews with *Jadaliyya*, *The MacMillan Report*, *Ottoman History Podcast*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters

“Unleashing the Beast: Animals, Energy, and the Economy of Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” *American Historical Review* 118 (2013): 317-48.

“Anatolian Timber and Egyptian Grain: Things that Made the Ottoman Empire.” In *Early Modern Things: Objects and Their Histories, 1500-1800*, edited by Paula Findlen. New York: Routledge, 2013.

“Middle East Environmental History: The Fallow between Two Fields.” In *Water on Sand: Environmental Histories of the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Alan Mikhail. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

“Plague and Environment in Late Ottoman Egypt.” In *Water on Sand: Environmental Histories of the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Alan Mikhail. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013.

with Christine M. Philiou. “The Ottoman Empire and the Imperial Turn.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 54 (2012): 721-45.

Turkish Translation: “Osmanlı İmparatorluğu ve Emperyal Dönüşüm.” *Toplumsal Tarih* 234 (2013): 26-40.

“The Middle East in Global Environmental History.” In *A Companion to Global Environmental History*, edited by J.R. McNeill and Erin Stewart Mauldin. Malden: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012.

“Global Implications of the Middle Eastern Environment.” *History Compass* 9 (2011): 952-70.

“al-Mawt bayna al-Mumārasa al-Ijtimā’īyya wa al-Ḥajr al-Şihḥī li-Muḥammad ‘Alī” [Death between Social Practice and Muhammad ‘Ali’s Quarantine]. *al-Rūznāma* 9 (2011): 227-45.

“From the Bottom Up: The Nile, Silt, and Humans in Ottoman Egypt.” In *Environmental Imaginaries of the Middle East and North Africa*, edited by Diana K. Davis and Edmund Burke III. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2011.

“An Irrigated Empire: The View from Ottoman Fayyum.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42 (2010): 569-90.

Winner, 2011 Ömer Lütfi Barkan Article Prize, Turkish Studies Association (for the best article published between 2009 and 2011 in Turkish and Ottoman Studies)

“Animals as Property in Early Modern Ottoman Egypt.” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 53 (2010): 621-52.

“The Nature of Plague in Late Eighteenth-Century Egypt.” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 82 (2008): 249-75.

“Tārīkh Dirāsāt al-Tābi‘ wa Naẓariyyatayn ‘an al-Sulṭa” [Subaltern Studies and Two Theories of Power]. In *Thaqāfat al-Nukhba wa Thaqāfat al-‘Āmma fī Mişr fī al-‘Aşr al-‘Uthmānī* [Elite and Popular Culture in Egypt in the Ottoman Period], edited by Nāşir Aḥmad Ibrāhīm. Cairo: Markaz al-Buḥūth wa al-Dirāsāt al-Ijtimā‘iyya, 2008.

“The Heart’s Desire: Gender, Urban Space and the Ottoman Coffee House.” In *Ottoman Tulips, Ottoman Coffee: Leisure and Lifestyle in the Eighteenth Century*, edited by Dana Sajdi. London: I.B. Tauris, 2007.

with Gretchen Head. “Dirāsāt al-Tābi‘: I‘ādat Kitābat al-Tārīkh” [Subaltern Studies: The Rewriting of History]. *Akhbār al-Adab* 587 (10 October 2004).

“al-Qāmūs wa al-Istishrāq” [The Lexicon and Orientalism]. *Wijhāt Naẓar* 6, no. 66 (July 2004).

“Narrative Borders and the Politics of New History.” In *Imagining Place and Rethinking Historiography*. Vol. 146 of *Traditional Dwellings and Settlements Working Paper Series*. Berkeley: University of California Center for Environmental Design Research, 2002.

with Joel E. Boyd, Ari Briskman, Vicki Colvin, and Daniel Mittleman. “Size-Dependent Dielectric Properties of Liquid Water Clusters.” In *Liquid Dynamics: Experiment, Simulation, and Theory*, edited by John T. Fourkas. Washington, D.C.: American Chemical Society, 2002.

Book Reviews

Baki Tezcan, *The Second Ottoman Empire: Political and Social Transformation in the Early Modern World* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2010). *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 42: 3 (Winter 2012).

Diana K. Davis, *Resurrecting the Granary of Rome: Environmental History and French Colonial Expansion in North Africa* (Athens: Ohio University Press, 2007). *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41: 3 (August 2009).

Carlos E. Cordova, *Millennial Landscape Change in Jordan: Geoarchaeology and Cultural Ecology* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2007). *Agricultural History* 83: 1 (Winter 2009).

Jane Hathaway, *A Tale of Two Factions: Myth, Memory, and Identity in Ottoman Egypt and Yemen* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2003). *MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies* 7 (Spring 2007).

Heghnar Zeitlian Watenpaugh, *The Image of an Ottoman City: Imperial Architecture and Urban Experience in Aleppo in the 16th and 17th Centuries* (Leiden: Brill, 2004). *Arab Studies Journal* 14: 2/15: 1 (Fall 2006/Spring 2007).

Timothy Mitchell, *Rule of Experts: Egypt, Techno-Politics, Modernity* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 40: 2 (Winter 2006).

Nelly Hanna, *In Praise of Books: A Cultural History of Cairo's Middle Class, Sixteenth to the Eighteenth Century* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2003). *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 40: 2 (Winter 2006).

Stuart J. Borsch, *The Black Death in Egypt and England: A Comparative Study* (Austin: The University of Texas Press, 2005). *al-Waqā'i' al-Miṣriyya* (Fall 2006).

Amy J. Johnson, *Reconstructing Rural Egypt: Ahmed Hussein and the History of Egyptian Development* (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2004). *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and the Islamic World* 3: 3 (Winter 2005).

Encyclopedia Entries

“Gambling.” In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*. 2 Vols. New York: Routledge, 2005.

“Beni Suef,” “Heliopolis,” and “Tanta.” In *The City and Urban Life*. 3 Vols. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2005.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Gustav Ranis International Book Prize, MacMillan Center, Yale University	2012
Institute of Turkish Studies Sabbatical Grant	2012-2013
MacMillan Center Faculty Research Grant, Yale University	2012-2013
Morse Fellowship, Yale University	2012-2013
MacMillan Center Research Fellow in International and Area Studies, Yale University	2011-2013
Roger Owen Book Award, Middle East Studies Association	2011
Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Prize for Outstanding Scholarly Publication, Yale University	2011
Frederick W. Hilles Publication Fund, Yale University	2011
Ömer Lütfi Barkan Article Prize, Turkish Studies Association	2011
Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences, Middle East Studies Association	2009
James H. Kettner Dissertation Award, University of California, Berkeley	2008
Stanford University Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship of Scholars in the Humanities Postdoctoral Program	2008-2010
Qatar Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University (Declined)	2008-2009
Hamad Bin Khalifa Fellowship	2007
Andrew W. Mellon Grant	2007

Council of American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Research Fellowship	2006-2007
American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship	2006-2007
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship	2005-2006
Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship II	2005-2006
American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship (Declined)	2005-2006
Institute of Turkish Studies Grant	2005
Doreen B. Townsend Center for the Humanities Grant, University of California, Berkeley (Declined)	2005
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship	2004-2005
Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship I	2003-2004

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

“Brute Force: Livestock and Labor in Ottoman Egypt, 1750-1850.” Islamicate Cultures and Histories in a Global Context Lecture Series. College of William and Mary, April 2013.

“Unleashing the Beast: Animals, Energy, and the Economy of Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” Turkey and Modernity Speaker Series. Ohio State University, April 2013.

“Livestock, Labor, Land, and the Making of Modern Egypt.” Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies. New York University, February 2013.

“Brute Force: Livestock, Labor, and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt.” Department of History. University of California, Berkeley, January 2013.

“When Animals Stop Working: An Economy of Labor Transformation in Ottoman Egypt.” Seminar on Environmental and Agricultural History. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, November 2012.

“Livestock, Labor, and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt.” İstanbul Bilgi University, November 2012.

“The Economy of Human and Animal Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” İstanbul Şehir University, October 2012.

“Paris, Cairo, Zoo.” Department of History. Stanford University, May 2012.

“Empire of Animals: Ottomans and Other Creatures.” In the Lecture Series “Middle Eastern Environments and Ecologies.” Yale University, March 2012.

with Christine M. Philliou. “The Ottoman Empire and the Imperial Turn.” International History Workshop. Yale University, January 2012.

“Why Should We Care about Animals in the Ottoman Empire?” Ottoman and Turkish Studies Seminar. Columbia University, October 2011.

“Nature and Empire in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Lecture Series “People, Animals and the Environment in the Balkans and the Near East.” İstanbul Bilgi University and Orient-Institut Istanbul, May 2011.

“A Wandering Cow, a Scrambling Gecko, and Some Dogs: Toward a History of Animals in the Middle East.” Plenary Address for the Conference “The Nonhuman, the Subhuman, and the Superhuman: Exploring Nature(s) in the Middle East.” University of Pennsylvania, April 2011.

“Middle East Environmental History: The Fallow between Two Fields.” Environmental History Colloquium Series. Yale University, February 2011.

“Ottoman Egypt: An Animal History.” Agrarian Studies Colloquium Series. Yale University, February 2011.

“Coffee and Coffeehouses.” In the Lecture Series “*Turquie*: Ottoman Fashions in Europe as Intercultural Exchange, 17th and 18th Centuries.” Princeton University, December 2010.

“Sacks of Grain, Stacks of Wood, and Some Limits of the Early Modern Ottoman Economy.” Program in Ottoman Studies. New York University, December 2010.

“Animals, Energy, Economy in Late Ottoman Egypt.” In the Lecture Series “Dissections: Sex, Science, and Medicine in the Middle East and North Africa.” Graduate Center of the City University of New York, November 2010.

“Irrigation and the Ottoman Empire.” Council on Middle East Studies Colloquium Series. Yale University, November 2010.

“Downstream in the Ottoman Empire: Irrigation and Early Modern Empire.” Program in the History of Science, Technology, Environment, and Health. Rutgers University, October 2010.

“Unleashing the Beast: A History of Human-Animal Relations in Ottoman Egypt.” Department of History. University of California, Davis, April 2010.

“An Irrigated Empire: The View from Ottoman Fayyoun.” Islamic Studies Workshop Series. Stanford University, November 2009.

“Piles of History: The Nile, Dirt, and Humans in Ottoman Egypt.” Middle East Studies Luncheon Lecture Series. University of California, Berkeley, September 2009.

“Coffee: A Caffeinated History of the Middle East.”

(1) Middle East and Islamic Studies Lecture Series. San Francisco State University, April 2009.

(2) Middle East Studies Lecture Series. Drew University, April 2009.

“The Framework of Empire: A History of Wood and Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” Department of History. Yale University, February 2008.

“Imperial Lumberings: A History of Wood in Ottoman Egypt.” Department of History. Georgetown University, February 2008.

“How to Build Ships in Ottoman Suez: A History of Food and Wood in Early Modern North Africa.” Department of History. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, January 2008.

“Provisions for the Pilgrimage: Food and Wood in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire.” Department of History. University of Pittsburgh, January 2008.

“Irrigating Alexandria: Labors of Life and Death on the Maḥmūdiyya Canal.”

(1) Department of History. Vanderbilt University, January 2008.

(2) Department of History. Queens College, December 2007.

(3) Department of History. Iowa State University, December 2007.

(4) Department of History. Swarthmore College, December 2007.

(5) Department of History. Florida State University, December 2007.

(6) Department of History. University of Montana, November 2007.

(7) Department of History. Virginia Tech, November 2007.

(8) Department of History. University of South Carolina, November 2007.

“Counting Men, Measuring Canals, Drawing Maps: The Science of Irrigation in Ottoman Egypt.” Le Centre d'études et de documentations économiques, juridiques et sociales. Cairo, Egypt, May 2007.

with Jennifer Derr. “Soiling History: The Environmental as a Framework of Analysis”. Interdisciplinary Seminar Series on Modern Middle East Studies. American University in Cairo, Egypt, May 2007.

“A History of Animals in Ottoman Egypt.” American Research Center in Egypt. Cairo, Egypt, May 2007.

“Why Build the Maḥmūdiyya Canal?” Institut français d'archéologie orientale du Caire. Cairo, Egypt, June 2006.

“A Labor of Death: Constructing Life on the Maḥmūdiyya Canal.” American Research Center in Egypt. Cairo, Egypt, June 2006.

“Coffee and Society in the History of the Middle East.” The American Center Alexandria. Alexandria, Egypt, February 2006.

Invited Conference Papers

“Animals and the Ottoman Empire.” In “Late Imperial Epistemologies: A Eurasian Studies Workshop.” Columbia University, May 2013.

“Ottoman Egypt’s Animal Energy Regime.” In the Conference “Communities Like You: Animals and Islam.” Harvard University, April 2013.

“Humans and Animals.” In the “Trinity Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies Workshop.” Trinity College, April 2013.

“The Ottoman Empire and Environmental History.” Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop. University of Guelph, March 2013.

“The Ottoman Empire and Questions of Periodization.” In the “Transitions to Modernity Colloquium: Early Modern Islamic Empires.” Yale University, November 2012.

“Domestic Animals and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Conference “Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse?” Yale University, February 2012.

“Humans, Domestic Animals, and Rural Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Symposium “Halcyon Days in Crete VIII: Ottoman Rural Societies and Economies.” University of Crete Institute for Mediterranean Studies, January 2012.

“Animals and Economic Transformation in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Symposium “Environment and Science in Islamic History.” University of Maryland, September 2011.

“Energetics of the Animal Economy in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Workshop “Eighteenth-Century Crossroads in Ottoman Studies: Negotiating Communal, State, and Moral Boundaries.” Central European University, Budapest, May 2011.

“Reflections on Archival Fieldwork in Egypt.” In the Workshop “History and the Social Sciences.” University College London, March 2011.

“A History of the Animal in Ottoman Egypt.” In the Conference “Dogs, Humans, and Other Animals: A Conversation.” University of California, Berkeley, June 2010.

“Back and Forth in the Ottoman Empire: Archives and Imperial Rule.” In the Roundtable “Approaches to Ottoman History.” Stanford University, March 2010.

“Anatolian Timber and Egyptian Grain: Things That Made the Ottoman Empire.” In the Workshop “Early Modern Things.” Stanford University, January 2010.

“Egyptian Water: An Ottoman Solution.” In the Workshop “Water and Environment in the Middle East.” Harvard University, May 2009.

“Egyptian Sylvan: A History of Wood, ca. 1700 to 1850.” In “The Third Annual Middle East Center Symposium: Egypt.” Florida State University, February 2009.

“Beyond Center and Province: The Maghreb and Egypt in the Ottoman Period.” In the Conference “Ottoman Influences in the Maghreb.” Oran, Algeria, June 2007.

“al-Ḥayāh bayna al-Mumārāsa al-Ijtimā‘īyya wa al-Ḥajr al-Ṣiḥḥī li-Muḥammad ‘Alī” [Life between Social Practice and Muhammad ‘Ali’s Quarantine]. In “Muhammad ‘Ali’s Reign: A Conference on the Occasion of the Bicentennial of Muhammad ‘Ali’s Rule.” High Council of Culture, Cairo, Egypt, November 2005.

“The Heart’s Desire: Gender, Urban Space, and the Ottoman Coffeehouse.” In the Conference “Rethinking Culture in the Ottoman Eighteenth Century.” Princeton University, January 2005.

Conference Papers at Professional Meetings

Contribution to “Edmund Russell’s *Evolutionary History: A Critical Appraisal*.” Roundtable at the American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Toronto, April 2013.

“No More Center, No More Periphery: A New Ottoman Geography.” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, January 2013.

“The Animal in Ottoman Egypt.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Denver, November 2012.

“Animals in the Ottoman Empire: The Safavid Connection.” The Ninth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies. Istanbul, Turkey, August 2012.

“Animals, Disease, and Labor in Ottoman Egypt.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., December 2011.

“Before the Zoo: Humans and Animals in Ottoman Egypt.” The American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Phoenix, April 2011.

“Some Initial Thoughts on Dogs in Ottoman Egypt.” The American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Portland, March 2010.

“The Peasant Politics of Water in Ottoman Egypt.” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, January 2010.

“Watering the Rosebud: Silt and Historical Imagination in Ottoman Fayyūm.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Boston, November 2009.

- “Animals, Property, Law: The Case of Ottoman Egypt.” The American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Tallahassee, February 2009.
- “(Early) Modern Archive Animals.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2008.
- “Water Be Dammed: A History of Irrigation in Ottoman Fayyoun.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada, November 2007.
- “Oxen, Water Buffaloes, Donkeys, and Camels: Humans and Other Animals in Ottoman Egypt.” The Agricultural History Society Annual Meeting. Iowa State University, June 2007.
- “Irrigating Life: Labor, Enumeration, and Biopolitics in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Egypt.” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, January 2007.
- “Life and Death on the Maḥmūdiyya Canal.” The Second World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies. Amman, Jordan, June 2006.
- “Dirāsāt al-Tābi‘ wa Nazārīyyatayn ‘an al-Sulṭa” [Subaltern Studies and Two Theories of Power]. The Egyptian Association for Historical Studies. Cairo, Egypt, December 2005.
- “Quarantining Death: Water and Plague in Egypt, 1775-1825.” The Fourth International Water History Association Conference: Water and Civilization. Paris, France, December 2005.
- “Dying on the Nile at the End of the Eighteenth Century: al-Jabartī’s Accounts of Plague.” The Social Context of Death, Dying, and Disposal. University of Bath, UK, September 2005.
- “Doctoring Women: Qasim Amin and the Egyptian Family.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. San Francisco, November 2004.
- “Obelisks and Mummies: The Scientification of British Egyptology.” The Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies. University of California, Berkeley, March 2004.
- “The Medicalization of the Egyptian Family.” Families and Households in History. The Annual History Seminar of the Department of Arabic Studies. American University in Cairo, Egypt, March 2004.
- “Narrative Borders and the Politics of New History.” (Un)bounding Tradition: The Tensions of Borders and Regions. The Eighth Conference of the International Association for the Study of Traditional Environments. Hong Kong, December 2002.
- “Something’s Brewing: Coffeehouses and Society in the Ottoman Empire.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2002.
- “Cutting Text: Foucault and Edward William Lane’s *Arabic-English Lexicon*.” Global Localities: Theorizing Across Boundaries. University of California, Irvine, November 2002.

“Orientalism and Text: A Theoretical Reading of Edward William Lane’s *Arabic-English Lexicon*.” The Seventeenth Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference. University of Chicago, May 2002.

Conference Panel Organizing, Chairing, and Discussing

Co-Organizer, “Imagining the Imperial Space: Spatial Experiences in the Ottoman World and Beyond.” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, January 2013.

Chair, “Ottoman Legal Institutions as Obstacles to Growth.” New Perspectives in Ottoman Economic History. Yale University, November 2012.

Co-Organizer, “Animals in Iranian History.” The Ninth Biennial Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies. Istanbul, Turkey, August 2012.

Chair, “Is there Something Wrong with How Modern Iranian History Has Been Written so far?” Workshop on Modern Iranian History. Yale University, May 2012.

Chair, “Wildlife, Humans, and Environmental Change.” Two Kingdoms: New Perspectives on Flora and Fauna in Environmental History. Yale University, April 2012.

Chair, “Inward and Outward Nature: An Islamic Portrayal of the Spirituality-Environment Nexus.” Critical Islamic Reflections Conference. Yale University, April 2011.

Organizer and Chair, “The Egyptian National Archives: Recent Changes and Future Directions.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. San Diego, November 2010.

Discussant, “Agriculture and the Politics of Modernity in the Late Ottoman Empire: Contesting Spaces, Managing Populations, and Institutionalizing Knowledge and Practice.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. San Diego, November 2010.

Discussant, “Le Saint-Simonisme en Égypte: les voies de la modernisation.” International Conference at the High Council of Culture. Cairo, Egypt, July 2010.

Chair, “Nature and National Identity in the Nineteenth Century.” The American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Portland, March 2010.

Organizer and Chair, “Middle East Environmental History: An Introduction and Roundtable Discussion.” The American Society for Environmental History Annual Meeting. Tallahassee, February 2009.

Organizer, “Egyptian Modern: Norms, Forms, and Sources of the Social Environment.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2008.

Chair, “Changing Urban Landscapes in Nineteenth and Early Twentieth-Century Egypt.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2008.

Organizer, “Ottoman Environmental History: Problems, Sources, Directions.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada, November 2007.

Chair, “Health Discourse: Reproductive Health.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Montréal, Canada, November 2007.

Organizer, “The Politics of Life: Cultivating and Constructing Humanity in the Nile Valley.” The American Historical Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, January 2007.

Chair, “Aspects of Modernity in Egypt.” The Middle East Studies Association of North America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C., November 2005.

TEACHING

Yale University, 2010 to Present

Graduate Seminars:

Readings in Ottoman History

Sources and the Construction of Middle East History (co-taught with Abbas Amanat)

Readings in Early Modern Europe and the Ottoman Empire (co-taught with Francesca Trivellato)

Research Seminar in Middle Eastern History (co-taught with Abbas Amanat)

Undergraduate Lectures:

Three Empires of Islam: The Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals

The Mediterranean: From the Crusades to Napoleon (co-taught with Francesca Trivellato)

Undergraduate Seminars:

The Ottoman Empire

Environmental History of the Middle East

Stanford University, 2008-2010

Undergraduate Lectures:

Three Empires of Islam: The Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals

The Ottoman Empire

Undergraduate Seminars:

Sexual Encounters: The Middle East and Europe (co-taught with Edith Sheffer)

Environmental History of the Middle East

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards

Environmental History, 2013 to Present

International Journal of Middle East Studies, 2013 to Present

Conference Organizing

with Naomi Lamoreaux, Joseph G. Manning, Peter C. Perdue, and Paul Sabin. “Resources: Endowment or Curse, Better or Worse?” Yale University, February 2012.

with Thomas W. Laqueur. “Dogs, Humans, and Other Animals: A Conversation.” University of California, Berkeley, June 2010.

Media Consultancy

Trashopolis: Cairo. Pixcom Productions, Inc. Boston, February 2010.

Qiṣṣat Wathā'iq [A Tale of Archives]. Tanwīr Television Productions. Alexandria, Egypt, June 2007.

Now. Public Broadcasting Service (PBS). Cairo, Egypt, March 2007.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Middle East Studies Association

Turkish Studies Association

American Society for Environmental History

American Association for the History of Medicine

American Research Center in Egypt

American Institute for Maghrib Studies

History of Science Society

American Association of University Professors

Egyptian Association for Historical Studies

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic, Ottoman Turkish, Modern Turkish, French, Spanish