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Curriculum Vitae

Associate Professor
Texas A&M University, Department of History
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Education

Ph.D., 2009, with Distinction

Department of History, University of Chicago

Ph.D. Dissertation Title: *İbrahim-i Gülşeni (ca.1441-1534): Itinerant Saint and Cairene Ruler*

M.A., 1996

Department of History, Institute of Social Sciences, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

M.A. Thesis Title: *Every Picture Tells A Story: An Analysis of the Crime, Atrocity, and Murder Illustrations in Servet-i Fünun As Recurrent Messages Emphasizing A Critique of the West*

B.A., 1992

Department of Romance Languages and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

Academic Employment

Associate Professor: Texas A&M University, Department of History

Visiting Full-Time Faculty 2009-2010: University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Department of History

Full-time Instructor, 2002-2005: Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey, Department of History, Ottoman Turkish Language and Ottoman Culture

Teaching at Texas A&M

HIST 103: World History and Civilizations to 1500

HIST/RELS 221: History of Islam (ca. 600-2016)

HIST/RELS 347: Rise of Islam (c. 600-1258)

HIST/RELS 348: History of the Modern Middle East

HIST 481: Seminar: History of the Modern Middle East (ca. 600-2016); Seminar: History of Islam (ca. 600-1450); Seminar: Historical and Literary Perspectives on Islam (ca. 570-1500)

Areas of special interest

Early Modern Ottoman Political and Cultural History (ca. 1500-1700)

Gunpowder Empires of the Middle East (ca. 1453-1700)

Introduction to Islam and Islamic Mysticism (ca. 500-1500)

Publications

Book

İbrahim-i Gulshani and the Kbalwati-Gulshani Order: Power Brokers in Ottoman Egypt, (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2017).

Book Award

Ottoman Turkish Studies Association: 2018 Fuad Koprulu Honorable Mention Book Award.

Peer Reviewed Articles

1. "A Study of the Modern-Day Scholarship and Primary Sources on İbrāhīm-i Gulshanī and The Khalwatī-Gulshanī Order of Dervishes." *Türkiye Araştırmaları Literatür Dergisi (TALİD), Türkiye'de İslami İlimler: Tasavvuf I* Vol. 15, no: 30 (2019): 107-130.
2. "Anatomy of a Rebellion in Sixteenth-Century Egypt: A case-study of Ahmed Pasha's governorship, revolt, and a critique of the Ottoman imperial enterprise in the Arab Lands." *Journal of Ottoman Studies* XLVI (2015): 333-385.
3. "A Preliminary Investigation of Ibn 'Arabi's Influence Reflected in the Corpus of İbrahim-i Gulsheni (d.1534) and the Halveti-Gulsheni Order of Dervishes in Egypt." *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* 56 (2014): 67-113.
4. "Crafting Piety for Success: Gülşeniye Literature and Culture in the Sixteenth Century." *Journal of Sufi Studies* 1.1 (2012): 31-75.

Peer Reviewed Book Chapters in Edited Volume

1. "Confluence of the Spiritual and the Wordly: Interactions of the Khalwati-Gulshanis and Egyptian Sufis with Political Authority in Sixteenth Century Egypt" in *Osmanlı'da İlm-i Tasavvuf: Alimler, Eserler, Meseleler*, eds. Ercan Alkan and Osman Sacid Ari (Istanbul: ISAR, 2018), 687-700.
2. "A Subversive Story of Banishment, Persecution, and Incarceration on the Eve of the Ottoman Conquest of Egypt: İbrahim-i Gülşeni's Mamluk Years 1507/10-1517 in *Sufism and Society: Arrangements of the Mystical in the Muslim World, 1200-1800 C.E.*, ed. John J. Curry and Erik S. Ohlander (London and New York: Routledge, 2011), 201-222.

Digital Publication

Side Emre, (2020). From Physical to Virtual Pious Presence: Muslim Community Consciousness Redefined in the Age of Coronavirus, in *Religion in Quarantine: The Future of Religion in a Post-Pandemic World*. Texas: Digital Religion Publications, Available electronically from <https://hdl.handle.net/1969.1/188004>.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Article

1. **Sixteenth Century Journal, the Journal of Early Modern Studies, vol. XLIII, no: 1 (Spring 2012): 201-202:** Review of Baki Tezcan, *The Second Ottoman Empire, Political and Social Transformation in the Early Modern World*. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
2. **Journal of Early Modern History, vol. 16 (2012) 1-5:** Review of John J. Curry, *The Transformation of Muslim Mystical Thought in the Ottoman Empire: The Rise of the Halveti Order, 1350-1650*. (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2010).
3. **Bustan: The Middle East Book Review** (The Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies), **vol. 10, No. 1 (2019): 106-117:** Review of Adam Mestyan, *Arab Patriotism: The Ideology and Culture of Power in Late Ottoman Egypt* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017).
4. **Encyclopedia of Islam, THREE:** "Gulshaniyya": Emre, Side, "Gulshaniyya", edited by: Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, Everett Rowson: **First published online: 2018; First print edition: 9789004356672, 2018, 2018-6.**

Fellowships and Research Grants

Texas A &M University, Dean of Faculties, NASH-ACUE Program Participant
Fellowship recipient for the first system-wide faculty cohort across Texas A&M University System

- Link to National Association of System Heads in partnership with the Association of College and University Educators (NASH ACUE) Press Release Scaling Instructional Excellence for Student Success Initiative:
<https://assets.system.tamus.edu/files/academic/NASH%20Institutions%20Announcement-30April2020.pdf>

Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts, Fall Online Curriculum Grant Award, 2020

Texas A&M University, Arts and Humanities Fellowship, 2020-2023

Texas A & M University, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities, Publication Support Grant, 2018-2019

Texas A&M University, Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant (PESCA), Division of Research and Graduate Studies, 2011-2012

Texas A&M University, Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Fellow, 2010-2011

Advisory Board Membership

The Journal of Islamic Research: www.islamiarastirmalar.com

Conference/Workshop Papers/Panels Chaired and Organized

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, New Orleans, November 2019

Panel Chaired: Magical Materialities: Toward A History of (Occult) Technology in the Islamicate World from the 13th to the 21st Century

Panel Organized: Hidden in Plain Sight: Ancient Knowledge

Paper title: *A Preliminary Study on Diagrams in Early Modern Ottoman Sufi Literature: An Analysis of Letters, Numbers, Diagrams, and the Esoteric Content of "Mystical Cosmologies"*

Foundation for Research and Technology: Hellas Institute for Mediterranean Studies

Columbia Global Centers, Istanbul Turkey, December 2019

International Workshop: Geographies and Histories of the Ottoman Supernatural Tradition:

Exploring Magic, the Marvelous, and the Strange in Ottoman Mentalities: Nature and Supernatural in Ottoman Culture

Paper title: A Preliminary Study of Mystical Cosmologies in the Early Modern Ottoman World: Authorship, Esoteric Content and Inspirations in Quest for a New Type of Learning

"Visualizing Sufism" International Workshop at the University of Bonn, Alexander von Humboldt Kolleg for Islamicate Intellectual History, May 2018

Paper title: A Comparative Study in 16th century Sufi Imagery and Diagrams: Bayezid Halife's *Sirr-i Canan* and Muhyi's *Deva'iru'l-Ma'arif*

The Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Conference, New Orleans, March 2018

Panel: Mediterranean Encounters IV: Religious Communities, Legitimacy, and Authority

Paper title: The Legacy of the Khalwati-Gulshani Order of Dervishes in Ottoman Egypt: Interactions with the Ottoman State in the late 16th and 17th centuries

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington D.C., November 2017

Panel: Seeking Order: Sufi Responses to Ottoman Power in 16th-17th Century Egypt and Syria

Paper title: “Negotiated piety: Interactions of the Khalwati-Gulshanis and Egyptian Sufis With Political Authority in 16th Century Egypt

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston, November 2016

Panel: Issues in the Ottoman Empire: Boundaries, Belonging, and the Ottoman Way

Paper title: “The Ottoman Way: Its Critics and Supporters in the Sixteenth Century”

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington DC, November 2014

Panel Organized by Side Emre: Poymath Sufis, Historians, and Learned Men: Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Networks in the Early Modern Ottoman World

Paper title: On the cusp of divine truths and everlasting quest for knowledge: The Intellectual World of Muhyi-yi Gulsheni (d. 1606)

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Puerto Rico, October 2013

Panel: Lay Devotion in the Early Modern Mediterranean Zone

Session 118: Devotional Corporations/Associations Part 1

Paper title: Law, Order, and Justice in 16th century Egypt: A Case Study of the Heresy Accusations against the Gülşeniye Order of Dervishes

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, November 17-20, 2012

Panel: Sufis and Their Worlds

Paper title: Being A “*Fususî*”: Muhyi-i Gülşeni’s (d. 1606 C.E.) Intellectual World and Defense of Ibn al-‘Arabi

International and Interdisciplinary Conference, Victoria College in the University of Toronto, April 19-21 2012: Early Modern Migrations: Exiles, Expulsion and Religious Refugees 1400-1700

Panel: Minds on the Move

Paper title: An itinerant Sufi in the lands of sound and fury: İbrahim-i Gülşeni’s (d.1534 C.E) exiles

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington DC, December 1-4 2011

Panel: Spirituality and Religion in Literature

Paper title: Literary Inspirations, Spiritual Heritage, and Crafting Piety: The Voices and Agendas of the Cairene Gülşeniye Dervishes, 16th and 17th centuries

Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Montreal, October 2010

Panel: The Making of the Ottoman Empire and the Context of Sixteenth-Century Europe and the Mediterranean

Paper title: Legitimizing the Ottoman Imperial Enterprise in Egypt and the incorporation of the province into the Ottoman Polity, ca. 1517-1600 C.E.

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, San Diego, November 2010

Panel Organized by Side Emre: Revisiting the Ottoman Imperial Project: Its Advocates and Critiques in the 15th and 16th centuries

Paper title: Perspectives on the Ottoman imperial project in Egypt: The crossing paths of a Messianic conqueror, Sultan Selim (d.1520), a Cairene saint/shah, İbrahim-i Gülşeni (d. 1534), and a Hanefi judge/Ottoman chronicler, Abdussamed Diyarbekri (d.1542)

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Montreal 2007

Roundtable Discussion: “The Nexus of Sufism and Society: Arrangements of the Mystical in the Muslim World, 1200-1800 C.E.”

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston 2006

Panel: Sufi Networks and Crossing Boundaries

Paper title: “Controversial Images of İbrahim-i Gülşeni (d.1534): The Anti-Ottoman Sufi in Cairo”

Service

Department

Undergraduate Committee 2019-2021

Executive Committee, two-year term, 2016-18 (elected)

Climate and Inclusion Committee, 2016-2018

Participation in Caribbean/Atlantic World History Search, 2014

Diversity Committee, 2014

Library Committee, 2012-13

Participation in the 19th century and 20th century U.S. History Search, 2010

College

The Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research, Advisory Committee, 2019-2023

Dean’s Strategic Planning Steering Committee, 2020-2021

Interdisciplinary Faculty, 2017-present

Member of the University wide Program Review Committee for Arabic Studies, 2011-12

Affiliated with the Religious Studies Program, 2011-present

Medieval Studies Working Group at the Glasscock Center for Humanities, 2010-12

University

Faculty Senate, 2020-2023

Faculty Senate, Committee on Personnel and Welfare, 2020-2023