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## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

University of Florida, Faculty Lecturer  
McGill University, Assistant/Lecturer

August 2012-Present  
Sept. 2005-June 2012

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

### DEGREES OF STUDY

D. Phil. History and Classics, McGill University, June 2012

Major Field of Study: Muslim Encounters with the Wider World

Minor Fields: 1. Migration and Ethnicity, 2. United States History

M.A. in History, Bilkent University, June 2004

Thesis Topic: Muslims and Christians in the *fin-de-siècle* Istanbul

B.A. History Honors, Middle East Technical University, June 2001

Coursework on Central Asia, European History, and the Mediterranean

### RESEARCH LANGUAGES

English, Turkish, Ottoman Turkish, Arabic, German, and French

## FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Global/International Focus: Textual Traditions || Religious Radicalism || Global Islam: Non-Muslims in Muslim Lands and Muslims in non-Muslim Lands || Islamic Authority and Evangelical Activity || Muslim Nation (*umma*) and the Caliphate || US in the World

Middle Eastern/Islamic Studies: Islamic Sources of Authority || Decoding Quran || Saints and News || Sufi Networks || Ottoman World || Turkish Islam

European/Turkish Studies: Religious Terror || Muslim Europe || Modern Europe || Refugees and Migrants || Identity Politics || Modern Turkey

Additional Focus: Nation and Religion || Muslim Intellectuals and Travelers || Islamic City || Food and Soul (*halal* matters) || Daily Life in the Mediterranean

## PUBLICATIONS

### MONOGRAPH

- *Faithful Encounters: Authorities and American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire*. Part of the McGill-Queen's Studies in the History of Religion Series. Chicago, Kingston, London, Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2018
  - Introduced on [New Books Network](#)
  - Received the Sabanci International Research Award
  - Funded by the Scholarly Publication Award of Canada
  - Critically praised by Benjamin Soares and Ussama Makdisi
  - Turkish version publication scheduled early Fall 2020
  - Reviewed on [Humanities and Social Sciences Online](#)

## EDITED VOLUMES

- *Once upon a Time America and the Turks: Political, Social, Religious, and Commercial Exchanges* [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler: Siyasi, Sosyal, Dini ve Ticari Temaslar]. Istanbul: Libra Books, 2017 (as editor and contributor)
- [\*Clockwork Game: The Illustrious Career of a Chess-Playing Automaton\*](#), by Jane Irwin. Michigan: Malloy, 2013 (as co-editor with Timothy Marr)  
Publicly accessible, a graphic novel that narrates Muslim perceptions in Europe and US around true story of the world's first chess-playing machine named the Turk
- *Black Pearl and White Tulip: A History of Ottoman Africa*. Istanbul: Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency, 2013 (co-editor)

## REFEREED ARTICLES AND INVITED CHAPTERS

- "Ottoman-Greek in Translation: Grigor Aristarki's 1878 Memorandum on American Civilization" (invited but will be refereed for the Fall 2020 Issue of *Delos: A Journal of Translation and World Literature*)
- "Notes from Turkish Class: Listening Matters in LCTL" (invited for the next issue of the *Journal of the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages*)
- "Dogs and Caravan: Official Censors and Evangelical Literature in Turkey" (invited and submitted for a new volume, titled *American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire and Imperial China*)
- "Taken Hostage: American Missionaries and the Ordeal of Ottoman Authorities" (invited and submitted for a new volume in the *Edinburgh Studies on the Ottoman Empire*)
- "Money, Power, and the Bible: America, the Ottoman Empire and the Balkans [Para, İktidar ve İncil: Amerika, Osmanlı ve Balkanlar]." In Savaş Kafkasyalı, ed., *Islam in the Balkans: From Times of Glory to Times of Humility*. Ankara: Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency, 2016, IV: 101-18
- "Sultan's America: Lessons from Ottoman Encounters with the United States." *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* 39 (2014): 55-76 (invited and refereed)
- "Construction of National Identities in Early Republics: A Comparison of the American and Turkish Cases." *The Journal of the Historical Society* 10 (December 2010): 507-31 (co-authored with Timothy Roberts)
- "Home Away from Home: Early Turkish Migration to the United States Reflected in the Lives of Bayram Mehmet and HazimVasfi." In Kemal Karpat and Deniz Balgamiş, eds, *Turkish Migration to the United States: From Ottoman Times to the Present*. Wisconsin: The University of Wisconsin Press, 2008, 87-101  
Extended version of the 2006 refereed article; also reviewed in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 42 (2010): 507-8; *International Migration Review* 43 (2009): 995-6
- "Thinking Religion Globally, Acting Missionary Locally: Last Century's American Missionary Experience in the Near East." *World History Bulletin* 23 (2007): 33-6

- “Prayer, faith, and holy professions [Kutsal Meslekler].” In İlber Ortaylı and Bayram Bilge Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia [Anadolu’da İslam Kültür ve Medeniyeti]*. Ankara: Turkey’s Presidency of Religious Affairs, 2007, 28-32
- “Daily life in Anatolia [Anadolu’da Gündelik Hayat].” In Ortaylı and Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia*, 75-81
- “Educational institutions in republican Turkey [Cumhuriyet Dönemi Eğitim Kurumlarına Genel Bakış].” In Ortaylı and Tokel, eds, *Islamic Culture and Civilization in Anatolia*, 165-76
- “I am not Collecting Money like Apples from Trees: Case Studies of Two Turks Who Shared a Common American Past.” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 12 (2006): 83-96
- “American-Turkish Relations in Retrospect.” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 12 (2006): 195-8

#### OTHER ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- “United States as Viewed from the Ottoman Capital of Istanbul” (introductory chapter to a future volume titled, *American Encounters: Early Exchanges in Culture, Trade, and Politics*)
- “America and the Turks in the past tense [Geçmiş Zamanda Amerika ve Türkler].” In Emrah Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks [Bir Zamanlar Amerika ve Türkler]*. Istanbul: Libra Books, 2017, 15-21
- “Surely they will convert: Americans from an Islamist perspective [Muhakkak Müslüman Olurlar: İslamcıların Amerikası].” In Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks*, 43-53
- “So Far Yet So Close: Ottoman-U.S. Rapprochement [Hem Yakın Hem Uzak: Osmanlı-ABD Diplomasisi].” In Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks*, 75-88
- “One State One Nation: A Socio-political Comparison of Early America and Modern Turkey [Tek Devlet Tek Millet: Amerika Birleşik Devletleri ve Türkiye Cumhuriyetinin Kuruluşu].” With Timothy Roberts, in Sahin, ed., *Once upon a time America and the Turks*, 145-69
- “Ottoman Society.” In Andrea Stanton et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology of the Middle East, Asia, and Africa*. California: SAGE, 2012, vol. I, 185-90
- “Ottoman Institutions: Capitulations.” In Stanton et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology*, I: 177-9
- “Ottoman Institutions: Millet System.” In Stanton et al., eds, *Cultural Sociology*, I: 181-3
- “Ottoman Decline and Fragmentation.” In Stanton et al., eds., *Cultural Sociology*, I, 172-4
- “Review Article: Jewish Emigration to Turkey in the 1930s.” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 15 (2009): 115-9
- “An Ottoman traveler’s view of Islam in the United States [Bir Seyahatnamenin Işığında Amerika ve İttihad-ı İslam: Mirza Abdurrahim Efendi’nin Amerika’da İslamiyeti]. *Klavuz* 48 (April 2008): 97-103

#### SCHOLARLY REVIEWS

- *Between the Ottomans and the Entente: The First World War in the Syrian and Lebanese Diaspora, 1908-1925*, by Stacy Fahrentold, invited and scheduled for the Spring 2020 issue of *Tropics of Meta: Historiography for the Masses* (invited)

- “The Story of an Incredible Man: Walter Cronkite's 1958 Presentation of Atatürk.” *Journal of American Studies of Turkey* (invited and submitted)
- *American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire: A Conceptual Metaphor Analysis of Missionary Narrative, 1820-1898*, by Hami Gumus. *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 88, no. 02 (May 2019): 552-3
- *The Idea of the Muslim World: A Global Intellectual History*, by Cemil Aydin. *Maydan Reviews*, May 2019
- *America and the Making of Modern Turkey: Science, Culture, and Political Alliances*, by Ali Erken. *Nazariyat Journal of History of Islamic Philosophy and Sciences* 5, no. 1 (2019): 231-5
- *Localizing Islam in Europe: Turkish Islamic Communities in Germany and the Netherlands*, by Ahmet Yükleven. *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 30, no. 2 (2013): 112-5
- *From the Indian Ocean to the Mediterranean: The Global Trade Networks of Armenian Merchants from New Julfa*, by Sebouh Aslanian. *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 56 (2013): 309-11
- In *Alternatives International Journal* (2008-2009), [short reviews](#) of *Good Muslim, Bad Muslim: America, the Cold War, and the Roots of Terror* by Mahmood Mamdani || *The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on American Ideals* by Jane Mayer || *Liberal Fascism: The Secret History of the American Left from Mussolini to the Politics of Meaning* by Jonah Goldberg || *The Audacity of Hope* by Barack Obama || *The Theft of History* by Jack Goody || *How We Survived Communism and Even Laughed* by Slavenka Drakulic || *Democracy by the People: The Elusive Kerala Experience* by M.P. Parameswaran || *Double Standard: The Secret History of Canadian Migration* by Reg Whitaker || *Muslim Minorities in the West: Visible and Invisible* by Yvonne Haddad and Jane Smith, eds.
- In *World History Connected* (June 2007), reviews of *The Dynamics of Global Dominance: European Overseas Empires* by David Abernethy, and *The Arab-Israeli Conflict* by Kirsten Schulze

## WORK IN PROGRESS

- *Beyond Jihad: An Intellectual History of Modern Global Islam*  
Book-length study of modern Islamist philosophers based on sources like the *True Path* (*sabil al-rashad*, an Istanbul-based journal that has addressed a transnational readership from Europe to the Far East since August 1908)
- *The Idea of the Western World: A Tale of Six Muslim Travelers in North America, 1860-1960*  
Invited for publication, a book-length study of how Muslim intellectuals defined Western ideas and people in their travelogues
- *Turkish-American Encounters: Early Exchanges in Culture, Trade, and Politics*  
Edited volume that traces Turkish-US relations since the 18th century
- *Died Again Christians: The Peak Massacre and the Muslim Crisis Over National and Religious Identity*  
Historical narrative of Christian converts massacred by Muslim nationalists in eastern Anatolia, 2007

- “Will Islam Fail?”  
Comparative essay that explores a state of modern Muslims in the global context of violence from the Far East to Western Europe
- “The Last of the Phanariots: Alexander Mavroyenis in Vienna and Washington”  
Archive-driven study that reconsiders a historic defense of Muslim perspectives by the last Ottoman-Greek ambassador in American and European courts
- *Sense of Time: The Development and Management of Faith, Life, and Order in Islam*  
Multi-volume longitudinal analysis of how Muslim scholars interpret corporeal, celestial, and eternal space (*Birth*, 609-80 || *Contraction*, 680-1258 || *Expansion*, 1258-1444 || *Universal State*, 1444-1839 || *Apocalypse*, 1839-1924 || *Trying Times* since 1924)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES

- American Research Institute in Istanbul
- Andover Theological Library, Massachusetts
- Bilkent Archives in Ankara, Turkey
- Islamic Studies Library, Montréal
- Library of Congress, Washington DC
- National Library of Turkey, Ankara
- Ottoman Archives, İstanbul

### RESEARCH COLLABORATION

- “Gender and Women Rights in the Muslim World,” supervised by Malek Abisaab at the McGill Institute of Islamic Studies (2011-2012)
- “Teaching Evolution in Egypt, Iran, Pakistan, and Turkey,” principal investigator Anila Ashgar at the McGill Evolution Research and Education Center (2009-2012)
- “Canadian Federal and Provincial Taxation, 1867-1915,” archival research funded by the Government of Canada, worked with Elsbeth Heaman who completed this project with an award-winning 2017 book, *Tax, Order, and Good Government: A New Political History of Canada* (January-September 2010)
- “Opium Trade: China, the Ottoman Empire, and the United States,” worked with Uner Turgay at the McGill Institute of Islamic Studies (2007-2009)
- “Fawzi Al-Kavukchi,” archival research funded by the Government of Canada, worked with Laila Parsons; project completed with her 2016 monograph, *The Commander: Fawzi al-Qawuqji and the Fight for Arab Independence, 1914-1948* (2007-2009)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Global/International Focus: International Studies Perspectives (major core) || Greece, Turkey, and the World (co-taught with Tom Kostopoulos) || Senior Research Seminar in International Studies (major capstone)

Islamic/Middle Eastern Studies: History of God (scheduled honors seminar) || Terror and Islam || Islam and Turkey (developed on college grant) || Contours of Ottoman History || Muslim Migrations || US in the Middle East (honors seminar) || Money and the Bible (developed on college grant)

European/Turkish Area-Studies: European Experience (humanities core) || Soccer Culture (developed on college grant) || History of Turks || Turkey and Europe || European Union

Language and Literature Focus: Turkish Language (beginning to advanced levels) || Themes in Turkish || Ottoman Literature || A City of Two Tales: Istanbul (honors seminar)

## STUDENT SUPERVISION

- “Political Elites and Party Politics in the Muslim World.” Advisory committee member of the Ph.D. dissertation by Miaad Hassan, Department of Political Science (in progress)
- “A Comparative Study of Dictatorship in the Muslim World.” Supervisor of the honors thesis by University Scholars Fellow Irfan Kovankaya (in progress)
- “Class Analysis in the Gulf Cooperation Council: Examining Kuwait, Bahrain, and Saudi Arabia.” Supervisor of the International Studies honors thesis by William Christou, August 2018
- “1928: Turkish Revolution through the Lens of Script Revolution.” Supervisor of the International Studies honors thesis by Maithili Jais, May 2018
- “Predictors of Success in Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations, 1989-99.” Supervisor of the International Studies high-honors thesis by Amila Tica, May 2017
- “For the Good of the Country or the Executive? The EU Talks in Erdogan’s Political Agenda.” Supervisor of the International Studies honors thesis by Logan Abbot, May 2017
- “Mistaken Victimization of Turkish Women by the German Media: Impacts of Media on the Cultivation of Identity.” Supervisor of the International Studies honors thesis by Halie Mosher, December 2014

## MCGILL UNIVERSITY

### *COURSES TAUGHT AND ASSISTED\**

Sept. 2005-June 2012

America between Wars || American Civil Rights || American History since 1865 || American History to 1865 || Ancient Mediterranean History || Eastern Europe || First World War || First Year and Second Year Turkish || History of US Presidential Campaigning || Modern Radical Islamic Movements || Race and Ethnicity || Social and Economic History of the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East || Themes in U.S. History || US since 1965

\* Assistance involved syllabus and material preparation, teaching 1/3 of the course, leading discussions, grading papers and exams, and advising students.

## BILKENT UNIVERSITY

History of Civilizations 1 and 2 (prepared and taught as general education core in 2003-2004)

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING AWARDS

Scholarly Publication Program Award, 2018, Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (\$8,000)

Evaluated by a diverse committee of scholars in the Publications Committee, and awarded by a six-member committee of senior scholars in the Academic Council

Teacher of the Year Award, 2018, University of Florida (\$2,000)

Nominated by students among 600 faculty members in Liberal Arts and Sciences, and awarded for “demonstrated excellence, innovation, and effectiveness in teaching”

International Research Award, 2016, the Sakip Sabancı Humanities Research Foundation Turkey (\$10,000)

Assessed by an independent international jury of six scholars, my approach to Muslim-Christian relations is a “distinguished example of fresh research with a view to engaging intellectual attention” on the subject-matter.

Best Paper Award, “Strangers in the Land,” 2011, the Pierre Savard Conference

Teaching Award, 2010, McGill University

Nominated campus-wide by undergraduate students among 250 graduate-student lecturers, and awarded by the College of Arts administration for “excellence in teaching”

## **RESEARCH AND PUBLICATION FELLOWSHIPS**

Fellowship for publishing an outstanding paper (“Sultan’s America”), Turkish Cultural Foundation, 2014 (\$2,000)

Advanced Research Fellowship, Turkish Cultural Foundation, 2010-2011 (\$10,000)

Dissertation and Research Scholarships, McGill University, 2006-2009 (total: \$23,000)

Scholarships for Distinguished Success, Bilkent University, 2001-2005 (total: \$11,000)

## **PROGRAMMING AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS**

Co-investigator and Program Coordinator of the University of Florida’s *Project Go Program*  
Sponsored by the US Defense Language and National Security Education Office and administered by the US Institute of International Education, 2017-2018 (\$219,764)

Program Coordinator, *UF Project Go Program*, 2016-2017 (\$199,083)

Program Coordinator, *UF Project Go Program*, 2015-2016 (\$176,409)

Course Development Grants, 2013-2019 (\$15,000)

Money and Bible: American Merchants and Missionaries in the Middle East || Islam and Turkey: From Shamans in the East to Caliphs of the Middle East || Soccer Cult: European Soccer Culture Past to the Present

Research and Travel Grants, 2003-2019 (total: \$14,651)

Granted variously by: Bilkent University, Bosphorus University, Sabancı University, Penn State University, Royal Military College of Canada, U.S. Embassy in Turkey, University of Florida, and University of Texas at Austin

## CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PUBLIC TALKS

### PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- “Other-heard Voices in the Classroom: Active and Passive Listening as an Effective Method of Learning Second Languages,” National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages Conference, Atlanta, April 2019
- “Playing with Doubt: Ethnicity, Community, and How Turkish-German Soccer Players Select National Teams,” North American Society for Sport History Conference, Fullerton, May 2017 (with Greg Mason, accepted but cancelled due to schedule conflict)
- “Shooting an Ottoman-Greek Diplomat in the Leg: Alexandros Mavroyeni, Revolutionaries, and Fugitives in the United States, 1860-96,” Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, New Jersey, November 2017
- “Ottoman State Responses to Miss Stone Affair, American Missionaries, and Public Disorder,” Rethinking Late Ottoman Civilization Symposium, Texas, March 2017 (invited and reviewed)
- “Turkish Road Less Traveled to Greece: Politics, Missionaries, and Relocating the Anatolia College from Merzifon to Thessaloniki, 1924,” Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium, Atlanta, November 2015
- “The Printing Activities of American Missionaries in Turkey and Syria,” Missionaries in Turkey and China: A Historical Reappraisal, Istanbul, November 2014 (invited and refereed)
- “Turks across the Atlantic: A Comparison of Political Authority and Religious Identity among Turkish Communities in Cologne and Montreal,” 12th Middle East Technical University International Conference on International Relations, Ankara, July 2013
- “Terrible Turk Beaten: Fighting the Turkish Athletes during the Progressive Era,” Turkish-American Workshop, Istanbul, June 2013 (accepted but cancelled during the Gezi Park protests)
- “Crime and Punishment: American Missionaries as the Subject of Ottoman Public Security,” Pierre Savard Conference, Ottawa, March 2012
- “When Ottoman Karabet Becomes American Walter: The Significance of Citizenship Debates in Ottoman-U.S. Relations,” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Montreal, March 2012
- “Strangers in the Land: The Formation of Ottoman Responses to American Missionaries in the Middle East,” Pierre Savard Conference, Ottawa, April 2011
- “Bitter Taste of Liberty: Ottoman Migration to America,” The Immigrant Experience: A History of Communities in Transition, Montreal, March 2011
- “Writing Turks: Prospects and Challenges of Research in Ottoman Archives,” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Kingston, March 2011
- “Eyes on the Ball: Soccer Fever, Collective Identities, and Urban Landscape in Modern Turkey,” History at Play: Sport, Leisure, and Games, Old and New, Montreal, March 2010
- “Primal Fear: Ottoman Governmentality toward the American Missionaries, 1880-1896,” World History Association Conference, Salem, June 2009



- “Amusing a Nation: The Making of Şaban the Cow,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, November 2009
- “That Most-Favored Nation: Sultan Abdulhamid's America, 1880-1908,” International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations World Conference, Saint John, June 2008
- “Living in America as a Marginal Turk: Ubeydullah Efendi and His Memoirs of America, the 1890s,” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Montreal, March 2008
- “A Travelogue to Understand Ottoman Islamism: Mirza Abdurrahim's Islam in America, 1893,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Montreal, November 2007
- “Americans of Turkey: Missionary Life with the Ottomans, 1850-1905,” McGill-Queen's History Conference, Kingston, March 2007
- “From Business to Friendship: American-Ottoman Relations during the Nineteenth Century,” Ohio Academy of History Conference, Springfield (Ohio), April 2005
- “The First Turks Who Shared a Common American Past,” International Cultural Studies Symposium in Turkey, İzmir, May 2005
- “Studying World History in the Near East,” World History Association Conference, Boston, March 2004
- “Construction of National Identities in Comparative Early Republics: The American and Turkish Cases,” American Studies Conference in Turkey, Antalya, October 2004 (with Timothy Roberts)

#### INVITED PUBLIC LECTURES

- “Debating European Identities: Muslim Athletes in Focus,” Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville, November 2019 (scheduled)
- “Heads Will Roll: Anti-Colonial Struggle, Enemies Within, and Republic Triumphant in Turkey,” Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville, October 2019 (scheduled)
- “Authority, Community, Modernity in the Islamic World,” Summer Institute and Symposium: Lived Islam in Africa, Gainesville, May 2019
- “Channeling a Forked-Tongue: A Time-honored Muslim Response to European Modernity,” Penn State University, Philadelphia, February 2019
- “Missionaries and Traitors: Turkish-US Hostage Diplomacy,” Royal Military College of Canada, Kingston, July 2018
- “Wigs and Figs: Significance of the Bostonians in the Mediterranean World,” Turkish Consulate General in Boston, December 2017
- “Elephant in the Classroom: New Perspectives on Teaching Islam and Europe,” A New Look at the Old World, Daytona, February 2015
- “Negotiating the Past: The Case of Modern Turkey,” public lecture at the Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville, November 2014
- “A Tale of One City: Istanbul,” Institute for Learning in Retirement, Gainesville, October 2014
- “Turkey: Deep Divides Within,” Institute for Learning in Retirement, February 2013

- “American Missionaries in the Ottoman Realm: Views from the Imperial Center,” McGill's Ottomanist Workshop: Patterns of Innovation and Change in the Ottoman Empire, March 2012
- “A Nation Reborn: Military Operations in the Dardanelles,” Islamic Centre of Québec, March 2011

## SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY, PROFESSION, AND COMMUNITY

### PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

Manuscripts reviewer (since February 2018), the international journal of *Islamic Studies*

Manuscripts reviewer (since January 2017), Palgrave Macmillan's *Journal of International Relations and Development*

Expert reader and evaluator of “Critical Language Scholarship Program,” administered by American Councils for International Education (2018-2019 application cycle)

Founding editor of college journal, *Florida Journal of Turkey and Turkish Studies*

Founding editor of college journal, *Global Perspectives Journal*

### SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT

Preview Advisor, University of Florida's campus-wide advisor for newly admitted students (2018-present)

Advisory Board Member, Center for Global Islamic Studies (since August 2015)

Faculty Advisor, Florida International Studies Club (since January 2013)

Organizer of Global Islamic Studies research cluster, “Islam and Ottoman-Turkish Studies”

Member of Grants, Fellowships, Curricula Committees (2015-2019): Bylaws Committee || Course Development Grants || Curriculum Committee || Faculty and Graduate Student and Faculty Travel Grants || Foreign Language and Area-Studies Fellowships || Merit Committee || Project Go Turkey Fellowships || Workshops and Speaking Series Steering Committee

Search Committee Member, International Studies lecturer with focus on Asia (2017-2018)

Internship and Exchange Program Coordinator, UF College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the TOBB University of Economics and Technology (2013-2016)

International Exchange Program co-negotiator: The program between UF College of Fine Arts and Anatolia University successfully established January 2015

McGill History Students Association president (2007-2008)

### PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Research advisor of historical documentary, *Long Journey* [*Uzun Yolculuk*]

Based on true stories and released in March 2019, this docu-drama reveals the long and arduous journey of early Turkish and Muslim immigrants in America.

Conference report on the National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages, in American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages Newsletter (June 2019), 9-10

Presenter and organizer of the book launch and panel, “Faithful Encounters: Authorities and American Missionaries in the Ottoman Empire,” Gainesville, November 2018

Rice University’s senior historian Ussama Makdisi joined in panel with Florida scholars Benjamin Soares, Matthew Jacobs, and Michelle Campos.

Presenter and organizer of the panel, “Turkish-American Encounters: Exchanges in Culture and Politics,” Gainesville, April 2016 (also two graduate student meetings held by visiting speaker Ross Wilson, Director of the Eurasia Center and the former U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan and Turkey)

Organizer of the Mediterranean Movie Nights, sponsored by the Center for European Studies and the Center for Greek Studies, 2012-2017

Co-organizer of the roundtable discussion, “Muslims, Jews, and the Media in France,” Gainesville, January 2015

Introduction and the public screening of the musical documentary, “Crossing the Bridge: The Sound of Istanbul,” the Hippodrome Theatre, Gainesville, November 2015

Organizer of the workshop, “Turkey: Then and Now,” six-day workshop at the Institute of Learning in Retirement, Gainesville, October 2014

Public exhibition, “Tiny Wonders: Ottoman Miniatures and Illumination.” Harn Museum of Art, April 2014

Media Interviews: “Lucha de intereses” [A clash of interests], *La Razón*, 20 October 2016 || “An Inside Look at Ottomans, Islam, Syria, and Turkey,” *The Independent Florida*, 14 September 2015

Founding administrator, “University of Florida Turkish Central,” social media platform with 458 members since November 2015

Founder and contributor, “Turkish Tuesdays,” discussion blog on Islam, Turkish politics, and everyday life

Columnist: contributed monthly editorials on democracy, history, homeland politics, gender, and migration to the nationwide Turkish-Muslim community newspaper called *Canada Turk* (2010-2013)

## **PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATIONS, MEMBERSHIP HISTORY**

World History Association || International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations || Middle East Studies Association || Modern Greek Studies Association || American Studies Association of Turkey || Turkish Historical Society || Cultural Studies Association of Turkey || American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages || National Council of Less Commonly Taught Languages