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EDUCATION

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Ph.D in History

March 2015

Dissertation: “Toward a Sacred Topography of Central Asia: Shrines, Pilgrimage, and Gender in Kyrgyzstan,” directed by Glennys Young and Joel Walker

Fields: Modern Middle East, supervised by Shaun Lopez

History of Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia, supervised by Florian Schwarz

Imperial Russia, supervised by Elena Campbell

Comparative History of Shrines and Pilgrimage, supervised by Joel Walker

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

M.A. in International Studies – Comparative Religion

June 2006

Fields: Theory and Methods of the Study of Religion, supervised by Martin Jaffee

Islam, supervised by Florian Schwarz

Early Christianity, supervised by Michael Williams

Reed College, Portland, Oregon

B.A. in Biology

May 2002

Thesis: “Mr. Toad Goes for a Ride: Amphibian Decline, Its Causes, and Solutions through Management and Conservation,” directed by Robert Kaplan

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

International Studies Department, Seattle University, Seattle, Washington

Adjunct Faculty

East Meets West: A History of Travel Writers to and from the Islamic World

spring 2015

upper-division seminar

History Department, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington

Lecturer

The Muslim Near East: From Late Antiquity to the Present

spring 2015

undergraduate lecture course

Pre-doctoral Instructor

Middle Eastern History, 1453-1800

summer 2013, spring

undergraduate lecture course

2014, and winter 2015

The Silk Road: Travel, Exchange, and Culture in Eurasia

undergraduate lecture course

summer 2011 & 2014

Teaching History

graduate seminar for new teaching assistants (10 students)

autumn 2013

co-taught with UW faculty

Pilgrimage and Shrines in the Islamic World

senior research seminar <i>History of the Middle East: 1258-1798</i>	spring 2011
undergraduate lecture course	autumn 2010
Teaching Assistant	
<i>African History: 1000-1880</i>	2014
<i>The History of Christianity</i>	2008, 2011, 2012, 2014
<i>The Ancient World</i>	2009
<i>American Civilization: The First Century of American Independence</i>	2011
<i>War and Society in the Modern Middle East</i>	2008
<i>Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia, 1750-2001</i>	2008
<i>The Medieval Middle East</i>	2007
<i>The World of Late Antiquity</i>	2003 & 2006

Program on the Environment, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Teaching Assistant	
<i>Environmental Studies: Interdisciplinary Foundations</i>	2007 & 2008

Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Teaching Assistant	
<i>Western Religions</i>	2004

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Russian, Persian (Farsi and Tajiki), Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Arabic (proficient)
French, German, Coptic (reading)

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Graduate Fellowship in Persian Studies	2012 – 2013
International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Fellowship	2012
Chester A. Fritz Fellowship for research in Kyrgyzstan	2011
Maurice and Lois Schwartz Fellowship for research in Central Asia	2011, 2012, 2013
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships (academic year: Arabic, Uzbek, Persian, Russian and summer: Persian and Russian)	2004 – 2010
INSER Language and Cultural Exposure Travel Award	2008
Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Uzbek language study	2004

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Remembering the Past: The Case of Takht-i Sulaiman” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY	2015
“Sacred Space in the Pamirs through the Eyes of European Travelers” Russia, East Europe, and Central Asian Studies NW Conference, Seattle, WA	2011
“Apocryphal Texts and Their Communities: Authority in the Scripture on the Ten Kings”	

Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Seattle, WA 2004

INVITED LECTURES

“Shrines and Healing in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan”
The Persian and Iranian Studies Program, Seattle, WA 2014

“Shrines and Pilgrimage: The Case of Takht-i Sulaiman”
UW History Department Colloquium, Seattle, WA 2014

“Pilgrimage and Shrines in Central Asia”
Lecture, IREX, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 2012

“Negotiating Modernity: Places and Objects in the Context of Kyrgyzstan”
Tian Shan Policy Center, American University of Central Asia,
Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan 2012

“Shrines and Pilgrimage in Christianity”
Guest lecture for history of Christianity, University of Washington,
Seattle, WA 2012

BOOK REVIEWS

“New Research on Sacred Places in Central Asia.” *The Silk Road* 11 (2013): 215-6.
“New Turns on the Silk Road.” *The Silk Road* 9 (2011): 154-5.

SERVICE

Lead Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Washington 2013
Graduate Liason Committee, History Department, University of Washington 2010-2011
Discussion Facilitator, American Councils for International Education –
National Security Language Initiative for Youth, Dushanbe, Tajikistan 2009

MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Central Eurasian Studies Society