

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History, Rice University, since 2014

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, Rice University, 2014-17

Assistant Professor of History, Rice University, 2007-2014

EDUCATION

2007, PhD in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Dissertation: "Lords of the Auspicious Conjunction: Turco-Mongol Imperial Identity on the Subcontinent"

2003, MA in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Thesis: "Re-Ordering Society and Improving the World: The Grand Vizierate of Koprulu Mehmet Pasha, 1656-1661."

1999, BA in History/Middle East Studies, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Timurid-Mughal Empire, Islamic South Asia, comparative imperial court culture, princely succession, women and politics, comparative Early Modern Islamic Empire (Ottoman, Safavid, Uzbek, Mughal), imperial pleasure gardens

TEACHING AND MENTORING AWARDS

2018-19 Nominated for Piper Professorship, Texas state teaching award

2018 Winner of the Brown Award for Superior Teaching

2016 Winner of the Brown Award for Teaching Excellence

2014 Winner of the Brown Award for Superior Teaching
2011 Winner of Rice University Academic Advising Award
2010 Winner of Phi Beta Kappa Sophie Meyer Farb Prize for Teaching Excellence

CLASSES TAUGHT

History of South Asia; Comparative Imperial Gardens (a world history); Central Asian Conquest Empires; Cultural Trends in Medieval Islam; seminars: Comparative Early Modern Islamic Empires; Raj and Resistance; the Mughal Empire; Advanced Research

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

The Emperor Jahangir: Power and Kingship in Mughal India (under contract with I.B. Tauris/submitted for publication in 2019)

Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire: Memory and Dynastic Politics in Early Modern South and Central Asia, I.B. Tauris/Palgrave, 2012 ; 2nd ed. Viva Private Books LTD., New Delhi, 2013; paperback edition, 2016

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Comparative Imperial Pleasure Gardens, a World History, anticipated publication 2022.

ARTICLES

“Mughal Mythical Ancestors,” *Mythical Ancestry in World Cultures, 1400 – 1800*, Sara Trevison, ed., Brepols Publishers n.v., Turnhout: Belgium, pp. 15-34, 2018.

“Mughal Women, the Imperial Household and the State,” for *The [Oxford] Handbook of The Mughal World* edited by Richard M. Eaton and Ramya Sreenivasan, in publication.

“Women in the Mughal Empire” (3800 words), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, NY and London: Oxford University Press, September 2013.

“Jahangir” (3500 words), *Encyclopedia Islamica*, 3rd edition,
<http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/jahangir-COM_23883>, Leiden: Brill, 2011 (date of on-line publication, with print version to follow as individual volumes are completed).

“The Begims at the Mystic Feast: Turco-Mongol Influences in the Mughal Harem,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (February 2010), pp. 123–147.

“Gulbadan Begam” (2500 words), *Encyclopedia Islamica*, 3rd edition, http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/gulbadan-begam-COM_23482, Leiden: Brill, 2010 (date of on-line publication, with print version to follow as individual volumes are completed).

“The Emperor Jahangir and His Pursuit of Pleasure,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Series 3, 19, 2 (2009), pp. 1–14.

“The Lords of the Auspicious Conjunction: Turco-Mongol Imperial Identity on the Subcontinent,” *Journal of World History*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (2007) pp. 1- 39.
Reprinted in Xinru Liu, ed., "India and Central Asia," New Delhi: Permanent Black (2012) pp. 283-325.

“Jahangir” (3000 words), *Encyclopedia Iranica*, Vol. XIV, Fasc. 4, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006, pp. 375-378.

“Babur and the Founding of the Mughal Empire,” for *History of Medieval India*, 3-volume, edited by Nirmal Kumar for Sage Publications, pending

“The Emperor Jahangir,” for *History of Medieval India*, 3-volume, edited by Nirmal Kumar for Sage Publications, pending

RECENT PUBLIC LECTURES

“Paradise is a Garden,” public lecture for Museum of Fine Arts, Dec. 4, 2018

“Love has Befriended Me”: Persian Art and Culture in World History” public lecture for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, February 8, 2018

“Conquerors and Caravans: Culture and Society in Medieval Central Asia,” public lecture for *Colors of the Oasis*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, May 4, 2017

“Genghis Khan and the Liberal Arts Education,” keynote speech for Rice University Teaching Awards Ceremony, April 25, 2017

CONFERENCES

Upcoming: “The Sacrosanct Prince: Ambition, succession, and bodily harm at the royal courts of pre-modern Asia” *Monarchy and Modernity since 1500*, Cambridge, UK January 7-9, 2019.

“Managing the Turco-Mongol Legacy: Restless Princes at the Ottoman and Mughal Royal Courts,” *The Problem of Imperial Relatives in Agrarian and Nomadic Empires*, panel sponsored by the World History Association, paper presented at the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017

“Loyalty, Succession and the Restless Prince in Mughal India,” paper presented at Clemson University Annual Conference: *Kings and Queens: Dynastic Loyalties*, Greenville, North Carolina, April 8-9, 2016.

“The Exemplary Hero and the Idiosyncratic Self: The Construction of the Dynastic Narrative of Mughal India,” paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 23, 2015.

“Myth and Memory: Framing the Epic and the Ideal in Canonical Narratives of Dynastic Power,” invited talk, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, international conference *Whither the Early Modern State? Fifteenth-Century State Formations Across Eurasia: Connection, Divergences and Comparisons*, September 12, 2014.

“Elegant Nomads: A Comparative Study of the Mughal Royal Court Progress,” paper presented as part of *The Performance of Sovereignty in the Mughal Empire--New Comparisons and Contexts, in honor of John Richards*, The American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2012.

“Imagining Kingship: the Enactment of Timurid Kingship in Mughal India,” paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, San Diego, California, November 2010.

“The Timurid Kings of India: Turco-Mongol Identity at the Mughal Imperial Court,” paper presented at The American Historical Association, San Diego, California, January 2010.

“Memory and Identity: Turco-Mongol Exiles in India,” paper presented at the South Asian Studies Conference, Center for South Asia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, October 2008.

“The Emperor Jahangir and His Pursuit of Pleasure,” paper presented at the South Asian Studies Association Conference, Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, California, March 2008.

“Jahangir: Imperial Identity, Self and Empire,” paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, Mass., November 2006.

“The Mughal Library and Religious Ethics,” paper presented at the Great Lakes Ottoman Studies Workshop, DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois, September 2005.

“Jahangir: Views of Self and Empire,” paper presented at the Ohio Historical Association Conference, Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, April 2005.

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History 2014-2017

- Chair of Undergraduate Committee
- Academic advisor to all incoming majors in history, 2014-17
- Director of Honors Theses in Department of History, 2014 and 2015

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Search Committee, open rank, Director for the Chao Center for Asian Studies, 2018-19

Search Committee, assistant/associate rank, early Modern Islamic World, Art History, 2018-19

Member of faculty senate working group on Academic Advising, 2017-18

Nominations and Elections Committee, 2018

Member of the Faculty Senate, since fall 2016

Chair, University Committee on Teaching, 2016-17

Grass Roots Islam, faculty sponsor, 2015-17

Residential faculty in undergraduate college (Head Resident Fellow, McMurry College) 2009 to 2014

Founding Fellow of the Center for Teaching Excellence, 2012 to 2014

Divisional Advisor for the Humanities and Social Sciences, 2009 to 2014

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES

Member, Doctoral Committee of Reyhan Basaran, Department of Religious Studies, “The Sectarian Inquiry: Sunnism, Shi`ism and the Weaponizing of Alevi Religious Identity,” defended April 2018

Member, Doctoral Committee of Fatma Betul Yavuz, Department of Religious Studies, "Study of a Case of Sufi Messianism: Bayrami-Malāmis in the Ottoman Empire Between the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," defended April 2014

MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

Regular outside reviewer for Oxford University Press, Rutgers University Press, and I.B. Tauris

CLASSES TAUGHT IN MASTERS IN LIBERAL STUDIES, RICE UNIVERSITY

History of South Asia, Spring 2019

Early Modern Islamic Empires: Ottoman, Safavid, Mughal, Spring 2018

Imperial Pleasure Gardens: A Cultural Comparative, Fall 2016

COMMUNITY LECTURES

Upcoming: "The Mongol Empire," Glasscock School of Continuing Education, 4-week lecture series, Spring 2019

"The History of Islam," Glasscock School of Continuing Education, 6-week lecture series, 2017-18.

"Imperial Pleasure Gardens: A Cultural Comparative," six-week lecture series for the Women's Institute, Houston, March 30 to May 4, 2017.

"The Persian/Islamic Garden," Houston Garden Club, Jan 11, 2017.

"A World Tour of Pleasure Gardens," Rice University Alumni Programs, Jan. 28, 2016.

"The Origins of Islam," Congregational Church Refugee Services, Eugene, Oregon, July 2015.

"The Origins of Islam and the Muslim World," Glasscock School of Continuing Education, November 4, 2015.

"Conquest and Conversion: the Origins of Islamic Empire," Rice University Masters in Liberal Studies Summer Lecture series, August 5, 2015.

"The Mughal Dynasty," Rice University Alumni College, March 2014.

"Conquest Empires of Central Asia," Rice University Alumni College, March 2013.

"Nomads in Paradise: Turco-Mongol Kingship, Religion and Revelry in the Imperial Gardens of Ancient Iran," Friends of Fondren Library, September 18, 2013.

"The Emergence of Hindu Religious Systems in South Asia" and "Islam in South Asia," two lectures in the series entitled "India, Past and Present: A Nation in Transition," Glasscock School of Continuing Education, Rice University, Fall Semester 2012.

"Asian Gardens," workshop for high school teachers, offered by Chao Center for Asian Studies, May 2012.

"Teaching the Mughal Empire," workshop for high school history teachers, offered by Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Rice University, July 2012.

"Imperial Gardens of Asia," for community women's group, Wiess House, Rice University, February 2012.

"Imperial Pleasure Gardens," Rice Faculty Women's Club, Spring 2011.

"Research: Ideas of Kingship and Legitimacy," Rice University Women, Spring 2011.

"India and the Silk Road," a lecture in the series entitled "The Silk Road," offered through Glasscock School of Continuing Education, Fall Semester 2010.

"The Ottoman Empire" and "The Origins of Islam," two lectures in the series entitled "A Middle East Primer," offered through Glasscock School of Continuing Education, Spring Semester 2010.

"Teaching the Ottoman Empire," workshop for high school history teachers, offered by Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Rice University, June 2009.

"Genghis Khan and the Mongols in World History," workshop for high school teachers, offered by the Chao Center for Asian Studies, November 2009.

"Genghis Khan: The History and Culture of the Mongol Empire and the Yuan Dynasty," Houston Museum of Natural Sciences, March 4, 2009.

"Chingis Khan and the Oceanic Empire," Houston Museum of Natural Sciences, April 14, 2009.

ALUMNI OUTREACH:

Traveling Owls alumni reunion, “Nomadic Empire Builders,” Washington DC, September 26-27

Keynote for Traveling Owls Destination Debut & Traveler Reunion: “Travelers of the Medieval World” June 20, 2018

TRIP LEADER FOR TRAVELING OWLS (Rice Alumni Travel)

Upcoming: “The Nomadic Soul of Mongolia,” July 2019

“Egypt and the Eternal Nile,” November 2018

“Marrakech and Southern Spain,” March 2018

“Southern India: Karnataka and Kerala,” March 5-18, 2017

“Treasures of the Silk Road: Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan,” June 4-19, 2016.

“Bangkok to Bali: Featuring the Eastern and Orient Express,” November 6-18, 2015

“Splendors of Morocco: From the Imperial Cities to the Sahara,” May 2-15, 2015.

"Incredible India: Taj, Temples, and Palaces," February 22-March 8, 2014.

"Legendary Turkey: from Istanbul to the Turquoise Coast," April 23-May 7, 2013.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association, South Asian Studies Association, Middle East Studies Association

LANGUAGES

Turkish, Persian, French