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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Core Curriculum, 2024-Present
New York University, New York, NY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, conferral September 2024
New York University, New York, NY
Dissertation: "Between Bukhārā to Baghdād: New Histories for Sufism's Formative Period"
Committee: Everett Rowson (chair), Marion Katz, Ismail Alatas, Robert Hoyland (reader),
Martin Nguyen (reader)

Master of Philosophy, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, 2021
New York University, New York, NY

Master of Arts, The Study of Religion, 2014
The University of Chicago, Divinity School

Bachelor of Arts, Religious Studies, 2011
Fairfield University, Fairfield, CT

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Musto, Antonio. "From Trial (*Miḥna*) to Tribulation (*Balāʾ*): A New Look at Ghulām Khalīl's (d. 275/888) Inquisition Against the Sufis," *al-ʿUṣūr al-Wuṣṭā*, 2024

ARTICLES FORTHCOMING

Musto, Antonio. "A New Text for the History of Sufism: Abū Manṣūr al-Iṣfahānī's (d. 418/1027) *Shawāhid al-Taṣawwuf*," *Journal of Sufi Studies*, Winter 2025

ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Musto, Antonio. "An Early Argument for One God: Two Excerpts from al-Ḥārith b. Asad al-Muḥāsibī's (d. 243/857) *Kitāb al-ʿAẓama* and *al-Tanbīh ʿalā Aʿmāl al-Qulūb*," *Journal of Islamic Studies*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, “Islamic Societies,” New York University, Fall 2024. Designed and taught two weekly recitation sessions. Held weekly office hours, graded papers, and administered and graded exams.

Teaching Assistant, “The Silk Road and Central Asia,” New York University, Spring 2024. Design and teach two weekly recitation sessions. Hold weekly office hours, grade papers and, administer and grade exams.

Course Assistant, Elementary and Intermediate Arabic, New York University, Academic Year 2022-2023. Responsible for grading, holding office hours, designing review sessions, organizing weekly Arabic chats, and providing feedback for 81 students.

Teaching Assistant, “Islamic Societies,” New York University, Spring 2021. Designed and taught two weekly recitation sessions. Held weekly office hours, graded papers, and administered and graded exams.

Teaching Assistant, “Islamic World, 500-1500,” New York University, Spring 2020. Designed and taught two weekly recitation sessions. Graded papers and administered and graded exams. Held weekly office hours, graded papers, and administered and graded exams.

Course Assistant, Advanced Arabic, New York University, Fall 2018. Attended all class sessions, held office hours, graded all assignments and exams, and held weekly Arabic chat.

Course Assistant, Contemporary Media & Literary Arabic, New York University, Fall 2018. Attended all class sessions, held office hours, graded all assignments and exams, and held weekly Arabic chat.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Gazing at Youth, Anal Sex (*liwāṭ*), and Sufis: Reassessing the Historiographical Landscape of Early Sufism,” to be presented at the upcoming *2024 American Oriental Society Annual Meeting*

“The Author Formerly Known as Ibn Yazdānyār (d. 472/1079): A New Look at the *Rawḍat al-Murīdīn* and Its Place in the Broader Sufi Tradition,” presented at the *2023 American Oriental Society Annual Meeting*.

“The Many Faces of a Miḥna: Ghulām Khalīl's (d. 275/888) Anti-Sufi Trial,” presented at the *2022 American Oriental Society Annual Meeting*.

“Between Censure and Praise: Biographical Dictionaries and the View of Monks in Early Islam” presented via Zoom at Cambridge University's *The Late Antique and Medieval Social Network: A Round Table*.

“Şūfī Arbaʿīnāt: The Role of Ḥadīth in the Codification and Normalization of Şūfī Beliefs and Practices during the 4th/10th and 5th/11th Centuries,” selected to be presented at the cancelled *2020 American Oriental Society Annual Meeting*.

“Those Who Wear Wool: A Look at *al-Şufiyya* and *al-Mutaşawwifa* before the Emergence of Sufism,” presented at the *2019 American Oriental Society Annual Meeting*.

“A Tale of Two “Mystics”: Exploring the Relationship Between Ḥājī Baktāsh Valī and Jalāl al-Dīn Rūmī,” presented at the *University of Chicago Middle Eastern History and Theory Conference*.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Carola Collier Berthelot Trust Fellowship, New York University, 2023-24

Digital Humanities Seed Grant, Principal Investigator, New York University, 2023-24

Collaborative International Research Grant, American Academy of Religion, 2023

Graduate Student Digital Humanities Fellowship, New York University, 2022

Syriac Digital Humanities Fellowship, Beth Mardutho Institute, 2022

NYU Global Research Initiative Fellowship, NYU Berlin, 2021

Dumbarton Oaks/HMML Syriac Summer School Fellowship, St. John’s University, 2019

Center for Arabic Study Abroad Fellowship, American University, Cairo, Egypt, 2017-18

Critical Language Scholarship for Persian, US State Department, Tajikistan, 2014

Divinity School Scholarship, University of Chicago 2012-14

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Founder and Coordinator, “The Premodern Islamic World Lecture Series,” New York University. 2022-2024. Responsible for organizing, inviting speakers for, and running a monthly lecture series.

Research Assistant for Professor Alatas, New York University, 2020-2022. Assisted in research, Arabic translation, and editing.

Co-Founder and Coordinator, “*Dardasha*,” New York University, 2018-2020. Organized and secured funding for a weekly Arabic discussion for students of all levels that was then institutionalized by department.

Co-Founder and Coordinator, “*Guftogu*,” New York University, 2018-2019. Organized and secured funding for a weekly Persian Discussion for students of all levels.

Co-Founder and Coordinator, “Monthly Arabic Lecture Series,” New York University, 2018-2020. Organized and secured funding for a monthly lecture given in Arabic by various artists and intellectuals from New York Cities Arabic-speaking communities.

Research Assistant for Professor Abigail Balbale, New York University, 2020-2022.

Assisted in research, Arabic translation, and editing.

SERVICE

Founder and Developer, Mutūn: A Corpus Creation and Management Tool
(www.mutun.io)

Founder and Developer, Nuṣūṣ: A Corpus of Digitally Neglected Texts (www.nusus.net)

Graduate Student Liaison, The American Oriental Society, 2020-2023

LANGUAGES

Arabic	(Near-Native Reading and Writing; High Advanced Speaking)
Persian	(Reading with Dictionary; Intermediate Writing and Speaking)
Syriac	(Reading with Dictionary)
Italian	(Reading with Dictionary)
French	(Reading with Dictionary)

RELEVANT SKILLS

Working Knowledge of: Python, HTML, CSS, React, and SQL