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#### **EDUCATION**

Princeton University Doctor of Philosophy (Candidate, M.A. 2016), Sept. 2014 – Present

Major: North African History Minor: Ottoman History

**Department:** Near Eastern Studies

**Dissertation:** "A Diplomat's Social Life: The Role of Moroccan and Ottoman

Ambassadors in Creating Diplomatic Norms in the Eighteenth Century

Mediterranean"

Advisor: M'hamed Oualdi

University of Michigan Master of Arts, Sept. 2013 – June 2014

Major: Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies.

**Thesis:** "Al-Miknāsī's Mediterranean Mission: Redefining Moroccan Temporal and Religious Sovereignty in the Late Eighteenth Century"

Advisors: Eric Calderwood and Jessica Marglin

Dartmouth College Bachelor of Arts, 2009, Cum Laude

**Major:** Religion with a concentration in Medieval and Renaissance Studies. **Thesis:** "Greek Identity in Medieval Crete: A Discussion of the Religious and

Cultural Exchange in the Countryside"

**AWARDS** 

Graduate Student Fellow Princeton Center for Digital Humanities, Spring 2019

Fellowship to gain experience with the resources of the CDH and to

explore the ways in which DH can help disseminate research to public audiences

Fulbright-Hays: Doctoral Dissertation Research

Abroad

U.S. Department of Education, 2017-2018

Fully funded research grant to conduct primary archival research in Morocco and

Istanbul, Turkey

SSRC International Dissertation Research

Fellowship

Social Science Research Council, 2017-2018

Primary archival research funded in Morocco and Istanbul, Turkey

Cotsen Junior Fellow Princeton University, 2016 – 2017

Merit-based fellowship to develop new undergraduate course material with Prof.

Cyrus Schayegh

Princeton Institute for International and Regional

Studies

Summer Language Grants, Turkish, 2015 and 2016

Consecutive summers of language training in Turkey at Bogazici University

and the Cunda Ottoman Studies Institute

Rackham Graduate School

University of Michigan, 2013

Student Research Grant Grant to conduct thesis research and language training in Fes, Morocco

Foreign Language/ Area Studies

# University of Michigan, 2012-2013, 2014

One year-long fellowship and two summer language fellowships

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Al-Miknāsī's Mediterranean Mission: Negotiating Moroccan Temporal and Spiritual Sovereignty in the Late Eighteenth Century, Mediterranean Studies Journal, Vol. 23, 2. Penn State University Press, 2015. (pp. 170-194)

## **ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES**

"Mawlāy Ismāʻīl b. Al-Sharīf Abū al-Naṣr (r. 1082-1139/1672-1727)." *Encyclopedia of Islam, Three*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming. Print and Digital.

"Mawlāy al-Rashīd b. al-Sharīf b. 'Ali b. Muhammad b. 'Ali (r. 1069-82/1659–72)." *Encyclopedia of Islam, Three*. Leiden: Brill, forthcoming. Print and Digital.

### **BOOK REVIEWS**

"Crossing the strait: Morocco, Gibraltar and Great Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries," The Journal of North African Studies, 22:5. Taylor and Francis, 2017. (pp. 910-911)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Koç University	For the Sake of Humanity? Diplomatic Knowledge Production in 18 <sup>th</sup> Century Morocco and the Ottoman Empire Center for Social Sciences and Humanities Seminar Series organized by Alexis Rappas Istanbul, Turkey 6 November 2018
American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA)	Mediterranean Diplomatic Nodes: Uncovering Social Spaces of Early Modern Muslim Ambassadors Seminar on 'Space and Traverse in the Mediterranean' organized by Karla Mallette and Harry Kashdan, Utrecht, Netherlands 7 July 2017
al-Akhawayn University Ifrane, Morocco	Diplomatic Spaces in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Morocco and the Ottoman Empire Invited by Prof. Paul Love to present my dissertation research to undergraduate history majors and faculty, 7 March 2017
Middle East Studies Association (MESA)	Bilad al-Sudan in Maliki Legal Texts Panel on Islamic legal traditions, Boston, November 2016
MESA	Infra-Islamic Diplomacy: A Case Study of two Moroccan Ambassadors in Istanbul Panel on Ottoman Turkish history, Denver, November 2015
(Un)Mapping the Mediterranean	Jazirat al-Maghrib: Using Island Studies as a way to understand North Africa Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,

March 2015

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SNAP Bulletin Editor (January 2019-Present)

Spain North Africa Project Developed and revitalized the bulletin to highlight research of current members

through the use digital humanities tools with the intention of reaching out to a broader

public audience

Princeton University

North African Studies Graduate Student Group Co-founder (2014), President (2015-2016) and convener, Jazirat al-Maghrib

Graduate Student Symposium 2 April 2016

Department of Near Eastern

Studies

Graduate Student Liaison, 2015-2016

Coordinated communication between graduate students and the DGS

University of Michigan

Department of Near Eastern

Studies

Research Assistant, 2014

Developed course content including an interactive syllabus for Intro to Arab

Culture

Mediterranean Topographies Graduate Student Workshop Coordinator (2013) and Convener, Mapping the Mediterranean: Space, Memory,

and the Long Road Modernity, 11-12 October 2013

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan V

Graduate Student Instructor

Winter 2014 – Introduction to Arab Culture

Undergraduate teaching, led two twenty-five student discussion sessions and

writing tutorials. Undergraduate examining, with a focus on writing, including four papers throughout the term with mandatory revisions and drafts on all four.

**U.S. Peace Corps** 

Volunteer

Fall 2009 – Fall 2011 – Dar al-Shabab in Ribat el-Kheir, Morocco

English classes, led daily classes for beginner to advanced English students ranging

from 6-50 years old.

Dartmouth College

**Teaching Assistant** 

Fall 2008 and Fall 2009 - Patterns of Religious Experience

Undergraduate teaching, led 6 groups of 20 students in weekly discussion

sessions relating to cross-cultural and geographic history and that afforded the

students experience in analyzing primary religious texts.

**LANGUAGES** Arabic (Classical, modern, and Moroccan Colloquial), Turkish (modern and

Ottoman), French, Spanish, Persian

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Institute for Maghrib Studies Middle East Studies Association Spain North Africa Project