

# THEO A. KNIGHTS

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## EDUCATION

<b>PhD</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL <i>Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> 4.0/4.0	Expected June 2029
<b>MSt</b>	<b>University of Oxford</b> , Oxford, UK <i>Oriental Studies</i> , Distinction	June 2022
<b>MA</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL <i>Middle Eastern Studies</i> Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0	June 2021
<b>BA</b>	<b>University of Chicago</b> , Chicago, IL <i>Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> Overall GPA: 3.887/4.0; GRE 165(V), 156(Q), 5.0(W) <i>Honors</i> : Phi Beta Kappa, The Dean's List (2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017)	June 2020

## AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2021-22	<b>The Oxford Nizami Ganjavi Centre Scholar</b> Full international course fee waiver and £15,009 living stipend
2020-21	<b>United States Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship — Uzbek</b> The Center For East European And Russian/Eurasian Studies
2020-21	<b>CMES Full Tuition Scholarship</b>
2020	<b>Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Language Study Grant</b> <i>Advanced Level Certificate, Ottoman Summer Program, ANAMED, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey</i>
2020	<b>United States Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship — Turkish</b> The Center For East European And Russian/Eurasian Studies
2019-20	<b>Dean's One-Half Tuition Scholarship</b>
2016	<b>Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant for Internships</b>

## EXPERIENCE

Oct 2019 – June 2021	<b>The Center For East European And Russian/Eurasian Studies</b> , Chicago, IL <i>Student Assistant</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assist in developing a library of online resources for K-12 education</li> <li>Collaborate with Humanities Computing at the University of Chicago to redesign and rebuild the Center's website in Drupal 8</li> <li>Responsible for transferring content from the old website and for publishing all new posts to the website</li> <li>Assist in administering Zoom training to participants in conferences sponsored by the Center</li> </ul>
June – Aug 2016	<b>Oriental Institute</b> , Haifa, Israel <i>Metcalf Intern, Tell Keisan Excavations</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducted hand excavation of Bronze Age Phoenician and Israelite cultural artifacts and architectural features</li> </ul>

## PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming: Review of *An Ottoman Cosmography: Translation of Cibānnümā*. By Kâtib Çelebi. Edited by Gottfried Hagen and Robert Dankoff. Translated by Ferenc Csirkés, John Curry, and Gary Leiser. Leiden: Brill, 2021. Pp. xiv + 694. €263 (cloth),” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 82, no 1 (October 2023).

“A Revolutionary Center in the East?: Early Turkish Socialist Thought Between the Third International and the Turkish National Movement,” *Lights: The Middle Eastern Studies Student Association Journal* 5, no 1+2 (Spring 2021): 77-94.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

### Papers Presented

- 2020 “A Revolutionary Center in the East?: Early Turkish Socialist Thought Between the Third International and the Turkish National Movement,” The 15th Annual Pre-Conference for Graduate Students in Turkic/Turkish Studies, American Association of Teachers of Turkic Languages, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, October 10, 2020 (Virtual)
- 2021 “A Revolutionary Center in the East?: Early Turkish Socialist Thought Between the Third International and the Turkish National Movement,” 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Central Eurasian Students Conference, Indiana University Bloomington, Bloomington, IN, February 27, 2021 (Virtual)
- 2021 “A Revolutionary Center in the East?: Early Turkish Socialist Thought Between the Third International and the Turkish National Movement,” 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, May 1, 2021 (Postponed from May 1, 2020)

## SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

- 2022-23 & 2023-24 **Middle East History and Theory Workshop, Convener**  
*Convenes the NELC Department’s weekly yearlong series of workshops on the History of the Islamicate World*
  - Won a \$2000 grant from the Council for Advanced Studies to support the workshop and invite outside speakers
- 2023-24 **Middle East History and Theory Graduate Student Conference, Organizer**  
*Revives and organizes the Center for Middle Eastern Studies’ 2-day graduate student conference after an extended COVID hiatus*
- 2023-24 **Toward a Social History of Ottoman Languages, Symposium Coordinator**  
*Assists the conceptualization, funding, and organization of this unique symposium organized by Hakan Karateke and Helga Anetsbofer*
- 2020-21 **University of Chicago Turkish Circle, Coordinator**  
*Organized and convened a weekly yearlong series of lectures and conversations in modern Turkish*

## LANGUAGES

Turkish: Advanced reading, writing, speaking

Ottoman Turkish: Advanced reading

Uzbek: Elementary reading, writing, speaking

Modern Standard Arabic: Elementary reading, writing, speaking

Persian: Elementary reading, writing, speaking

French: Limited reading ability