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EDUCATION

PhD	University of Chicago , Chicago, IL <i>Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i> 4.0/4.0	Expected June 2029
MSt	University of Oxford , Oxford, UK <i>Oriental Studies</i> , Distinction	June 2022
MA	University of Chicago , Chicago, IL <i>Middle Eastern Studies</i> Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0	June 2021
BA	University of Chicago , 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	The Oxford Nizami Ganjavi Centre Scholar Full international course fee waiver and £15,009 living stipend
2020-21	United States Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Academic Year Fellowship — Uzbek The Center For East European And Russian/Eurasian Studies
2020-21	CMES Full Tuition Scholarship
2020	Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Language Study Grant <i>Advanced Level Certificate, Ottoman Summer Program, ANAMED, Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey</i>
2020	United States Department of Education Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship — Turkish The Center For East European And Russian/Eurasian Studies
2019-20	Dean's One-Half Tuition Scholarship
2016	Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant for Internships

EXPERIENCE

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

PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming: Review of *An Ottoman Cosmography: Translation of Cibānnümā*. By Kātib 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,” 27th 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,” 35th 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