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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2020–present Joukowsky Family Distinguished Associate Professor of Modern Middle Eastern History and Associate Professor of History, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2023–2024 Visiting Fellow, Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA
- 2019–2020 Senior Fellow, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 2018–2020 Associate Professor of History, Brown University, Providence, RI
- 2013–2018 Assistant Professor of History, Brown University, Providence, RI
- ★ Comfort-Urry Family Prize for Advising, Dean of the College Office, 2017

EDUCATION

- 2013 University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., History
- 2007 University of California, Berkeley
M.A., Anthropology
- 2006 University of California College of the Law, San Francisco
J.D., *with a concentration in International Law*
- 2002 American University in Cairo, Egypt
Alumnus, Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) and Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- 2002 University of California, Berkeley
B.A., History and Near Eastern Studies, *with Distinction in Scholarship*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2017 *Afghanistan Rising: Islamic Law and Statecraft between the Ottoman and British Empires* (Cambridge, Mass: Harvard University Press, Nov. 2017)

Book Prizes

- ★ Winner, American Historical Association John F. Richards Book Prize, 2018
- ★ Shortlist, British-Kuwait Friendship Society Book Prize in Middle East Studies, 2018

Published Reviews and Interviews

Afghan Eye • Borderlines • Choice Reviews (Review of the Week for Aug. 23-29, 2021) • Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East (Kitabkhana) • Die Welt des Islams • The Historian • H-Net Reviews in the Humanities and Social Sciences • Iranian Studies • Jadaliyya (Arab Studies Institute) • Journal of Islamic Studies • Law and History Review • Law and Religion Forum (St. John's Law School Center for Law and Religion) • Ottoman History Podcast • Pakistan Today • South Asian Studies Council (Yale University MacMillan Center) • Toynbee Prize Foundation

Translations

Pashto, by Insan Institute (Kabul, 2021)

د افغانستان عروج: اسلامي قوانین او دولت جوړونه د عثماني او بریتانوي امپراتوریو په منځ کې
(کابل: انسان څېړنیزه موسسه، ۲۰۲۱)

Persian/Dari, by Insan Institute (Toronto, In Progress)

عروج افغانستان: حقوق اسلامی و کشورداری بین امپراتوری‌های عثمانی و بریتانیا
(تورنتو: موسسه انسان، در حال انجام)

Turkish, by Telemak Kitap (Istanbul, In Progress)

Ayaklanan Afganistan: Osmanlı ve Britanya İmparatorlukları Arasında İslam Hukuku ve Devlet İnşası (İstanbul: Telemak Kitap Ayınları, yapım aşamasında)

In Progress ***Ottoman Americana: The Late Ottoman Empire and the Early United States***
(under contract with Princeton University Press)

Peer Reviewed Articles, Book Chapters, and Law Review Articles

- 2025 “Mughals, Ottomans, and the Question of ‘Codes’ in Islamic Legal History: The Case of the Fatawā-yi ‘Ālamgīrī from Early Modern Roots to Modern Legacies.” *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law* 22, no. 1 (2025): 29–54.
- 2023 “Courts and Constitutions in South Asia and the Global South: A View from the Middle East.” *Law and History Review* 41, no. 2 (2023): 405–415.*
* LHR Special Issue on Courts and Constitutions in 20th Century South Asia
- 2021 “Meddling with Medals, Defending the Dead: Late Ottoman Soft Power from South Asia to North America.” *International History Review* 43, no. 5 (2021): 1041–59.*
* IHR Special Issue on Ottoman Foreign Relations

- 2021 “Success, Failure, and Other Historical Crafts.” *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East* 41, no. 2 (2021): 266–280.*
* CSSAAME Kitabkhana Roundtable on *Afghanistan Rising*
- 2020 “The British-Ottoman Cold War: Imperial Tussles over Mobility and Citizenship from the Suez Canal to the Durand Line, c. 1880–1914,” in Lâle Can, Michael C. Low, Kent F. Schull, and Robert Zens (eds), *The Subjects of Ottoman International Law* (Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press, 2020).
- 2016 “In the Name of a Law: Islamic Legal Modernism and the Making of Afghanistan’s 1923 Constitution.” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 48, no. 4 (2016): 655–677.
- 2016 “Contested Subjects: Ottoman and British Jurisdictional Quarrels *in re* Afghans and Indian Muslims.” *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 3, no. 2 (2016): 325–346.*
* JOTSA Special Issue on Ottoman International Law
- 2015 “Istanbul and Kabul in Courtly Contact: The Question of Exchange between the Ottoman Empire and Afghanistan in the Late Nineteenth Century.” *Journal of Ottoman Studies* 45, no. 1 (2015): 265–296.
- 2007 “Shari‘a, Custom, and Statutory Law: Comparing State Approaches to Islamic Jurisprudence, Tribal Autonomy, and Legal Development in Afghanistan and Pakistan.” *Global Jurist* 7, no. 1 (2007): 1–56.
- 2007 “Afghanistan’s Reconstruction, Five Years Later: Narratives of Progress, Marginalized Realities, and the Politics of Law in a Transitional Islamic Republic.” *Gonzaga Journal of International Law* 10, no. 3 (2007): 269–314.
★ UC Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies Best Published Paper Award, 2007
- 2005 “Judicial Reform in Afghanistan: A Case Study in the New Criminal Procedure Code.” *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* 29, no. 1 (2005): 93–134.
★ Honorable Mention, Chief Justice Roger Traynor Legal Writing Prize, 2006

Book Reviews, Commentaries, and Translations (Select)

- 2022 “The Ottoman Empire and the Modern Hajj: Converging Histories from Central Asia to the Indian Ocean.” *Iranian Studies* 55, no. 3 (2022): 831–835.
- 2020 “The Ottomans, British India, and North America... with Brief Remarks on COVID-19.” *Koç Üniversitesi Anadolu Medeniyetleri Araştırma Merkezi Bülten* (Mar. 2020).
- 2019 “Learning from Afghanistan’s Independence.” *Perspectives on History* 57, no. 8 (2019): 14–16.
★ Cover Story, November 2019 Issue

- 2011 “The Forgotten Anniversary: 10/7 and America’s Longest War.” *Jadaliyya* (October 2011).
- 2004 Co-editor and translator, with Natalie Rea, Karim Khurram, and Muhammad Asem. *The Customary Laws of Afghanistan* (Kabul/New York: International Legal Foundation, 2004).

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND OTHER AWARDS

Extramural

- 2023–24 Visiting Fellow, Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World, Harvard Law School
- 2019–20 Senior Fellow, Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (ANAMED), Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye
- 2017 *Awarded for the Brown Legal History Workshop and Brown Legal Studies Collaborative (Brownlegalstudies.org), with Michael Vorenberg, Rebecca Nedostup, and Emily Owens:*
American Society for Legal History (ASLH) Project Grant
- 2016–17 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Advanced Fellowship for Research in Turkey, American Research Institute in Turkey, Istanbul
- 2016 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Fellowship for Research in Turkey, UK, and Canada
- 2015 John F. Richards Research Fellowship, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies (AIAS)
- 2010–11 Social Science Research Council (SSRC) International Dissertation Research Fellowship (IDRF)
- 2010–11 Andrew W. Mellon-Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) Dissertation Fellowship in Original Sources
- 2010 American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities
- 2010 Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) Multi-Country Dissertation Fellowship for Research in Turkey, India, and UK
- 2002–03 Fulbright U.S. Student Scholarship, Egypt
- 2002 Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship, American University in Cairo, Egypt

Intramural (Brown University, UC Berkeley, and UC Law SF)

- 2025 Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award (UTRA) for project, “Between the Ottoman Empire and USA: Exploring Historical Collections and Connections from the Local to Global”, Brown University, Summer 2025.
- 2015–2025 *Awarded for the Brown Legal History Workshop and Brown Legal Studies Collaborative (Brownlegalstudies.org), with Michael Vorenberg, Rebecca Nedostup, and Emily Owens:*
 Faculty Research Fund Grants, Brown History Department, 2015–2025 (multiple years)
 Humanities Initiative Grant, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University, 2017
 Faculty Collaboration Grant, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, 2015
 Dean of Faculty Humanities Initiative Grant, Brown University, 2015
- 2025, 2014–2021 Humanities Research Fund Grants, Office of the VP for Research, Brown Univ.
- 2024 Faculty Fellow, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University
- 2023 *Awarded for Brown History Education Prison Project (BHEPP) Proctorship, with Amy Remensnyder, Jennifer Lambe, and Ethan Pollock:*
 Mellon 21st Century Proctorship Award, Cogut Institute for the Humanities
- 2019 Master of Arts *ad eundem* (Honorary Degree), Brown University Board of Fellows
- 2019 Faculty Fellow, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University
- 2018 *Awarded for HMAN 1973N/HIST 1980L “Islam in America: A Global History Course”:*
 Engaged Scholarship Grant, Swearer Center for Public Service, Brown University, 2018
 South Asia in the World Grant, Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, 2018
- 2015–2018 Faculty Fellow in Middle East Studies, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University
- 2012 Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Dean’s Normative Time Ph.D. Dissertation Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship (BELS), Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley School of Law

2006–2008	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships for Arabic, Persian, and Urdu, UC Berkeley
2007	Andrew W. Mellon Research Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley
2004	Edwin and May Dickinson International and Comparative Law Scholarship, UC Law San Francisco
2004	Public Interest Law Foundation Fellowship, UC Law San Francisco
1998	California Alumni Association Leadership Scholarship, UC Berkeley

TEACHING

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

2013–present **Department of History**

Undergraduate Courses

HIST 0243 Modern Middle East Roots: 1492 to the Present
HIST 0244 Understanding the Middle East: A Modern History
HIST 0245 Middle Earth: A Global History of the Modern Middle East
HIST 0246 The Ottoman Empire and Modern Middle East
HIST 0247 Civilization, Empire, Nation: Competing Histories of the Middle East
HIST 1440 The Ottomans: Faith, Law, Empire
*HIST 1441 ‘Neither of the East or West’: The Ottoman Empire in World History
 *Cross-listed as Early Modern World (EMW) 1441
HIST 1455 The Making of the Modern Middle East: 1750 to the Present
HIST 1461 Afghanistan: Crossroads of Empires to America’s Longest War
HIST 1968A Approaches to the Middle East
HIST 1968K Islam in Turkey: Rumi to the Republic
HIST 1968L Islamic Law and Societies: Evolution and Revolutions in Context
HIST 1968V America and the Middle East: Histories of Connection and Exchange
HIST 1970A Students and Scholars in the Modern Middle East
HIST 1971M America and the Middle East: Social and Cultural Histories
HIST 1978X Afghanistan: Crossroads of Civilizations
HIST 1978Y Constitutional History in the Modern Middle East
HIST 1990 Undergraduate Readings and Research in Middle East History

Graduate Courses

HIST 2910 Graduate Readings and Research in Middle East History
HIST 2950 Historians Without Borders: Professionalization Seminar
HIST 2981 Legal History: Methods and Approaches in Comparative Perspective

2014–present **Center for Middle East Studies**

MES 1968 Approaches to the Middle East
MES 1970 Undergraduate Research in Middle East Studies

2019–present **Cogut Institute for the Humanities**

*HMAN 1973N Islam in America: A Global History

*Cross-listed as Religious Studies 1745C and History 1980L

2015–16 **Department of American Studies**

AMST 2921 Graduate Readings and Research in American Studies

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California

2008–2013 **Department of History**

HIST 103 The United States and the Middle East (Instructor)

HIST 12 The Middle East (Graduate Student Instructor)

HIST 109C The Modern Middle East (Reader)

HIST 127AC California History (Reader)

2005–2007 **Department of Near Eastern Studies**

ARABIC 1A Elementary Arabic (Instructor)

NES 190 Introduction to Islamic Law (Reader)

2005–2006 **Department of Anthropology**

ANTHRO 157 Anthropology of Law (Reader)

University of San Francisco Law School and Castlemont High School, Oakland, California

2006 Street Law: Knowing Your Basic Rights in the US Constitution

(Instructor, 12-week community law program administered by USF Law School and Castlemont Business and Information Technology School)

SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION (all volunteer or elected positions)

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

2015–present Co-founder and Co-organizer with Michael Vorenberg, Rebecca Nedostup, Emily Owens, and Tiraana Bains, The Brown Legal History Workshop and Brown Legal Studies Collaborative (www.Brownlegalstudies.org)

2025–present, Early Career Faculty Mentoring Program Mentor, Office of the Dean of the
2018–19 Faculty and Brown Faculty of Color Network

2024–2025 Advisory Board Member, The Choices Program

2013–25 Search Committees (10) in Department of History, Center for Middle East Studies, and Office of the Chaplains and Religious Life

2014–25 Faculty Advisor to Choices Program teaching units:

Afghanistan

The Syrian Civil War

The Middle East: Questions for U.S. Policy

- 2014–24 Faculty Usher, Brown University Baccalaureate Service, First Baptist Church in America, Providence, RI (multiple years)
- 2020–22 Director of Graduate Advising, Department of History
- 2020–22, 2017–18 Graduate Committee Member, Department of History
- 2021 History Department Delegate, with Lin Fisher, Tara Nummedal, and Ethan Pollock, to American Historical Association’s Career Diversity Faculty Institute
- 2017–19, 2015–16 Faculty Executive Committee, Center for Middle East Studies
- 2017 Faculty Advisor, Building Relations: Islam and Judaism (BRIJ)
- 2014–16 Planning and Priorities Committee (PPC), Department of History
- 2014–15 Team Enhanced Advising and Mentoring (TEAM), Dean of the College Office
- 2014 Brown University delegate, Ivy+ Symposium for Diversity in Education, Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

UC Berkeley, Berkeley, California

- 2012–13 Co-organizer, Berkeley Legal History Workshop, with Rebecca McLennan and Giuliana Perrone (monthly during academic year), Department of History

UC College of the Law, San Francisco, CA

- 2004–05 Editorial Board, *UC Law SF (Hastings) International Law Review*

External Service to the Profession

- 2021–present Middle East Studies Association Global Academy, Tucson, Arizona
Faculty consultant for Afghan Scholars at Risk initiative
- 2017–present American Research Institute in Turkey, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Istanbul, Türkiye, Brown University Institutional Delegate
- 2016–present Peer Reviewer for academic journals (11), university press books (5), and university tenure, promotion, and prize committees (4)
- 2023 American Muslims: A History Revealed (PBS documentary)
Historical consultant for 2025-released PBS documentary series
- 2021–22 Adam Matthew Digital Primary Sources, Wiltshire, UK
Historical consultant for Central Asia, Persia, and Afghanistan digital archives

- 2021 National Public Radio (NPR) Throughline Podcast
Historical consultant for 2021 Peabody-award winning episode, “Afghanistan: Center of the World”
- 2015 Moses Brown High School, Providence, Rhode Island
Faculty consultant for units on Afghanistan, Islam, and the Middle East
- 2013 Rhode Island School of Design (RISD), Providence, Rhode Island
Consultant for Modern Middle East History faculty search

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures, Interviews, and Papers

- 2025 Interview, “Hay exhibit examines how fashion in Islamic insurrections shaped American identity.” *Brown Daily Herald*, with Ivy Huang. Sept. 18, 2025.
- 2025 Conference Paper, “The Intertwining of Ottoman Diplomacy and North American Law: Perspectives from the Ottoman Archives and US and Canadian Court Records.” Skilliter Center for Ottoman Studies, 40th Anniversary Symposium: The Ottomans and Diplomacy, University of Cambridge, England, UK. July 11, 2025.
- 2024 Workshop Paper, “America in the Ottoman Gaze, 1730-1923.” Faculty Fellow Presentation, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University. Apr. 2, 2024.
- 2023 Workshop Paper, “Lives of Law between the Ottoman Empire and North America.” Visiting Fellow Presentation, Program on Law and Society in the Muslim World, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA. Apr. 5, 2023.
- 2023 Conference Paper, “Afghanistan, India, Turkey—Before and After Lausanne: Convergence and Divergence in Anticolonial Solidarity.” Partition Machine: The 1923 Treaty of Lausanne 100 Years Later, The British Academy and University of Glasgow, Scotland, UK. Aug. 10-11, 2023.
- 2023 Presentation, “Ottoman-American Relations: Definitions, Sources, and Perspectives.” Ottoman Diasporas in New England Workshop, Mandel Center for the Humanities and Department of History, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Dec. 8, 2023.
- 2022 Interview, “Thinking about Afghanistan’s Present through its Past.” *Borderlines*, with Nishat Akhtar and Karim Malak. Mar. 1, 2022.
- 2019–22 Guest lectures on *Afghanistan Rising*:
Cornell University
Cornell Law School Clarke Initiative for Law and Justice in MENA, Critical Ottoman and Post-Ottoman Studies Program, and Comparative Muslim Societies Program, Ithaca, NY. Sept. 20, 2022
- Duke University
History and Religion Departments, Durham, NC, held via Zoom. Oct. 14, 2020

University of California, Los Angeles
UCLA Asia Pacific Center and Central Asian Program, Los Angeles, CA.
Scheduled for May 7, 2020, canceled for COVID-19

University of Washington, Seattle
Jackson School of International Studies, Seattle, WA. Scheduled for April 21, 2020, canceled for COVID-19

Middle East Technical University, Ankara
Area Studies Department, Ankara, Türkiye. Feb. 5, 2020

Bogaziçi University, Istanbul
History Dept. and Asian Studies Center, Istanbul, Türkiye. Dec. 3, 2019

Koc University, Istanbul
American Research Institute in Turkey and Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Istanbul, Türkiye. Nov. 11, 2019

Istanbul Şehir University, Istanbul
College of Humanities and Social Sciences History Conference Series-Tarihçe Konferans Serisi, Istanbul, Türkiye. Oct. 30, 2019

Northwestern University
Global Humanities Initiative and Middle East and North African Studies Program, Evanston, IL. May 21, 2019

University of Pennsylvania
Middle East Center, South Asia Center, and Department of South Asia Studies, Philadelphia, PA. Apr. 18, 2019

Camden County College
New Perspectives Lecture Series, Blackwood, NJ. Apr. 17, 2019

New York University
Kevorkian Center for Near East Studies and NYU Ottoman-Turkish Program, New York, NY. Apr. 4, 2019

Rutgers University and New Jersey Institute of Technology
Federated History Department, Newark, NJ. Apr. 3, 2019

University of California, Berkeley
Institute for South Asia Studies, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and Center for British Studies, Berkeley, CA. Feb. 19, 2019

University of California, Irvine
Jordan Center for Persian Studies, Irvine, CA. Feb. 14, 2019

University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
Global History Grad Seminar, Chapel Hill, NC, held via Zoom, Feb. 13, 2019

Harvard Law School
Islamic Legal Studies Program, Cambridge, MA. Feb. 6, 2019

Yale University
South Asian Studies Colloquium and Council on Middle East Studies, MacMillan
Center, New Haven, CT. Jan. 24, 2019

- 2021 Interview, "Afghanistan: The Center of the World (Part I)." *Throughline*, National Public Radio (NPR), with Rund Abdelfatah and Ramtin Arablouei. Sept. 9, 2021.
- ★ *Peabody Award presented to NPR Throughline for this three-part series, 2021*
- 2021 Interview, "To Consider Afghanistan's Future, Look to the Country's Past." *Boston Globe*, with Michelle Liu. Aug. 19, 2021.
- 2021 Interview, "Senator Jack Reed and Brown University professor speak on unfolding chaos in Afghanistan." *ABC6 Rhode Island News*, with Laura Pugliese. Aug. 16, 2021.
- 2020 Interview, "Afghanistan's Constitution and the Ottoman Empire." *Ottoman History Podcast*, with Shireen Hamza and Huma Gupta, Cambridge, MA. Jan. 4, 2020.
- 2020 Panel Speaker, John F. Richards Prize Panel Discussion on *Afghanistan Rising*, American Historical Association Meeting. New York, NY, Jan. 5, 2020.
- 2019 Senior Fellow Presentation, "The Late Ottoman Empire and the Early United States in Contact and Exchange." Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations, Koç University, Istanbul, Türkiye. Oct. 4, 2019.
- 2019 Workshop Paper, "Ottoman Americana, 1730-1923." Faculty Fellow Presentation, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University. Mar. 12, 2019.
- 2018 Interview, "Islam, Constitutionalism, and the Nation State in Afghanistan." *Toynbee Prize Foundation*, with Joshua Milstein. Dec. 5, 2018.
- 2018 Workshop Paper, "The King's Speech: Visions of Constitutional Monarchy and an Islamic Rule of Law in Early 20th Century Afghanistan." *12th Annual South Asia Legal Studies Workshop*, University of Wisconsin Law School, Madison, WI. Oct. 11, 2018.
- 2018 Interview, New Texts Out Now series with *Jadaliyya Ezine*. May 25, 2018.
- 2018 Conference Paper, "Modern Muslim Kingship, Islamic Nation-State." *Monarchy and Sovereignty in 20th Century Asia* symposium, Global Asia Initiative, Duke University, Durham, NC. Apr. 13, 2018.
- 2017 Conference Paper, "Islam, Monarchy, and the Nation-State: Authority, Legitimacy, and Amani-Kemalist Dialectics." *Networks of Circulation and the Exchange of Ideas in Modern Afghanistan* panel. MESA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Nov. 20, 2017.
- 2017 Conference Paper, "Indo-Afghans and Religious Mobility in the Ottoman Mediterranean: Jaffa to Jerusalem, Tripoli to Istanbul." *Sites of Religious Memory in an Age of Exodus* symposium, Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, New York. Nov. 17, 2017.
- 2017 Guest Lecture, "The Ottoman Empire and Afghanistan: Histories of Exchange and the State of Research." Istanbul University, Conversations in Islamic Law Lecture Series,

Istanbul, Türkiye. May 10, 2017.

- 2017 Guest Lecture, “Afghanistan and the Ottomans: Sufis, Scholars, and Statemakers in Interislamic Exchange.” American Research Institute in Turkey, Istanbul. Mar. 20, 2017.
- 2017 Conference Paper, “Legalizing Afghanistan: Pan-Islamic Jurists, Schools of Law, and a Constitutional Network in Kabul, 1880-1931.” *Presidential Session: Modalities of Modern Muslim Political Thought*, AHA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Jan. 6, 2017.
- 2016 Roundtable Panelist, “International Law, Sovereignty, and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire.” MESA Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. Nov. 20, 2016.
- 2016 Keynote Address, “Central Asian Studies after the Transregional Turn: A View from the Middle East.” UCLA Central Asian Studies Conference. Los Angeles, CA. Apr 28, 2016.
- 2016 Guest Lecture, “What’s Legal about Islamic Law?” Brown University Pre-Law Society. Mar. 22, 2016.
- 2016 Conference Paper, “Mughals, Ottomans, Afghans, and the Hanafi Juridical Field: Genealogies and Legacies of the *Fatawa Hindiyya*.” Legal Heritage in the Ottoman Empire and India in Light of Printed Works and Manuscripts Conference, Istanbul University, Turkey. Feb. 27, 2016.
- 2015 Opening Address, “The Middle East Map (1915-2015): 100 Years of Partition, Contestation, and Negotiation.” *The Middle East in Transition*, Choices Leadership Institute, Brown University School of Professional Studies. July 13, 2015.
- 2015 Conference Paper, “An Empire by Persuasion: The Campaign to Codify Afghan Law and the Case of Shah Amanullah’s Sermons.” Islamic Law and Empire Conference, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA. June 1, 2015.
- 2015 Panel Speaker, “Politics of Polarization: Charlie Hebdo, Islamophobia, Hate Crimes.” Providence College, Political Science Department, with Nancy Khalek. Apr. 9, 2015.
- 2015 Conference Paper, “Contested Subjects: Ottoman and British Jurisdictional Quarrels over Afghans and Indians Abroad, 1882-1914.” *Citizenship at the End of Empire* panel, AHA Annual Meeting, New York, NY. Jan. 5, 2015.
- 2014 Conference Paper, “The Sultanis of Kabul: Ottoman Expats in Afghanistan, 1901-1914.” *Ottomans Abroad: Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan* panel, MESA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Nov. 24, 2014.
- 2014 Opening Address, “The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and Reconfiguring the Middle East.” *Turkey: Empire, Republic, Democracy*, Choices Leadership Institute. July 7, 2014.
- 2014 Panel Speaker, “Doing the Work of History: Document, Audience, Community, Responsibility.” Brown History Department Lecture Series, with Rebecca Nedostup, Roquinaldo Ferreira, Jo Guldi, and Lukas Rieppel. May 5, 2014.
- 2014 Conference Paper, “An ‘Islamicate’ Rule of Law in Afghanistan? The Case of the Nizamnama Reforms of Amir Amanullah Khan, 1919-1926.” *3rd Aga Khan Symposium: Sharia, Governance, and Development*, Watson Institute, Brown University. Apr. 5, 2014.

- 2014 Panel Speaker, “Digital Archives and the Future(s) of Middle East History: Glimpses from Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan,” with Eve Troutt Powell. *Ivy Plus Symposium: Advancing Diversity in Higher Education*, Harvard University/MIT. Mar. 15, 2014.
- 2013 Lecture, “The Sultanis of Kabul: Ottoman Experts in Afghanistan, 1877-1923.” Middle East Studies, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown Univ. Dec. 4, 2013.
- 2013 Conference Paper, “Breaking Ground in the Early Modern Islamic Juridical Field: The *Fatawa-i ‘Alamgiri* (1675).” *Early Modern Law in the Muslim World* panel, American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting, Miami, FL. Nov. 9, 2013.
- 2013 Conference Paper, “Preaching the Rule of Law in Afghanistan: Introducing Shah Amanullah’s Friday Sermons in Qandahar, 1925.” *Recreating Social Fabrics* panel, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Oct. 13, 2013.
- 2013 Workshop Paper, “An Ottoman Lawyer in Victorian Kabul.” Legal History Workshop, UCB History Department and Center for the Study of Law and Society. Mar. 14, 2013.
- 2012 Guest Lecture, “A Tale of Three Cities: Istanbul, Kabul, Greater Delhi and the Making of Afghanistan’s First Constitution.” Brown University. Nov. 28, 2012.
- 2012 Interview, KPCC 89.3 FM Los Angeles on Afghan Constitutional History. Oct. 6, 2012.
- 2011 Panel Speaker, “The Forgotten Anniversary: 9/11 to 10/7.” *Contextualizing the Arab Spring: Formations of Violence*, UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology Brownbag Series. Oct. 6, 2011.
- 2011 Interview, KABC-TV Los Angeles on Afghanistan current affairs. July 1, 2011.
- 2008 Conference Paper, “In the Eyes of an Afghan Lawyer: Law and Development in Post-2001 Afghanistan.” American Society of Comparative Law Conference, San Francisco, CA. Oct. 2, 2008.
- 2008 Interview, KQED 88.5 FM Forum with Michael Krasny on Law in Afghanistan, with Robert Crews and J. Alexander Thier. San Francisco, CA. Feb. 11, 2008.
- 2004 Panel Speaker, “On Legal Education in the United States.” Asia Society Rule of Law Seminar with Afghan judges and attorneys. Kabul, Afghanistan. July 2004.
- 2003 Panel Speaker, US Scholars and Students Delegation to Assiut University, Egypt, sponsored by the Binational Fulbright Commission of Egypt. Assiut, Egypt. Mar. 2003.

Commenting, Moderating, and Organizing

- 2025 Moderator and commentator, Book Launch for Michael Vorenberg’s *Lincoln’s Peace: The Struggle to End the American Civil War* (2025). Watson School for International and Political Affairs, Brown University. Apr. 23, 2025.
- 2025 Commentator, Islamic Law and Law in South Asia panel for Elizabeth Lhost’s *Everyday Islamic Law and the Making of South Asia* (UNC Press, 2022). Association of American Law Schools Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA. Jan. 8, 2025.

- 2024 Organizer and moderator, Mostafa Minawi lecture: “The Forgotten Intimacies of Empire in the Middle East,” with Jennifer Johnson. Center for Middle East Studies and History Department, Brown University. Nov. 18, 2024.
- 2024 Organizer and moderator, Adam Mestyan lecture: “Modern Arab Kingship: Remaking the Ottoman Political Order in the Interwar Middle East,” with Tiraana Bains. Center for Middle East Studies and History Department, Brown University. Sept. 19, 2024.
- 2024 Organizer and moderator, Aria Fani lecture: “Reading Across Borders: Afghans, Iranians and Literary Nationalism,” with Michelle Quay and Shahzad Bashir. Center for Middle East Studies, History, Comparative Literature, Religious Studies, and Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University. Apr. 23, 2024.
- 2024 Co-organizer with Nadjie Al-Ali: A Conversation with Peter Beinart, “Zionism at the Crossroads: American Jewish Communities, the Destruction of Gaza, and the Future of Israel-Palestine,” with Peter Beinart, Katharina Galor, and Paul Nahme. Center for Middle East Studies, Judaic Studies Program, Office of Institutional Equity and Diversity (+12 co-sponsors), Brown University. Apr. 17, 2024.
- 2024 Moderator, Orit Bashkin lecture: “Before the Settlers: Gazan Jews, the History of Jews in Ottoman Palestine, and the War,” with Omer Bartov. Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and Center for Middle East Studies, Brown University. Mar. 14, 2024.

2020–2022 Organizer and Moderator, Brown History Department’s “What History Looks Like” Series:

“Brown’s Land Acknowledgement and Indigenous History: A History Department Conversation,” featuring Ethan Pollock, Kimonee Burke, and Patricia Rubertone. Nov. 10, 2022.

“Careers in Public History: An Informational and Practical Workshop,” featuring Alissa Butler, Study Center Manager, Historic New England. Oct. 20, 2022.

“A Day in the Life Of: Associate Professors,” featuring Jonathan Conant, Jennifer Johnson, and Daniel Rodríguez. Apr. 7, 2022.

“The Rhode Island Historical Society: Celebrating 200 Years of Local History in Global Context,” featuring C. Morgan Greffe (Exec. Director), Richard Ring (Deputy Exec. Director for Collections and Interpretation). Mar. 15, 2022.

“Archives and Archivists: Professional Opportunities, New Directions, and the Pembroke Center Archives,” featuring Mary Murphy and Amanda Knox. Feb. 17, 2022.

“For the Public Interest: History PhDs Working in the Nonprofit Sector,” featuring Emily Brimsek (National Center on Education and the Economy, Wash., DC), Heather Sanford (Center for Antiracist Research, Boston, MA), and William Tatum III (Dutchess County Historian, Poughkeepsie, NY). Dec. 2, 2021

“Spotlight on The Choices Program: The Opportunities and Impact of Producing Curriculum for Secondary Education Classrooms,” featuring Kevin

Hoskins, Andy Blackadar, Mimi Stephens, and Rebecca Nedostup. Nov. 16, 2021.

“The Work and Lives of Tenure-Track Assistant Professors: Myths, Realities, Experiences,” featuring Bathsheba Demuth, Emily Owens, and Gabriel de Avilez Rocha. Oct. 12, 2021

“Live from the Field: History and Humanities PhDs in University Administration,” featuring Ferentz LaFargue (Dean, Saybrook College, Yale), Laura Perille (Associate Director of Fellowships, Awards, and Resources, Georgetown), and Joel Revill (Senior Associate Dean of the Faculty, Brown). Mar. 22, 2021, via Zoom.

“Alumni Stories: Brown History PhDs and Tenure-track Faculty Careers at Public Universities,” featuring Sara Fingal (CSU Fullerton), Alicia Maggard (Auburn University), Tshombe Miles (Baruch College CUNY). Mar. 2, 2021, via Zoom.

“Live from the Field: History PhDs in High School Teaching and Administration,” featuring Christopher Jones and Marisela Ramos (Phillips Academy Andover, MA), and Anthony Watson (Woodberry Forest School, VA). Feb. 23, 2021, via Zoom.

“Historians in Quarantine, Part III: On Digital History Publishing During and After COVID-19,” featuring John Bodel, Elias Muhanna, and Tara Nummedal. Feb. 8, 2021, via Zoom.

“Historians in Quarantine, Part II: On Digital History Teaching During and After COVID-19,” featuring Dr. Cindy Nguyen. Nov. 9, 2020, via Zoom.

“Historians in Quarantine, Part I: On Digital History Research During and After COVID-19,” featuring Rebecca Nedostup, Benjamin Hein, and Steven Lubar. Sept. 28, 2020, via Zoom.

- 2022 Organizer and moderator, Marjan Wardaki: “Decolonial Science: Muslims in Interwar Germany and the Making of Modern Afghanistan,” with Benjamin Hein. History and German Studies Departments, Center for Middle East Studies, Saxena Center for Contemporary South Asia, and Program in STS, Brown University. Oct. 12, 2022.
- 2022 Organizer and moderator, Alan Mikhail seminar “Boom Cairo.” History Department, Center for Middle East Studies, and Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University. Sept. 15, 2022.
- 2021 Commentator, with Macarena Gómez-Barris and Veena Das, Collaborative Public Workshop, Cogut Institute for the Humanities, Brown University (via Zoom). Apr. 9-10, 2021.
- 2021 Commentator, Nurfadzilah Yahaya’s *Fluid Jurisdictions: Colonial Law and Arabs in Southeast Asia* (Cornell University Press, 2020), Leiden Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Leiden, Netherlands (via Zoom). Mar. 22, 2021.

- 2019 Commentator, Rohit De's *The People's Constitution: The Everyday Life of Law in the Indian Republic* (Princeton University Press, 2018), New Books in Global Legal History Salon, American Society for Legal History annual conference, Boston, MA. Nov. 22, 2019.
- 2019 Discussant, *Centennial of Afghanistan's Independence Conference*. Afghanistan Centre at Kabul University, Kabul, Afghanistan. Aug. 17, 2019.
- 2018 Commentator, "Law, Language, and the Archive" faculty panel. *3rd Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference*. Brown University. Apr. 27, 2018.
- 2016 Moderator, "Legal Sources and the Law's Archive" faculty panel. *1st Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference*. Brown University. Apr. 23, 2016.
- 2015 Organizer and commentator, "A Conversation with Afghanistan's First Female Mayor, Azra Jafari." Middle East Studies, Brown University. Oct. 1, 2015.
- 2015 Commentator, William Dalrymple's *Afghanistan: Return of a King*. O.P. Jindal Distinguished Lecture, Brown India Initiative/South Asian Studies. May 1, 2015.
- 2015 Chair and Discussant, "Politics of Historical Narratives and Facts on the Ground" panel. *4th Annual Aga Khan Symposium: Politics of Time*. Brown University. Apr. 24, 2015.
- 2015 Discussant, "Potentializing Borders: In the Interstices of Modern Area Studies." South Asian Studies and Middle East Studies, Brown University. Mar. 4, 2015.
- 2014 Chair, "Legal Interpretation and Practice in the Ottoman Empire" panel. *3rd Annual Aga Khan Symposium: Sharia, Governance, and Development*. Brown University. Apr. 4, 2014.
- 2014 Discussant, *Costs of War Workshop*, Watson Institute, Brown University. Feb. 8, 2014.
- 2012–13 Co-organizer, *Berkeley Legal History Workshop*, with Rebecca McLennan and Giuliana Perrone, Department of History. Monthly during 2012-13 academic year.
- 2010 Discussant, "The Interpretation of Interrogation-Related Violence," by Alexa Koenig, Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley School of Law. Jan. 28, 2010.
- 2008 Co-organizer, Symposium: *The US in Iraq at Five Years*. UC Berkeley. Apr. 22, 2008.
- 2005 Co-organizer, Symposium: *Democratization and the Middle East: Promises and Challenges*. UC College of the Law, San Francisco, CA. Apr. 11, 2005.

LANGUAGES

Fluent or Advanced Proficiency

Arabic

English

Persian (Dari)

Turkish and Ottoman Turkish (Latin, Rika, Sülüs-Nesih, and Talik scripts)

Urdu

Reading Knowledge

French
Spanish

Study Abroad

Amman, Jordan (Classical and Levantine Arabic)
Cairo, Egypt (Modern Standard and Egyptian Arabic)
Cunda, Türkiye (Ottoman Turkish)
Istanbul, Türkiye (Turkish and Ottoman Turkish)
Lucknow, India (Urdu)

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Association of University Professors
American Historical Association
American Society for Legal History
Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
Middle East Studies Association
Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association