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EMPLOYMENT

2018–present Associate Professor of History, Brown University

2013–2018 Assistant Professor of History, Brown University

EDUCATION

2013 University of California, Berkeley
Ph.D., History

2007 University of California, Berkeley
M.A., Anthropology

2006 University of California, Hastings College of the Law
J.D., *with a concentration in International Law*

2002 University of California, Berkeley
B.A., History and Near Eastern Studies, *with Distinction in Scholarship*

PUBLICATIONS**Book**

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

Peer-Reviewed Articles

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
(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 (2016):
325–346.

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 (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 (2007): 1–56.

Law Review Articles

- 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 (2007): 269–314.*
* **Winner**, UC Berkeley Center for Middle Eastern Studies Best Published Paper (2007)
- 2005 “Judicial Reform in Afghanistan: A Case Study in the New Criminal Procedure Code.” *Hastings International and Comparative Law Review* 29 (2005): 93–134.*
* **Honorable Mention**, Chief Justice Roger Traynor Legal Writing Competition (2006)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Extramural

American Society for Legal History project grant for Brown Legal Studies (with Michael Vorenberg and Rebecca Nedostup), 2017

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Advanced Fellowship for Research in Turkey, American Research Institute in Turkey, 2016

Council of American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Research Fellowship, 2016

John F. Richardson Research Fellowship, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, 2015

Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2010

Andrew W. Mellon and Council on Library and Information Resources Dissertation Fellowship in Original Sources, 2010

American Research Institute in Turkey Dissertation Fellowship in the Humanities, 2010

Council of American Overseas Research Centers Multi-Country Dissertation Fellowship, 2010

Fulbright Scholarship, Egypt, 2002

Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) Fellowship, American University in Cairo, Egypt, 2002

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

Cogut Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellow, Brown University, 2018

Comfort-Urry Prize for Leadership, Career Advising, and Motivation, Brown University, 2017

South Asia in the World Development Grant, Center for Contemporary South Asia, Brown University, 2017

Engaged Scholarship Development Grant, Swearer Center for Public Service, Brown Univ., 2017

Faculty Fellow in Middle East Studies, Watson Institute, Brown University, 2017-18, 2015-16

For Brown Legal History Workshop (with Michael Vorenberg and Rebecca Nedostup):

Cogut Institute Humanities Initiative Grant, Brown University, 2017;

Faculty Research Fund Grant, History Department, Brown University, 2018, 2017, 2015;

Watson Institute Faculty Collaboration Grant, Brown University, 2015;

Dean of Faculty Office Humanities Initiative Grant, Brown University, 2015.

Humanities Research Fund Grants, Brown Office of the Vice President for Research, 2014–18

Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley, 2012

Dean's Normative Time Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2012

Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley, 2010

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for Arabic, Persian, and Urdu, 2006–08

Mellon Research Grant, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UC Berkeley, 2007

Edwin and May Dickinson International and Comparative Law Scholarship, UC Hastings, 2004

Public Interest Law Foundation Fellowship, UC Hastings, 2004

TEACHING

Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

2013–present Department of History

HIST 243: Modern Middle East Roots: 1492 to the Present

HIST 247: Civilization, Empire, Nation: Competing Histories of the Middle East

HIST 1440: The Ottomans: Faith, Law, Empire

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 1970A: Students and Scholars in the Modern Middle East

HIST 1971M: America and the Middle East

HIST 1978X: Afghanistan: Crossroads of Civilizations

HIST 1978Y: Constitutional History in the Modern Middle East

HIST 2910: Graduate Readings and Research in Middle East History

HIST 2981: Legal History: Methods and Approaches in Comparative Perspective

Program in Middle East Studies

MES 1970: Undergraduate Research in Middle East Studies

Department of American Studies

AMST 2921: Graduate Readings and Research

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California

2005–2013 Department of History

HIST 103: The United States and the Middle East

HIST 12: The Middle East (Teaching Assistant)

HIST 109C: The Modern Middle East (Reader)

HIST 127AC: California History (Reader)

Department of Near Eastern Studies

ARABIC 1A: Beginning Arabic

PRESENTATIONS

Conference and Workshop Papers

- 2018 “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-Madison Law School, Madison, WI. Oct. 11, 2018.
- 2018 “Modern Muslim Kingship and the Islamic Nation-State: Royal-Religious Authority and the Amani-Kemalist Dialectic in Early Twentieth Century Afghanistan.” *Monarchy and Sovereignty in Twentieth Century Asia* symposium, Global Asia Initiative, Duke University. Durham, NC. Apr. 13, 2018.
- 2017 “Islam, Monarchy, and the Nation-State: Secular Authority, Sacred Legitimacy, and the Amani-Kemalist Dialectic.” *Networks of Circulation and the Exchange of Ideas in Modern Afghanistan* panel, sponsored by the American Institute of Afghanistan Studies. Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Nov. 20, 2017.
- 2017 “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, Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life and Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, New York, NY. Nov. 17, 2017.
- 2017 “Legalizing Afghanistan: Pan-Islamic Jurists, Schools of Law, and a Constitutional Network in Kabul, 1880-1931.” *Presidential Session: Modalities of Modern Muslim Political Thought*, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Jan. 6, 2017.
- 2016 Thematic Roundtable, “International Law, Sovereignty, and Subjecthood in the Late Ottoman Empire.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA. Nov. 20, 2016.
- 2016 “Mughals, Ottomans, Afghans, and the Hanafi Juridical Field: Genealogies and Legacies of the *Fatawa Hindiyya*.” *Fiqhi Heritage in the Ottoman Empire and India in Light of Printed Works and Manuscripts* Conference, Istanbul University. Istanbul, Turkey. Feb. 27, 2016.
- 2015 “An Empire by Persuasion? The Campaign to Codify Afghan Law and the Case of Shah Amanullah’s Sermons.” *Statecraft and Law-Making in Imperial and Post-Imperial Muslim Politics* panel, Islamic Law and Empire Conference, Harvard Law School. June 1, 2015.
- 2015 “Contested Subjects: Ottoman and British Jurisdictional Quarrels over Afghans and Indians Abroad, 1882-1914.” *Citizenship at the End of Empire* panel, American Historical Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. Jan. 5, 2015.
- 2014 “The Sultanis of Kabul: Ottoman Expats in Afghanistan, 1901-1914.” *Ottomans Abroad: Comparative Studies in Ottoman Migration from the Americas to Afghanistan* panel, Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. Nov. 24, 2014.
- 2014 “An ‘Islamicate’ Rule of Law in Afghanistan? The Case of the Nizamnama Reforms of Amir Amanullah Khan, 1919-1926.” *Third Annual Aga Khan Symposium: Sharia, Governance, and Development*, Brown University. Apr. 5, 2014.

- 2013 “Breaking Ground in the Early Modern Islamic Juridical Field: The *Fatava-i ‘Alamgiri* (1675).” *Early Modern Law in the Muslim World* panel, American Society of Legal History Annual Meeting, Miami, FL. Nov. 9, 2013.
- 2013 “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 “An Ottoman Lawyer in Victorian Kabul.” Berkeley Legal History Workshop, UC Berkeley History Department and Center for the Study of Law and Society. Mar. 14, 2013.
- 2011 “The Forgotten Anniversary: 9/11 to 10/7.” *Contextualizing the Arab Spring: Formations of Violence*, UC Berkeley Dept. of Anthropology lunch series. Oct. 6, 2011.
- 2008 “In the Eyes of an Afghan Lawyer: Law and Development in Post-2001 Afghanistan.” American Society of Comparative Law Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Oct. 2, 2008.

Invited Talks and Interviews

- 2018 Interview with *Jadaliyya Ezine* for *Afghanistan Rising*. May 25, 2018.
- 2018 Interview with Joshua Milstein of the Toynbee Prize Foundation: The Hub for Global History for *Afghanistan Rising*. February 23, 2018.
- 2017 “The Ottoman Empire and Afghanistan: Histories of Exchange and the State of Research.” Istanbul University, Fıkıh Konuşmaları (Conversations in Islamic Law lecture series), Istanbul, Turkey. May 10, 2017.
- 2017 “Afghanistan and the Ottomans: Sufis, Scholars, and Statemakers in Interislamic Exchange.” Türk Amerikan İlmi Araştırmaları Derneği (American Research Institute in Turkey), Istanbul, Turkey. Mar. 20, 2017.
- 2016 Keynote Address, “Central Asian Studies after the Transregional Turn—A View from the Middle East.” UCLA Central Asian Studies Second Annual Conference: Expanding Eurasia—New Approaches to Central Asian Studies. Los Angeles, CA. Apr. 28, 2016.
- 2016 “Peace and War in the Middle East: A Historian’s Perspective.” History Department Undergraduate Group Lunch Lecture, Brown University. Mar. 24, 2016.
- 2016 “What’s Legal about Islamic Law?” Brown Pre-Law Society. Mar. 22, 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 teacher forum, Brown University School of Professional Studies. July 13, 2015.
- 2015 “Politics of Polarization: Charlie Hebdo, Islamophobia, Hate Crimes.” Providence College, Political Science Department. Apr. 9, 2015.

- 2015 “On ‘Islamic’ History and Islam in America.” Religious Literacy Project, Brown University. Apr. 8, 2015.
- 2014 Opening Address, “The Fall of the Ottoman Empire and Reconfiguring the Middle East.” *Turkey: Empire, Republic, Democracy*, Choices Leadership Institute teachers’ forum, Brown University School of Professional Studies. July 7, 2014.
- 2014 “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 “Islam, Social History, and the Academy: Challenges, Opportunities, New Directions.” The Religious Literacy Project, Brown University. Apr. 9, 2014.
- 2014 “Digital Archives and the Future(s) of Middle East History: Glimpses from Turkey, Iran, and Afghanistan.” *Annual Ivy Plus Symposium: Advancing Diversity in Higher Education*, Harvard University/MIT. Mar. 15, 2014.
- 2013 “The Sultanis of Kabul: Ottoman Experts in Afghanistan, 1877-1923.” Middle East Studies, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University. Dec. 4, 2013.
- 2012 “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 Interview, KABC-TV Los Angeles on Afghanistan current affairs. July 1, 2011.
- 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 “Legal Education in the United States.” Asia Society Rule of Law Seminar with Afghan judges and attorneys. Kabul, Afghanistan. July 2004.
- 2003 US Scholars and Students Delegation to Assiut University, Egypt, sponsored by the Binational Fulbright Commission of Egypt. Assiut, Egypt. Mar. 2003.

Commenting and Organizing

- 2018 Panelist, “Law, Language, and the Archive” faculty panel. *3rd Annual Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference*. Brown University. April 27, 2018.
- 2016 Moderator, “Legal Sources and the Law’s Archive” faculty panel. *1st Annual Legal Studies Graduate Student Conference*. Brown University. April 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– Co-organizer, *Brown Legal History Workshop* and *Brown Legal Studies*, with Michael Vorenberg, Rebecca Nedostup, Emily Owens, Sara Ludin, and Jonathan Lande. Brown University. Sept. 2015–present.

- 2015 Commentator, “Afghanistan: Return of a King, Redux,” by William Dalrymple. Brown India Initiative OP Jindal Distinguished Lecture. 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, Material Culture and Islamic Religiosity*. 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. UC Berkeley Dept. of History (monthly during 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 Hastings College of the Law, San Francisco, CA. Apr. 11, 2005.

LANGUAGES

Advanced Proficiency:

Arabic

Persian (Dari)

Turkish (Ottoman and Republican)

Urdu

Reading Knowledge:

French

Spanish

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Historical Association

American Society for Legal History

American Academy of Religion

Association for Asian Studies

Middle East Studies Association

Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association