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Dissertation: *The Shibaniid Question: Reassessing 16th century Eurasian History in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan*

## Education

<b>PhD</b>	History	University of Chicago, NELC	August 2020
<b>MA</b>	Middle Eastern Studies	University of Chicago, CMES	June 2013
<b>BA</b>	English: Literature & Creative Writing	California State University, Northridge	May 2011
<b>AA</b>		Los Angeles Pierce College	June 2008

## Courses Taught and Syllabi Prepared

Survey of Global History (undergraduate)  
Survey of Islamic History (undergraduate)  
Survey of Iranian History (undergraduate)  
Introduction to the History of Shiism (undergrad & graduate)  
Asian American Literature (undergraduate)  
Introduction to the History of Central Eurasia (undergrad & graduate)  
Islamic History and Society (600-Present) (undergrad & graduate)  
Survey of Terrorism since the 19<sup>th</sup> century (undergraduate)  
Survey of Eurasian Nationalisms (undergrad & graduate)  
Introduction to Bukharan Jews (undergrad & graduate)  
Introduction to LGBTQ and Gender Rights as Human Rights (undergraduate and graduate)  
Elementary Persian (undergraduate and graduate)  
Intermediate Persian (undergraduate and graduate)  
Elementary Uzbek (undergraduate and graduate)  
Intermediate Uzbek (undergraduate and graduate)  
Introduction to Turkic Languages: Chagatai and Uighur (undergrad and graduate)

## Teaching & Employment

<b>Part-Time Faculty, Islamic History and Global History</b> <i>Loyola University Chicago, Dept. of History</i>	August 2017 – May 2020
<b>Master's Preceptor, Modern Middle East</b> <i>The University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies</i>	September 2018- June 2020
<b>Lectureship, Introduction to the History of Central Eurasia II</b> <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Spring 2018
<b>Teaching Assistant, Islamic History &amp; Society 2</b> <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Winter 2017

	<b>Teaching Assistant, Persian</b> <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Winter and Spring 2016
	<b>Persian Bibliographer</b> <i>The University of Chicago, Regenstein Library</i>	August 2014 – Present May 2014–May 2015
	<b>Faculty Associate, Persian</b> <i>Arizona State University, Melikian Center</i>	July 2013–May 2014
	<b>Resident Director for Samarqand, Uzbek and Persian (Tajik)</b> <i>Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute</i>	August 2008 - May 2011
	<b>Supplemental Instructor, English</b> <i>California State University, Northridge, Dept. of English</i>	January 2010 - May 2011
	<b>Writing Lab Tutor</b> <i>California State University, Northridge</i>	January 2010 - May 2011
	<b>Student Assistant</b> <i>California State University, Northridge, Dept. of English</i>	January – June 2008
	<b>Guadalupe Center CYO Tutor</b> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Canoga Park, CA</i>	
<b>Publications</b>	<b>“I. P. Petrushevsky’s Article <i>K istorii instituta soyurgala</i> (On the History of the Institution of the Soyurghal)”</b> (co-authored with John E. Woods) <i>The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient</i> (Brill: JESHO), <i>Forthcoming</i>	Under review Forthcoming
	<b>Editor: <i>Şiddīqī Khwāja Communities in Central Asia and Mughal India: Descendants of Shaykh Zayn al-Dīn Kūy-i ‘Arifānī (12-13th c.) from Baghdad</i> by Uktambek Sultonov</b> <i>Bonn University Press, Forthcoming</i>	Forthcoming
	<b>Review: “Cinema, Nation, and Empire in Uzbekistan, 1919-1937”</b> <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 38, Issue 4</i>	August 2019
	<b>Review: “The Force of Custom: Law and the Ordering of Everyday Life in Kyrgyzstan”</b> <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 36, Issue 4</i>	August 2017
	<b>Review: “Despite Cultures: Early Soviet Rule in Tajikistan”</b> <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 36, Issue 2</i>	March 2017
	<b>“Tarmashirin Khan’s Conversion to Islam”</b> <i>Great Events in Religion</i> , 978-1-61069-565-7	November 2016
	<b>“Uzbek Khan’s Conversion to Islam”</b> <i>Great Events in Religion</i> , 978-1-61069-565-7	November 2016
	<b>“Uzbek in Translation: Hamid Olimjon’s ‘When Apricots Blossom’”</b> <i>Lights: The MESSA Quarterly</i> , CMES, University of Chicago (co-authored Leopold Eisenlohr)	March 2012

	<p><b>“Rationalizing a Second Genocide: The Iranian Regime’s Revisioning of the Holocaust”</b>  <i>Lights: The MESSA Quarterly</i>, CMES, University of Chicago</p>	December 2011
	<p><b>“And I Thought My Smart Fortwo Would Save the Earth: The Impact of Fuel Efficient Cars and Oil Consumption on America’s Sustainability”</b>  <i>Kapu-Sens Literary Review</i>, Pan-African Studies, CSUN</p>	May 2011
	<p><b>“Validating My Existence: Facebook Becoming My True Self”</b>  <i>Captured Student Research Journal</i>, Pan-African Studies, CSUN</p>	Spring 2011
	<p><b>“Wilkie Collins’ <i>The Moonstone</i> as a Critique of the Representation and Portrayal of Empire and the Other”</b>  Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter, CSUN: Fantastique</p>	March 2010
<b>Presentations</b>	<p><b>“<i>Risāla-yi Ma’ārif-i Shībānī Khān</i>: A 16<sup>th</sup> Century Religious Manual as a Corrective to Contemporary Uzbek Nation-Building”</b>  Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 2019
	<p><b>“Textbook Imperialism: 16th Century Uzbek History from a 21st Century Perspective”</b>  Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2018 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas</p>	November 2018
	<p><b>“Textbook Creations: Contemporary Uzbek Perspectives on the Shibanids”</b>  Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) 2018 Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</p>	October 2018
	<p><b>“Cultural Currency: Persianate Influences on Uzbek National Identity”</b>  Twelfth Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, University of California Irvine</p>	August 2018
	<p><b>“Modern Uzbeks: Experiences in Tashkent and Samarqand”</b>  Persian Circle and Turkish Circle, University of Chicago</p>	May 23, 2017
	<p><b>“What’s in a name? Perceptions and Realities of Central Eurasian Reformers”</b>  Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 6, 2017
	<p><b>“Shaybānīnāma: A Post-Timurid Source”</b>  Eleventh Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, University of Vienna</p>	August 4, 2016
	<p><b>“Serving the Cause of Christ: The American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions and their Publication, <i>Angeliöforos çocuklar için</i>”</b>  Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 2, 2015

<p><b>“The Study and Practice of Shamanism in Uzbekistan: Orality, Feminization, and Islamization”</b>  The Methods to our Madness Graduate Symposium, University of Toronto</p>	<p>April 25, 2014</p>
<p><b>“From Safavids to Soviets: How the Writing of One Reveals the Other”</b>  Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	<p>May 3, 2013</p>
<p><b>“Sanctified One-Night Stands: Iranian Privileged Space for Pleasure”</b>  Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter, CSUN: Sex... or Something Like It!</p>	<p>March 17, 2012</p>
<p><b>“Hymening Discourse: A Queer Perspective on Queer Poetry”</b>  Queertopia! 4.0: Queering Poetics: Text, Method, Movement, Thought, Northwestern University</p>	<p>May 27, 2011</p>
<p><b>“Hotel Otaq” and “How I Killed My Professor and Got a Raise at Work”</b>  Creative Writing Studies Reading Series, CSUN</p>	<p>May 11, 2011</p>
<p><b>“The Second Coming Genocide: Iran’s Revisioning of the Holocaust”</b>  Associated Graduate Students in English, CSUN: Upon a Precipice</p>	<p>April 16, 2011</p>
<p><b>“The True Maiden: The Emasculated Winterbourne and His Queerness in Henry James’s <i>Daisy Miller: A Study</i>”</b>  2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gender and Sexuality Symposium, Indiana University of Pennsylvania</p>	<p>April 13, 2011</p>
<p><b>“The Importance of Fuel Efficiency to National Security”</b>  The Center for the Analysis of Defense, Intelligence, and National Security, CSUN: “Free to Move About the Country”: National Security and Transportation</p>	<p>March 18, 2011</p>
<p><b>“Historical Revisioning of Jews, and Israel, and Zionists! Oh, My!”</b>  15<sup>th</sup> Annual Student Research &amp; Creative Works Symposium, CSUN</p>	<p>February 18, 2011</p>
<p><b>“The Rhetoric of Evil: Calculated Demonization and the Threat to the American Self”</b>  The Acacia Group, CSU Fullerton: Retaliation</p>	<p>January 28, 2011</p>
<p><b>“Fanaticism: The West’s Misinterpretation of Muslims and Islamic Beliefs”</b>  Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence, CSUN: Symposium on the Rhetoric of Threats</p>	<p>April 23, 2010</p>
<p><b>“The Hijab, Sharia, and Sexual Rights”</b>  Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence, CSUN: Symposium on Sex and the Nation State: Gender Research and National Security</p>	<p>November 10, 2009</p>

## Workshop Participation

- Discussant for “Education in the Near East” Panel**  
Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago  
May 4, 2019
- Discussant for Claire Roosien’s “Not Just Tea-Drinking: Early Soviet Public Sphere Institutions in Uzbekistan”**  
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia, University of Chicago  
June 1, 2018
- Discussant for “Governing Change: People, Places, and the Law” Panel**  
Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago  
May 5, 2018
- Presenter, “Banā’ī’s Shibānīnāma”**  
New Directions in Inner and Central Asian History Workshop, Harvard University  
April 4, 2017
- Discussant for Carol Fan’s “Studying Ming-Timurid Relations: Sources and Scholarship in Chinese”**  
Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago  
November 2, 2016
- Discussant for Zachary Schuyler’s “Ironing Out National Ideology: Amir Temūr in Karimov’s Functionalist Reconstruction of Uzbek History”**  
Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago  
October 5, 2016

## Professional Activities

- Executive Secretary, Committee on Central Eurasian Studies**  
*University of Chicago*  
December 2012 – Present
- Russian Language and Culture Certificate from the College of Continuing and Professional Education**  
*California State University, Long Beach*  
September 2012- December 2012
- Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages: Uzbek**  
*Indiana University, Bloomington*  
June 2012- July 2012
- President, Central Asian Studies Society**  
*University of Chicago*  
January 2012 - January 2014
- Vice President, Middle Eastern Studies Students’ Association**  
*University of Chicago*  
January 2012- January 2013
- Executive Submissions Editor, Lights: the MESSA Journal**  
*University of Chicago*  
September 2011 - January 2013
- Founding Editor, Lights: the MESSA Journal**  
*University of Chicago*  
September 2011
- Russian Strategic Language Immersion Program**  
*California State University, Northridge*  
June 2010- August 2011
- President, Sigma Tau Delta**  
*Iota Chi Chapter, California State University, Northridge*  
August 2010- May 2011
- Proceedings Editor**  
*Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter*  
March 2010 and March 2011

**Secretary, Sigma Tau Delta**  
*Iota Chi Chapter, California State University, Northridge*

August 2009 – August  
2010

## Honors and Awards

Graduate Initiative Funding 2019-2020 Academic Year, University of Chicago	2019-2020 academic year
Arnaldo Momigliano Dissertation Research Travel Award, University of Chicago	Summer 2017
Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (advanced Uzbek), Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, University of Chicago	2012-2013 academic year
Certificate of Completion Russian Strategic Language Initiative, Russian State University for the Humanities	August 2011
Top Wolfson Scholar, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2011
Dean's Scholar for the College of Humanities, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2011
Outstanding Leadership Award, Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2011
Certificate of Honors, CSU Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2011
Certificate of Competency, CSU Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2011
Certificate of Completion Russian Strategic Language Initiative Phase One, Russian State University for the Humanities	Spring 2010
Certificate of Appreciation, CSU Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, California State University, Northridge	Spring 2010
Certificate of Recognition, CSU Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, California State University, Northridge	Fall 2009
Dean's List, California State University, Northridge	Fall 2008-Spring 2011
President's List, Los Angeles Pierce College	Spring 2008
Dean's List, Los Angeles Pierce College	Fall 2006-Spring 2008

## Professional Memberships

Committee on Central Eurasian Studies, University of Chicago  
Central Asian Studies Society, University of Chicago  
Middle Eastern Studies Students' Association, University of Chicago  
Sigma Tau Delta International English Honor Society  
Golden Key International Honor Society

## Languages

Persian (Farsi, Tajik): reading, speaking, writing [teaching competency]  
Uzbek/Uyghur (Chaghatai): reading, speaking, writing [teaching competency]  
Russian: reading, writing, limited speaking  
Turkish (Modern, Ottoman, Karamanli): reading, limited speaking  
French: reading  
Kazakh: reading  
Old Turkic (c. 4th-9th centuries): reading