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

Education

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

Courses Taught and Syllabi Prepared

Minority Relations in America (undergraduate)
Introduction to Asian American Studies (undergraduate)
Race, Racism, and Critical Thinking (undergraduate)
History of Asians in America (undergraduate)
Survey of Asian American Literature (undergraduate)
Asian American Literature (undergraduate)
Survey of Global History (undergraduate)
Survey of Islamic History (undergraduate)
Survey of Iranian History (undergraduate)
Introduction to the History of Shiism (undergrad & graduate)
Introduction to World Religions (undergraduate)
Introduction to the History of Central Eurasia (undergrad & graduate)
Islamic History and Society (600-Present) (undergrad & graduate)
Survey of Terrorism since the 19th 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

Founder and Editor <i>gradappguru.org</i>	August 2020-Present
Part-Time Faculty, Global History Online <i>Lewis University, Dept. of History</i>	August 2021

Part-Time Faculty, Islamic History and Global History <i>Loyola University Chicago, Dept. of History</i>	August 2017 – May 2020
Master's Preceptor, Modern Middle East <i>The University of Chicago, Center for Middle Eastern Studies</i>	September 2018- June 2020
Lectureship, Introduction to the History of Central Eurasia II <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Spring 2018
Teaching Assistant, Islamic History & Society 2 <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Winter 2017
Teaching Assistant, Persian <i>The University of Chicago, Dept. of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations</i>	Winter and Spring 2016
Persian Bibliographer <i>The University of Chicago, Regenstein Library</i>	August 2014 – Present May 2014- May 2015
Faculty Associate, Persian <i>Arizona State University, Melikian Center</i>	July 2013- May 2014
Resident Director for Samarqand, Uzbek and Persian (Tajik) <i>Arizona State University, Critical Languages Institute</i>	August 2008 - May 2011
Supplemental Instructor, English <i>California State University, Northridge, Dept. of English</i>	January 2010 - May 2011
Writing Lab Tutor <i>California State University, Northridge</i>	January 2010 - May 2011
Student Assistant <i>California State University, Northridge, Dept. of English</i>	January – June 2008
Guadalupe Center CYO Tutor <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe, Canoga Park, CA</i>	
Publications	
“I. P. Petrushevsky’s Article <i>K istorii instituta soyurgala</i> (On the History of the Institution of the Soyurghal)” (co-authored with John E. Woods) <i>The Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient (Brill: JESHO)</i> , Forthcoming	Under review Forthcoming
Editor: <i>Ṣiddīqī Khwāja Communities in Central Asia and Mughal India: Descendants of Shaykh Zayn al-Dīn Kūy-i ‘Ārifānī (12-13th c.) from Baghdad</i> by Uktambek Sultonov <i>Bonn University Press, Forthcoming</i>	Forthcoming
Review: “Cinema, Nation, and Empire in Uzbekistan, 1919-1937” <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 38, Issue 4</i>	August 2019
Review: “The Force of Custom: Law and the Ordering of Everyday Life in Kyrgyzstan” <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 36, Issue 4</i>	August 2017
Review: “Despite Cultures: Early Soviet Rule in Tajikistan” <i>Central Asia Survey, Vol. 36, Issue 2</i>	March 2017

	<p>“Tarmashirin Khan’s Conversion to Islam” <i>Great Events in Religion</i>, 978-1-61069-565-7</p>	November 2016
	<p>“Uzbek Khan’s Conversion to Islam” <i>Great Events in Religion</i>, 978-1-61069-565-7</p>	November 2016
	<p>“Uzbek in Translation: Hamid Olimjon’s ‘When Apricots Blossom’” <i>Lights: The MESSA Quarterly</i>, CMES, University of Chicago (co-authored Leopold Eisenlohr)</p>	March 2012
	<p>“Rationalizing a Second Genocide: The Iranian Regime’s Revisioning of the Holocaust” <i>Lights: The MESSA Quarterly</i>, CMES, University of Chicago</p>	December 2011
	<p>“And I Thought My Smart Fortwo Would Save the Earth: The Impact of Fuel Efficient Cars and Oil Consumption on America’s Sustainability” <i>Kapu-Sens Literary Review</i>, Pan-African Studies, CSUN</p>	May 2011
	<p>“Validating My Existence: Facebook Becoming My True Self” <i>Captured Student Research Journal</i>, Pan-African Studies, CSUN</p>	Spring 2011
	<p>“Wilkie Collins’ <i>The Moonstone</i> as a Critique of the Representation and Portrayal of Empire and the Other” Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter, CSUN: Fantastique</p>	March 2010
Presentations	<p>“<i>Risāla-yi Ma’ārif-i Shībānī Khān</i>: A 16th Century Religious Manual as a Corrective to Contemporary Uzbek Nation-Building” Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 2019
	<p>“Textbook Imperialism: 16th Century Uzbek History from a 21st Century Perspective” Middle East Studies Association (MESA) 2018 Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas</p>	November 2018
	<p>“Textbook Creations: Contemporary Uzbek Perspectives on the Shibanids” Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) 2018 Annual Conference, University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</p>	October 2018
	<p>“Cultural Currency: Persianate Influences on Uzbek National Identity” Twelfth Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference, University of California Irvine</p>	August 2018
	<p>“Modern Uzbeks: Experiences in Tashkent and Samarqand” Persian Circle and Turkish Circle, University of Chicago</p>	May 23, 2017
	<p>“What’s in a name? Perceptions and Realities of Central Eurasian Reformers” Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 6, 2017

- “Shaybānīnāma: A Post-Timurid Source”** August 4, 2016
Eleventh Association for Iranian Studies Biennial Conference,
University of Vienna
- “Serving the Cause of Christ: The American Board of
Commissioners for Foreign Missions and their Publication,
Angelioforos çocuklar için”** May 2, 2015
Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference,
University of Chicago
- “The Study and Practice of Shamanism in Uzbekistan: Orality,
Feminization, and Islamization”** April 25, 2014
The Methods to our Madness Graduate Symposium, University of
Toronto
- “From Safavids to Soviets: How the Writing of One Reveals the
Other”** May 3, 2013
Middle East History and Theory Workshop and Conference,
University of Chicago
- “Sanctified One-Night Stands: Iranian Privileged Space for
Pleasure”** March 17, 2012
Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter, CSUN: Sex... or Something Like
It!
- “Hymening Discourse: A Queer Perspective on Queer Poetry”** May 27, 2011
Queertopia! 4.0: Queering Poetics: Text, Method, Movement,
Thought, Northwestern University
- “Hotel Otaq” and “How I Killed My Professor and Got a Raise
at Work”** May 11, 2011
Creative Writing Studies Reading Series, CSUN
- “The Second Coming Genocide: Iran’s Revisioning of the
Holocaust”** April 16, 2011
Associated Graduate Students in English, CSUN: Upon a Precipice
- “The True Maiden: The Emasculated Winterbourne and His
Queerness in Henry James’s *Daisy Miller: A Study*”** April 13, 2011
2nd Annual Gender and Sexuality Symposium, Indiana University of
Pennsylvania
- “The Importance of Fuel Efficiency to National Security”** March 18, 2011
The Center for the Analysis of Defense, Intelligence, and National
Security, CSUN: “Free to Move About the Country”: National
Security and Transportation
- “Historical Revisioning of Jews, and Israel, and Zionists! Oh,
My!”** February 18,
2011
15th Annual Student Research & Creative Works Symposium, CSUN
- “The Rhetoric of Evil: Calculated Demonization and the Threat
to the American Self”** January 28, 2011
The Acacia Group, CSU Fullerton: Retaliation

	<p>“Fanaticism: The West’s Misinterpretation of Muslims and Islamic Beliefs” Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence, CSUN: Symposium on the Rhetoric of Threats</p>	April 23, 2010
	<p>“The Hijab, Sharia, and Sexual Rights” Intelligence Community Centers of Academic Excellence, CSUN: Symposium on Sex and the Nation State: Gender Research and National Security</p>	November 10, 2009
Workshop Participation	<p>Discussant for “Education in the Near East” Panel Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 4, 2019
	<p>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</p>	June 1, 2018
	<p>Discussant for “Governing Change: People, Places, and the Law” Panel Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago</p>	May 5, 2018
	<p>Presenter, “Banā’ī’s Shibānīnāma” New Directions in Inner and Central Asian History Workshop, Harvard University</p>	April 4, 2017
	<p>Discussant for Carol Fan’s “Studying Ming-Timurid Relations: Sources and Scholarship in Chinese” Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago</p>	November 2, 2016
	<p>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</p>	October 5, 2016
Professional Activities	<p>Executive Secretary, Committee on Central Eurasian Studies <i>University of Chicago</i></p>	December 2012 – Present
	<p>Russian Language and Culture Certificate from the College of Continuing and Professional Education <i>California State University, Long Beach</i></p>	September 2012- December 2012
	<p>Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages: Uzbek <i>Indiana University, Bloomington</i></p>	June 2012- July 2012
	<p>President, Central Asian Studies Society <i>University of Chicago</i></p>	January 2012 - January 2014
	<p>Vice President, Middle Eastern Studies Students’ Association <i>University of Chicago</i></p>	January 2012- January 2013
	<p>Executive Submissions Editor, Lights: the MESSA Journal</p>	

<i>University of Chicago</i>	September 2011 - January 2013
Founding Editor, Lights: the MESSA Journal <i>University of Chicago</i>	September 2011
Russian Strategic Language Immersion Program <i>California State University, Northridge</i>	June 2010- August 2011
President, Sigma Tau Delta <i>Iota Chi Chapter, California State University, Northridge</i>	August 2010- May 2011
Proceedings Editor <i>Sigma Tau Delta, Iota Chi Chapter</i>	March 2010 and March 2011
Secretary, Sigma Tau Delta <i>Iota Chi Chapter, California State University, Northridge</i>	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	
President's List, Los Angeles Pierce College	Fall 2008-Spring 2011
Dean's List, Los Angeles Pierce College	Spring 2008 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