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Positions: Assistant Professor, Department of History, Columbia University,
New York, New York, 2006 – present

Lecturer, Center for International and Area Studies/History Department,
Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2004 – 2006

Education: Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Ph.D. - History, June 2004
Dissertation: "Worlds, old and new: Phanariot Networks and the
Re-making of Ottoman Governance, 1800-1850"

Princeton University
M.A. - Near Eastern Studies, June 1998

Columbia College, Columbia University, New York, New York
B.A. - History, with honors, June 1994

Publications:

Book:

Biography of an Empire: Practicing Ottoman Governance in the Age of Revolutions
(University of California Press, under contract; expected release January 2010)

Scholarly Articles:

"Communities on the verge: Unraveling the Phanariot ascendancy in Ottoman
governance," in *Comparative Studies in Society and History* (January 2009)

"The paradox of perceptions: Interpreting the Ottoman past through the
national present," in *Middle Eastern Studies* (September 2008)

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"A tale of two cities and an archive," in *International Journal of Turkish Studies* (August 2008)

"Mischief in the Old Regime: Provincial dragomans and social change at the turn of the 19th century," in *New Perspectives on Turkey*, vol. 25, Fall 2001

Chapters in Collected/Conference Volumes:

"Breaking the Tetrarchia and saving the Kaymakam: To be an ambitious Ottoman in 1821," presented at the Ottoman Empire in the Age of Balkan Nationalism conference, University of Crete, Rethymno, December 2003; publication of conference proceedings, 2006

"The Duties of Servitude: Service to the Ottoman State through the Eyes of Stephanos Vogorides, Prince of Samos," (in Greek) presented at the day-long conference, "Rum (Orthodox Christians) in the Service of the Sublime Porte," (January 2001), published as a volume under the same title in 2003

Book Reviews:

Ways to Modernity in Greece and Turkey: Encounters with Europe, 1850-1950. Edited by ANNA FRANGOUDAKI and CAGLAR KEYDER ; *Journal of Islamic Studies* 2009 20: 122-124.

Review for September 2008 issue of *Middle Eastern Studies* of *Women in the Ottoman Balkans*. Edited by Irvin Schick and Amila Buturovic...

Encyclopedia Entries:

Encyclopedia of the Ottoman Empire (Gabor Agoston and Bruce Masters, eds.; Facts on File; 2008): "Greek War of Independence;" "Phanariots;" "Society of Friends/Philike Hetaireia"

Europe since 1914: Encyclopedia of the Age of War and Reconstruction (John Merriman and Jay Winter, eds., Detroit: Charles Scriber and Sons, 2006): "Istanbul/Constantinople"

The History of World Trade, Gale Group, MacMillan
"Capitulations and the Millet System"

Prizes and Awards:

Awards:

Brookings Institution-Sakip Sabanci International Research Award [\$20,000 prize] (2007): The intention of the award is to “stimulate new ideas, fresh thinking, and original research relevant to Turkish studies” in all fields of the humanities and social sciences. The jury included: Cemal Kafadar (Harvard), Cornell Fleischer (U. Chicago), Maria Todorova (U. of Illinois), Elizabeth Zachariadou (U. of Crete), Sami Zubaida (Birkbeck), and Israel Gershoni (Tel Aviv U.)

MacDonald Faculty Grant, Columbia Faculty of Arts and Sciences Junior Faculty Development Grant for summer research in Romania and Turkey (2007)

New York State Labor History Association Best Undergraduate Thesis prize (1995)

Fellowships:

Koc University Residential Center for the Study of Anatolian Civilizations senior fellowship (2006; declined)

NEH/American Research Institute in Turkey Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship (2004)

American Council of Learned Societies’ Eastern European Studies Dissertation Writing Fellowship (2003-2004)

Fulbright-Hays International Dissertation Research Fellowship (2000-2001)

American Research Institute in Turkey Dissertation Research Grant (2001)

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Research Grant (2000)

Fulbright-IIE grants (2000-2001 to Greece, 1998-1999 to Turkey) awarded, declined (1998-1999)

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (three consecutive years) for Turkish (1996-1997) and Arabic (1997-1998)

Seeger and Kostopoulos Grants in Hellenic Studies (1996-1999)

Teaching: Columbia University

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The Ottoman Empire 1300-1922
Hegemony and Rebellion in the Early Modern Middle East
The Ottoman Empire in the Arab World
The Ottoman Empire and its Rivals (18th-19th centuries)
The Middle East on the Danube

Yale University

The Ottoman Empire: Political Legacies and Imperial Realities
Minorities and Majorities in the Eastern Mediterranean, 1800-

**Invited
Presentations:**

"The paradox of perceptions: Interpreting the Ottoman past through the national present," at *Ottoman Legacies in the Middle East and Balkans* panel of the Middle East Studies Association conference, Washington, DC (November 2008)

"Interpreting Sovereignty: Ottoman Dragomans and the birth of the Tercüme Odası," at the *Asian Translation Traditions* conference, Bosphorus University, Istanbul (October 2008)

"Phanariots: Narrating the Ottoman past, making the Ottoman present," at *Historical Intersections between Hellenism and Islam*, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver (October 2008)

"Phanariots Narrate the Ottoman past, make the Ottoman present," at *Entangled Lives in the Mediterranean* symposium, Stanford University Sephardic Studies/Mediterranean Studies Center (May 2008)

"A view from the edge: Observing Istanbul's Nizam-i Cedid Bucharest," at *Empire, Faith, and Conquest*, Russia/Islam program, Harriman Institute, Columbia University (April 2008)

"The Ottoman Empire between successors: Thinking from 1821 to 1922" at *Religion, Ethnicity and Contested Nationhood in the Former Ottoman Space* workshop, Swedish Oriental Institute, Istanbul (April 2008)

"The paradox of perceptions: Interpreting the Ottoman past through the national present," at the *Middle East Institute brown bag lunch series*, Columbia University, NY (February 2008)

"Phanariot families: precipitating and adapting to the shift from the

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transregional to the transnational," at *Transregional and Transnational Families workshop*, German Historical Institute, Washington, DC (January 2008; organized by David Sabean for forthcoming volume of the same title)

"The paradox of perceptions: Interpreting the Ottoman past through the national present," at University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC *New Directions in Turkish Studies speaker series* (January 2008)

"A tale of two cities and an archive," at Brown Bag lunch lecture series, *Near Eastern Studies Department*, Princeton University (November 2007)

"New directions in late Ottoman Balkan history," [commentator] at *American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies* conference, New Orleans (November, 2007)

"The Ottoman Empire's Absent Nineteenth Century: Autonomous Subjects," at *Absences and Silences in Modern Middle East History* workshop, Istanbul (May 2007; organized by Amy Singer, Hakan Erdem, Israel Gershoni, and Aksin Somel)

Sakip Sabanci International Research Award ceremony address, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC (May 2007)

"The Ottoman Empire's other nineteenth century: Autonomous subjects," New York University, *New Directions in Ottoman Studies lecture series*; Columbia University's Ottoman and Turkish Studies University Seminar (January 2007)

"The Millet System and its discontents: Dealing with difference in the Ottoman Empire," Columbia University (October 2006)

"Janus-faced or synthesis? Anatomy of an Ottoman ceremony," Princeton University, *Byzantium as Usable Past* conference (May 2006)

"Families of empires and nations: Changing Ottoman politics in southeastern Europe one family at a time," presented at the European Social Science and History Conference (ESSHC), Amsterdam (March 2006)

"Performing Ottoman power: Journey to the borderlands in the 19th century," presented at Borderlands Interdisciplinary Project of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (May 2004; March 2005)

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"Between Loyalty and Treachery: Staying Ottoman and Christian in the 'National Age', presented at the *American Historical Association* meeting

"Central Power and Local Autonomy: The Autonomous Beylik of Samos, 1832-1912," presented at *Sabanci University*, Istanbul, Turkey (May 2001)

"The Aftermath of 1922: Greek and Turkish Historiography of Smyrna/Izmir," presented to conference, "The Aftermath of the Treaty of Lausanne and the Greek-Turkish Population Exchange," *Oxford University* (September 1998)

"An Ottoman View of the Greek Revolution in 1821: The *Tarih-i Cevdet* as a Historical Source," presented at the conference for graduate students of History at the *University of Crete*, Rethymnon, Greece

"Social Conflict and Ottomanization: The Danube Vilayet of 1864", at Jusur Conference for Graduate Students in Near Eastern Studies, *UCLA* (May 1997)

**Conference and
Workshop
Organization:**

"Tangled Empires: Humanitarianism and the Final Ottoman Century" (Columbia University, November 2007) [one-day workshop organized under the auspices of the Center for International History's "In the Name of Humanity" series]

Ottoman and Turkish Studies University Seminar, Columbia University, co-chair (2006-present): co-organizer of monthly meetings for Ottomanists of the New York area

"New Elites, Old Regimes: Trajectories of Imperial Change, 1700-1850" (Yale University, April 2006) [a comparative treatment of the Ottoman, Safavid-Qajar Empires, the transition from Mughal to British India, and colonial to independent Latin America]

"The Past of Ethnic Cleansing: The Greek-Turkish Population Exchange Eighty Years On" (Yale University, March 2005)

"New Perspectives on the Crimean War: An Inter-regional workshop" (Yale University, January 2005) [a workshop for Russianists and

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Ottomanists to discuss new research agendas surrounding the causes and effects of the Crimean War (1852/3-1856)]

Middle East Studies Association 2005 panel
“Minority Identities in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey: History, Memory, and Space” (Fall 2005)

American Historical Association 2002 panel
“Encounters Between Muslims and Orthodox Christians: Religion and Empire in the National Age” (January 2002)

Service:

Professional

Referee of manuscripts for:
Comparative Studies in Society and History
International Journal of Middle East Studies
Nationalism and Ethnic Politics

Department and University

Co-chair of University Seminar in Ottoman and Turkish Studies (2006-present; co-chair with Etem Erol and Nader Sohrabi of MEALAC)

Search Committee for Russia/Soviet/ECE search (2007-present)

Summer Session Coordinator for History Department (2007-2008)

Member of IGH-LSE MA program steering committee (2007-2008)

Undergraduate Education Committee (2007-2008)

Organizer of conference “Tangled Empires: Humanitarianism and the Final Ottoman Century” for Center for International History (2007)

Instructor of Core Curriculum (Contemporary Civilization) 2006-present

PhD advisor: Merve Tezcanli—*The Mecelle*, or codification of Islamic Law in late nineteenth-century Ottoman Empire (History)

Dissertation defense committee:

Bedross der Matossian—Ottoman constitutional revolution in Palestine (MEALAC; May 2008)

Sam White—Ottoman environmental history (History; May 2008)—
Assistant professor, Oberlin College

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Proposal defenses/PhD committee member for:

Sam White—Ottoman environmental history (History; Fall 2006)

Ali Wick—18th-19th century Red Sea networks (History; Fall 2006)

Dahlia al-Gubara—the everyday life of ideas at al-Azahr (History; 2008)

Mostafa Minawi—biography of an Ottoman-Arab statesman (NYU; 2008)

General exam reviewer:

Jared Manasek—late Ottoman Bosnia (History; May 2008)

Joshua Georgy—Christians in Egypt in the 18th and 19th centuries
(History; February 2008)

Dalia al-Gubara—the everyday life of ideas at al-Azhar (History; May
2007)