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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2018 – present	Collegiate Assistant Professor, Harper-Schmidt Society of Fellows, University of Chicago
2016 – 2018	Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, Department of History, University of Chicago,
2016	Lecturer, Loyola University Chicago, Department of History

EDUCATION

2016	PhD History University of Chicago Chicago, IL Dissertation: “Beneath Biography: Attitudes toward Self, Society, and Empire among the Scholars of Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Damascus”
2010	MA Middle Eastern Studies University of Chicago Chicago, IL
2007	BA History (Honors) Loyola University Chicago, IL

TEACHING AND RESEARCH AREAS

Cultural history of the early modern and modern Arab and Ottoman worlds; history of emotions; self and self-fashioning in early modern greater-Syria; early modern and modern Arabic poetry; the rise of the public sphere in comparative perspective (with a focus on eighteenth- and nineteenth-century Syria and France).

TEACHING

Collegiate Assistant Professor, University of Chicago

2018-present	Self, Culture and Society I, II, and III (Social Science Collegiate Division)
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Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, University of Chicago

2016-2018	Self, Culture and Society I, II, and III
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(Social Science Collegiate Division)

2017 Scandal as Historical Document - 17th - 21st Centuries
(Department of History)

Instructor of Record, Loyola University

2016 Survey of Islamic History 7th - 21st centuries
(Department of History)

Lecturer, University of Chicago

2016 Power, Identity, Resistance, III
(Social Sciences Collegiate Division)

2015 Power, Identity, Resistance, III
(Social Sciences Collegiate Division)

2015 Introductory Arabic,
(Summer Language Institute)

2015 Writing Seminar
(Writing Program)

Teaching Assistant

2014-2015 Intermediate Arabic
(Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)

2014-2015 Power, Identity, Resistance, II & III
(University of Chicago Core)

2013 Introductory Arabic
(Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations)

2013 The Arab Israeli Conflict
(Department of History)

2013 Islamic Civilizations
(University of Chicago Study Abroad – Cairo)

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Conferences

- 2017 Memory and the Making of Knowledge in the Early Modern World
University of Göttingen, Germany
Paper title: "Childhood Memories of Scholars in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Damascus"
- 2015 Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Paper title: "The Social Category of Ulama in Eighteenth Century Ottoman Damascus"
- 2013 Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
Paper title: "Differing views of Eighteenth Century Muftis in Damascus."
- 2012 Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago
Paper title: "The Mufti of Damascus: Social and political realities of the post of Hanafi Mufti in eighteenth-century Ottoman Damascus"
- 2012 Newberry Library Graduate Student Conference
Paper title: "The Logic and Inevitability of Sacral Sovereignty: A Damascene's Opinion on the Ottoman Conquest of Egypt and Syria, 1516/1517"
- 2012 Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago
Paper title: "Forgotten Intellectual: Khalil Ghanim's Contributions to the Ottoman Oppositional Press in Paris (1878-1903)"

Workshops

- 2017 Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop (GLOW)
Paper title: "Childhood Memories of the Ulama in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Damascus"
- 2014 Arab Jewish Texts Conference, University of Chicago, Discussant
- 2011 Lebanon Faces the Future, University of Chicago, Discussant,
- 2010 Violence, Trauma, and Displacement in the Middle East and Eurasia, University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign,
Paper title: "The Multiple Identities of an Ottoman Exile in Paris (1878-1903)"

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2016	Von Holst Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago (Declined)
2015	Francois Furet Grant, University of Chicago
2014	Janco Travel Grant, University of Chicago
2011	American Research Institute in Turkey Summer Fellowship
2010-2015	University of Chicago Stipend and Tuition Waiver
2009-2010	FLAS- University of Chicago
2008-2009	University of Chicago un-endowed scholarship
2003-2007	Loyola Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
2007	Kelly Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
2006	History Honor Society- Phi Alpha Theta, Loyola University Chicago
2004-2007	Dean's List Award, Loyola University Chicago

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2015-2016	Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of History, University of Chicago
2014-2015	Co-coordinator, Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago
2013-2014	Coordinator, The Arabic Circle, University of Chicago
2013	Program Assistant, University of Chicago-Cairo Study Abroad

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
American Historical Association (AHA)
Syrian Studies Association (SSA)

LANGUAGES

Arabic: Native

French: Reading, Writing, and Speaking

Turkish: Reading, Writing, and Speaking

Ottoman Turkish: Reading

Hebrew: Reading for research purposes.

German: Reading for research purposes.

REFERENCES

Professor Holly Shissler

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