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Education & skills	<p>Doctorate in History (2020) Stanford University Transnational, International, & Global history (T.I.G.).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Dissertation title: “The Koroghlu epic in trans-imperial perspective: The story of the Ottoman and Safavid expansion and crises”→ Doctoral fields of expertise: Ottoman Empire, Persianate world, Russia & steppe empires, early modern Europe. <p>Bachelor of Arts (2012) double major in History & Arabic Washington University in St. Louis, summa cum laude (3.87 GPA)</p> <p>Languages <i>Native:</i> English ♦ <i>Heritage, fluent written & spoken:</i> Turkish, Persian ♦ <i>Fluent written & spoken:</i> Italian ♦ <i>Proficient written & spoken:</i> Russian, Arabic, French ♦ <i>Reading:</i> Armenian, Spanish</p> <p>Intensive language and paleography courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Padus Araxes, Armenian course in Venice (August 2016)→ Brill Islamic Manuscript Association, Islamic Codicology short course (August 2015)→ ASU, Russian program in Kazan, Russia (summer 2013)→ CIEE, Arabic immersion program, Amman, Jordan (fall 2010)
Work experience	<p>Freelance translator and proof-reader, Italian to English (2021-)</p> <p>Oxford Nizami Ganjavi Center, visiting research fellow (2020-2021)</p> <p>Visiting doctoral researcher, University of Bologna, department of Storia, Cultura, e Civiltà (2018-2019)</p> <p>Graduate administrative leader, Stanford BING Summer Overseas program, St. Petersburg (summer 2017)</p> <p>Workshop coordinator, Stanford Humanities Center, “Eurasian Empires” workshop, managed \$17,000 total budget (2016-2017, 2013-2014)</p> <p>Visiting doctoral researcher, İstanbul Şehir University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences (fall 2015)</p> <p>Graduate administrative leader, “Stanford in İstanbul” 10-week study abroad at Koç University (winter 2015)</p>

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Teaching experience	<p>Teaching appointment, University of Maryland at College Park, “World History I: 3500 BCE to 1300 CE” (spring 2020)</p> <p>Five Stanford University teaching assistantships (2014-2016): The Islamic World: 500-1500 ♦ Modern South Africa ♦ Women and Gender in Science, Medicine, and Engineering ♦ Istanbul: Space, Memory, Protest ♦ The International System</p>
Peer-reviewed academic publications & chapters	<p>The hero of ‘the great Afshar people’: Reconsidering Nader Shah’s claims to lineage and legitimacy,” <i>Iranian Studies</i> (forthcoming, 2021)</p> <p>“Reading nineteenth-century Persian histories from the Caucasus,” <i>Eurasiatica</i> (forthcoming, 2021)</p> <p>“Aşık literature in historical context,” peer-edited chapter in <i>Routledge Handbook of Turkish Literature</i>, written by invitation from the editor (forthcoming, 2021)</p> <p>“Who were the <i>Türkmen</i> in Ottoman and Safavid lands?: an overlooked early modern identity,” <i>Der Islam</i>, 2020; 97 (2): 476–499.</p>
Works in progress	<p>“Koroglu and the Turkish epic,” <i>The Epic World</i> (Routledge “Worlds” series), by invitation from the editor (winter 2021/2022)</p> <p>An example of the Ottoman small book tradition: the structure and diversity of genre of an 18th-century <i>cönk</i> from southeastern Anatolia</p> <p><i>Monograph in progress</i>: The Köroğlu epic from Anatolia to Iran: 17th century Ottoman and Safavid worlds in crisis</p>
Non-academic publications & translations	<p>“Cosa cambia (e cosa non cambia) con Biden?” <i>Jacobin Italia</i> (8/1/21) https://jacobinitalia.it/cosa-cambia-e-cosa-non-cambia-con-biden/</p> <p>“Sanders è più forte di quel che dicono i media,” <i>Jacobin Italia</i> (11/1/20) https://jacobinitalia.it/sanders-e-piu-for-te-di-quel-che-dicono-i-media/.</p> <p>“Humanitarian first and pro-worker second: How the left lost the moral and economic high ground on immigration,” <i>ZNet</i> (11/14/19) https://zcomm.org/znetarticle/humanitarian-first-and-pro-worker-second/</p> <p><i>Translation, English to Turkish</i>: Ferenc Csirkes, “Messianic Oeuvres in Interaction: Misattributed poems by Shah Esma’il and Nesimi.” <i>Journal of Persianate Studies</i>, 8, (2015) 155-194. (in <i>Eski Türk Edebiyatı Çalışmaları XI</i>, ed. Aynur. İstanbul: Turkuaz Yayınevi, 2016).</p>

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Presentations	<p>“Tribes, bandits, and minstrels: A shared culture as a response to Ottoman and Safavid power,” University of Oxford, Oriental Institute, 2021 ♦ “The American left is stronger than media claims,” PiuPratel free university, Bologna, 2020 ♦ “The <i>Sharaf-nameh</i>, reflections on the Kurdish historical tradition in Persian,” University of Bologna, 2019 ♦ “Safavid Persia, a new approach to sources,” University of Bologna, 2019 ♦ “The Safavids in Caucasian epic tradition,” Int’l Turcology Congress, University of Warsaw, 2018 ♦ “The Koroghlu epic as a source for trans-imperial history,” World History graduate conference, Istanbul Şehir University, 2018 ♦ “Iran, the Caucasus, Anatolia: the historical geography of the near east,” University of Bologna, 2018 ♦ “Popular literature of the Caucasus, 18th-19th centuries,” Conference on Iran-Russia Cultural Relations, Tehran University, 2016 ♦ “A brief history of American Orientalism,” Azerbaijan Academy of Sciences, Oriental Institute, 2016 ♦ “Nader Shah as a model of self-made leadership in Iran and the Ottoman Empire,” Stanford University Humanities Center, 2014 ♦ “Horsemanship in the Mediterranean,” w/ Mackenzie Cooley, Stanford Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies, 2014</p>
Academic awards, research grants, and affiliations	<p>Weter dissertation grant, Stanford History (2017-18) ♦ Globalizing Eurasia grant, Stanford CREEES (2016) ♦ Summer grant, Stanford Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies (2014) ♦ Foreign Language and Area Studies grant, Russia (2013) ♦ Phi Beta Kappa, academic honor society (2012) ♦ Phi Alpha Theta: National History Honor Society (2012) ♦ Washington University Undergraduate Research Award (2011) ♦ Antoinette Dames Award, best lower-division undergraduate paper, Washington University, Political Science (2009), “The Trichotomy of Fears”</p>
References	<p><i>Thesis advisor:</i> Ali Yaycıoğlu, Ottoman history, Stanford University, ayayciog@stanford.edu ♦ <i>Second thesis advisor:</i> Aron Rodrigue, Jewish history, Stanford University, rodrigue@stanford.edu ♦ <i>Academic mentor:</i> Nancy Kollmann, Russian history, Stanford University, kollmann@stanford.edu ♦ <i>Mentor:</i> Engin Akarli, Emeritus professor of modern Middle Eastern history, Brown university, Engin_Akarli@brown.edu</p>