

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Employment

- Assistant Professor, Medieval North African and Mediterranean History, Georgia State University, 2008 – Present.
- Assistant Professor, Middle Eastern History, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar. 2007-2008.
- Postdoctoral Research Scholarship and Long-Term Grant: American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (AIMS). Marrakech, Morocco: August 2006 - 2007. “Locating and Interpreting Almohad and Almoravid Sites in the Atlas Mountains.”

## Education

- PhD, University of St. Andrews 2003-2006, Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies, Professor Hugh Kennedy supervisor. Thesis title: *The Rise of the Almohads: Islam, Identity and Belief in North Africa*. PhD received June 22, 2006.
- Fulbright Scholar, Morocco, 2002-2003, affiliated with Muhammad V University in Rabat and Royal Hisaniya Archives.
- Bachelor of Arts, High Honors in History (Islamic): Dartmouth College 2002, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

## Relevant Publications

### Upcoming Books (Under Contract)

- *From Tribes to Empire: The Rise of the Almohads in Medieval North Africa*, completed, reviewed and under contract with IB Tauris Publications of London, expected 2009.

- *Ibn Khaldun and the Medieval Mediterranean*, reviewed and under contract, Edinburgh University Press, expected 2010.

#### Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

- "North Africa and the Twelfth-century Renaissance: Christian Europe and the Almohad Islamic Empire," *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations*, vol. 20, no.1, 43-59, January 2009.

- "The Almohad Mecca. Locating Iqli and the cave of Ibn Tumart". *Al-Qantara*, XXVI, 1 (2005), 175-190.

- "The Lady of Victory in Gulf History and Poetry," Gulf Women's Project Book Chapter, Supreme Council of Her Highness Sheikha Mouza, expected 2009.

- "Ibn Khaldun and the Berbers": book chapter published in Dutch for the book *Ibn Chladun* to celebrate 600 years since the death of Ibn Khaldun, Leiden, ed. Maaïke van Berkel, 2008.

#### Reviewed Encyclopedia Articles and Additional Publications

- "Abu Hafs 'Umar al-Hintati", "Ya'qub al Mansur" and "Yusuf Ya'qub": *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Leyden: Brill, 2008.

- "Jerusalem," "Middle Eastern Elites", "The Berbers." "Sahara", "The Touareg", "Middle Eastern Architecture", *Oxford Encyclopaedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, 2008.

- "Ghana, Mali, Songhai," "Libya/North Africa, Ancient", "Gold and Salt, Kingdom of" and "Norman kingdoms in Southern Italy and Sicily": articles completed and accepted the *Encyclopedia of World History*, New York: Golson Books, 2007.

- "Terrorism, the Results of", "Thomas Jefferson", "The Meaning of the Declaration" and "Winston Churchill": book chapters published in the Smithsonian *One Day in History* Series ed. Rodney Carlisle, HarperCollins Smithsonian Books, 2007.

- "Marrakech: Doctrine in Stone" (To be published by the Center for Maghrebi Studies in Tunis, CEMAT and the American Institute for Maghrebi Studies, AIMS, in 2009)

- A series of 20 articles on modern social and economic conditions in various Middle Eastern states for *The Encyclopedia of Environment and Society*, 2007.

- "What I found in Morocco" *Christian Science Monitor*, January 13, 2004.
- "Travels Lead Scholar to Real Islamic World," *Statesman Journal*, July 6, 2003.
- "Ibn Khaldun: a New Approach" from University of Tunis Conference Publications, *Tribu, Ville et Espace dans le Monde Islamique*, 2003.
- Thesis: *The Meaning of History - Ibn Khaldun, Commanding Right in Islamic History*, Trustees of Dartmouth College, 2002; Ray Winfield Smith Prize for Best Thesis on Asian or African History.
- Founder, Publisher and Writer: *The Dartmouth History and Classics Journal*, a journal for undergraduate research, 2001.

## Teaching Experience

- Georgia State University, Assistant Professor. I constructed two new courses - one undergraduate level and one graduate level course on Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean for Spring Semester. I taught Middle East History to 1800 and World History to 1500 this Fall. Concurrently, I started advising two PhD dissertations.
- Qatar University Assistant Professor teaching load: two lecture sections on Middle Eastern History for a highly diverse, international classroom of Qatari ESL students.
- University of St. Andrews independent graduate instructor and essay grader for four weekly seminars of 9-12 students. Two seminars a semester of Introduction to the Middle East (Arabic 2003) and two seminars of East and West in the Age of the Crusades (ME 1002).
- Fulbright Scholar guest lecturer for Dartmouth College Study Abroad Program sessions in Spring 2003.
- Guest lecturer at the University of Fez II, Summer 2003.

## Language Skills

- Arabic: reading comprehension in Modern Standard Arabic, translation, writing and speaking ability in Moroccan and Modern Standard Arabic. Speaking ability developed during employment and travel in the Middle East.

- French: high reading comprehension, translation, some speaking and writing ability.
- Spanish: high reading comprehension, translation, some speaking and writing ability.
- Italian: reading comprehension, limited translation, speaking and writing ability.
- Latin: basic reading comprehension.
- Berber (Amazigh): limited speaking ability. (Courses at the National Endowment for the Humanities Berber Studies Institute, Oregon State University, 2007)
- Tangier Summer Advanced Arabic Language Program (TSALP), University of Arizona and Tangier American Legation, 7 weeks, Summer 2005.
- Yemen Language Center and Research Institute: 6 weeks of Arabic training in Sanaa, Yemen, August: 2002.
- American Language Institute in Fes: 2 months of Moroccan Arabic, September 2002.

## **Grants and Awards**

- Co-Writer, Qatar Foundation National Research Priorities, *Political Participation in the Arabic Speaking World*. (\$250,000)
- National Endowment for the Humanities Berber Studies Research Institute Participant Grant, Oregon State University, Summer 2007. Final project title “The Berbers in Al-Andalus”
- American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (AIMS) Full Grant 2006-2007.
- Royal Historical Society ORS Scholar to obtain a Ph.D. at St. Andrews University (Full funding and University stipend).
- American Institute of Maghrebi Studies (AIMS): Tangier American Legation Advanced Arabic and Moroccan Arabic Study Grant, 7 weeks, Summer 2005.
- Approved Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) State Department Grant, “Student Horizons,” for student council exchanges between America and Oman.
- Reynolds Foundation Scholar for International Study: 2003-2004, \$10,000.

- Royal Historical Society Grants: “Locating Igli: birthplace of the founder of the Almoravid Empire in Morocco,” Feb. 2004. Second grant provided for Spring 2006 report: “Zagora and the Desert Library of Tamegroute.”
- Fulbright Scholarship to Morocco: 2002-2003.
- Ray Winfield Smith Scholar for Best Thesis in Asian and African History, 2002.
- Rufus Choate Scholar, 2000-2002 and Alumni Scholar, 1999-2002.
- Dartmouth Presidential Scholar, 2002, “Cataloguing the Incunabula: Dartmouth Illustrated Books from 1550-1600.”
- Class of 1952 Rockefeller Grant, UK Parliament, Summer 2001.
- Dickey Center for International Affairs Grant, IB Tauris Publishing, London, Fall 2000.
- Reynolds Expedition Grant, “Multiculturalism in Mauritius,” Winter 2000.

## **International Conference Presentations**

- “The Lady of Victory: Women, Hija Poetry and Tribal Feuds in the Naqaïd” MESA, 2008.
- European Association of Arabists and Islamic Studies (UEAI) University of Sardinia, Sassari Conference 2006 presentation for nomination as full member of the association: “The Almohads and the Mediterranean: From Genoa to Rabat” (To be published by Peters press in 2008)
- Upcoming 2006 Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) conference presentation in Boston: “The Kitab al-Jafr and the Meaning of Fate in Islamic History.”
- American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (AIMS) annual conference presentation in Tangier, June 8-10. “The Idea of the Mahdi in Ibn Khaldun’s Muqaddimah.”
- Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) annual conference presentation, November 2005, “Marrakech: Doctrine in Stone.”
- World History Association (WHA) annual conference presentation, June 27-30, 2005, Al-Akhawayan University, Ifrane, Morocco, “The Almohads, Africa and the Mediterranean: Connections and Contacts.” Panel chair for “Education in the Sudan.”

- American Institute of Maghrebi Studies (AIMS) annual conference presentation in Tunis, May 2005, “The Origins of Marrakech.”
  
- The Berbers and Other Minorities in North Africa: a Cultural Reappraisal, peer-reviewed Presentation at PSU, Oregon, May 2005, “The Almohads: The Rise of a Berber Civilization and the Unification of the Greater Maghreb.”
  
- AIMS Dissertation Conference, Harvard University, April 2005, “Tribe and State: the Formation of the Almohad Empire.”
  
- “The Individual and Islam”: Visiting Scholar anthropology presentation for at the American Language Institute in Fes hosted by Professor Dale Eickelman, April 2003.
  
- Fulbright Conference: “Ibn Tufayl – The Individual in Moroccan History,” Rabat, 2003.
  
- University of Tunis, Zituna, April 2003, *Tribu, Ville et Espace dans le Monde Islamique*, “Ibn Khaldun: a New Approach.” (Presented in Arabic and French)
  
- “Multiculturalism in Mauritius: a Model for Globalization?” *Raynolds Expedition Presentation* at Dartmouth College, 2000.

## **Other Relevant Employment**

- Acting Democracy Program Coordinator at the US Embassy in Muscat, Oman 2004, author and implementer of a successful Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Grant to develop an exchange program between Omani and American student councils.
  - \$25,000 raised for MEPI Grant.
  - \$20,000 raised for State Department Museum Development Program in Oman through official cables.
  - Translated Arabic Newspapers and Policy Papers into English for official cables.
  
- English Teaching Volunteer, UN High Commission for Refugees post in Sanaa, Yemen, August 2002.
  
- Special Collections, Dartmouth College, Student Archivist: Incunabula and College Archives, 1998-2002. Presidential Scholar Winter 2001.
  
- Parliamentary Research Assistant: Office of Donald Anderson, MP, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Select Committee, Summer 2001, Rockefeller Center Class of 1952 Grant.

## **Community Service and Volunteer Work**

- Teacher at the Annual Summer Arts Festival for primary public school children Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, every summer since 2001.

- Teacher and Presenter on Islamic Culture at Youth Rehabilitation Center, Salem, Oregon, December 2005.

## **Professional Membership**

Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society (RAS).

Member (2006) of the Union Européenne des Arabisants et Islamisants (UEAI), Member of the Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA), American Institute for Maghrebi Studies (AIMS), Phi Beta Kappa (PBK), The Royal Historical Society (RHS), The World History Association (WHA); Conference Organizer and Member of the School for 'Abbasid Studies.