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ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., *with honors*, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
Dissertation Title: *Narrative Representations of Abu Bakr (d. 634) in the 2nd/8th Century*
Dissertation Committee: Profs. Wadad Kadi (advisor), Fred M. Donner, Tahera Qutbuddin, and Stefan Leder
- 2004 M.A. in Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
M.A. Thesis Title: *The Imamate in al-Mawardi's (d. 1058) al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyya*
- 04–07/2004 Visiting Student
Orientalisches Seminar (Dept. of Oriental and Islamic Studies), University of Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany
- 2001 Bachelor of Science in Management, *High Honor Student*
Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey
- 01–06/ 2000 Exchange Student
University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2023- *Assistant Instructional Professor*
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Divinity School, University of Chicago
- 2021-2022 *Postdoctoral Fellow*
AIWG Research Group “Normativity of the Qur’an in the Context of Social Change”
Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany

Lecturer
Department of History, Boğaziçi (Bosphorus) University, Istanbul
- 2017–2021 *Junior Research and Teaching Fellow*

BMBF Junior Research Group “Religion and Rationality in the
Life and Thought of Muslims, Christians and Jews in Pluralistic Societies”
Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, University of Tübingen

2011–2017 *Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter (Research & Teaching Associate)*
Institute of Oriental and Islamic Studies, University of Tübingen

2010–2011 *Affiliated Doctoral Fellow*
Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago

2008–2009 *Research Fellow*
Orient-Institut Beirut, Lebanon

2006–2007 *Doctoral Fellow*
Graduate School of Asia and Africa (GSAA) in World Reference Systems
Martin Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION AND COMPETENCE

Islamic Intellectual History, Early and Medieval Islamic History, *Hadith* Literature, *Sira* Literature,
Arabic Historiography

AWARDS & DISTINCTIONS

2017 Gorgias Press International Classical Islamic World Book Prize, Second Place

2017 Mention Award for the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS) – De Gruyter
International Prize in the Study of Islam and the Muslim World awarded to the best
doctoral thesis

1997 Ranked 5th in the Turkish National University Placement Examination among 1.5
million participants

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

2018 University of Tübingen Excellence Initiative Workshop Grant for the international
workshop *Hadith and Inner-Islamic Pluralism*, Tübingen, December 7th–8th 2018,
organized by H. M. Ouf, M. Akpınar, R. V. Sanseverino (13,078 Euros)

2017–2019 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Grant for Erasmus + KA107 Student and
Staff Exchange Program with Lebanon (34,000 Euros)

2010–2011 Whiting Dissertation Year Fellowship, The Division of Humanities, University of
Chicago

- 2009 Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship in the College, University of Chicago
- 2008–2009 Orient-Institut Beirut Doctoral Research Grant
- 2008–2009 University of Chicago Pro-Forma Tuition Aid
- 2006–2007 DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Graduate Research Grant Awarded for Dissertation Research at the Martin-Luther-Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Institut für Orientalistik
- 2006–2007 University of Chicago Pro-Forma Tuition Aid
- 2002–2005 University of Chicago Merit Fellowship from unendowed funds
- 2001–2005 University of Chicago Century Scholarship
- 2001–2004 International House of Chicago Residential Fellowship
- 1997–2001 Bilkent University Full-ride Undergraduate Scholarship (Tuition, stipend, and housing)

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- (forthcoming) The Making of Abu Bakr (d. 634): A Critical Study of the First Caliph of Islam. Leiden: Brill (Islamic History and Civilization Series) (proposal accepted)
- (forthcoming) The Treatise of Dirar b. ‘Amr (d. ca. 200/815). Translation by M. Akpınar. Edition by H. Hansu in collaboration with M. Akpınar. Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press (Library of Arabic and Islamic Heritage Translation Series) (under contract)

Editorial work

- (forthcoming) Rethinking ‘Conquest’ in the Late Antique Near East from Byzantium to Islam. Edited by F. Montinaro, M. Akpınar, and T. Raum. Berlin: De Gruyter (Millenium Studies) (proposal accepted)

Academic Articles, refereed

- 2022/23 Mehmetcan Akpınar, “False Accusations of Adultery (qad̄f) in the Quran and in Near Eastern Legal Traditions” in: *Normativität des Koran im Zeichen gesellschaftlichen Wandels*, ed. by Fahimah Ulfat/Mouez Khalifaoui/Mohammed Nekroumi. Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlag (Theologie, Bildung, Ethik und Recht des Islam) (in press)

- 2022a “Hadith Inscriptions in Medieval Anatolian Architecture: The Case of the Qaraṭay Madrasa in Konya and The Great Mosque in Birgi” in: *Beyond Authenticity: Alternative Approaches of Hadith Narrations and Collections*. Edited by Mohammad Gharaibeh. Leiden: Brill (in press)
- 2022b “Narratives on Buraq in Early Islamic Literature,” in: *The Ascension of the Prophet and the Stations of his Journey: The Miraj and the Three Sacred Cities of Islam in the Ottoman Cultural Environment*. Edited by Ayşe Taşkent, Nicole N. Kançal-Ferrari. Istanbul: Dergah Publishing, 385-391.
- 2022c “Medinan Scholars in Early ‘Abbāsīd Baghdād” in: *Baghdād: From Its Beginnings to the 14th Century*. Edited by Jens Scheiner and Isabel Toral. Leiden: Brill (Handbook of Oriental Studies, Section 1 The Near and Middle East), 521-530.
- 2021 “Medinan Scholars on the Move: Professional Mobility at the Umayyad Court” in: *Professional Mobility in the Islamic Lands (900–1600): ‘ulama, udaba, and administrators*. Edited by Mohamad Merheb and Mehdi Berriah. Leiden: Brill (Handbook of Oriental Studies, Section 1 The Near and Middle East), 15-40.

Encyclopedia entry

- 2012 “al-Mawardi,” in: *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Edited by Gerhard Bowering. Princeton, N. J.: Princeton University Press, 2012, 38–39.

Review articles & Book reviews

- (in prep.) “Review of: Bauer, Thomas, *Warum es kein islamisches Mittelalter gab? Das Erbe der Antike und der Orient*, München: C.H. Beck Verlag 2018,” in: *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies*
- 2019 “Review of: Harald Motzki, *Reconstruction of a Source of Ibn Ishaq’s Life of the Prophet and Early Qur’an Exegesis: A Study of Early Ibn ‘Abbas Traditions*, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press 2017,” in: *Der Islam* 96/2 (2019): 531–537

Preface

- 2022 “Preface” and additional tables and diagrams for the 2nd edition of Harald Motzki, *Reconstruction of a Source of Ibn Ishaq’s Life of the Prophet and Early Qur’an Exegesis: A Study of Early Ibn ‘Abbas Traditions*, Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias Press (in press)

Popular article

- 2014 (with Simone Hiller) “Ist der Koran die Bibel für Muslime?” in: *Warum dürfen Adam und Eva keine Äpfel essen? Kinderfragen zur Bibel - Forscherinnen und Forscher antworten*. Edited by Albert Biesinger et. al. Munich: Kösel-Verlag, 130–136.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022/02/10 “Competing Narratives as Sources for Historical Inquiry: Early Accounts on Buraq and their Importance for Religio-political Milieus of the 2nd/8th Century”
Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, Chicago, USA
- 2021/11/03 “Hadith and Devotional Spaces in Medieval Anatolia”
Lecture Series by the Chair of Islamic Intellectual History of the Postclassical Period 1200-1800, Berlin Institute for Islamic Theology, Humboldt University, Germany
- 2021/04/28 “The Making of the First Caliph: Early Narratives about Abū Bakr’s (d. 13/634) Conversion to Islam”
History Seminar Webinar, Sabancı University, Turkey
- 2020/10/23 “Medinan Scholars in Umayyad Damascus”
Workshop Islamische Dimensionen der Geschichte, University of Göttingen, Germany
- 2020/05/28 “Scholars on the Move: Between Centers of Power and Circles of Learning in the Umayyad Period”
Senior Research Seminar, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2020/02/19 “The Making of the First Caliph: Early Narratives about Abu Bakr’s (d. 13/634) Conversion to Islam”
History Department, SOAS University of London, UK
- 2019/12/05 “Ibn Ishaq (d. 150/767) and Anthropomorphism in his *Sira* Material”
Senior Research Seminar, University of Tübingen, Germany
- 2019/03/28 “Surveying Hadith Inscriptions in Medieval and Early Modern Monuments of Anatolia”
History Department, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2018/05/03 “The Fashioning of a Story: Buraq in Early Islamic Tradition”
History Department, Bosphorus University, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2017/02/03 “The Prophet Muhammad’s Miraculous Journey (*isra`*) to Jerusalem in the Light of Diverging Early Traditions”
Department of Near Eastern and Judaic Studies, Brandeis University, Boston, USA.
- 2016/05/30 “What did the Medinans, Basrans and Kufans know about Abu Bakr in the 2nd/8th Century?”
Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany.
- 2010/05/11 “How to Approach the Early Islamic Historical Narratives: Methodological Questions”
Institut für Islamwissenschaft, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022/05 “False Accusations of Adultery (qadhf) in the Qur’an and in Early Modern Muslim Legal Practice.”
International Workshop on Qur’an and Islamic Law: *The Normative Verses (Ayat al-Ahkam) in Modern Times: A Challenge not only for Muslims*, University of Tübingen, May 6th–7th, 2022
- 2020/12 “Reconstructing 2nd/8th Century Damascene Accounts on the Muslim Conquests of Syria”
Tübingen Hadith Studies Workshop, University of Tübingen, December 11th–12th, 2020
- 2019/11 “Abraham’s Ka’ba and the Establishment of the Muslim Direction of Prayer”
International workshop *Faces of Abraham: Conceptual Versions of Monotheism and Interpretative Visions of its Foundational Figure*, University of Tübingen, November 18th–20th, 2019.
- 2019/03 “Landscapes of Knowledge: Hijazi Scholars in Eighth Century Baghdad”
International Workshop *Professional Mobility in the Islamic Lands (900–1600): ‘ulama, udaba, and administrators*, SOAS University of London, March 20th–21st, 2019.
- 2018/12 “Seeing God? Disputes about the Prophetic Hadiths on *visio beatifica*”
International workshop *Hadith and Inner-Islamic Pluralism: The Origin and Development of the Prophetic Tradition as trans-denominational Phenomenon*, University of Tübingen, December 7th–8th, 2018.
- 2018/07 “Competing narratives on Abu Bakr’s (d. 634) Early Conversion to Islam”
World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Seville, July 16th–20th, 2018.
- 2018/04 “The Prophet and the Beast: Diverging Accounts on Buraq in the Light of the Regional Disputes of the 2nd/8th Century”
British Association for Islamic Studies Conference, Exeter, UK, April 9th–11th, 2018.
- 2017/09 “Kharijism in Kufa: Accounts on Abu Bakr and ‘Ali according to Dirar b. ‘Amr’s (d. ca. 200/815) *Kitab al-Tahrish*”
XXXIII. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Jena, September 18th–22nd, 2017.
- 2017/06 “The Battle of Yarmuk in the Arabic Historical Tradition: Searching for the Earliest Layers in the Arabic Sources”
International conference *The Battle of Yarmuk (636 CE): Rethinking ‘conquest’ in the Late Antique Near East from Byzantium to Islam*, University of Tübingen, June 16th–17th, 2017.
- 2016/11 “Contesting Narratives Advocating Abu Bakr’s Primacy in Belief”

- Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, November 17th–20th, 2016.*
- 2016/11 “European Digital Platforms for Research in Islamic Studies”
Resource Sharing Workshop: Comparing and Sharing Digital Archival Projects and Resources, Harvard University, Cambridge, November 17th, 2016.
- 2016/10 “Conversion and Persecution in Early Islamic Narratives,”
Symposium Conflict, Encounter, and Interfaith Dialogue in Islam: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives, Rutgers University, Newark, October 26th, 2016.
- 2016/06 “Negotiating Narratives: The Construction of Abu Bakr’s (d. 634) Image in the 2nd/8th Century”
Forschungskolloquium, Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, University of Tübingen, June 1st, 2016.
- 2015/06 “Examining Early Sira Material in Muqatil b. Sulayman’s Tafsir”
International workshop on Fresh Perspectives on Early Muslim Historiography, University of Göttingen, June 25th–26th, 2015.
- 2012/11 “Authorial Imprints: The case for Muhammad b. Sirin (d. 110/728)”
Rethinking Authorship in Islamic Literature Workshop, Bayreuth University, November 22nd–25th, 2012.
- 2010/02 “A Study of a Biographical Account: Narratives on Abu Bakr in al-Baladhuri’s Ansab”
International conference on Arabic Historiography in its Arabic Age: al-Baladhuri’s Ansab al-Ashraf, Orient-Institut-Beirut, Cairo, Feb 27th–March 1th, 2010.
- 2009/11 “The Portrayal(s) of Abu Bakr (d. 634) in the Accounts on the Apostasy (Ridda) Wars”
Middle East Studies Association Conference, Boston, November 24th, 2009.
- 2009/06 “The Bahira Anecdote and the Literary Perceptions of Christian Monks in the Early Islamic Period”
International Conference on Religious Culture in Late Antique Arabia, Berlin, June 25th–27th, 2009.
- 2009/03 “Abu Bakr as a Character in the Bahira Story”
Internal Colloquium, Orient-Institut Beirut, Beirut, March 10th, 2009.
- 2007/09 “Narrative Analysis in the Study of Early Islam”
XXX. Deutscher Orientalistentag, Freiburg im Breisgau, September 24th–28th, 2007.
- 2007/05 “Early European Scholarship on al-Zamakhshari”
International Scientific Conference Mahmud Zamakhshary and Oriental Literary-Scientific Renaissance, Dashoguz, Turkmenistan, May 23rd–25th, 2007.

- 2005/11 “Al-Mawardi’s al-Ahkam al-Sultaniyya from a Contractual Point of View”
Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C., November 21st, 2005.
- 2005/11 “Al-Mutannabi’s Marthiya for Muhammad b. Ishaq: Of Loss and Victory”
Middle-East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, May 13th, 2005.

PAPER DISCUSSANT, MODERATOR, PANEL CHAIR

- 2022/05 Workshop Organizer, Moderator and Panel Chair at the international workshop *The Normative Verses (Ayat al-Ahkam) in Modern Times: A Challenge not only for Muslims*, online, May 6th–7th, 2022.
- 2019/09 Workshop Moderator and Discussant at the international symposium *Islamic Family Law in Europe and the Islamic World*, Hannover, Germany. Session entitled “The position of women in Islamic family law: past and present,” September 25th–27th, 2019.
- 2016/10 Panel Chair at the 23rd *International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)*, University of Tübingen. Panel entitled “Islamic Studies,” October 6th–8th, 2016.
- 2016/02 Panel Chair at the *First ‘Great Lake’ Ottoman Symposium*, University of Tübingen, Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies. Panel entitled “Early Modern Ottoman Typologies,” February 26th–27th, 2016.
- 2016/02 Panel Chair at the *Argumentation and Theology Conference*, University Tübingen, Center for Islamic Theology, February 22nd, 2016.
- 2014/09 Panel Chair at the *Interdisciplinary Conference on Early Modern Trends in Islamic Theology: Abd al-Ghani al-Nabulusi (d. 1731) and His Network of Scholarship*, University of Tübingen, Center for Islamic Theology, September 4th–6th, 2014.
- 2011/05 Panel Chair at the *Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) 26th Annual Conference*, University of Chicago. Panel entitled “Power and Legitimacy in the Formative Period of Islam,” May 15th, 2011.
- 2011/03 Paper Discussant at the *Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop*, University of Chicago. Catherine Bronson (University of Chicago), “Imagining the First Woman in Formative Tafsir,” March 31st, 2011.
- 2011/01 Paper Discussant at the *Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) Workshop*, University of Chicago. Elizabeth Urban (University of Chicago), “They are Your Brothers in Religion and Your Mawali: The Quranic Transformation of the Term Mawla,” January 27th, 2011.

ORGANISATION OF WORKSHOPS, LECTURE SERIES AND CONFERENCES

- 2022/05 Workshop Organizer, *The Normative Verses (Ayat al-Ahkam) in Modern Times: A Challenge not only for Muslims*, University of Tübingen, May 6th-7th 2022. International Workshop on Qur'an and Islamic Law organized by M. Akpınar and M. Khalifaoui
- 2018–2021 Organizer of the Interdepartmental Lecture and Seminar Series, *Conversations with Scholars of Islam*, Tübingen. Organized by M. Akpınar and A. Nawaz
- 2020/12 Workshop Organizer, *Tübingen Hadith Studies Workshop III*, Tübingen, December 11th–12th 2020. Organized by M. Akpınar and M. Bednarkiewicz
- 2019/12 Workshop Organizer, *Tübingen Hadith Studies Workshop II*, Tübingen, December 13th–14th 2019. Organized by M. Akpınar and R.V. Sanseverino
- 2018/12 Workshop Organizer, *Hadith and Inner-Islamic Pluralism: The Origin and Development of the Prophetic Tradition as trans-denominational Phenomenon*, Tübingen, December 7th-8th 2018. International Workshop organized by H.M. Ouf, M. Akpınar, R.V. Sanseverino
- 2017/07 Conference Organizer, *The Battle of Yarmuk (636 CE): Rethinking 'conquest' in the Late Antique Near East from Byzantium to Islam*, Tübingen, July 16th-17th 2017. International conference organized by F. Montinaro and M. Akpınar, supported by the Collaborative Research Centre (CRC) 923 – Threatened Orders
- 2010/02 Conference Organizer, *Arabic Historiography in its Arabic Age: al-Baladhuri's Ansab al-Ashraf*, Cairo, Feb 27th–March 1st 2010. International conference organized by Stefan Leder and M. Akpınar at the Orient-Institut Beirut, supported by the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**1) Universität Tübingen, Tübingen, Germany**

- 2021–2022 Coordinator of a third-party funded research project “Normativity of the Qur'an” at the Center for Islamic Theology
- 2012–2018 Study Abroad & Erasmus Student Exchange Program Coordinator at the Oriental at the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies
- 2014–2017 Department Representative for the Teaching Staff at the Asien-Orient-Institut
- 2013–2020 Member of the Judaic Studies Committee
- 2011–2017 Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Study Advisor and Curriculum Developer at the Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies.

2011–2012 Member of the Job Search Committee for Full Professor (W1) and Assistant Professor (W3) Positions at the Center for Islamic Theology (Fall 2011)

2) University of Chicago

Winter 2010 Student Representative for the Islamic Thought Position Search Committee at the Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department.

2007–2008 Moderator of the Turkish Circle at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

2003–2004 Moderator of the Arabic Circle at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies

CLASSES TAUGHT

1) University of Tübingen, Germany

Winter Semester 2020–2021

- *Die Umayyaden: Geschichte der ersten muslimischen Dynastie (The Umayyads: History of the first Muslim Dynasty)*. Undergraduate level seminar.

Summer Semester 2020

- *The Biography of Prophet Muhammad in Western Research*. Graduate level seminar.

Winter Semester 2019–2020

- *Exegetisches Denken im Islam vom 8. Jh. bis zum 15. Jh (Quranic Exegetical Thinking between 8th-15th centuries)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.

Winter Semester 2018–2019

- *A Thousand and One Nights: History, Reception and Adaptation*. Graduate level seminar.

Winter Semester 2017–2018

- *Heirat und Scheidung im Islam: Rechtstheorie und gelebte gesellschaftliche Praxis (Marriage and Divorce in Islam: Legal Theory and Social Practice)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.

Summer Semester 2017

- *Venerating the Prophet Muhammad: Praise Poems in Arabic Literature*. Graduate level seminar.

Winter Semester 2016–2017

- *Einführung in die Hadithwissenschaften (Introduction to Hadith)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.
- *Crusades from the Perspective of the Arab Chroniclers*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Summer Semester 2016

- *Geschichte des muslimisch-christlichen Kontakts (History of Muslim and Christian Contacts)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.

- *Understanding the Concept of Jihad in Islamic Sources*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Winter Semester 2015–2016

- *Einführung in das Islamische Recht (Introduction to Islamic Law)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.
- *Readings in Modern Arabic Prose*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Summer Semester 2015

- *Einführung in die Islamische Mystik (Introduction to Islamic Mysticism)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.
- *Readings in Sufi Literature*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Winter Semester 2014–2015

- *Die islamische Hadith-Kritik (Hadith Criticism)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.
- *Biographical Literature in Arabic and Islam: The Tabaqat Genre*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Summer Semester 2014

- *Arabic and Islamic Political Thought: A Textual Perspective*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.
- *Arabisch IV (Classical Arabic)*. Advanced language course on classical Arabic and its grammar.

Winter Semester 2013–2014

- *Häresiographische Texte im Islam (Heresiographical Literature in Islam)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.
- *Autobiographical writings in Classical and Modern Arabic Literature*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Summer Semester 2013

- *Geschichte der ersten vier islamischen Kalifen (632-661) (The History of the Rashidun Caliphs)*. Undergraduate level lecture course.
- *Arabisch IV (Classical Arabic)*. Advanced language course on classical Arabic and its grammar.

Winter Semester 2012–2013

- *Exegetisches Denken im Islam vom 8. Jh. bis zum 15. Jh. (Quranic Exegetical Thinking between 8th-15th centuries)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.
- *Early Islamic Historiography*. Advanced level Arabic lecture and reading course.

Summer Semester 2012

- *Politisches Denken bei al-Ğahiz (d. 869) (Political Thought of al-Jahiz)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.
- *Arabisch IV (Classical Arabic)*. Advanced language course on classical Arabic and its grammar.

Winter Semester 2011–2012

- *Hadith - Einführung in Arbeitstechniken, Forschungsmethodik und Themen (Introduction to Hadith Methodology)*. Undergraduate and graduate level seminar.
- *Die Biographie des Propheten (The Biography of the Prophet Muhammad)*. Advanced level Arabic reading course.

Summer Semester 2011

- *Arabisch IV (Classical Arabic)*. Advanced language course on classical Arabic and its grammar.

2) Boğaziçi (Bosphorus) University, Istanbul, Turkey

Winter Semester 2021–2022

- *The History of the Umayyad Dynasty*. Undergraduate level seminar

March 25th–April 8th, 2018

- *1001 Nights: History, Reception and Adaptation*.
Three-week compact lecture series taught at undergraduate and graduate level at the History Department within the framework of the Erasmus + Staff Mobility Program.

3) University of Chicago

Lecturer:

Spring 2010

- *Islamic Theology: 600–1300*. Self-designed lecture course, taught at undergraduate and graduate level.

Spring 2009

- Stuart Tave Teaching Fellowship, *Islam and the State: Origins and Evolution of Political Thought in Islam*. Designed and taught undergraduate course through competitive teaching fellowship. Fully responsible for lecturing, moderating discussions, grading papers and exams. Developed prize-winning syllabus.

Teaching Assistant:

Winter 2010

- *Classical Arabic Literature*. Read original Arabic texts with students (1.5 hours per week) and grading.

Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010

- *Islamic Thought & Literature 1, 2, 3*. Partial lecturing, moderating discussions, and grading.

Spring 2008

- *Classical Arabic Literature*. Read original Arabic texts with students (1.5 hours per week), partial lecturing and grading.

Fall 2007, Winter 2008, Spring 2008

- *Islamic Thought & Literature 1, 2, 3*. Partial lecturing, moderating discussions and grading.

2006 Summer School Intensive Language Program for High School Students

- *Elementary Arabic 1*. Co-taught the course (12 hours per week) and grading.

Fall 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2006

- *Introduction to Islamic Civilization 1, 2, 3*. Partial lecturing, moderating discussions and grading.

Fall 2005, Winter 2006, Spring 2006

- *Elementary Arabic 1, 2, 3*. Partial teaching and grading.

Fall 2004, Winter 2005, Spring 2005

- *Elementary Arabic 1, 2, 3*. Partial teaching and grading.

Fall 2003, Winter 2004

- *Elementary Arabic 1, 2*. Partial teaching and grading.

4) Martin Luther Universität, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

2006–2007 (Winter and Summer Semesters)

- Tutor for Elementary Turkish (*Türkisches Tutorium*). Conversational Turkish at 2nd/3rd year-level. Developed exercises and graded assignments.

SERVICES TO THE PROFESSION

2017–present Gorgias Press Islamic History and Thought Series Advisory Editorial Board Member

ADDITIONAL TRAINING & LANGUAGE STUDY

06/2013 Digital Humanities Summer School Switzerland, University of Bern, Switzerland

07/2007 International Summer School in Arabic Papyrology, Austrian National Library, Vienna. Intensive Summer School at the Viennese Arabic Papyri Collection.

06–07/2005 Guest Researcher at the *Arabistik* Library, Oriental Institute, University of Vienna, Austria.

06–07/2002 Kramer Sprachschule, Freiburg, Germany. Summer German Program.

06–07/2001 Damascus University Arabic Language Center, Damascus, Syria. Arabic Language Study.

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Turkish	Native
English	Native Fluency
German	Fluent
Arabic	Fluent
French	Reading Knowledge
Persian	Elementary