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Academic Employment (Post-Doctorate):

- Professor, History Department, **University of Vermont** (2017 – current)
- Associate Professor, History Department, **University of Vermont** (2006 – 2017)
- Assistant Professor, History Department, **University of Vermont** (2001 – 2006)

Temporary Positions:

- Research Fellow and Visiting Professor at Economics Department, **Middle East Technical University** (Spring, 2021)
- Visiting Fellow, Islamic Legal Studies Program at **Harvard University Law School** (Fall, 2015)
- Aga Khan Distinguished Visiting Prof. in Islamic Humanities, **Brown University** (Spring, 2014)

Education:

- Ph.D. (History), **Ohio State University**, 2001
- M.Sc. (Economics), **Middle East Technical University** (Ankara, Turkey), 1995
- M.Sc. (Economic History), **London School of Economics and Political Science**, 1993
- B.Sc. (Economics), **Middle East Technical University** (Ankara, Turkey), 1992

Awards, Fellowships, Recognitions (since 2002):

2025	University Scholar Award, UVM
2020	Thompson Fellowship, History Department, UVM (Fall 2020).
2019	Winner of the Association for the Study of Food and Society Book Award for <i>Halal Food: A History</i> (with Febe Armanios)
2019	Small Grant Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM
2018 – 19	Nominated for the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, UVM (not pursued)
2014 – 15	Nominated for the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, UVM (not pursued)

- 2014 Recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dean's Lecture Award for excellence in teaching and scholarship, UVM
- 2011 – 12 Nominated for the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, UVM (not pursued)
- 2009 Lattie Coor International Travel Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM
- 2007 American Council of Learned Societies / Social Sciences Research Council / National Endowment for Humanities International and Area Studies Fellowship.
- 2007 American Research Institute in Turkey - National Endowment for Humanities Fellowship for research in Turkey
- 2006 – 7 Faculty Research Support Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM
- 2006 – 7 Nominated for the Kroepsch-Maurice Award for Excellence in Teaching, UVM (not pursued)
- 2006 International Travel Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM
- 2004 Faculty Development Award, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM
- 2002 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Prize, awarded by the Middle East Studies Association of North America for the best dissertation in the Humanities

Publications - Books:

Corruption in the Ottoman Polity: Empirical Insights, Conceptual Reflections (edited with Cengiz Kırılı). Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2025.

Defining Corruption in the Ottoman Empire: Morality, Legality, and Abuse of Power in Premodern Governance. Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2024.

Halal Food: A History (with Febe Armanios). Oxford and New York: Oxford University Press. 2018.

Nazism, the Holocaust and the Middle East: Arab and Turkish Responses (edited with Francis Nicosia). New York: Berghahn Books. 2018.

The Economics of Ottoman Justice: Trial and Settlement in the Sharia Courts (with Metin Coşgel). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. 2016.

Judicial Practice: Institutions and Agents in the Islamic World (edited). Boston and Leiden: Brill 2009.

Local Court, Provincial Society and Justice in the Ottoman Empire: Legal Practice and Dispute Resolution in Çankırı and Kastamonu (1652-1744). Boston and Leiden: Brill, 2003.

Publications - Journal Issue:

Dossier: "Chasing Ottoman Early Modernity" (co-edited with Virginia Aksan and Antonis Hadjikyriacou), *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 7:1 (2020).

Publications - Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

“Borrowing and (Mis-)Attribution in Ottoman Fatwas: A Computational Investigation” (with Atabey Kaygun), *Islamic Law and Society*, forthcoming.

“Friends with Benefits: Material Obligations of Companionship among Premodern Ottoman Elite,” in Positions and Possessions: *Belonging in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire*, edited by Veruschka Wagner and Firat Yaşa. Göttingen: V&R unipress / Bonn University Press, 2026, 27-44.

“Appeal to Courts in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire,” in *Contracts, Litigations and Their Norms Compared*, edited by Toru Miura and Mio Kishimoto. Tokyo: Toyo Bunko, 2026, 191-211.

“False Witnessing: Theory and Practice in Premodern Ottoman Empire,” (with Zeynep Dörtok Abacı), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 36: 3 (2025), 406-44. <https://doi.org/10.1093/jis/etaf012>.

“Corruption in Modern Ottoman Historiography,” in *Corruption in the Ottoman Polity: Empirical Insights, Conceptual Reflections*, edited by Boğaç A. Ergene and Cengiz Kırılı. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2025, 17-36.

“Judiciary and Wealth in the Ottoman Empire, 1689–1843,” (with Zeynep Dörtok Abacı, Jun Akiba, Metin Coşgel) *Journal of the Economic Social History of the Orient* 66:1-2 (2023), 43-84.

“Change Visible from a Distance: Digital Analysis of the *Fetvas* of Ottoman *Şeyhülislams* in the Early Modern Era” (with Atabey Kaygun), *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 54:3 (2022), 442-461.

“The Price of Justice: Revenues Generated by Ottoman Courts of Law in the Late Seventeenth and Early Eighteenth Centuries” (with Zeynep D. Abacı), *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 81:1 (2022), 25-52.

“The Textual Evolution of the Ottoman *Şeyhülislams’ Fetvas*: A Cross-Corpora Computational Analysis” (with Atabey Kaygun), *Der Islam* 98:2 (2021): 516–545.

“Semantic Mapping of an Ottoman Fetva Compilation: Ebussuud Efendi’s Jurisprudence Through a Computational Lens” (with Atabey Kaygun), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 32:1 (2021), 62–115

“Shari‘a Courts in the Ottoman Empire before Tanzimat” (with Yavuz Aykan), *The Medieval History Journal* 22:2 (2019), 203-228.

“Dispute Resolution in Ottoman Courts: A Quantitative Analysis of Litigations in Eighteenth Century Kastamonu” (with Metin Coşgel), *Social Science History* 38:1-2 (2014), 183-202.

“Loglinear Analysis of Intergenerational Mobility in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Anatolia” (with Atabey Kaygun), *Journal of Social and Economic History of the Orient* 57:5 (2014), 669-702.

“‘Law and Economics Literature’ and Ottoman Legal Studies” (with Metin Coşgel). *Islamic Law and Society* 21:1-2 (2014), 114-44.

“The Selection Bias in Court Records: Settlement and Trial in Eighteenth Century Ottoman Kastamonu” (with Metin Coşgel), *Economic History Review* 67:2 (2014), 517-34.

“Islamic Law in (Political) Action: A Historical Discussion,” *Law and Social Inquiry* 38:4 (2013), 1041-57.

“A Temporal Analysis of Wealth and Inequality in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Empire” (with Atabey Kaygun and Metin Coşgel). *Continuity and Change* 28:1 (2013), 1-26.

“The Pitfalls of Writing Ottoman legal History from the ‘Bottom Up’,” in *Halycon Days in Crete VII: Political Initiatives from the Bottom up in the Ottoman Empire*, ed. Antonios Anastasopoulos (Crete: Crete University Press, 2012), 381-98.

“Crime and Punishment in Ottoman Times: Corruption and Fines” (with Metin Coşgel, Haggay Etkes, and Thomas Miceli), *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 43:3 (2013), 353-76.

“Inequality of Wealth in the Ottoman Empire: War, Weather, and Long-term Trends in Eighteenth Century Kastamonu” (with Metin Coşgel), *Journal of Economic History* 72:2 (2012), 308-31.

“Spouse Selection and Marital Mobility in the Ottoman Empire: Observations from Eighteenth-Century Kastamonu” (with Atabey Kaygun), *Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History* 45:1 (2012), 3-20.

“Intergenerational Wealth Accumulation and Dispersion in the Ottoman Empire: Observations from Eighteenth-Century Kastamonu” (with Metin Coşgel), *European Review of Economic History* 15:2 (2011), 255-76.

“Intergenerational Mobility in the Ottoman Empire: Observations from Eighteenth-Century Kastamonu” (with Atabey Kaygun), *The History of the Family*, 16:1 (2011), 30-46.

“Why did Ümmü Gülsüm go to court? Ottoman Legal Practice between History and Anthropology,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 17:2 (2010), 215-44.

“Inheritance and Wealth Transmission in Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Kastamonu: An Empirical Investigation” (with Ali Berker), *Journal of Family History*, 39:1 (2009), 25-47.

“Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality in the Ottoman Empire: Observations from Eighteenth-Century Kastamonu” (with Ali Berker), *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 40:1 (2008), 23-46.

“Social Identity and Patterns of Interaction in the Shari'a Court of Kastamonu (1740-44),” *Islamic Law and Society*, 15:1 (2008), 20-54.

“Document Use in Ottoman Courts of Law: Observations from the Sicils of Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Çankırı and Kastamonu,” *Turcica: Revue d'études turques - peuples, langue, cultures, états*, 37 (issue of 2005 – appeared in July 2006), 83-111.

“A Christian Martyr under Mamluk Justice: The Trials of Salib (d. 1512) according to Muslim and Coptic Sources” (with Febe Armanios), *The Muslim World*, 96:1 (2006), 115-44.

“Evidence in Ottoman Courts: Oral and Written Documentation in Early-Modern Courts of Islamic Law,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 124:3 (issue of June – September 2004; appeared in January 2006), 471-92.

“Pursuing Justice in an Islamic Context; Dispute Resolution in Ottoman Courts of Law,” *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*, 27:1 (2004), 51-71.

“Costs of Court Usage in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Anatolia: Court Fees as Recorded in Estate Inventories,” *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, 45:1 (2002), 20-39.

“On Ottoman Justice: Interpretations in Conflict (16th-18th Century)” *Islamic Law and Society*, 8:1 (2001), 52-87.

“Maduniyet Okulu, Post-Kolonyel Eleştiri ve Bilgi-Özne Sorunu: Osmanlı Tarihçiliği İçin Yeni Dersler Mi?” (Subaltern School, Postcolonial Critique, and the Relationship between Knowledge and Subject: New Lessons for Ottoman History Writing?) *Toplum ve Bilim*, 83 (1999/2000), 32-47.

“Wages in Nineteenth Century Ottoman Anatolia: A Comparison of Urban and Agricultural Trends,” *New Perspectives on Turkey*, 19 (1998), 125-45.

“Subalternity, Postcolonial Critique and the Ottoman Peasantry: A Critical Evaluation of the Modern Approaches to Ottoman State-Society Relations,” *Critique: Journal for Critical Studies for the Middle East*, 18 (1998), 29-44.

Publications - Non-Peer-Reviewed Material and Encyclopedia Entries:

“Moral Economy of Corruption in the Ottoman Empire: The Case of *Şeyhülislam* Feyzullah Efendi,” *The Journal of Turkish Studies / Türklük Bilgisi Araştırmaları* 64 (2025), 187-209.

“Beyond Cartography: Methodological Implications of ‘Putting the Ottomans on the Map,’” *International Journal of Turkish Studies* 24: 1 & 2 (2025), 43-46.

“Dijital Araçlar ve Osmanlı Tarihçiliği,” *Toplumsal Tarih* 371, Kasım 2024, 51-54.

“Pluralistic Methodologies in Islamic Legal Historiography” (with Metin Coşgel), *Islamic Law Blog*, January 7, 2021, <https://islamiclaw.blog/2021/01/07/pluralistic-methodologies-in-islamic-legal-historiography/>.

“Osmanlı Hukuk Tarihine Niceliksel ve Ekonomik Yaklaşımlar,” in *İktisat Tarihinin Dönüşü: Yeni Yaklaşımlar ve Tartışmalar*, eds. Alp Yücel Kaya and Ulaş Karakoç (Istanbul: İletişim, 2021), 357-380.

“On Ottoman Early Modernity,” *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 7: 1 (2020), 24-26.

“Introduction: Responses to Nazism and the Holocaust in the Middle East and North Africa” (with Francis Nicosia), in *Nazism, the Holocaust and the Middle East: Arab and Turkish Responses*, Francis Nicosia and Boğaç Ergene (eds.). New York: Berghahn Books (2018).

“For many Muslim grocery shoppers, a shifting definition of ‘halal’” (with Febe Armanios), in *The Conversation* (July 31, 2018): <https://theconversation.com/for-many-muslim-grocery-shoppers-a-shifting-definition-of-halal-100715>.

“Qanun and the Religious Law” in *The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law*, eds. Ruud Peters and Peri Bearman (Burlington VT: Ashgate, 2014), 109-22.

“Coğrafi Kayıtsızlık: Kurtlar Vadisi: Irak ve Maskeli Beşler: Irak” in *Bu Kapıdan Gireceksin*, Umut Tümay Arslan ed. Istanbul: Metis Publishers, 2012: 107-117.

“Introduction” to the roundtable, titled “A Discussion on the State of Middle Eastern/Islamic Economic History,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44:3 (2012): 527-528.

“On the Use of Sources in Ottoman Economic History,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 44:3 (2012): 546-48.

“Fines,” “Abduction,” “Awārid” in *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3rd edition.

“Osmanlı’da Adalet Söylemi Üzerine Uzunca Bir Not” (A Lengthy Note on the Discourse of Justice in the Ottoman Empire), *Mürekkkep*, 10/11 (1998).

“Asağıdakiler, Kültür ve Cemaat” (Subalternity, Culture and Community), *Mürekkkep*, 3 (1995).

“Habermas ve Kamusal Alanın Yapısal Dönüşümü” (Habermas and the Structural Transformation of the Public Sphere), *Mürekkkep*, 1 (1994).

Publications – In Progress

“On ‘Corruption’ in the Ottoman Empire: A Discussion of Recent Literature and Potential Avenues for Future Research,” intended to appear in a volume prepared by Silvia Marton and Alex Tipei (Bloomsbury). Submitted.

“The ‘Public Turn’ in Ottoman History Writing: Engin Akarlı’s Contributions to Scholarship on State-Society Relations” (with Abdurrahman Atçıl) intended to appear in a volume prepared by Suraiya Faroqhi, Vanessa de Obaldia, and Padraic Rohan (Academic Studies Press). Submitted.

“Gifts and Bribes According to ‘Abd al-Ghani Al-Nabulusi (d. 1731),” intended to appear in volume prepared by Terem Etty, Aaron Rock Singer, and Pavel Pavlovitch. Submitted.

Publications - Book Reviews and Translations:

Book Reviews:

Translate and Rule: Justice, Arabic Literature, and the Colonial Archive by Hannah Scott Deuchar (Stanford University Press, 2026). *Law, Culture and the Humanities*, forthcoming.

Land and Legal Texts in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire: Harmonization, Property Rights and Sovereignty by Malissa Taylor (London and New York: Bloomsbury, 2023). *Journal of Islamic Studies* 36:1 (2025), 122–125.

Oppression and Salvation: Annotated Legal Documents from the Ottoman Book of Complaints of 1675 by Haim Gerber (Berlin: Klaus Schwarz, 2018), *Journal of American Oriental Society* 140:3 (2020), 763–765.

Shari‘a Scripts: A Historical Anthropology by Brinkley Messick (New York; Chichester, W. Sussex, UK: Columbia University Press), *Islamic Law and Society* 26:1-2 (2019), 186–190.

Sharia and the Making of the Modern Egyptian: Islamic Law and Custom in the Courts of Ottoman Cairo by Reem A. Meshal (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press), *Journal of American Oriental Society* 136:3 (2016), 653–655.

Crime and Punishment in Istanbul, 1700-1800 by Fariba Zarinebaf (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2011), *Journal of American Oriental Society*, 131:4 (2012), 647–8.

Against Smoking: An Ottoman Manifesto by Ahmad al-Aqhisari by Yahya Michot (Interface Publications - Kube Publishing, 2010) in *Islamic Law and Society* 18: 2 (2011), 286–7.

The Ottoman Empire and the World Around it, 1540s to 1774 by Suraiya Faroqhi (London: I. B. Tauris, 2004) in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 40:2 (2006), 259–60.

Legitimizing the Order: The Ottoman Rhetoric of State Power by Hakan T. Karateke and Maurus Reinkowski (eds.) (Leiden and Boston: Brill, 2005) in *Mediterranean Historical Review*, 21:2 (2006), 287–8.

Morality Tales: Law and Gender in the Ottoman Court of Aintab by Leslie Peirce (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003) in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 38:2 (2006), 309–10.

Historical Dictionary of the Ottoman Empire; Ancient Civilizations and Historical Eras, No. 7, by Selçuk Akşin Somel (Lanham, Maryland, and Oxford: The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2003) in *International Journal of Turkish Studies*, 11: 1&2 (2005), 163–5.

Les cimetières dans le ville: Statut, choix et organisation des lieux d'inhumation dans Istanbul intra muros, by Nicolas Vatin and Stéphane Yerasimos (Institut Français d'Études Anatoliennes, 2001) in *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin*, 38:1 (2004), 107–8.

Law, Society, and Culture in the Maghrib, 1300-1500, by David S. Powers (New York and Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002) in *Islamic Law and Society*, 10:2 (2003), 251–3.

In the House of Law: Gender and Islamic Law in Ottoman Syria and Palestine, by Judith Tucker (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1998) in *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 34:1 (2002).

A Brief History of Ankara, by Toni M. Cross and Gary Leiser (Vacaville, California: Indian Ford Press, 2000) in *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*, 25:1 (2001), 71-72.

Death and Exile: The Ethnic Cleansing of Ottoman Muslims. 1821-1922, by Justin McCarthy (Princeton: The Darwin Press Inc., 1995) in *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*, 21: 2 (1997).

The Great Arch: English State Formation as Cultural Revolution, by Phillip Corrigan and Derek Sayer (Oxford: Blackwell, 1991) in *Toplum ve Bilim*, 63 (1994).

Translations into Turkish:

“Ahmed Midhat’s *Sevda-yi Say-u-Amel*” by Carter V. Findley in *Tarih ve Toplum* 47 (1999).

“After Seattle: Understanding the Politics of Globalization,” by William K. Tabb in *Mürekkkep*, 13 (2000).

“Türklük: Cultural Transformations in Time and Space,” by Carter V. Findley in *Tarih ve Toplum*, 29 (1998).

Translation into English:

“The Jewish Question” by Hüseyin Cahit Yalçın, in *Nazizm, the Holocaust and the Middle East: Arab and Turkish Responses*, Francis Nicosia and Boğaç Ergene (eds.). New York: Berghahn Books. 2018.

Academic Lectures and Presentations in Scholarly Workshops and Conferences:

“Gifts as Bribes According to Abd al-Ghani al-Nabulusi.” *Osmanlı İktisat Tarihi Çalıştayı* (“Ottoman Economic History Workshop”). Çanakkale, Turkey. 6 June 2026.

University Scholar Lecture: “Gifts as Bribes According to Islamic and Ottoman Law: Early Modern Insights into Modern Problems.” University of Vermont. 19 February 2026.

Invited lecture, titled “Computational Approaches to Ottoman Fatwas.” Marmara University, Dijital Beşeri Bilimler Uygulama ve Araştırma Merkezi (Center for Practice and Research in Digital Humanities). 3 December 2025 (online).

“Conceptualizing Corruption in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire: A Historiographic Reflection.” *Conceptualizing Corruption: The “Old Regime” and the New Order in East-Central-South Europe (1750s-1850s)*. New Europe College – Institute for Advanced Study, Bucharest, Romania. 17 June 2024.

“Osmanlı Tarihçiliğinde Dijital ve Niceliksel Yöntemler.” *Dijital Tarih Tartışmaları*. Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey. 21 May 2024.

Invited lecture, titled “Costs of Court Use and Appeal to Justice in the Ottoman Empire.” Economic and Social History of the Early Modern World at the Institute of Historical Research in London. 27 October 2023 (online).

Invited lecture, titled “Defining Corruption in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire.” University of Pennsylvania. 23 March 2023.

“Appeal to Courts in the Ottoman Empire from a Comparative Perspective.” *Toyo Bunko Symposium on Contracts, Litigations and their Norms Compared: Asian and Islamic Regions*. 22 January 2023 (online).

Invited lecture, titled “Appeal to Courts in the Ottoman Empire from a Comparative Perspective.” Middlebury College. 11 November 2022.

“Non-Muslims in Ottoman Şeyhülislams’ Fetvas: A Computational Analysis of Thematic Change” (with Atabey Kaygun). Workshop on *Balance of Justice in the Ottoman Empire: Non-Muslims as Agents in an Islamic Imperial Legal Context*. Sabancı University, Istanbul. 13 October 2022.

“Favors and Gift-exchange for Charity, Benevolence, and Corruption in Ottoman Jurisprudential Thought.” Workshop on *Loyalty, Belonging, and Dependency in Early Modern Ottoman Empire*. The Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, University of Bonn. 5 May 2022 (online).

Invited seminar presentation, titled “The Price of Justice: Fee Schemes and Revenue Generation in Ottoman Courts of Law.” ATA Institute, Boğaziçi University. 21 May 2021.

Invited seminar presentation, titled “The Price of Justice: Fee Schemes and Revenue Generation in Ottoman Courts of Law.” Economics Department, Middle East Technical University. 17 May 2021.

Invited participant in “Islamic Law Blog Roundtable on Islamic Legal History and Historiography.” Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School. 5 March 2021 (online).

Co-chair of and participant in the panel, titled “Chasing the Ottoman Early Modern.” *W’OTSAP in Ottoman and Turkish Studies?* discussion and lecture series (with Virginia Aksan, and Antonis Hadjikyriacou). Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association. 26 February 2021 (online).

Invited participant in the manuscript workshop for “Halal Animals: Food, Faith, and the Future of Planetary Health.” 29 January and 6 February 2021 (online).

“Textual Change in Şeyhülislams’ Fetvas: A Computational Analysis” (with Atabey Kaygun). *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*. 8 January 2021 (online).

“Halal Food: A History, An Interview with Authors Dr. Febe Armanios and Dr. Boğaç Ergene,” conversation.” Conversation with Yvonne Maffei, My Halal Kitchen. 11 December 2020. Streamed live on Facebook and YouTube, at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gDTQKT9DcRA>

“Halal Food: A History” (with Febe Armanios). *Jacques Pépin Lecture Series on Food, Wine, and the Arts*, Boston University. 13 November 2020 (online).

Convener of the *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. 26-28 April 2019.

Invited talk on “An Introduction to Digital History.” Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. 6 February 2019.

Invited lecture on “Shari'a and Predatory Mal-Administration in the Ottoman Empire.” Washington University at St. Louis, St. Louis, MO. 6 February 2019.

Invited lecture on “The History of Halal and the Rules That Launched a Fleet of Food Trucks” (with Febe Armanios). Culinary Historians of New York, NY. 9 January 2019.

Chair and discussant in the panel titled, “Sovereignty, Uniformity, and Practicability: Facets of Early Modern Ottoman Law.” *American Historical Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL. 5 January 2019.

Invited lecture on “Halal Food: A History.” Fletcher Free Library’s *In Translation* Series, Burlington, VT. 11 November 2018.

Invited lecture on “Halal and Haram Beverages in Historical Perspective” (with Febe Armanios). Cornell University, NY. 18 October 2018.

Guest Speaker (with Febe Armanios) in Cornell University’s Department of Food Sciences, NY. 18 October 2018.

Co-organized (with Antonis Hadjikyriacou) and presented in a round-table discussion on “Ottoman Early Modernity.” *51st Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, Washington, DC. 21 November 2017.

“Corruption, Ottoman Style: A Preliminary Inquiry.” *50th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, Boston, MA. 18 November 2016.

Participant in Thematic Conversation on “Evaluating and Incentivizing Digital Scholarship in Middle East Studies.” *50th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association*, Boston, MA. 19 November 2016.

Invited participant in the workshop on “Digital Ottoman Platform II.” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ. 20-24 June 2016. Paper title: “Economic and ‘Large-N’ Analysis of Islamic Legal Practice in the Ottoman Empire: A Critical View of the Craft’s Kitchen.”

Co-organized the “Workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion” (with Febe Armanios and Kristen Stilt). Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA. 20-21 May 2016.

Invited participant and discussant in the conference, titled “Individuals and Legal Institutions: Jews, Christians and Muslims and the Consumption of Justice around the Medieval Mediterranean.” Duke University, Center for Jewish Studies, Durham, NC. 7-8 March 2016.

“Ottoman Legal Studies from the Perspective of 'Law and Economics' Scholarship.” Invited lecture for the Center of Middle East Studies at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 8 December 2015.

“Law and Legal Change in a Period of Flux in Ottoman History (17th and 18th Centuries).” Invited lecture in Toyo Bunko (The Oriental Library), Tokyo, Japan. 31 October 2015.

“Making the Case for Quantitative and Economic Approaches to Ottoman Legal History.” Invited lecture at Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. 28 October 2015.

Co-organized the Seventh Miller Symposium on “Responses in the Middle East to National Socialism and the Holocaust, 1933-1945” in association with Professor Frank Nicosia of the Center for Holocaust Studies at UVM. 18-19 April 2015.

“Corruption, Ottoman Style.” Invited lecture at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont. 10 March 2015.

The College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Lecture, titled “Corruption, Ottoman Style.” University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. 7 October 2014.

Organized the third annual Aga Khan Conference on “Sharia, Government, and Development.” Brown University, Providence, RI. 4-5 April 2014. Presented “Law and Legal Change in the Ottoman Empire during Seventeenth and Eighteenth Centuries.” 4 April 2014.

The Aga Khan Distinguished Visiting Professor Lecture titled. “Making a Case for Quantitative and Economic Approach to Ottoman Legal History.” Brown University, Providence, RI. 3 April 2014.

Invited participant in the “Law and Society in the Middle East Brainstorming Workshop.” Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. 3-4 January 2014.

Discussant on the panel titled, “Legitimizing Law in the Ottoman Empire.” *47th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*, New Orleans. October 2013.

Invited participant in the workshop titled, “New Perspectives in Ottoman Economic History.” Yale University, Department of Economics. 9-10 November 2012). Paper title: “The Selection Bias in Ottoman Court Records: Settlement and Trial in Eighteenth Century Kastamonu” (with Metin Coşgel).

“Why did Ümmü Gülsüm Go to Court?” Invited lecture given at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio. 26 April 2010.

Invited Participant in the workshop titled, “Islam and Economic Development, Past and Present.” Duke University, Department of Economics. 2-3 April 2010. Paper title: “Intergenerational Mobility in the Ottoman Empire.”

“Intergenerational Wealth Accumulation and Dispersal in the Ottoman Empire.” *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*, Montreal. 13 March 2010.

Invited participant in the workshop titled “The Scholar and the Archives: Strategies for Reading Islamic Court Records.” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. 14-16 May 2009. Paper title: “Why did Ümmü Gülsüm go to court?”

Invited participant in the workshop titled, “Halycon Days in Crete VII: Political Initiatives from the Bottom Up in the Ottoman Empire.” Institute of Mediterranean Studies and the Foundation of

Research and Technology-Hellas, Rethymno, Crete. 9-11 January 2009. Paper title: "The Pitfalls of Writing Ottoman legal History from the 'Bottom Up'."

Co-organizer of the panel titled "Creating Justice: Law and Court Procedure in the Ottoman Empire." *43rd Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*, Washington D.C. November 2008.

"Ottoman Court between History and Anthropology: A Re-Evaluation of Ottoman Legal Practice with Reference to Eighteenth-Century Kastamonu Court Records." *43rd Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*, Washington D.C. November 2008.

Invited participant in the workshop titled, "The Sijills in Perspective: Mapping Similarities and Differences across the Empire." Freie Universität Berlin and Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin, Germany. 17-19 October 2008.

Invited participant in a workshop on "Islam and Economic Underdevelopment." Mercatus Center at George Mason University in Arlington, Virginia. 10-13 April 2008.

"Wealth, Poverty, and Inequality in the Ottoman Empire." *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*, Ann Arbor, Michigan. 21 April 2007.

Invited lecture titled "Wealth, Status, and Successful Litigation in Ottoman Islamic Courts: Observations from 18th- Century Kastamonu." Institute for Economic Research on Civilizations, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California. 21 September 2006.

"Social Identity and Patterns of Interaction in the Court of Kastamonu (1740-44)." *Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop*, Toronto. 18 March 2006.

"Patterns of Interaction and Networks of Association in the Court of Kastamonu (1740-44)." *40th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*, Washington D.C. November 2005.

Invited participant in a workshop on "Courts of Law and Legal Cultures in Past and Present Muslim Societies: A Socio-legal Perspective." Department of Middle Eastern Studies at Ben-Gurion University, Israel. June 2005.

"Written and Oral Documentation in Ottoman Legal Practice." *39th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*. November 2004.

Invited participant in a workshop on "Use of Legal Sources in the Study of Islamic History." Islamic Legal Studies Program at Harvard Law School and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies of Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 14-15 May 2004.

"Cost of Court Usage in the Seventeenth- and Eighteenth- Century Ottoman Anatolia." *37th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*. November 2002.

Discussant of the panel titled "Making Copts: The Construction and Context of Coptic Identity in the Historical and Contemporary Egypt." *37th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*. November 2002.

Invited participant in *Qadi Court Records Workshop* at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. 18-20 May 2001.

“Qadi, Court and Administration of Justice in Ottoman Anatolia (Seventeenth-and Eighteenth-Centuries).” *34th Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*. November 2000.

“Representing Justice in the 17th Century Ottoman Empire.” *33rd Annual Meeting of Middle East Studies Association*. November 1999.

“On Ottoman Justice: Evliya Çelebi’s Representations of Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Political Legitimization.” *13th Annual Middle East, Theory and History*. University of Chicago. April 1998.

“Wages in Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire.” *2nd International Conference on Economics*. Economic Research Center of METU, Ankara, Turkey. September 1998.

Lectures, Discussions, and Presentations not Related to Research Specialization:

Co-organized and Participated in a Panel Discussion on the current conflict between Israel and Hamas (6 December 2023).

“Osmanlı Hukukunun Ekonomi-Politik İzdüşümü” - Interaktif Tarih Söyleşileri with Sıfırıncı Sınıf (Chat with history undergraduate collective from Middle East Technical University on Ottoman History). Online: <https://youtu.be/gRNCiBhUMxs> (27 February 2022).

“Ottoman Empire in World War I,” at Elder Education Enrichment Institute, Burlington, VT (31 March 2017).

Co-Organized a Panel Discussion titled, “What the U.S. Stands to Lose in Alienating Its Muslim and Mexican Allies.” UVM, Burlington, VT (7 February 2017).

Co-Organized and Participated in a Faculty Panel titled, “The 2016 Election, What’s at Stake?: UVM Historians Weigh In.” UVM, Burlington, VT (1 November 2017).

Led four book discussion sessions for general public at Fletcher Public Library as a part of Vermont Humanities Council’s Muslim Journey and Discussion Series (between September and December 2013).

Organized and participated in a Faculty Panel Discussion titled, “Current Crisis in Syria.” UVM, Burlington, VT (19 September 2013).

Participated in a workshop organized by Vermont Council of World Affairs for local Vermont teachers. The title of the workshop was “Spotlight on Turkey.” In this workshop I gave a lecture, titled “Highlights of Turkish History” (24 March 2012).

Participated in a Panel Discussion titled, “Current Events in Egypt.” Burlington College, Burlington, VT (16 February 2011)

Organized and participated in a Panel Discussion titled, “Recent Developments in the Middle East: Local Perspectives.” UVM, Burlington, VT (11 February 2011)

Interviewed by Digitalranch Corporation for a documentary on the Ottoman Empire (Princeton, NJ; April 22, 2005). This documentary was premiered in History Channel on August 26, 2006.

Appeared on “Odyssey,” a nationally syndicated daily talk show of ideas, prepared and broadcasted by Chicago Public Radio. The topic of discussion was Shariah (Islamic Law) and its place in the new constitution of Iraq (March 25, 2005).

“Islam: History and Basic Teachings I & II.” Two public lectures as parts of the “Elder Education Enrichment Program” of Elder Education Enrichment Institute, Burlington, VT (March 26 and April 2, 2004).

Participant in “Hope not Hate: Curbing Anti-American and Anti-Arab Sentiments after 9/11.” A Panel Discussion organized by the Middlebury chapter of Americans for Informed Democracy and Political Science Department at Middlebury College (Middlebury, VT; September 12, 2003)

Participant in “Is Iraq the Problem? Is War the Solution?” A Panel Discussion organized by the Provost’s Office, UVM (March 5, 2003).

Participant in a panel discussion on Walter Ungerer’s “Ground Zero – Perspectives From Vermont,” UVM (February 19, 2003).

Participant in “War in Iraq? American Policy and International Consequences.” A Panel Discussion organized by Area and International Studies Program and the Political Science Department, UVM (February 12, 2003)

Guest lecture on Ottoman history at Burlington Collage, Burlington, VT (February 5, 2003)

“Islam: Origins and Basic Doctrines,” The Christian Education Committee of the First Congregational Church Adult Lecture Series, Essex Jct., VT (October 7, 2002).

Participant in “Attack on America: One Year Later,” the UVM Area and International Studies Program Panel Discussion, Burlington, VT (September 11, 2002)

“On Islamic Radicalism,” at First Unitarian Universalist Church, Burlington, VT (March 12, 2002).

“Islamic Revivalism Before and After September 11,” at Elder Education Enrichment Institute, Burlington, VT (March 8, 2002).

“Understanding Ottoman Justice: Models and Taxonomies,” UVM Area & International Studies Program Brown Bag Lecture Series (February 27, 2002).

Participant in “How Did We Get Here and Where Do We Go Now?” Geographers and Historians Reflect on the World after September 11, 2001, UVM (October 16, 2001).

Participant in “Aspects of the Current Crisis,” Burlington College Teach-in (October 13, 2001).

Participant in “International Terrorism,” UVM Faculty Panel (September 14, 2001).

Media Mentions, Recognitions and Interviews

The Counter – “Is It Impossible to Certify Impossible Pork as Kosher or Halal?” February 15, 2022.
<https://thecounter.org/certify-impossible-pork-kosher-halal-jewish-muslim-dietary-traditions/>.

CNBC – “Grocery Prices Hit Muslims during Ramadan,” May 6, 2021,
<https://www.nbcnews.com/business/consumer/grocery-price-hikes-hit-muslims-during-ramadan-n1266501>

WYNC – New York Public Radio, interview with Febe Armanios, January 11, 2019,
<https://www.wnyc.org/story/halal-food-history-what-glitter/>

Munchies, “New Animal Slaughter Rules in Belgium Pit Activists Against Religious Communities,” January 10, 2019, https://munchies.vice.com/en_us/article/8xpy3x/new-animal-slaughter-rules-in-belgium-pit-activists-against-religious-communities

New York Times, “Is Stunning an Animal Before Slaughter More Humane? Some Religious Leaders Say No,” January 9, 2019, <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/09/world/europe/halal-kosher-humane-slaughter.html>

New York Times, “Halal Foods, A Primer,” December 21, 2018,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/21/dining/halal-foods-talk.html>

KCRW – Los Angeles Public Radio, *Good Food*, with Febe Armanios, November 30, 2018,
<https://www.kcrw.com/news-culture/shows/good-food/yotam-ottolenghi-finds-joy-in-simplicity/the-history-of-halal>

Washington Post, “Why Halal Meat Generates So Much Controversy in Europe,” October 9, 2018,
https://www.washingtonpost.com/world/europe/why-halal-meat-generates-so-much-controversy-in-europe/2018/10/08/e58fd16a-9439-11e8-818b-e9b7348cd87d_story.html?utm_term=.c7f23ef2412f

Seven Days, “Muslim Vermonters Maintain Halal Diet in New Environment,” October 3, 2018,
<https://www.sevendaysvt.com/vermont/muslim-vermonters-maintain-halal-diet-in-new-environment/Content?oid=21243209>

Burlington Free Press, “New Vermont dosa food cart and cookbook have us asking: What are dosas?,” July 25, 2018

Historical Cooking Project, *Written Interview*, written with Febe Armanios, “Halal Food: A History, An Interview with the Authors,” July 11, 2018,
<http://www.historicalcookingproject.com/2018/07/halal-food-history-interview-with.html>

Heritage Radio Network, *A Taste of the Past*, with Febe Armanios, May 17, 2018,
<https://heritageradionetwork.org/podcast/halal-food-a-history/>

Australian Broadcasting Radio, *Blueprint for Living*, with Febe Armanios, May 12, 2018,
<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/blueprintforliving/halal-past-and-present/9739402>

New York Times, “A Deeper Understanding of Halal,” May 7, 2018,
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/07/dining/halal-food-book.html>

Teaching Experience:

2001-current: Designed and instructed the following courses at UVM:

HST 9: Global History to 1500
HST 45: History of Islam and the Middle East to 1258
HST 46: History of Islam and the Middle East since 1258
HST 95 TAP: History and Culture of the Middle East
HST 195 (later, HST 146): History of the Modern Middle East
HST 196 (later, HST 144): Religion and Politics in the Islamic World
HST 196: Women and Gender in Islamic History
HST 195 (later HST 145): Iran, Egypt, Turkey: Alternative Paths to Modernity
HCOL 86: Animals in Islamic Tradition(s)
HCOL 185/196: Islam and Human Rights
HCOL 2000: Early Modern Islamic Empires: Ottomans, Safavids, Mughals
HST 287: Seminar on Historiography (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 295: Women and Gender in Islam (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 296: Balkans and Middle East under Ottomans (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 296: World-System Theories in Perspective (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 395: Ottomans in Comparative Perspective (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 296/ENVS 295: Animals in Islamic Tradition(s) (Seminar / Graduate Course)
HST 301: Graduate Historiography (Graduate Seminar)

Also advised four masters’ theses during AY 2003-4, AY 2006-7, and 2014-5, and five honors theses during AY 2004-5, AY 2009-10 and AY 2012-3.

Spring 2021: Visiting Prof., Economics Department, Middle East Technical University.

Econ 472: Problems in Ottoman Economic History.

Spring 2014: Aga Khan Distinguished Visiting Prof. in Islamic Humanities, Brown University.

MES 1997A: Islam and Human Rights

1995-2001: *Graduate Teaching Assistant at Ohio State University*

Instructed and graded in courses on World History, Western Civilization and 20th Century History in discussion sections of approximately 30 students.

1993-1995: *Teaching and Research Asst. at Middle East Technical University*
Instructed and graded in courses on European, Middle Eastern and Turkish Economic History.

Service (UVM):

- Advisory Board member, UVM Humanities Center (2024 – current).
- Chair of the Search Committee for African American History Faculty, History Department, UVM (2022-2023).
- Member of the Graduate Studies Committee, History Department, UVM (2020-2022).
- Member of the Religion Department Chair Search Committee (Spring 2022)
- Member of the Thompson Fellowship Award Committee, History Department, UVM (Spring 2022).
- Member of the Joseph Acquisto 5th Year Review Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM (Fall 2020).
- Member of the Adhoc General Education Committee on Social Justice, UVM (Spring 2020).
- Chair of Curriculum Committee, History Department, UVM (2018 - 19).
- Member of Social Media and Outreach Committee, History Department, UVM (2017 - 18).
- Member of Executive Committee, History Department, UVM (2016 – 2017).
- Acting Director, Graduate Studies Program, History Department, UVM (2014 – 15).
- Director of Middle East Studies Program, UVM (2009 – 15).
- Member of Jewish Studies Minor Exploratory Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM (2014 – 15).
- Chair Search Committee, History Department, UVM (2006 – 7).
- Faculty Senator, UVM (2002 – 3; 2003 – 6; 2006 – 14; 2016 – 20; 2025 – current).
- East Asia Search Committee, History Department, UVM (*twice*; 2003 – 4 and 2004 – 5).
- Asia Search Committee, History Department, UVM (2003 – 4).
- Environmental History Search Committee, History Department, UVM (2005 – 6).
- Nominations Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, UVM (2003 – 6).

Service (Professional):

- Editorial Board member, International Journal of Turkish Studies (2025 – current).
- Editorial Board member, *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* (2015 – current).
- Editorial Board member, *Islamic Law and Society* (2021 – current).
- Co-editor, *The Ottoman Empire and Its Heritage*, Brill Publishers book-series (<http://www.brill.nl/oeh>) (2010 – 2021).
- Book review editor of the *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (2011 – 15).

- Outside reader and referee for journal articles and book manuscripts considered for publication in the following journals and academic presses: *Continuity and Change*, *Economic History Review*, *Islamic Law and Society*, *Journal of Economic and Social History of the Orient*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *History Compass*, *Journal of Peasant Studies*, *Journal of Economic History*, *Social Science*, *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, Cambridge University Press, Brill Academic Publishers, and Versita Publishers.
- Member of the ad hoc committee established to determine the ethical criteria for seeking/accepting grants and donations for the *Middle East Studies Association* (2019).
- Member of the ad-hoc committee on the Evaluation of Digital Scholarship for the *Middle East Studies Association* (2017 - 8).
- Member of the Accreditation Team for the International Studies Program (B.A. and M.A.) at Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, UAE (March 19-24, 2016).
- Referee for American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Grants (2015).
- Grant reviewer for Israel Science Foundation (2013).
- Chair of the Sydney N. Fisher Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee (awarded by the Turkish Studies Association, 2005).
- Web-master, *Turkish Studies Association* web-page (2004 - 6).

Memberships:

- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)