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EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles *Ph.D. History*, 2005

University of California, Los Angeles *M.A. History*, 2002

University of Texas, Austin *B.A. Humanities*, with Honors, 1998

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Indo-Persian history, Persianate World

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis Professor of History	2018-Present
University of California, Davis Associate Professor of History	2011-2018
University of California, Davis Assistant Professor of History	2008-2011
Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois Assistant Professor of History	2007-8
California State University, Los Angeles, California Adjunct Faculty	2007
California State University, San Marcos, California Adjunct Faculty	2006
Santa Monica College, Santa Monica, California Adjunct Faculty	2006
University of California, Los Angeles, California Tutor of Persian Paleography	2006-2007

<u>Houston Independent School District</u>, Houston, Texas **Associate Teacher** 1998-2000

PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

Books

• <u>The Mughal Empire from Jahangir to Shah Jahan: Art, Architecture, Politics, Law and Literature</u>, edited with Ebba Koch, (The Marg Foundation, March 2019).

Reviewed by:

Aparna Andhare, *Domus India*, 8, 6 (2019): pp. 26-33//Priyaleen Singh, *Landscape*, 59 (2019): pp. 88-93//Jos Gommans, *Journal of Early Modern History*, 24, 1 (2020): pp. 106-109//Lee Lawrence, *Aramco World*, September 9, 2020 (https://www.aramcoworld.com/Resources/Suggestions/The-Mughal-Empire-from-Jahangir-to-Shah-Jahan-Art)//Christoph Bahl, *Der Islam*, 98, 2 (2021): pp. 618-621.

• <u>Turkestan and the Rise of Eurasian Empires: A Study of Politics and Invented</u> <u>Traditions</u>, (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Reviewed by:

Tilmann Trausch, *Der Islam*, 96, 1 (2019): pp. 210-215// Alberto Tiburcio, *Historische Zeitschrift*, 309, 3 (2019): pp. 767-768//Michael Hope, *The English Historical Review*, 135, 572 (2020): 190-192// Mimi Hanaoka, *The American Historical Review*, 125, 4 (2020): 1407-1408//Jürgen Paul, *Eurasian Studies*, 18, 2, (2020): 341-343//Jonathan Brack, *The Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association*, 7, 2 (2020): 259-263//Kaveh Hemmat, *Iranian Studies*, 54, 3-4 (2020): 633-646//Hüseyin Ongan Arslan, *Osmanlı Araştırmaları*, 57 (57): 365-369.

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Articles and book chapters

- "Early Safavid campaigns in the Caucasus as told by Hayati Tabrizi", *Iran and the Caucasus* 26 (2022), (forthcoming).
- "The Ghaznavid Empire in India", *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 58. No. 4 (2021), 441-476.

- "Military slavery in Medieval north India", in David Eltis, Craig Perry, David Richardson eds., The Cambridge World History of Slavery, volume 2 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, September 2021), 362-382.
- "Letter-writing and emotional communities in early Mughal India: A note on Yusufi's *Badāyi' al-Inshā'*, *South Asia: The Journal of South Asian Studies*, 44, no. 1 (April 2021), 1-15.
- "The body politic and the rise of the Safavids", in Charles Melville, ed. *Safavid Persia in the Age of Empires*, (London: Bloomsbury/I.B. Taurus, 2021), pp. 13-28.
- "Making the cult of personality from bottom up: The Case of 17th-century Mughal India" in Darin Stefanov and Kiril Postoutenko, eds., Ruler Personality Cults from Empires to Nation-States and Beyond, (New York: Routledge, 2020), 46-63.
- "The trouble with lineage: On why the Timurid prince Muhammad Zaman Mirza did not become emperor", in Andrew Peacock and Richard P. McClary, ed., *Turkish History and Culture in India: Identity, Art and Transregional Connections*, (Leiden: Brill, 2020), 129-151.
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- "The elephant and the sovereign: India circa 1000 CE", *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 28, (2018), 615-644.
- "İdris-i Bitlisi'nin Heşt Bihişt'inde Osmanlı'ya dair efsanenin", Osmanlı Araştırmaları, 50, (2017), 1-29.
- "Muslims among non-Muslims: Creating Islamic identity through law", in T. Ertl and G. Kruijtzer (eds.), *Law Addressing Diversity: Premodern Europe and India in Comparison (13^{th-18th} centuries)*, Walter de Gruyter, 2017): pp. 19-30.
- "Science at the court of the cosmocrat: Mughal India, 1531–56", *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 54, no. 3 (2017): 295–316.
- "The shaykh and the shah: On the *Five Jewels* of Muhammad Ghaws Gwaliori", in A. Patel and T. Daryaee (eds.), *India and Iran in the Longue Durée* (University of California, Jordan Center for Persian Studies, 2017): 91-102.
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- "The rise of the Safavids according to their old veterans: Amini Haravi's Futuhat-e Shahi", Iranian Studies, 48, no. 2 (2015): 249-267.
- "Shirazi scholars and the political culture of sixteenth-century Indo-Persian world", *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 51, no. 3 (2014): 331-352.
- "Mughals, Mongols, and mongrels: The challenge of aristocracy and the rise of the Mughal state in the *Tarikh-i Rashidi*", *Journal of Early Modern History*, 18, no. 6 (2014): 559-577.
- "On the imperial discourse of the Delhi Sultanate and early Mughal India", *Journal of Persianate Studies*, 7, no. 2 (2014): 157-176.

- "Franz Babinger and the legacy of the 'German Counter Revolution' in Early Modern Iranian historiography", in K. Aghaie and A. Marashi eds. Rethinking Iranian Nationalism and Modernity: Histories and Historiographies, (University of Texas Press, 2014): 25-47.
- "Author of one's fate: Human agency and fatalism in Indo-Persian histories", *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 49, no.2 (2012): 197-224.
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- "Writing, speech, and truth for an Ottoman biographer," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 69, no. 1 (2010): 43-62.
- "The king who would be man: Gender roles of the warrior king in early Mughal India," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, 18, no. 3, (2008): 327-340.
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- "Review of Kioumars Ghereghlou, ed., A Chronicle of the Reign of Shah 'Abbas: Fazli Beg Khuzani Isfahani, with an introduction by Kioumars Ghereghlou and Charles Melville", Der Islam, 95, no. 2 (2018): 613-614.
- "Review of Culture of Encounters: Sanskrit at the Mughal Court by Audrey Truschke", Journal of Early Modern History, 22, no. 4 (2018): 299-301.
- "Review of Writing Self, Writing Empire: Chandar Bhan Brahman and the Cultural World of the Indo-Persian State Secretary by Rajeev Kinra", Studies in History, 34, no. 2 (2018): 226-227.
- "Humayun, Nasir al-Din", The Encyclopedia of Islam 3, (Leiden: 2017).
- "Review of Elephants and Kings: An Environmental History by Thomas R. Trautmann", Indian Economic and Social History Review, 54, no. 2 (2017): 267-268.
- "Fathullah Shirazi, Mir Sayyid", The Encyclopedia of Islam 3, (Leiden: 2015).
- "Review of *The Princes of the Mughal Empire, 1504–1719* by Munis D. Faruqui", *Medieval History Journal*, 19, no. 1 (2016): 161-163.
- "Review of Ancient Religions, Modern Politics: The Islamic Case in Comparative Perspective by Michael Cook", American Historical Review, 120, no. 5 (2015): 1854-1855.
- "Review of At the Edges of Empire: Essays in the Social and Intellectual History of India, by Rosalind O'Hanlon", Indian Economic and Social History Review, 52, no. 3 (2015): 391-393.
- "Review of The Millennial Sovereign: Sacred Kingship and Sainthood in Islam by A. Azfar Moin", The Medieval History Journal, 18, no. 1 (2015): 183-191.

- "Review of Symbols of Authority in Medieval South Asia: History, Religion and Muslim Legitimacy in the Delhi Sultanate by Blain Auer", Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, 76, no. 3 (2013): 538-540.
- "Delhi Sultanate", Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women, ed. N.J. DeLong-Bas, (Oxford: 2013).
- "Review of Court Culture in the Muslim World: Seventh to Nineteenth Centuries edited by Albrecht Fuess and Jan-Peter Hartung," Indian Economic & Social History Review, 49, no. 4 (2012): 591-593.
- "Review Poetics of Islamic Historiography: Deconstructing Tabari's History by Boaz Shoshan," Middle Eastern Literatures, 12, no. 2, August (2009): 177-179.
- "Reviews of Sufism, Culture, and Politics: Afghans and Islam in Medieval North India by Riazuddin Aquil; Authority and Kingship Under the Sultans of Delhi by Iqtidar Husain Siddiqui; and The Islamic Path: Sufism, Politics, and Society in India by S.Z.H. Jafri and H. Reifeld, eds." Indian Economic and Social History Review 45, no. 2 (2008): 295-328.
- "Review of *The Age of the Beloved: Love and the Beloved in Early-Modern Ottoman and European Culture and Society* by Walter Andrews and Mehmet Kalpaklı," *Commitatus Journal*, 37, (2006): 210-212.
- "Review of Saracens: Islam in the Medieval European Imagination by John Tolan," *Commitatus Journal*, 34, (2003): 266-268.
- "Otbi," *Encyclopedia Iranica*, (online version available at: http://www.iranicaonline.org/articles/otbi-abu-nasr-mohammed).

Presentations

- "Exile, hospitality, and redemption in 16th-century Iran and India", MEDIEVAL ACADEMY OF AMERICA ANNUAL MEETING, Indiana University, April 2021.
- "The idol of Ghazni: What do Perso-Arabic sources actually say about Sultan Mahmud", THE GANGA JAMUNI HERITAGE SERIES, Aligarh Muslim University, April, 2021.
- "Shah Jahan's elephants", THE 17TH CENTURY IN INDIA: EVENTS, SOCIETY, THOUGHT AND ART, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria, April 2021.
- "Selfing the master: The biography of Emperor Humayun by his slave Jawhar", UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES COLLOQUIUM, September 2019.
- "Book Chat: Turkestan and the Rise of Eurasian Empires", UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS, HUMANITIES INSTITUTE, April 2019.
- "The devil is in the eElephant: Some thoughts on a method for studying kingship in medieval South Asia", CHRONOLOGIES AND CONNECTIONS, AND THE HISTORIOGRAPHIES THAT SUSTAIN THEM, The Centre for Advanced Studies Department of History, University of Delhi, March 2019.
- "Autobiography, kinship, and state in Early Modern India", EURASIAN EMPIRES WORKSHOP, Humanities Center, Stanford University, February 2019.
- "The problem of origins in Early Modern Eurasian empires", MODERN SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES SEMINAR, St Antony's College, Oxford University, October 2018
- "Turkestan and the rise of the Eurasian Empires", NEAR & MIDDLE EAST HISTORY SEMINAR, School of Oriental and African Studies, October 2018.
- *'Historiographical perceptions of the transmission from Timurid to Safavid Iran''*, THE IDEA OF IRAN: THE SAFAVID ERA, School of Oriental and African Studies, October 2018.
- "Alienation, Sufism, and the state in a 16th-century Indo-Persian Biography", THE TWELFTH BIENNIAL ASSOCIATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES CONFERENCE, University of California, Irvine, August 2018.

- "The elephant in early Mughal India", HISTOIRES DE SOI, HISTOIRES DES AUTRES: QUESTIONS DE TRADUCTION ET D'HISTORIOGRAPHIE, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2017.
- "The autumn of the Middle Ages in Mughal India? Memoirs of Bayazid Bayat", SÉMINAR, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2017.
- "The king of hearts: The role of emotions in the early Mughal Empire", RAJA MANDALA: DANS LE CERCLE DES ROIS. LA SOCIÉTÉ DE COUR COMME MODÈLE EN INDE, Le Centre d'Études de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2017.
- "Loyalty at the age of absolutism: Mirza Nathan's memoirs at the edge of empire", ROYAUTÉS. POUVOIR ET SAVOIR EN MONARCHIE, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, June 2017.
- "Making the cult of personality from bottom up in 17th-century Mughal India", RULER PERSONALITY CULTS, Aarhus University Institute of Advanced Studies, Denmark, June 2017.
- "Slavery in and out of the Delhi Sultanate", BEYOND SLAVERY AND FREEDOM, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, May 2017.
- "The analytical 'hook' in Persian chronicles", SITZ IM LEBEN: TEXT KONTEXT POSITIONALITY, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, May 2017.
- "The origins of the question of Turco-Mongol origins of the Mughal dynasty", RUM AND HIND: RELATIONS AND SHARED EXPERIENCES OF CONQUEST, ACCULTURATION AND TURKISH RULE IN PRE-MODERN INDIA AND ANATOLIA, University of St Andrews, UK, May 2017.
- "Timurid sovereignty in pre-Mughal India", INSTITUTE FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDIES, UC Berkeley, April 2016.
- "The frontiers of Indo-Persian historiography in 17th-century Sindh", THE EPISTEMOLOGICAL FRONTIERS OF PERSIAN LEARNING, UCLA, April 2016.
- "The enlightenment and India", ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN COMPARATIVE LITERATURE ASSOCIATION, Cambridge, MA, March 2016.
- "Slavery in South Asia", CAMBRIDGE WORLD HISTORY OF SLAVERY CONFERENCE, University of Hull, UK, September 2015.
- "Khurshah b. Qubad Husayni's history of the Mughals and Safavids", FROM TIMUR TO NADIR SHAH: IMPERIAL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN IRAN, INDIA, AND CENTRAL ASIA, Pembroke College, Cambridge University, December 2014.
- "Serving two masters: Mirza Nathan in Bengal after Shah Jahan's occupation", SHAH JAHAN CONFERENCE, Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna, Austria, May 2014.
- "Muslims among non-Muslims: Creating Islamic identity through law", HANDLING DIVERSITY: MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND INDIA IN COMPARISON (13TH 18TH CENTURIES), University of Vienna, Austria, May 2014.
- "Ottoman 'Garden of Eight Paradises': Idris Bitlisi's Persian history", EURASIAN EMPIRES SEMINAR SERIES, UCLA, October 2013.
- "The elephant and the sovereign in Medieval India", QUERYING THE MEDIEVAL, UC, Davis, 2012.
- "What's God to a Mughal? Religion in early Mughal India", INDIA AND IRAN IN THE LONG DURÉE, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA 2012.
- "Mughals, Mongols, Mongrels: Revisiting the tensions among the early Mughal Military elite", AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION, 126th Meeting, Chicago, January, 2012.
- "Persianate culture and India in the 16th century", THE SUAD JOSEPH LECTURE SERIES IN IRANIAN STUDIES, UC Davis, November 2011.

- "Dialogue and territoriality in a Mughal history of the millennium", HISTORY DEPARTMENT COLLOQUIUM, UC Davis, June 2011.
- "Hybrid identity and shared histories of Ottomans, Mughals, and Safavids", CULTURAL DIALOGUE IN SOUTH ASIA AND BEYOND: NARRATIVES, IMAGES AND COMMUNITY (SIXTEENTH-NINETEENTH CENTURIES), Centre national de la recherche scientifique/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, December, 2009.
- "The kingdom of Kabul and the cConflict between Kamran and Humayun: Reflections on the economic background", SOUTH ASIA HISTORY SEMINAR, School of Oriental and African Studies, October, 2009.
- "The soldier and the medium: Two sixteenth-century authors on the Mughal Empire", CENTER FOR INDIA AND SOUTH ASIA AND THE CENTRAL ASIA INITIATIVE, UCLA 2009.
- "The symbolism of war and the genesis of the Mughal Empire", SUBJECTS OF COERCION: EVOCATIONS AND EXPERIENCES OF WAR, Alexander von Humboldt-American Philosophical Society, October, 2008, Philadelphia.
- "The Ghazi sultans and the frontiers of Islam", SÉMINAR, Centre national de la recherche scientifique/École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, March, 2008.
- "Disclaiming Tamerlane's inheritance and the rise of the Mughal Empire," IMPERIAL TRANSITIONS CONFERENCE, William Andrew Clark Memorial Library, Los Angeles, California, 2006.
- "Six hundred years of Near Eastern manuscripts," CENTER FOR MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE STUDIES, UCLA, 2006.
- "Turkish slaves and Sufi masters," AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE, 216th Meeting, Seattle, Washington, 2006.
- "The Emperor Babur (d. 1530): Autobiography and dialogue with history," EUROPEAN COLLOQUIUM, UCLA, 2005.
- "The image of the king in Uthi's al-Tarikh al-Yamini," AMERICAN ORIENTAL SOCIETY, 214th Meeting, San Diego, California, 2004.
- "Sasanian debt law and the idea of justice," GRADUATE LATE ANTIQUITY SOCIETY, 7th Meeting, UCLA, 2002.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Guggenheim Fellowship (2021)
- École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Invited Professor. (June 2017)
- Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany. Visiting scholar (May 27th-31st, 2017).
- UCDavis New Initiative/Collaborative Interdisciplinary Grant (2015-16)
- University of Vienna three-year Post-doctoral Fellowship ("managing religious diversity in premodern India and Europe) (2012), declined.
- UCDavis Dean's Innovation in Research Award (2011).
- UCDavis Hellman Fellowship (2009-10).
- Dean's Fund Saint Xavier University (2008)
- Ahmanson-Getty Post-doctoral Fellowship (2006-7)
- CLIR/Mellon Post-doctoral Fellowship (2005-6)
- UCLA History Department Fellowship (2004-5, 2000-1).

• Foreign Language and Area Studies Scholarship for Arabic (2003-4, 2001)

Translation

• J. Modarres-Sadeghi, *Horse's Head*, tr. A. Anooshahr with M. Ghanoonparvar, (Mazda Publishers: 2011).

Manuscript Catalogues

- Finding Aid for A Collection of Turkish Manuscripts, ca. 1600 to 1900, UCLA Special Collections. Online at: http://www.oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/c8rx9dg9/entire_text/
- Finding Aid for the Noyan Garemani collection of Persian and Arabic manuscripts and books,
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 http://content.cdlib.org/view?docId=kt1g5025qk&doc.view=entire_text&brand=oac
- Finding Aid for the Exhibit collection of Near Eastern manuscripts, 1492-1848 at http://www.oac.cdlib.org/view?docId=kt3f59q1gj;developer=local;style=oac4;view=dsc#dsc-1.2.7
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 1519-1852 at
 http://www.oac.cdlib.org/view?docId=kt7v19q3kx;developer=local;style=oac4;view=dsc#dsc-1.2.6
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OTHER RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

Young Research Library, Special Collections, University of California, Los Angeles 2005-2006 Manuscript Curator/CLIR Post-doctoral Fellow

- Cataloguing and publicizing UCLA's ten-thousand-volume collection of manuscripts from the Islamic world
- Curator of the Exhibit "Six Hundred Years of Near Eastern Manuscripts"

LANGUAGES

• Fluent in Persian and English. Reading knowledge of Arabic, Turkish (Ottoman and Chagatay), Tajik, Middle Persian (Pahlavi), French, German, and Spanish.

SELECTED SERVICE APPOINTMENTS

- Member of the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Economic History of the Orient (2014-Present)
- Member of the Editorial Board of the journal *Turan-Nameh* (Международный научно-исследовательский институт таджиковедения).
- Refereed articles for The International Journal of Middle East Studies, Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East, Journal of Religion, Journal of Early Modern History, Iran: The Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies, The Journal of Iranian Studies, The Indian Economic and Social History

- Review, Acta Orientalia, South Asia: A Journal of South Asian Studies, Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Modern Asian Studies, and Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies.
- Refereed book manuscripts for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Edinburgh University Press, and Indiana University Press.
- Committee of Undergraduate Scholarship, Honors, and Prizes (2020-2021)
- Departmental Merit Committee (2020-21).
- Middle East South Asia Studies Programming Committee Member (UC Davis 2008-2019)
- Departmental Advisory Council Representative (UC Davis 2018-2019)
- Undergraduate Programming Committee (UC Davis 2018-2019)
- Ad-hoc committee on enrollments (UC Davis 2018-2019)
- Co-chair, Search committee for Bita Daryabari Chair in Modern Persian Literature UC Davis 2016-2017)
- Special Committee on Academic Personnel Data Collection Use and Distribution (UC Davis 2015-16)
- Chair of Undergraduate Honors Committee (UC Davis 2013-2016)
- Referee for Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung (The Research Fund) Vienna, Austria (2015), American Academy in Berlin (2018).
- Graduate Program Committee (GPC) (UC Davis 2012-2015, 2019-)
- Member, Chinese History Search Committee (UC Davis 2010-2012)