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### EDUCATION

- Princeton University      **Doctor of Philosophy (Candidate, M.A. 2016), Sept. 2014 – Present**  
**Major:** North African History **Minor:** Ottoman History  
**Department:** Near Eastern Studies, Year 6, DCE  
**Dissertation:** “To the divinely guided: Crafting Islamic diplomacies in the early modern Mediterranean”  
**Advisor:** M’hamed Oualdi
- University of Michigan      **Master of Arts, Sept. 2013 – June 2014**  
**Major:** Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies.  
**Thesis:** “Al-Miknāsī’s Mediterranean Mission: Redefining Moroccan Temporal and Religious Sovereignty in the Late Eighteenth Century”
- Dartmouth College      **Bachelor of Arts, 2009, Cum Laude**  
**Major:** Religion with a concentration in Medieval and Renaissance Studies.  
**Thesis:** “Greek Identity in Medieval Crete: A Discussion of the Religious and Cultural Exchange in the Countryside”

### AWARDS AND HONORS

- Dean’s Completion Fellowship, Princeton University, Fall 2020  
Religion and Public Life Workshop Participant at the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, Fall 2020- Spring 2021  
Graduate Student Fellow at Princeton Center for Digital Humanities, Spring 2019 – Winter 2020  
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) winter research grant in Gibraltar, U.K. and Dubrovnik, Croatia, 2019  
Fulbright-Hays: Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad in Morocco and Turkey, 2017-2018  
Social Science Research Council: International Dissertation Research Fellowship in Morocco and Turkey, 2017-2018  
Princeton Hyde Fellowship for research at the John Rylands Library in Manchester, U.K., 2017  
PIIRS summer language grants for Turkish and Ottoman Turkish, 2015 & 2016  
University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School student research grant in Morocco, 2013  
Foreign Language and Area Studies fellowship at University of Michigan, 2012-2013 & 2014

### PUBLICATIONS

#### PEER REVIEWED

- “Introduction to special section: ‘Jazīrat al-Maghrib’: North Africa as an island?” *The Journal of North African Studies* 24, no. 5, (2019): 713-716 and served as editor to special section.  
“Al-Miknāsī’s Mediterranean Mission: Negotiating Moroccan Temporal and Spiritual Sovereignty in the Late Eighteenth Century.” *Mediterranean Studies Journal* 23, no. 2, (2015): 170-194.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Mawlāy Ismā‘īl b. Al-Sharīf Abū al-Naṣr (r. 1082-1139/1672-1727).” In *Encyclopedia of Islam, Three*. Edited by Gudrun Krämer. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Leiden: Brill, 2020.

“Mawlāy al-Rashīd b. al-Sharīf b. ‘Alī b. Muḥammad b. ‘Alī (r. 1069-82/1659–72).” In *Encyclopedia of Islam, Three*. Edited by Gudrun Krämer. 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Leiden: Brill, 2020.

## BOOK REVIEWS

Review of *Crossing the strait: Morocco, Gibraltar and Great Britain in the 18th and 19th centuries*, by James A.O.C. Brown, *The Journal of North African Studies* 22, no. 5, (2017): 910-911.

## PRESENTATIONS

“Ragusa in the Middle?: Exploring 18<sup>th</sup> century diplomatic relations between Morocco and the Ottoman Empire.” Middle East Studies Association (MESA). New Orleans, 2019

“Islamic Humanism and the Transition to Modern Diplomacy in Morocco and the Ottoman Empire.” Institute of Islamic Studies Graduate Student Symposium, McGill University, 2019

“For the Sake of Humanity? Diplomatic Knowledge Production in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Morocco and the Ottoman Empire.” Koç University, Istanbul. Invited talk, 2018

“Mediterranean Diplomatic Nodes: Uncovering Social Spaces of Early Modern Muslim Ambassadors.” American Comparative Literature Association, Utrecht, Netherlands, 2017

“Diplomatic Spaces in the Early Modern Mediterranean: Morocco and the Ottoman Empire.” al-Akhawayn University, Morocco. Invited Talk, 2017

“*Bilad al-Sudan* in Maliki Legal Texts.” MESA, Boston, 2016.

“Infra-Islamic Diplomacy: A Case Study of two Moroccan Ambassadors in Istanbul.” MESA, Denver, 2015

“Jazirat al-Maghrib: Using Island Studies as a way to understand North Africa.” (Un)Mapping the Mediterranean Graduate Student Colloquium. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2015

## TEACHING AND TEACHING RELATED EXPERIENCE

### Princeton University

#### ASSISTANT IN INSTRUCTION

Fall 2019 “Muslims and the Qur’an”  
Discussion based section with weekly response papers.

#### TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

Fall 2019 Teaching Transcript at the McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning.  
Pedagogical workshops, classroom observation, and content development.

2016 – 2017  
Cotsen Junior Fellow  
Fellowship to develop new undergraduate course material with Prof. Cyrus Schayegh.

### The Lawrenceville School

#### PRIMARY INSTRUCTOR

Spring 2019 “Islam in America”  
Harkness teaching based seminar focused around in-depth discussion of primary sources and introductory activities to academic writing.

## **University of Michigan**

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

Winter 2014

“Introduction to Arab Culture”

Discussion sessions and writing tutorials. Undergraduate writing, including four papers throughout the term with mandatory revisions and drafts.

TEACHING DEVELOPMENT

Summer 2014

Research Assistant developing new content and syllabus for Intro to Arab Culture

## **Other Teaching Experience**

Fall 2009 – Fall 2011

U.S. Peace Corps English Teaching Volunteer, Ribat el-Kheir, Morocco.

Fall 2008 and Fall 2009

Teaching Assistant for Patterns of Religious Experience at Dartmouth College.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Spain North Africa  
Project**

Bulletin Editor (January 2019-Present)  
[www.spainnorthafricaproject.org/bulletin](http://www.spainnorthafricaproject.org/bulletin)

**Princeton University**

Center for Digital  
Humanities

Graduate Student Caucus, President (September 2019-Present)

North African Studies  
Graduate Student Group

Co-founder (2014), President (2015-2016) and convener, *Jazirat al-Maghrib Graduate Student Symposium 2* April 2016

Department of Near Eastern  
Studies

Graduate Student Liaison, 2015-2016  
Coordinated communication between graduate students and the DGS

**University of Michigan**

Mediterranean Topographies Coordinator (2013) and Convener, *Mapping the Mediterranean: Space, Memory, Graduate Student Workshop and the Long Road Modernity*, 11-12 October 2013

## **RESEARCH LANGUAGES**

Arabic (Classical, modern, and Moroccan Colloquial)

Turkish (modern and Ottoman)

French (reading)

Spanish (reading, B2 speaking)

Italian (reading)