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Education

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (Sept. 1998-August 2005): Ph.D., Islamic Art History, Department of the History of Art. Dissertation: "The Prophet Muhammad's Ascension (*Mi'raj*) in Islamic Art and Literature, 1300-1600." Advisor: Dr. Renata Holod.

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA (Dec. 2001): M.A., Islamic Architecture, "The *Missiri* of Fréjus as a Healing Memorial: The French Military and its Islamic Architecture (1928-1964)."

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (Sept. 1994- May 1998): B.A. *magna cum laude*, Department of Art and Archaeology, minors in French and Italian Languages & Literatures.

Fellowships and Grants (selected)

John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship, AY 2015-16.

Institute for the Humanities, University of Michigan, faculty fellowship, AY 2015-16.

The Islamic Manuscript Foundation (TIMA), grant to catalogue and digitize the Simpson Manuscript Record Archive, Visual Resources Center, University of Michigan. See: <http://quod.lib.umich.edu/h/hart3ic>.

Associate Professor Support Fund, College of Literature, Sciences, and the Arts, University of Michigan (2012-15).

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities, grant to complete my third book, *The Praiseworthy One: The Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Texts and Images*, AY 2010-11

College of Arts & Humanities Institute Grant, Islamic Book Arts Symposium, March 2009

New Frontiers in the Arts and Humanities, grant for an exhibition and scholarly volume of Indiana University's Islamic works on paper, Spring 2009

Senior Fellow, "Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: In Search of the Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions," Kunsthistorisches Institut/Max-Planck Foundation, Florence, Spring 2008

AIrS (American Institute of Iranian Studies), Senior Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Fall 2007

ARIT (American Research Institute in Turkey), Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Summer 2006

ARIT, Dissertation Fellowship, Spring-Summer 2005

Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Council on Library and Information Resources, 2003-4
Princeton University Library Visiting Fellowship, Fall 2003
ARCE (American Research Center in Egypt), dissertation grant, Summer 2003
Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-3
Grant, Council for the Promotion of Persian Language and Literature in North America, 2002
AllrS, Travel and Study Fellowship to Tehran, Iran, Fall 2000
Council on US-Arab Relations, Malcom Kerr Scholar to Tunisia, Summer 1993

Awards, Honors, and Prizes (selected)

Visiting Full Professor (Directeur d'Etudes), Sorbonne University, Paris, May 2013
Arnheim Visiting Full Professorship, Humboldt University, Berlin, Spring 2012
Honorable Mention, 2011 Middle East Book Prize, for *The Ilkhanid Book of Ascension*
Certificate of Achievement in Iranian Art, Tehran Municipality, Iran, December 20, 2010
Outstanding Junior Faculty Award, given to 5 faculty at Indiana University, 2010
Outstanding Instructor Award, International Studies, Indiana University, Spring 2010
Margaret B. Sevckenko Prize for Best Article on Islamic Art, College Art Association, 2006
"Excellence in Teaching" Award, International Studies, Indiana University, Spring 2006
Nominated for the Student Choice Awards for Outstanding Faculty Members, IU Alumni Association, Spring 2006
Dean's Scholar, University of Pennsylvania (Spring 2002): awarded to top ten graduate students
Elected to Phi Beta Kappa of New Jersey at Princeton University, 1998
Department of Art and Archaeology, Princeton University: High Honors, 1998

Publications

Books:

The Ilkhanid Book of Ascension: A Persian-Sunni Devotional Tale (London: I.B. Tauris and British Institute for Persian Studies, 2010), 256 pp.; included in *Tauris Academic Studies*. Book received Honorable Mention, 2011 Middle East Book Prize.

The Timurid Book of Ascension (Mi'rajnama): A Study of Text and Image in a Pan-Asian Context (Valencia, Spain: Patrimonio Ediciones in collaboration with the Bibliothèque nationale de France, 2008), bilingual English-Spanish, 450 pp.

Exhibition Catalogues:

Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam at the University of Michigan, co-author with Ashley Dimmig (Ann Arbor: Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan, 2014). Online catalogue: <http://lw.lsa.umich.edu/kelsey/pearls/index.html>; and press coverage: http://islamicartsmagazine.com/magazine/view/pearls_of_wisdom_the_arts_of_islam_at_the_university_of_michigan/.

Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings, Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, November 8, 2013 to February 9, 2014. Online exhibition co-authored with Nama Khalil: <http://artsoftheArabWorldUprisings.com/>. See news coverage on the Arab American New Wire: <http://aanewswire.wordpress.com/2013/11/04/arts-of-the-arab-spring-uprisings-examined-in-compelling-new-multimedia-exhibition/>; NPR: <http://www.npr.org/2013/11/07/243720260/arab-spring-artists-paint-the-town-rebel>; and “The New Yorker”: http://www.newyorker.com/online/blogs/newsdesk/2014/05/picturing-the-next-president-of-egypt.html#slide_ss_0=9.

Selections of Arabic, Persian, and Ottoman Calligraphy: an online catalogue of 355 calligraphic specimens in the Library of Congress, Washington D.C. (Summer 2006), 375 pp. URL: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/intldl/apochtml/apochohome.html>

Edited Volumes:

The Image of the Prophet Between Ideal and Ideology: A Scholarly Investigation, edited by myself and Avinoam Shalem (Berlin: De Gruyter, 2014).

Guest editor of *The International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, special issue 3/2 (2014) entitled “Islamic Architecture on the Move.”

Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East: Rhetoric of the Image: a volume of articles edited by myself and Sune Haugbolle (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013).

The Landscapes of 9/11: A Photographer’s Journey, edited by Edward Linenthal, Jonathan Hyman, and myself (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2013).

Images of the Child and Childhood in Modern Muslim Contexts, co-edited with Pamela Karimi, special volume of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 32/2 (Duke University, 2012). Available online at: <http://cssaame.dukejournals.org/content/current>.

The Prophet’s Ascension: Cross-Cultural Encounters with the Islamic Mi‘raj Tales, edited by myself and Frederick Colby (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2010).

The Islamic Manuscript Tradition: Ten Centuries of Book Arts in Indiana University Collections (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009). Volume to be translated into Arabic and published by the King Abdulaziz Foundation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in 2015.

Journal Articles:

“Signs of the Hour: Eschatological Imagery in Islamic Book Arts,” *Ars Orientalis* 44, special volume on “Arts of Death in Asia,” ed. Melia Belli (2014), 40-60

“Islamic Architecture on the Move,” Editor’s Preface, *International Journal of Islamic Architecture*, special issue on architecture and mobility, 3/2 (2014), 241-264.

(with Pamela Karimi) “Introduction: The Politics and Poetics of the Child Image in Muslim Contexts,” in *Images of the Child and Childhood in Modern Muslim Contexts*, co-edited with Pamela Karimi, special volume of *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 32/2 (2012), 273-293.

“Questioning the ‘Classical’ in Persian Painting: Models and Problems of Definition,” *Journal of Art Historiography* 6 (June 2012), 1-25. See: <http://arthistoriography.wordpress.com/>.

“The *Missiri* of Fréjus as Healing Memorial: Mosque Metaphors and the French Colonial Army (1928-1964),” *International Journal of Islamic Architecture* 1/1 (2012), 25-60.

“The Martyrs’ Museum in Tehran: Visualizing Memory in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” *The Journal of Visual Anthropology* 25/1-2 (2012), 68-97.

“The ‘Restored’ Shi’i *Mushaf* as Divine Guide?: The Practice of *Fal-i Qur’an* in the Safavid Period,” *The Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 13/2 (2011), 29-55.

“Between Logos (*Kalima*) and Light (*Nur*): Representations of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Painting,” *Muqarnas* 26 (2009), 1-34.

“The Writing is on the Wall: Mural Arts in Post-Revolutionary Iran,” *Persica* 22 (2008), 15-46.

“The Keir *Mi^craj*: Islamic Storytelling and the Picturing of Tales in the Fifteenth Century,” *Central Eurasian Studies Review* 4/1 (February 2005), 35-39. Also available online at: http://cess.fas.harvard.edu/cesr/pdf/CESR_04_1.pdf

“The Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension (*Mi^craj*) in Islamic Painting and Literature: Evidence from Cairo Collections,” *Bulletin of the American Research Center in Egypt* 185 (Summer 2004), 24-31.

“L’Ascension (*Mi^craj*) du Prophète Mohammad dans la peinture et la littérature islamiques,” *Luqman: Annales des Presses Universitaires d’Iran* 39/1 (Fall & Winter 2003-4): 55-79.

“The Form, Meaning, and Versatility of Islamic Architecture: Hassan Fathy’s *Dar al-Islam* Mosque Complex in Abiquiu, New Mexico” *Faith and Form: Journal of the Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art, and Architecture* 35/3 (Sept. 2001).

Articles in Edited Volumes and Conference Proceedings:

“The Rose of the Prophet: Floral Metaphors in Late Ottoman Devotional Art,” in *Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture: Essays in Honor of Renata Holod*, ed. David Roxburgh (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 227-254.

- “The Visual Emergence of the Occupy Gezi Movement,” in *Resistance Everywhere: The Gezi Protests and Dissident Visions of Turkey*, ed. Anthony Alessandrini et al., *JadMag* 1/4 (Fall 2013), 29-36.
- “The Prophet Muhammad’s Footprint,” in *Ferdowsi, the Mongols, and the History of Iran: Art, Literature and Culture from Early Islam to Qajar Persia*, eds. Robert Hillenbrand, Andrew Peacock, and Firuza Abdullaeva (London: I.B. Tauris, 2013), 297-305.
- “To Not Toil in Lonely Obsession: Modern Persian Erotica in the Kinsey Institute,” in *Eros and Sexuality in Islamic Art*, eds. Francesca Leoni and Mika Natif (Farnham: Ashgate, 2013), 209-235.
- “Images of Muhammad *In and Out* of Modernity: The Curious Case of a 2008 Mural in Tehran,” in *Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East: Rhetoric of the Image*, edited by myself and Sune Haugbolle (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2013), 2-31.
- “Strategic Strikes: Images of War and Disaster from Iran to America,” in *The Landscapes of 9/11: A Photographer’s Journey*, eds. Edward Linenthal, Jonathan Hyman, and myself (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2013), 155-178.
- “Power and Protection: Late Ottoman Seal Designs,” *Hadeeth al-Dar* 38 (2013), 2-6.
- “When *Nubuvvat* Encounters *Valayat*: Safavid Paintings of the Prophet Muhammad’s *Mi’raj*, ca. 1500-1550,” in *The Art and Material Culture of Iranian Shi’ism: Iconography and Religious Devotion in Shi’i Islam*, ed. Pedram Khosronejad (London: I.B. Tauris, 2011), 46-73.
- “Introduction” (with F. Colby), in Gruber & Colby (eds.), *The Prophet’s Ascension* (2009).
- “The Ilkhanid *Mi’rajnama* of ca. 1317-35 as an Illustrated Sunni Prayer Manual.” Awarded Margaret B. Sevcenko Prize for Best Article on Islamic Art at the Annual CAA Conference, Feb. 2006, and included in Gruber & Colby (eds.), *The Prophet’s Ascension* (2009), 27-49.
- “Introduction: Islamic Book Arts in Indiana University Collections,” in eadem (ed.), *The Islamic Manuscript Tradition* (2009).
- “A Pious Cure-All: The Ottoman Illustrated Prayer Manual in the Lilly Library,” in eadem (ed.), *The Islamic Manuscript Tradition* (2009), 117-153.
- “Realabsenz: Gottesbilder in der Islamischen Kunst zwischen 1300 und 1600,” in *Das Bild Gottes in Judentum, Christentum und Islam*, eds. Eckhard Leuschner and Mark Hesslinger (Petersberg: Michael Imhof Verlag, 2009), 153-179.
- “Il viaggio del Profeta: Il Libro dell’Ascensione di Maometto,” *Alumina: Pagine Miniature* 24 (2009), 6-17; republished in German as “Die timuridische Handschrift *Himmelfahrt des Propheten Muhammad (Mi’raj-Nameh)*,” in *Taswir. Islamische Bildwelten und Moderne*, eds. Almut Bruckstein and Hendrik Budde (Berlin: Nicolai Verlag, 2009), 197-202.
- “Media/ting Conflict: Iranian Posters from the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88),” in *Crossing Cultures: Conflict, Migration. Convergence, Proceedings of the 32nd Congress of the International Committee of the History of Art*, ed. Jaynie Anderson (Melbourne: Melbourne University Press, 2009), 710-715.
- “Jerusalem in the Visual Propaganda of Post-Revolutionary Iran,” in *Jerusalem: Idea and Reality*, eds. Suleiman Mourad and Tamar Mayer (London: Routledge, 2008), 168-197.

“Ottoman Coins,” *Kalenderhane in Istanbul*, ed. Cecil Striker, vol. 2 (Mainz: Verlag Philipp von Zabern, 2007). Transcription and editing of Arabic inscriptions of the Ottoman coins found in the Kalenderhane excavations in Istanbul.

“Seven Centuries of Illustrating the Prophet’s *Mi^craj*,” Preface to Ali Boozari, *A Mi^craj Album: Paintings of the Prophet’s Ascension in Lithographed Books* (Tehran: Imam ^cAli Museum, 2008).

“The Gulbenkian *Baharistan*: ^cAbd al-Aziz & the Bihzadian Tradition in 16th-Century Bukhara,” *Conferences Collected Essays 1: Kamal al-Din Bihzad* (Tehran: Iranian Academy of Arts, 2005), 255-287 (published in Persian).

Journalistic Articles:

“Reclaiming the Prophet Muhammad in Iran,” *Newsweek*, January 31, 2015:
<http://www.newsweek.com/reclaiming-prophet-muhammad-iran-303526>

“How the ‘Ban’ on Images of Muhammad Came To Be,” *Newsweek*, January 19, 2015:
<http://www.newsweek.com/how-ban-images-muhammad-came-be-300491>; republished in Raw Story: <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2015/01/how-the-ban-on-images-of-muhammad-came-to-be/comments/#disqus>

“The Koran Does Not Forbid Images of the Prophet,” *Newsweek*, January 9, 2015:
<http://www.newsweek.com/koran-does-not-forbid-images-prophet-298298>; republished in Raw Story: <http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2015/01/the-koran-does-not-forbid-images-of-the-prophet/comments/#disqus>; and published online in Arabic and French.

“The Visual Emergence of the Occupy Gezi Movement, Part 1: Oh Biber!,” *Jadaliyya.com* (July 6, 2013): <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/12714/the-visual-emergence-of-the-occupy-gezi-movement-p>.

“The Visual Emergence of the Occupy Gezi Movement,” Part 2: Everyday I’m Chapulling,” *Jadaliyya.com* (July 7, 2013): <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/12715/the-visual-emergence-of-the-occupy-gezi-movement-p>.

“The Visual Emergence of the Occupy Gezi Movement: Part 3: Democracy’s Workshop,” *Jadaliyya.com* (July 8, 2013): <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/12749/the-visual-emergence-of-the-occupy-gezi-movement-p>.

Encyclopedia Entries:

“Images,” in *Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*, ed. Coeli Fitzpatrick and Andrew Walker (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2014), 286-294.
<http://ebooks.abc-clio.com/reader.aspx?isbn=9781610691789&id=A3880C-3045&q=gruber#>

“Al-Buraq,” *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd edition (Leiden: Brill, 2012), 40-46.

“*Me^craj* ii. Illustrations,” in *Encyclopedia Iranica*, ed. Ehsan Yarshater (New York: Columbia University, 2008). See <http://www.iranica.com> for online entry.

“Divination,” in *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Joseph Meri (New York and London: Routledge, 2006), vol. 1 (of 2), 209-211.

Book Reviews:

“Review of *Visualizing Belief and Piety in Iranian Shiism* by Ingvild Flakerud (London & New York: Continuum, 2010),” *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies* 5/2 (2012), 201-206.

“Review of Frederick Colby, *Narrating Muhammad’s Night Journey: Tracing the Development of the Ibn ‘Abbas Ascension Discourse* (Albany: SUNY Press, 2008),” *Journal of Religion and Literature* 41/3 (Autumn 2009), 139-142.

“Review of Sheila Blair, *Islamic Calligraphy* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2006),” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 41 (2009), 486-487.

“Review of Robert Hillenbrand (ed.), *Shahnama: The Visual Language of the Persian Book of Kings* (Aldershot, England; and Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2004),” *Al-Masaq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean* 19 (March 2007), 74-77.

“Review of Linda Komaroff and Stefano Carboni (eds.), *The Legacy of Genghis Khan: Courtly Art and Culture in Western Asia, 1256-1353* (New York and New Haven: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Yale University Press, 2002),” *Journal of Asian Studies* 65/4 (November 2006), 817-819.

Interviews:

Interview with De Volkskrant (Dutch daily newspaper), “How Was the Prophet Muhammad Portrayed?,” March 7, 2015: <http://www.volkskrant.nl/beeldende-kunst/hoe-werd-profeet-mohammed-geportretteerd~a3885567/>

Interview with Bloomberg News, “Prophet Image at U.S. Supreme Court Shows Taboos Aren’t Eternal,” January 26, 2015: <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2015-01-26/prophet-image-at-u-s-supreme-court-shows-taboos-aren-t-eternal.html>

Interview with the Guardian, “V&A in Row Over Self-Censorship After Muhammad Image is Taken Down,” January 24, 2015: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/24/victoria-and-albert-museum-muhammad-image-website>

Interview with RadioWest / NPR, “Picturing Muhammad,” January 19, 2015: <http://radiowest.kuer.org/post/picturing-muhammad>

Interview with Hürriyet, “Kuran Peygamber resmini yasaklamıyor, yasak sonra çıktı,” January 18, 2015: <http://www.hurriyet.com.tr/kelebek/hayat/27989042.asp>

Interview with NPR “Here and Now,” “The Prophet Was Once Glorified in Art,” January 16, 2015: <http://hereandnow.wbur.org/2015/01/16/quran-prophet-images>

Interview with BBC / PRI, “You Can’t Draw Muhammad—Unless You’re One of the Many Muslim Artists Who Did,” January 15, 2015: <http://www.pri.org/stories/2015-01-15/you-cant-draw-muhammad-unless-youre-one-many-muslim-artists-who-did>

Interview with BBC News Magazine, “Have Pictures of Muhammad Always Been Forbidden?,” January 15, 2015: <http://www.bbc.com/news/magazine-30814555>

Interview with the Guardian, “Drawing the Prophet: Islam’s Hidden History of Muhammad Images,” January 10, 2015: <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jan/10/drawing-prophet-islam-muhammad-images>

Interview with NPR, “Depictions of Muhammad After Charlie Hebdo,” January 9, 2015: http://interfaithradio.org/Story_Details/Depictions_of_Muhammad_After_Charlie_Hebdo

Interview with the Huffington Post, “Does Islam Really Forbid Images of Muhammad?,” January 8, 2015: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/01/08/charlie-hebdo-muhammad-image_n_6432370.html?utm_hp_ref=religion

Interview with Slate on the so-called faceless foll “Romeisa,” December 12, 2014: <http://www.slate.fr/story/95821/musulmans-poupees-sans-visage>.

Interview segments included in Mark Nickolas’ documentary film “Nefertiti’s Daughters,” 2015. Film website: <http://www.nefertitidaughters.com/film/>.

Interview for article “Art of the Arab Uprisings,” LSA Magazine, University of Michigan, May 21, 2014: http://www.lsa.umich.edu/lsa/archives/ci.artofthearabuprisings_ci.detail

Interview and documentary “Arab American Museum Shows Arab Spring Protest Art,” Voice of America, February 11, 2014: <http://www.voanews.com/content/arab-american-museum-shows-arab-spring-protest-art/1848680.html>

“Le graffiti turc bataille contre le gris,” interview about Gezi graffiti illustrated with a selection of my photographs, Les Inrockuptibles, January 28, 2014: <http://style.lesinrocks.com/2014/01/28/le-graffiti-turc-bataille-contre-le-gris/#>

Interview about my exhibit, “Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings,” The Craig Fahle Show, WDET, December 16, 2013: <http://wdet.org/shows/craig-fahle-show/episode/creative-dissent-art-of-the-arab-world-uprising/>.

“Symposium to Highlight Art Influenced by Political Unrest,” interview with *The Michigan Daily*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 14, 2013: <http://www.michigandaily.com/arts/11freer-symposium-art-arab-uprisings14?page=0,0>

“Art Revolution Blooms After Arab Spring,” interview on NPR, November 3, 2013: <http://www.npr.org/2013/11/07/243720260/arab-spring-artists-paint-the-town-rebel>

“Visual Culture in the Modern Middle East,” Jadaliyya NEWTON interview with Sune Haugbolle, August 2013, http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/13811/new-texts-out-now_christiane-gruber-and-sune-haugbn.

“L’Islam interdit-il les images de Mahomet?,” interview with Slate, November 5, 2011: <http://www.slate.fr/story/45939/islam-interdit-images-mahomet>

“Islamic Art and Calligraphy,” podcast for the SSRC-sponsored “Muslim Voices: Voices and Visions of Islam” program, Indiana University, Bloomington, October 27, 2008. See: <http://muslimvoices.org/muslim-islamic-art-calligraphy/>

Translations of Articles into English:

- E. Kühnel, “Die ʿAbbasidischen Lüsterfayencen,” in *Early Islamic Art and Architecture*, ed. Jonathan Bloom (London: Variorum Publications, 2002), 87-100.
- A. H. Saleh, “Les Bédouins d’Égypte aux premiers siècles de l’Hégire,” in *Production and the Exploitation of Resources*, ed. Michael Morony (London: Variorum Publications, 2002), 83-114.

Accepted For Publication

Book:

The Praiseworthy One: The Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Texts and Images (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2016).

Articles:

- “In Defense and Devotion: Affective Responses in Early Modern Turco-Persian Manuscript Paintings,” in *Emotion and Subjectivity in the Art and Architecture of Early Modern Muslim Empires*, ed. Kishwar Rizvi (Leiden: Brill, 2015).
- “Prophetic Products: Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture,” in *Portraits of Saints and Holy Figures in Shia-Sunni Mausoleums and Saint Veneration*, ed. Pedram Khosronejad (Wantage, Oxfordshire: Sean Kingston Publishing, 2015).
- “Nazr Necessities: Votive Objects and Practices in Iranian Muharram Ceremonies,” in *Ex-Voto: Votive Offerings Across Cultures*, ed. Ittai Weinryb (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015).
- (with Emine Fetvacı) “Painting, from Royal to Urban Patronage (1450-1650),” in *Blackwell Companion to Islamic Art*, ed. Barry Flood and Gülru Necipoglu (2015).
- “Curse Signs: The Artful Rhetoric of Hell in Safavid Iran,” in *Locating Hell in Islamic Traditions*, ed. Christian Lange (Leiden: Brill, 2015).
- “Buraq,” in *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, 2nd ed., ed. Richard Martin (Charles Scribner’s Sons, 2015).
- “Posters in Iran,” *Encyclopaedia Iranica* (New York: Columbia University, 2015).

Work in Progress

Edited Volume:

Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings: a volume of articles, exhibition plates, and illustrated conversations with activist-artists (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2016).

Articles:

“*King of Kings of Africa*: Racializing Gaddafi in the Visual Output of the 2011 Libyan Revolution,” in *Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings* (2016).

“‘*They Are Among Us*’: Gezi Martyrs, Affective Incarnation, and Resistance in Contemporary Turkey,” in *Incarnation and the Secular: Charismatic Bodies in the 21st Century*, special issue of *Critique internationale*, ed. Laure Guirguis (2015).

“‘Go Wherever You Wish, for Verily You are Well Protected’: Seal Designs in Late Ottoman Prayer Books,” in *Visions of Enchantment: Occultism, Spirituality, and Visual Culture*, ed. Emilie Savage-Smith et al (Cambridge: University of Cambridge, 2015).

Published Translations of my Work:

The Islamic Manuscript Tradition: Ten Centuries of Book Arts in Indiana University Collections, Arabic translation in preparation (King Abdulaziz Foundation of Saudi Arabia, 2015).

“Between Logos (*Kalima*) and Light (*Nur*): Representations of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Painting,” *Muqarnas* 26 (2009), 1-34. Portuguese translation by Youssef Cherem: https://www.academia.edu/10713337/_Entre_logos_e_luz_representa%C3%A7%C3%B5es_do_Profeta_Maom%C3%A9_na_pintura_isl%C3%A2mica_.

“The Koran Does Not Forbid Images of the Prophet,” *Newsweek*, January 9, 2015: <http://www.newsweek.com/koran-does-not-forbid-images-prophet-298298>. **Arabic translation:** <http://arabdemocrat.com/ar/?p=3685>; **French translation:** http://www.aton.fr/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=274:le-coran-ninterdit-pas-les-images-du-prophete&catid=85:islam-et-islamisme&Itemid=119

“Curse Signs: The Artful Rhetoric of Hell in Safavid Iran,” translated into Japanese and published in the volume *Illustrating Hell: The End of the World Seen in East and West Eurasia*, edited by Shin Nomoto (Tokyo: Keio University, 2014).

“The Praiseworthy One: Devotional Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions,” translated into Japanese and published as a research paper (Tokyo: Keio University, 2014).

Professional Experience

a. Teaching Experience

Visiting Full Professor (Directeur d'Etudes), Sorbonne University, Paris, May 2013

Arnheim Professor, Institute of Art History, Humboldt University, Berlin, Spring 2012

Associate Professor of Islamic Art, Department of Art History, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (2011- present).

Assistant Professor of Islamic Art, Department of Art History, Indiana University, Bloomington (2005-2011). Also Assistant Professor, International Studies; Adjunct Professor, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures; and Adjunct Professor, Central Eurasian Studies.

Lecturer, College of General Studies, University of Pennsylvania, "Islamic Art through the Ages" (Spring 2002).

Docent Trainer, Islamic Galleries, Philadelphia Museum of Art (Fall 2001).

Teaching Assistant and WATU (Writing Across The University) Fellow for ARTH102: "European Art and Civilization after 1400," Dr. Christine Poggi, University of Pennsylvania (Spring 2001). Head T.A. for the same course, Spring 2002.

President and trainer of the volunteer student guides at the Princeton Art Museum (1995-98).

b. Curatorial Experience

2014: Curator, exhibition *Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam in the University of Michigan*, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, University of Michigan, Fall 2014.

2013-14: Curatorial Advisor, exhibition *Doris Duke's Shangri La*, University of Michigan Museum of Art, January-May 2014. Organized public programming, teacher training, tours, workshops, and an international symposium (*Encounters with Islamic Art: Reception, Revival, and Response*).

2013: Guest Curator, exhibition *Creative Dissent: The Arts of the Arab World Uprisings*, National Arab American Museum, Dearborn, November 2013 – February 2014. See permanent exhibition catalogue at: <http://artsoftheArabWorldUprisings.com/>.

2011: Guest Curator, exhibition *The Graphics of Revolution and War: Iranian Poster Arts*, Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington (October 2011 to January 2012); podcast interview for Indiana Public radio at <http://indianapublicmedia.org/arts/graphics-revolution-war-iranian-poster-arts/>; and faculty supervisor to Elizabeth Rauh's web exhibition: <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/webexhibits/iranianposters/>.

2008-9: Guest Curator, exhibition *From Pen to Printing Press: Ten Centuries of Islamic Books Arts*, Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington (March 6 to June 30, 2009); and faculty supervisor to web exhibition: http://www.iub.edu/~iuam/online_modules/islamic_book_arts/.

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c. Other Professional Activities

- 2015- present: member, Editorial Board, Iranian Studies Series, Lit Verlag
- 2014- present: member, Advisory Board, Duke Islamic Studies Center, Duke University
- 2014- present: External Advisor, research project on “Mirza Ali-Qoli Kho’i and the Art of Lithographic Illustration in Persian Books of the Qajar period,” directed by Ulrich Marzolph (University of Göttingen), Fritz Thyssen Stiftung.
- 2014-15: member, fellowship committee, American Academy in Berlin (reviewed applications)
- 2014-15: member, fellowship committee, National Humanities Center (reviewed applications)
- 2014-15: Chair, Grabar Fellowships and Grants, Historians of Islamic Art Association
- 2014: book reviewer, Princeton University Press
- 2013- present: member, Advisory Board, international research group “Bilderfahrzeuge: Warburg’s Legacy and the Future of Iconology,” German Ministry of Education and Research, five-year project hosted at four international art and cultural institutes in France, Germany, Great Britain, and Italy. Budget: 5.4 million Euros, granted to doctoral and postdoctoral researchers.
- 2013- present: Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Art History, University of Michigan
- 2013- present: member, Steering Committee, Islamic Studies Program, University of Michigan
- 2013- present: member, Advisory Board, *Muqarnas: An Annual on the Visual Culture of the Islamic World*, journal, Harvard University
- 2013- present: member, Advisory Board, book series, *Arts and Archaeology of the Islamic World*, Brill.
- 2013- present: member, Advisory Board, Society of Arabic Script Calligraphers in America
- 2013- present: member, Museum Advisory Board, Asia Society, New York, NY
- 2013- present: member, steering committee, Islamic Mysticism Group, American Academy of Religion
- 2013: peer reviewer, *Middle East Journal of Culture and Communication*
- 2012- present: member, Grabar Fellowships and Grants, Historians of Islamic Art Association
- 2012-13: member, editorial board, special issue of the *Journal of Iranian Studies* on the historiography of Persian architecture.
- 2011-12: member, Symposium Working Group, *The Sultan’s Garden: The Blossoming of Ottoman Art*, The Textile Museum, Washington D.C., October 11-12, 2012.
- 2011- present: member, Freer Committee, University of Michigan – Smithsonian Institution
- 2011- present: Research Affiliate, Sydney College of the Arts (Ph.D. advisor to Nasser Palangi)

2011: member, program committee, MESA 45th annual meeting, Washington DC, Dec. 2011

2011: book reviewer for Harvard University Press

2010- present: Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Anthropology of the Middle East and Central Eurasia* (Oxon, UK: Sean Kingston Publishing).

2010: application reviewer for the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.

2010: book reviewer for Prentice Hall.

2010: Manuscript reviewer for *Medieval Encounters*.

2010: Committee Member, Margaret B. Sevckenko Prize for Best Article on Islamic Art, Historians of Islamic Art Association.

Spring 2008: Managing Director and Senior Fellow, “*Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: In Search of the Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions*,” Kunsthistorisches Institut/Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Florence.

2008-9: Member, ARIT Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowship Committee.

2008-2010: Museum Policy Committee, IU Art Museum, Bloomington, IN.

October 2007: Delegate, Soros Foundation & Academy of Sciences, Doshanbe, Tajikistan.

2007-2009: ARIT Delegate-at-Large; consortial representative of Indiana University.

2007-2010: Board Member, Historians of Islamic Art Association; editor of listserve, H-Islamart.

Spring 2007: Member, Mellon Doctoral Fellowship Selection Committee, Council on Library and Information Resources, Washington, D.C.

2004-5: Contractor, Library of Congress, Department of African and Middle Eastern Studies: responsible for measuring, organizing, researching, and identifying 355 Arabic-script calligraphic specimens; and author of the online catalogue.

1999-2002: Graduate Intern and Spotlight Lecturer, Philadelphia Museum of Art: responsible for the Islamic art collection and public spotlight tours.

1994-98: Assistant to the Publications Department, The Art Museum, Princeton University: tasks included label-making, check/ credit-card processing, data processing, press releases, temporary exhibition organization, editorial assistance, and help in arranging the Islamic art exhibit in the Medieval Art galleries.

Summer 1997: Undergraduate Intern at the Metropolitan Museum of Art: research assistant to Dr. Stefano Carboni, Curator, Department of Islamic Art. Worked on the *Kutubiyya Minbar* publication (research and translation), wrote labels for Fatimid objects in Gallery 2, and gave highlight tours and special topic tours (“Images of Paradise in Islamic Art”).

Courses Taught

Visual Culture of Islam (undergraduate survey course)

Survey of Islamic Art and Architecture (undergraduate/graduate course)

Introduction to Islamic Art (undergraduate seminar in Islamic Art Museum, Berlin)

Working With Objects: Islamic Textiles, Metalwork, Ceramics, Glass, and Coins (hands-on undergraduate/graduate seminar in the Kelsey Museum, University of Michigan)

Encounters with Islamic Art: Studying, Collecting & Reviving (undergraduate/graduate seminar)

The History of Persian Painting (graduate seminar)

From Pen to Paper: Islamic Codicology and Paleography (graduate seminar)

The Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Texts and Images (graduate seminar)

Modern Islamic Art and Visual Culture (undergraduate/graduate seminar)

Ottoman Istanbul: From Imperial Capital to Modern Metropolis (graduate seminar)

Senior Honors Thesis seminar, Honors Program, History of Art, Indiana University

International Perspectives on Culture and the Arts (undergraduate course)

International Studies Thesis Capstone Seminar (for senior undergraduate students)

Sacred Places (humanities undergraduate course)

M.A. and Ph.D. Theses Supervised

Ashley Dimmig, Art History, University of Michigan, “Ephemeral Edifices: Imperial Tents in the Late Ottoman Period,” Ph.D. dissertation, Fall 2012-present (first reader).

-----, Art History, Indiana University, “Storytelling and Silk: Safavid Figural Textiles and the Stories They Tell,” Masters thesis, Spring 2012 (first reader).

Maria Domene-Danes, Art History, Indiana University, “Ghada Amer: Embroidering a Hybrid Word,” Masters thesis, Summer 2010 (first reader).

Yasemin Gencer, Art History, Indiana University, “Pushing Out Islam: Cartoons of the Reform Period in Turkey (1923-1930),” Ph.D. dissertation, Fall 2008-present (first reader).

-----, Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, “Ibrahim Müteferrika and the Age of the Printed Manuscript,” Masters thesis, Fall 2008 (second reader).

-----, Art History, Indiana University, “The Cultural and Artistic History of Turkish Shadow Puppetry (*Karagöz*),” Senior Honors Thesis, Spring 2006 (first reader).

William Harper, Archeology and History of Art, Koç University, “Backward and Forward: Photographic Gifts between the Ottoman Empire and the United States in the Late Nineteenth-Century,” Masters thesis, Summer 2013 (member, defense committee).

- Nama Khalil, Anthropology, University of Michigan, "Media Wars: Emerging Visual Art and Expressive Practices in Contemporary Egypt," Ph.D. dissertation, Fall 2011- present (second reader).
- Emine Küçükbay, Art History, University of Bamberg, "The Origins and Development of the *Hilye-i şerif*," Ph.D. dissertation, Fall 2013- present (secondary advisor).
- Labrosse, Crystal, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, "Women in the Art of Nasser Palangi from the Iranian Revolution to Today," Masters thesis, Spring 2015 (first reader).
- Lesoon, Courtney, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, "Identities and Interiors: The 'Syria Lebanon Room' at the University of Pittsburgh," Masters thesis, Spring 2015 (first reader).
- Ashley Miller, Art History, University of Michigan, "Representing Cultural Heritage in Morocco, ca. 1880-1930," Ph.D. dissertation, 2012- present (committee member).
- Miki Morita, Central Eurasian Studies, IUB, "The Function of Ksitigarbha and the Ten Kings in the 11th-Century Xizhou Uighurs' Conversion to Buddhism," Masters thesis, Fall 2008 (second reader).
- Nasser Palangi, Sydney University, Australia, "War and Politics through Photo Media in the Middle East: The Case of Iran 1980-2010," Ph.D. dissertation, 2010-present (associate primary advisor).
- Jennifer Peruski, Art History, Indiana University, "Epigraphy and Heraldry in Service of Authority: Mamluk Metalworks and Glasswares," Senior Honors Thesis, Fall 2008 (first reader).
- Elizabeth Rauh, Art History, University of Michigan, "Weapons of Creation: Art Practice and Production in the Contemporary Middle East," Ph.D. dissertation, Fall 2011-present (first reader).
- , Art History, Indiana University, "Thirty Years Later: Iranian Visual Culture from the 1979 Revolution to the 2009 Presidential Protests," Masters thesis, Spring 2012 (first reader).
- , Art History, Indiana University, "A1One: Street Art, Digital Media, and Protest in Contemporary Iran," Senior Honors Thesis, Fall 2008 (first reader).
- Sheida Riahi, Art History, Indiana University, "From Nursing Mother to Sufi Saint: The Holy Virgin in Mughal Painting," Masters thesis, Summer 2011 (first reader).
- Jeannette Rooney, Art History, Indiana University, "Blurring the Distinction: 'Orientalism' and the Native American in Charles M. Russell's *Waiting and Mad*," Masters thesis, Spring 2007 (second reader).
- Christina Stigliani, Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, "Failed Martyrs on Screen: Veterans of the 'Sacred Defense' in Iranian Cinema," Masters thesis, Summer 2008 (second reader).
- Kyle Sweeney, Art History, Indiana University, "Constructing Universal Sovereignty: Qalawunid Architecture and Identity Politics in Mamluk Cairo," Masters thesis, Summer 2014 (second reader).

Alison Vacca, Near Eastern Studies, University of Michigan, "Armenia as an Arab Province, 640-886," Ph.D. Dissertation, 2013 (committee member).

Olivia Wolf, Art History, Indiana University, "'She, Given the Extolled Pen': The Epigraphic Representation of Female Power in Shajar al-Durr's Visual Legacy," Masters thesis, Fall 2011 (first reader).

Roxana Zenhari, "The Persian Romance *Samak-e 'Ayyar*: Analysis of an Inju Illustrated Manuscript," Ph.D. dissertation, Georg-August Universität Göttingen, 2012 (member of defense committee)

Conferences and Lectures (selected)

"Our Image-Worlds of Today: Some European-Islamic Encounters," series *Islamic Art in the 21st Century: Conversations*, organized by Wendy Shaw, Free University, Berlin, July 7, 2015.

"The Praiseworthy One: Devotional Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions," two invited lectures, UT Austin and MFA-Houston, April 16 and 17, 2015.

"*They Are Among Us*': Gezi Martyrs, Affective Incarnation, and Resistance in Contemporary Turkey," invited lecture, Islamic Studies Program, University of Michigan, April 2, 2015.

"Prophetic Products: The Prophet Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture," invited lecture, The Merrick Lecture Series, Ohio Wesleyan University, March 26, 2015.

"Visual Representations of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Lands from the Pre-Modern Period to Contemporary Iran," colloquium with Pedram Khosronejad and John Tolan, Institut des Etudes Avancées, Nantes, France, March 5, 2015.

"The Praiseworthy One: Devotional Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions," invited lecture, Detroit Institute of Arts, January 31, 2015.

"Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings," opening lecture for my exhibition, Bryn Mawr College, January 22, 2015.

"Prophetic Products: The Prophet Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture," Material Islam Inaugural Workshop, American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November 24, 2014.

"*They Are Among Us*': Gezi Martyrs, Affective Incarnation, and Resistance in Contemporary Turkey," workshop on *Incarnation and the Secular: Charismatic Bodies in the 21st Century*, organized by Laure Guirguis, University of Montréal, September 27-28, 2014.

"In Defense and Devotion: Affective Responses to Images of the Prophet Muhammad," symposium "Emotion and Subjectivity in the Art and Architecture of Early Modern Muslim Empires," convened by Kishwar Rizvi, Yale University, May 1-2, 2014.

"Prophetic Products: The Prophet Muhammad in Contemporary Iranian Visual Culture," invited lecture, Department of Art History, University of Delaware, April 9, 2014.

- “*Go Wherever You Wish, for Verily You are Well Protected*: Seal Designs in Late Ottoman Prayer Books,” international symposium “Visions of Enchantment: Occultism, Spirituality, and Visual Culture,” University of Cambridge, UK, March 17-18, 2014.
- “The Timurid *Book of Ascension* and its Relationship to Sino-Central Asian Buddhist Art,” invited lecture, Central Eurasian Studies Committee, University of Chicago, March 7, 2014.
- “Votive Traditions in Iranian Muharram Ceremonies,” Materializing Religion workshop series, Duke University, Durham, February 17, 2014.
- “The Gezi Uprisings,” Great Decisions invited lecture, UNC-Chapel Hill, February 18, 2014.
- “Pearls of Wisdom: Behind the Scenes,” lecture and storage viewing of objects in my exhibition *Pearls of Wisdom: The Arts of Islam in University of Michigan Collections*, members, Kelsey Museum of Archaeology, Ann Arbor, February 13, 2014.
- “From Tradition to Innovation: Islamic Art at Doris Duke’s Shangri La,” University of Michigan Art Museum, Ann Arbor January 15, 2014.
- “Un *mi’raj* iranien: Une peinture murale contemporaine de l’ascension du Prophète Mahommed,” Institut National d’Histoire de l’Art, Paris, Monday, December 9, 2013.
- “Al-Buraq, the Prophet Muhammad’s Flying Steed,” lecture at the symposium “The Bestiary of Prophets and Saints in Islam,” Collège de France, Paris, Friday, December 6, 2013.
- “Conceptualizing the Show,” artists’ panel, opening of the exhibition “Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings,” Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, November 16, 2013: <http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/arab.uprisings.art>
- “Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings,” invited lecture, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, University of Michigan, Thursday, October 17, 2013.
- “The ‘Painterly Still’ in Modern Egyptian, Iranian, and Turkish Visual Cultures,” opening lecture for the exhibition “*The Art of Advertising: Egyptian Film Poster Designers, 1933-2000*,” Princeton University Library, Sunday, September 29, 2013.
- Four 2-hour seminars on Shi‘ism and the visual arts, invited Directeur d’Etudes (Full Professor), Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Sorbonne University, May 10-28, 2013. Summary of seminars available at: <http://asr.revues.org/1233>.
- Two invited lectures on representations of Hell in Persian painting and images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic artistic traditions, Keio University, Tokyo, Japan, March 3-8, 2013.
- “Violence’s Vestiges: The Martyrs’ Museum in Tehran,” invited talk, Silberberg Lecture Series, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, February 12, 2013.
- “Images of Muhammad in and out of Modernity: The Curious Case of a 2008 Mural in Tehran,” invited lecture, AKPIA Lecture Series, MIT, December 2, 2012.
- “*King of Kings of Africa*”: Racializing Gaddafi in the Visual Output of the 2011 Libyan Revolution,” panel on the “Arab Spring, Artistic Awakening? Art, Resistance, and Revolution” organized by Jennifer Pruitt and Dina Ramadan, Middle East Studies Conference, Denver, November 17-20, 2012.

- “*King of Kings of Africa*”: Racializing Gaddafi in the Visual Output of the 2011 Libyan Revolution,” invited lecture, international conference on aesthetics in the contemporary Muslim world, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Bergen, Norway, October 4-5, 2012.
- “Qur’anic Divination,” invited talk, workshop on the Gwalior Qur’an, convened by Eloïse Brac de la Perrière, Sorbonne University, Paris, June 14-15, 2012.
- “The Praiseworthy One: Devotional Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions,” Arnheim Visiting Professor lecture, Stiftung Brandenburger Tor, Berlin, May 23, 2012.
- “The Visual Rhetoric of Hell in Safavid Painting, ca. 1550-1600,” invited talk, international symposium on “Locating Hell in Islamic Traditions,” organized by Christian Lange, University of Utrecht, April 28-29, 2012. Talk online at: <http://vimeo.com/45033846>.
- “The Power and Problem of the Image: Depictions of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions,” invited lecture, Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Göttingen, Germany, April 19, 2012.
- “The Praiseworthy One: Devotional Images of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions,” invited lecture, “Sundays at the MET,” The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, April 15, 2012. Lecture available online at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb5dyS1hWJs>.
- “Protection in Hand and On the Body: Seal Designs in Ottoman Prayerbooks and Talismanic Shirts,” invited talk, National Museum of Kuwait / Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah, Kuwait City, January 30, 2012.
- “Violence’s Vestiges: The Martyrs’ Museum in Tehran,” invited talk, Center for the Humanities, Temple University, Philadelphia, November 17, 2011. Full lecture is available online at: <http://www.templetv.net/shows/university-lecture-series/humanities-lecture-christina-gruber/>
- “The Graphics of Revolution and War: Iranian Poster Arts,” opening lecture for my co-curated exhibition by the same name, Indiana University Art Museum, Bloomington, October 14, 2011.
- “Ottoman Art and Architecture in Istanbul, ca. 1450-1550,” seminar for the Princeton Summer Undergraduate Program in Istanbul, July 21, 2011.
- “*Nazr* Necessities: Votive Practices and Objects in Iranian Muharram Ceremonies,” *Ex-Voto: Votive Offerings Across Cultures*, conference at the Bard Graduate Center, New York, April 28-29, 2011.
- “Love It or Hate It: The Performance of Piety and Politics in Iranian Visual Culture,” Department of Art History, The Johns Hopkins University, March 31, 2011.
- “Seven Centuries of Ascension Images,” Imam Ali Art Museum, Tehran, December 20, 2011
- “Prophetic Portraits: Muhammad in Modern Iranian Visual Culture,” workshop on *Saint and Holy Portraits in Shia-Sunni Mausoleums and Saint Veneration*, University of Saint Andrews, December 6, 2010.
- “Strategic Strikes: Images of War and Disaster from Iran to America,” Images Forum, Indiana University, Bloomington, November 5, 2010.

- “Real Absence: Picturing God in Islamic Art,” invited lecture, Museum of Islamic Art, Berlin, July 15, 2010.
- “Violence’s Vestiges: The Martyrs’ Museum in Tehran,” panel “Art and Violence,” chaired by Cary Levine and Philip Glahn, CAA conference, Chicago, February 10-13, 2010.
- “*Voir la Vie en Rose: Cosmic Florets and Sacred Visions in Islamic Art*,” at *Seeing the Past: Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture*, conference in honor of Dr. Renata Holod, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, October 9-10, 2009.
- “Images of Muhammad *In and Out* of Modernity: The Curious Case of a 2008 Mural in Tehran,” Institute of Art History, University of Vienna, October 2, 2009.
- “The Rose of the Prophet: Interstitial Images of Muhammad in Islamic Art,” conference *Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: In Search of the Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions*, Kunsthistorisches Institut, Florence, July 16-19, 2008.
- “The ‘Restored’ Shi‘i *Mushaf* as Divine Guide?: The Practice of *Fal-i Qur’an* in the Safavid Period,” international conference *People of the Prophet’s House: Art, Architecture and Shi‘ism in the Islamic World*, British Museum, London, March 27, 2009.
- “Real Absence: Picturing God in Islamic Art,” invited lecture, The Walters Art Museum, Baltimore, March 12, 2009.
- Two lectures on Islamic book arts delivered at the symposium *Islamic Book Arts: A One-Day Symposium*, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 7, 2009.
- “From Pen to Printing Press: Ten Centuries of Islamic Book Arts,” opening lecture for the exhibition (of the same name), IU Art Museum, Bloomington, March 6, 2009.
- “Of Beardless Youths, Stimulants, and Voyeurs: Modern Persian Erotica in the Kinsey Institute,” included on the panel *On the Sensuous and Erotic in Islamic Art*, chaired by Francesca Leoni (Rice University), CAA Conference, Los Angeles, February 25-28, 2009.
- “Modern Persian Erotica in the Kinsey Institute,” opening lecture for the show *Eros in Asia: Erotic Art from Iran to Japan*, the Kinsey Institute, Indiana University, February 20, 2009.
- “Real Absence: Picturing God in Islamic Art,” invited lecture, Denis Sinor Research Institute for Inner Asian Studies and Central Eurasian Studies Colloquium, Indiana University, Bloomington, February 4, 2009.
- “Real Absence: Picturing God in Islamic Art,” invited lecture, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 28, 2009.
- “Questioning the ‘Classical’ in Persian Painting: Models and Problems of Definition,” included on the panel *The Book Arts in Islam: Questioning Categories*, chaired by Emine Fetvaci (Boston University), MESA Conference, Washington D.C., November 22-25, 2008.
- “The Two Pens: Calligraphy and Marbling,” talk for a Turkish Calligraphy & Marbling Exhibit and Workshop (by Dr. Mehmet Refii Kileci), Mathers Museum, Indiana University, November 5, 2008.
- “The Power and Problem of the Image: Depictions of the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Traditions,” Colloquium “Religion and the Subversive,” Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Michigan, September 29, 2008.

- “Messianism as Municipal Matter in Post-Revolutionary Tehran,” included on the panel “Messianism, Kingship and Sacred Cities in the Islamic World,” chaired by Heather Ecker (Detroit Institute of Arts), *Historians of Islamic Art Biennial Symposium (I: Spaces & Visions)*, Philadelphia, October 16-18, 2008.
- “Return, Retribution, and Reward: Messianism as Municipal Matter in Post-Revolutionary Tehran,” CASAW Workshop, 'Studies of the City: Towards an Interdisciplinary and Trans-regional Approach', University of Manchester, September 5-6, 2008.
- “Ottoman Art and Architecture of the ‘Classical’ Period (ca. 1400-1600),” invited lecture, Princeton Institute of International and Transregional Studies, summer program in Istanbul, Koç University, Tuesday, July 29, 2008.
- “From Primordial Flux to the ‘Perfect Man’: The Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Texts and Images,” presented at *Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: The Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions. A Presentation of Work in Progress*, Kunsthistorisches Institut/ Max-Planck Foundation, Florence, May 22, 2008.
- “Logos, Light, and Veil: Depicting the Prophet Muhammad from 1300 to Today,” and “Confronting Other, Constructing Self: The Prophet Muhammad through European Eyes, 800-1900,” Detroit Institute of Arts, March 19 and March 20, 2008.
- “Memory, Identity, and Visual Culture: Mural Arts in Modern Iran,” research network "Memory, Trauma and Identity in Literary and Visual Representations in the Middle East," British Society of Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES), Edinburgh, February 21, 2008.
- “Between Logos (*Kalima*) and Light (*Nur*): The Prophet Muhammad in Persian Textual and Visual Traditions,” invited lecture, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University, Montreal, February 5, 2008.
- “Media/ting Conflict: Iranian Posters from the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88),” included on the panel “Art and War,” 32nd Congress of the International Committee of the History of Art (CIHA), Melbourne, Australia, January 13-18, 2008.
- "Notes from the Field: The Challenges of Conducting Research in Museums and Libraries in the Islamic World," Sponsors' Symposium, Council on Library and Information Resources, Washington, D.C., December 11, 2007.
- “Islamic Manuscripts and Digital Technology: New Methods and Possibilities,” Soros Foundation and Academy of Sciences, Doshanbe, Tajikistan, October 26, 2007.
- “Towards a History of Persian Painting: Models and Problems of Definition,” presented at conference *Persian Painting and Modern/Contemporary Iranian Painting: Continuity or Discontinuity?*, Imam ʿAli Museum, Tehran, Iran, 15-16 June 2007.
- “The Writing is on the Wall: Post-Revolutionary Murals in Tehran,” panel on the murals of Iran accompanying Fotini Christia’s exhibition *Walls of Martyrdom: Tehran’s Propaganda Murals*, Concourse Gallery, Center for Government and International Studies, Harvard University, May 18, 2007 (exhibition: May 18-June 15, 2007).
- “Between Logos and Light: Depicting the Prophet Muhammad from 1300 to Today,” invited lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison, May 8, 2007.

- “From Parchment to the Printing Press: Ten Centuries of the Islamic Manuscript Tradition in the Lilly Library,” Middle East Arts Festival, Indiana University, February 9, 2007.
- “A Sunni Prayer Manual of the Ilkhanid Period: The Anonymous *Miʿrajnama* dated 685/1286,” presented (in Persian) at the Research Center for The Written Tradition (Miras-e Maktub), Tehran, November 18, 2007. This talk and several personal interviews were broadcast on four television channels in Iran, December 20-30, 2006.
- “When *Nubuvvat* Encounters *Valayat*: Safavid Paintings of the Prophet Muhammad’s *Miʿraj*,” Conference on Safavid Art, Iranian Academy of Arts, Tehran, December 10, 2006.
- “The Timurid *Miʿrajnama* at the Ottoman Court: The Role of Ekphrastic Commentary in the Transmission of Ascension Texts and Images,” included in the panel (organizer) “The Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension (*Miʿraj*) in Turkic Literary and Cultural Traditions,” MESA, Boston, November 19, 2006.
- “Images of Muhammad,” presented on the panel discussing the use of visual materials in the teaching of Islam, Middle East Medievalists roundtable, MESA, Boston, November 18, 2006 (delivered on my behalf by Suleiman Mourad)
- “The Passion of Ritual Theater: ʿAshura and Taʿziyeh Ceremonies in Modern Day Iran,” invited lecture, Smith College, Northampton, April 28, 2006.
- “Between Logos (*Kalima*) and Light (*Nur*): Depicting the Prophet Muhammad in Islamic Painting,” presented at the panel “Seeing Around the World: Visuality in Asia, Africa, Mesoamerica, and the Islamic World,” chaired by Tamara Sears and Deborah Stein, CAA Conference, Boston, February 23, 2006.
- “The Power of the Image: Depicting the Prophet Muhammad from ca. 1300 to Today,” Panel in response to the Muhammad Cartoon Controversy, Indiana University, February 21, 2006.
- “Teaching Prayers in Pictorial Form: the Case of the Ilkhanid *Miʿrajnama* of ca. 1317-35,” *Elective Affinities*, International Association for Word and Image Studies, Philadelphia, September 23, 2005.
- “Jerusalem in the Visual Propaganda of Modern Iran,” Conference on *The Idea of Jerusalem*, organized by Suleiman Mourad and Tamar Mayer, Middlebury College, April 2005.
- “The Ilkhanid *Miʿrajnama* (TSK H. 2154) as an Illustrated Prayer Book,” Conference in Honor of the Retirement of Filiz Çağman (Director, Topkapı Palace), Istanbul, February 7-10, 2005.
- “The Murals of Modern Tehran,” Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, March 16, 2004.
- “Texts and Images of the Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension in Iranian Collections,” Bilingual French/Persian lecture, Institut Français de Recherches en Iran, Tehran, January 28, 2004.
- “The Gulbenkian *Baharistan*: ʿAbd al-Aziz & the Bihzadian Tradition in 16th-Century Bukhara,” International Congress on Master Kamal al-Din Bihzad, Tehran, December 15-8, 2003.
- “The Keir *Miʿraj*: Islamic Storytelling and the Picturing of Tales in the Fifteenth Century,” presented at the panel “Seeing the Self, Seeing the Other” (discussant: Sheila Blair), Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS) Conference, Harvard University, October 2-5, 2003. Paper received CESS conference’s Honorable Mention.

“Les Textes et Manuscrits du *Mirraj* du Prophète Mohammed,” invited lecture, Paris I/Sorbonne, January 29, 2003.

“The ‘Missiri’ of Fréjus as Healing Memorial: the French Military and its Islamic Architecture (1928-1964),” presented at the panel “Modernity, Modernisms, and the Reception of African Art” (chair: Helen M. Shannon), CAA Conference, Philadelphia, February 22, 2002.

Conferences and Panels Organized or Chaired

Panel organizer and chair, “Crafting Knowledge in Persian and Turkish Book Arts: Painting, Calligraphy, Genealogy, and Law,” Historians of Islamic Art Association, Fourth Biennial Symposium, Aga Khan Museum, Toronto, October 16-18, 2014.

Encounters with Islamic Art: Reception, Revival, and Response: symposium convener, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, February 1, 2014:
<http://umma.umich.edu/insider/symposium-encounters-islamic-art-reception-revival-and-response>. All talks available online at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLhs2tMYJ4-YVqYTJImGtp-GfvTTUQ1zW9>.

Arts of the Arab World Uprisings: Freer Symposium convener (with Juan Cole), Ann Arbor, Nov. 14-15, 2013: <http://www.lsa.umich.edu/histart/events/artsoftheArabWorldUprisings> (symposium schedule); and http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KIhQ2F2LrRM&list=SPBv-d4zpidlyUevJEfNu6d0EI_g96hT4H (video-taped talks)

Organizer and presenter, artists’ panel, opening of the exhibition “Creative Dissent: Arts of the Arab World Uprisings,” Arab American National Museum, Dearborn, November 16, 2013: <http://www.arabamericanmuseum.org/arab.uprisings.art>

Chair and discussant, panel on “Ideology, Art, and History in Museums of Modern Turkey,” organized by Yasemin Gencer, annual conference, Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, October 10-13, 2013.

Discussant, panel “Images of Children and Childhood in the Modern Middle East,” organized by Pamela Karimi, MESA, San Diego, November 18-21, 2010.

Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: In Search of the Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions, convener of conference with papers by 30 distinguished scholars, Kunsthistorisches Institut/ Max-Planck-Gesellschaft, Florence, July 16-19, 2008.

Rhetoric of the Image: Visual Culture in Political Islam: an international conference organized by myself and Sune Haugbolle, Copenhagen University, March 21-22, 2009.

From Pen to Paper: Ten Centuries of the Islamic Manuscript Tradition: organizer of a symposium on Islamic book arts, Indiana University Art Museum, March 7, 2009.

Organized the conference *Crossing Boundaries, Creating Images: The Prophet Muhammad in Literary and Visual Traditions. A Presentation of Work in Progress*, Kunsthistorisches Institut/ Max-Planck Foundation, Florence, May 22, 2008.

Chair, panel on Central Asian Art and Archaeology, 14th annual conference, Central Eurasian Students Association, Indiana University, Bloomington, March 31, 2007.

Chair, discussant, and organizer of panel “New Approaches to Islamic Painting,” Midwest Art History Society, Indianapolis, March 28-31, 2007.

Organizer, panel on Islamic Manuscripts in the Lilly Library, The Middle East Arts Festival, Indiana University, Bloomington, February 10, 2007.

Organizer, panel “The Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension (*Mirraj*) in Turkic Literary and Cultural Traditions,” MESA, Boston, November 19, 2006.

Discussant at the panel co-organized with Frederick Colby: “Raising the Discourse to Another Level: Diverse Adaptations and Appropriations of the Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension,” American Academy of Religion, Washington D.C., November 18, 2006.

Organized a three-day workshop at the University of Pennsylvania on Arabic paleography and codicology with Dr. Adam Gacek, McGill University, Montréal, May 9-11, 2002.

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