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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2016– *Associate Professor of Medieval Middle Eastern History*
2010– 2016 *Assistant Professor of Medieval Middle Eastern History*

PAST EMPLOYMENT:

BAR-ILAN UNIVERSITY

2005-2010 *Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern History*

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY OF THE NEGEV

2004-2005 *Kreitman Society of Fellows Post-Doctoral Fellow and Lecturer,
Department of Middle Eastern Studies*

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

1999-2004 Various *Teaching Fellow, Graduate Writing Fellow, Tutor,
Department of History; Head Teaching Fellow, Department of History;
Resident Tutor in History, Leverett House, Harvard College; and Post-
Doctoral Research Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies*

EDUCATION

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Nov. 2002 *Ph.D., History and Middle Eastern Studies*
1999 *A.M., History and Middle Eastern Studies*

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Summer 1999 *Graduate Seminar*

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

1996 *Research M.A., Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies*
1992 *B.A. Magna cum Laude, Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies*

REFEREED ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED ACADEMIC BOOKS:

MONOGRAPHS:

- *The Great Seljuq Sultanate and the Formation of Islamic Civilization: A Thematic History*. Studies in Islamic Civilization Series. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming (forthcoming, signed contract).
- *Violent Order: Religious Warfare, Chivalry, and the 'Ayyar Phenomenon in the Medieval Islamic World*. Istanbul Texte und Studien der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, Band 11 Würzburg: Ergon Verlag, 2007.

EDITED VOLUMES:

- Richard Kaeuper, D.G. Tor, and Harriet Zurndorfer, eds., *The Cambridge World History of Violence. Volume 2: The Medieval Period*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018, forthcoming (signed contract).
- D.G. Tor, Ed., *The 'Abbāsīd and Carolingian Empires: Comparative Studies in Civilisational Formation*. Islamic History and Civilization Series. Leiden: Brill, 2017, in press.
- Hassan Ansari, Sabine Schmidtke, and D.G. Tor, eds., *The Religio-Intellectual History of Rayy from AD 900 through the Seljuq Period*, Special issue of *Der Islam* 93:2 (2016).
- A.C.S. Peacock and D.G. Tor, eds., *Medieval Central Asia and the Persianate World: Iranian Tradition and Islamic Civilisation*. British Institute of Persian Studies Series. London: I. B. Tauris, 2015.

REFEREED ACADEMIC ARTICLES (Published/In Press only)

- “The Political Revival of the ‘Abbāsīd Caliphate: Al-Muqtafi and the Seljuqs,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 137:4 (2017), forthcoming.
- “The ‘Abbāsīd and Carolingian Dynasties in Comparative Perspective,” in *The ‘Abbāsīd and Carolingian Empires: Comparative Studies in Civilisational Formation*. Islamic History and Civilization Series (Leiden: Brill, 2017), forthcoming.
- “Jews in the Eleventh Century in the Eastern Islamic Lands,” *Essays in Sephardic History: Festschrift in Honor of Jane S. Gerber*, ed. Federica Francesconi, Stanley Mirvis, and Brian Smollet (Leiden: Brill, 2017), forthcoming.

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- “Rayy and The Religious History of the Seljuq Period,” *Der Islam* 93:2 (2016), 377-405.
- “The Importance of Khurāsān and Transoxiana in the Classical Islamic World,” in A.C.S. Peacock and D.G. Tor, eds., *Medieval Central Asia and the Persianate World: Iranian Tradition and Islamic Civilisation*. British Institute of Persian Studies Series. London: I. B. Tauris, 2015, 1-12.
- “God’s Cleric: Fuḍayl b. ‘Iyād and the Transition from Caliphal to Prophetic Sunna,” in *Islamic Cultures, Islamic Contexts: Essays in Honor of Professor Patricia Crone*, ed. Behnam Sadeghi, Asad Q. Ahmed, Adam Silverstein, and Robert Hoyland (Leiden: Brill, 2014), 195-228.
- “The Long Shadow of Pre-Islamic Iranian Rulership: Antagonism or Assimilation?” *Late Antiquity: Eastern Perspectives*, ed. Teresa Bernheimer and Adam Silverstein, E. J. W. Gibb Memorial Series (Oxford: Oxbow, 2012), 145-163.
- “The Islamising of Iranian Kingly Ideals in the Persianate Fürstenspiegel,” *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies* 49 (2011), 15-22.
- “Mamlūk Loyalty: Evidence from the Late Saljūq Period,” *Asiatische Studien* 65: 3 (2011), 767-796.
- “‘Sovereign and Pious’: The Religious Life of the Great Seljuq Sultans,” *The Seljuqs: Politics, Society, and Culture*, ed. Christian Lange and Songul Mecit (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2011), 39-62.
- “A Tale of Two Murders: Power Relations Between Caliph and Sultan in the Twelfth Century,” *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft (ZDMG)* 159 (2009), 279-297.
- “The Islamization of Central Asia in the Sāmānid Era and the Reshaping of the Muslim World,” *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BSOAS)*, 72:2 (2009), 272-299.
- “The Mamlūks in the Military of the Pre-Seljūq Persianate Dynasties,” *Iran: Journal of the British Institute of Persian Studies*, 46 (2008), 213-225.
- “Privatized Jihad and Public Order in the Pre-Saljūq Period: The Role of the *Mutaṭṭawwi‘a*,” *Iranian Studies* 38:4 (2005), 555-573.
- “Historical Representations of Ya‘qūb b. al-Layth al-Ṣaffār: A Reappraisal,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (JRAS)*, 12: 3 (Nov. 2002), 247-275.

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- “A Numismatic History of the First Saffarid Dynasty,” *Numismatic Chronicle*, Series 7, 162 (2002), 293-314.
- Toward a Revised Understanding of the ‘Ayyar Phenomenon, in *Iran; Questions et Connaissances: actes du IVe congrès des études Iraniennes organisé par la Societas Iranologica Europaea, Paris, 6-10 Septembre 1999. Vol. II: Périodes médiévale et moderne*. Ed. M. Szuppe. *Cahiers de Studia Iranica* 23 (Paris: Peeters Editions, 2002), 231- 254.
- “An Historiographical Re-examination of the Appointment and Death of ‘Alī al-Riḍā,” *Der Islam* 78: 1 (2001), 103-128.

COMMISSIONED ARTICLE

- “Social Violence in the Medieval Islamic World: Armed Bands, Sectarian Violence, Factions, and Riots,” in Richard Kaeuper, D.G. Tor, and Harriet Zurndorfer, eds., *The Cambridge World History of Violence. Volume 2: The Medieval Period*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018 (signed contract).

REFEREED ACADEMIC ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES

- *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed. (Leiden, E.J. Brill, 2010-)
“*Fuḍayl b. ‘Iyād*”; “*Futuwwa*”; “*Ghaznavids*”(declined); “*‘Ayyār*”; “*‘Awāṣim*”(declined); “*Arslān b. Seljūq*”; “*Chaghri Beg*”; “*Imran b. Shahin*”
- *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, ed. Ehsan Yarshater (New York: Columbia University Press, 1982-)
“*Sanjar b. Malikshāh*” ; “Kingship: iii The Islamic Period”
- *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, ed. Gerhard Böwering, Patricia Crone, Wadad al-Qadi, *et alii*, (Princeton University Press, 2012):
“*Sultan*”; “*Seljūq Dynasty*”; “*Sāmānid Dynasty*”; “*Ghaznavid Dynasty*”; “*Shāhānshāh*”; “*Ghāzī*”

TEXTBOOKS

Meridian Series, Pearson Custom Publishing

2004-2007 *Editor for Middle East World History Area*, under the general editorship of *Professor Mark Kishlansky*, History Department, Harvard University

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

THE AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES (ACLS)

2017-2018 *Fellowship*

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THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES (NEH)

2014 *Fellowship* (yearlong)
2008 *Summer Research Stipend*

THE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY, PRINCETON

2013-2014 *Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Senior Member, School of Historical Studies* (yearlong fellowship)

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

2016 *Henkels Conference Grant*
2012 *Henkels Conference Grant*
2012 *Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Large Research Grant*
2011 *Library Acquisitions Grant* (together with Li Guo and Gabriel Said Reynolds)

ISRAEL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND HUMANITIES, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION GRANT (ISF)

2007-2010 *Individual Research Grant*

ROYAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

Sept. 2008 *Visiting Fellowship*

GERMAN-ISRAELI FOUNDATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH (GIF)

2008-2009 *Young Scientists Research Grant*

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF AFGHANISTAN STUDIES

2006 *Research Grant*

BEN-GURION UNIVERSITY, KREITMAN SOCIETY OF FELLOWS

2004-2005 *Kreitman Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship*

FOUNDATION FOR IRANIAN STUDIES

2003 *Dissertation Prize* (Awarded to the best dissertation written anywhere in the world, in any field or period of Iranian studies)

GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

2001 - 2002 *Packard Humanities Fellowship*
1999 - 2002 *Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship* (FLAS)
2001 *Harvard Graduate Society Term-Time Dissertation Research Award*
1998 - 1999 *Center for Middle Eastern Studies Merit Award*
1997 - 1999 *Center for Middle Eastern Studies Fellowship*

MIDDLE EAST MEDIEVALISTS

2000 *Graduate Student Prize*

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
Summer 1999 *Graduate Fellowship*

THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM

- 1990 - 1991 *Dean's Prize* (First in a department of 300 students)
1989 - 1991 *Dean's List* (Top 5% in the entire Faculty of Humanities throughout the B.A.)
1988 - 1989 *Horace W. Goldsmith Scholarship Award*, Rothberg School for Overseas Students

ACADEMIC PAPERS PRESENTED

INVITED ACADEMIC PAPERS (PAST TEN YEARS ONLY)

- “The Commemoration of the Seljuqs in Historical Narratives,” conference on *Memory and Commemoration in Islamic Central Asia*, Leiden University Center for Islamic Studies, University of Leiden, November 2016.
- “Religion in the Seljuq Period,” Symposium on “Court and Cosmos: The Great Age of the Seljuqs,” The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, June 10-11, 2016.
- “A History of Islamic Chivalry,” at the conference on Chivalry sponsored by the Institut für Theologie und Frieden, held at Forschungskolleg Humanwissenschaften, Bonn, October 9-10 2015.
- “The Role of Pre-Seljuq Marv in Early Islamic History,” Conference on “Iranian Cities: From the Rise of Islam Until the Modern Era,” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, May 1-2, 2015.
- “Religious fraternities and Islamic rulers: *Futuwwa* from the rise of the proto-Sunnis through the Seljuq era,” Conference on “Monarchische Herrschaft und religiöse Vergemeinschaftung”, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Münster, Germany, November 2014.
- "What difference did the Seljuqs make? The significance of the Seljuqs in the context of Islamic history and civilization," Conference on *The Intellectual History of Rayy, 900-1100*, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, April 2014.
- “The Reign of Al-Muqtafi: a Case Study in the Relations between Caliph and Sultan,” School of Historical Studies Colloquium, The Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, December 2013.
- “Sultan and Caliph in the Great Seljuq Period,” Conference on *Eastern Iran and Transoxiana 750-1150: Persianate Culture and Islamic Civilisation*, University of St. Andrews, March 2013.

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- “Futuwwa: Chivalric Violence in the Seljuq and Mongol Periods,” Conference on *Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought* (ESRC and AHRC funded), University of Exeter, September 2012.
- “On the Edge of a Sword: The Seljuq rulers between Khān and Sultān,” Conference on *Nomad aristocrats in a world of empires*, Sonderforschungsbereich of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft and the Universities of Leipzig and Halle-Wittenberg, Hamburg, November 2011.
- “The Realm of the Zunbil: A Late Antique Survival in Early Islamic Times,” Research Workshop on *Shifting Frontiers: Current Issues in the History of Early Islamic Central Asia*, Leiden University, Holland, December 2010.
- “Limited Loyalty: A Case Study of the Islamic Military Slave System in the Late Seljuq Period,” *International Workshop in Memory of David Ayalon*, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, December 2008.
- “The Seljuqs and the Turkmens,” Institut für Turkologie, Freie Universität, Berlin, December 2008.
- “A Case Study in the Downfall of Kings: The End of Great Seljuq Rule,” Conference on *Kingship in the Middle East and Mediaeval Europe*, University of Cambridge, September 2008
- “The Seljuq Sultans and Personal Piety: Religion and Politics in the Seljuq Era,” International Symposium on *The Seljuqs: Islam Revitalized?* University of Edinburgh, September 2008.
- “The Long Shadow of Pre-Islamic Iran: Conflict or Assimilation?” Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity Seminar on *Late Antiquity: Eastern Perspectives*, University of Oxford, February 2008.
- “An Heretical Re-evaluation of the Mamluk Military Institution in the Eastern Islamic World, 800-1040,” Conference on *Availing of Nomadic Power- Stratagems and Pitfalls: Iran and Adjacent Areas in the Islamic Period*, Institut für Iranistik der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, Martin-Luther-Universität, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany, February 2008.
- “The Islamization of Central Asia in the Sāmānid Period and the Reshaping of the Muslim World,” Conference on *The Islamization of Central Asia: Social practices and acculturation from the VIIIth to the XIIth c.*, Collège de France and École Normale Supérieure, Paris, November 2007.
- “Sunnis and Shi’ites under Great Seljuq Rule,” International Research Workshop on *The Sunni-Shi’i Schism in Historical Perspective*, Center for Iranian Studies and the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies, Tel Aviv University, June 2007.

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- “Charity in the Great Seljuq Era,” Conference on *Piety and Charity in the Middle East in Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages*, Institute for Advanced Study, Jerusalem, February 2007.
- “The 'Ayyars and the Sufis,” Israel Oriental Society Annual Meeting, Bar-Ilan University, May 2006.
- “Jews in the Central Islamic Lands in the Eleventh Century,” Conference on *Bridging the Worlds of Islam and Judaism*, Bar-Ilan University, January 2006.

SUBMITTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPERS (PAST TEN YEARS ONLY)

- “The Treatment of Elite Slaves in the Medieval Muslim Caliphate,” The 227th Meeting of The American Oriental Society, Los Angeles, March 2017.
- “The Political Revival of the ‘Abbāsīd Caliphate in the Twelfth Century,” School of ‘Abbāsīd Studies, Leiden, the Netherlands, July 2016.
- “The Treatment of Elite Slaves in the Medieval Islamic World,” International Medieval Congress, University of Leeds, England, July 2016
- “Lost in Time and Translation: Changes in Literary Transmission as Historical Evidence,” Conference on “The Histories of Books in the Islamic World,” Centro de Ciencias Humanas y Sociales (CCHS) at the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC), Madrid, Spain, March 2015.
- “‘The Centre Cannot Hold’: Center and Periphery in the Great Seljuq Empire,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Boston, January 2011.
- “‘Zābul and Kābul’: A Late Antique Relict in Early Islamic Times,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, November 2010.
- “The Islamization of Iranian Kingly Ideals: The Persianate Fürstenspiegel of the Seljuq Era,” *The Shahnameh and Persianate Identity* Conference, University of St. Andrews, April 2010.
- “Overweening Amirs? Magnates and Sultan in the Late Seljuq Period,” Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA) Annual Meeting, Boston, November 2009.
- “The Murder of the Caliph al-Mustarshid,” Sixth Biennial Conference on Iranian Studies, International Society for Iranian Studies in conjunction with the Iran Heritage Foundation and the London Middle East Institute, London, August 2006.
- “The Contextualization of Violence: Paramilitary ‘Youth’ Bands in Medieval Islamic Society,” Medieval Academy of America Annual Meeting, Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2006.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

GRANT REFEREE

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)

2015 Selection committee, Middle East and Africa subject area, Yearlong grants
2010-2011 Selection committee, Middle East and Africa subject area, Summer grants

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research - Council for the Humanities

2016 Outside Referee
2015 Outside Referee

Israel Academy of Arts and Sciences

2008-2009 Middle Eastern History Selection Committee
2007-2008 Middle Eastern History Selection Committee

ACADEMIC EDITORSHIPS AND REFEREEING

Editorial board membership

Editorial board, *Cambridge World History of Violence*, Cambridge University Press.

Article referee

Iranian Studies; *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society (JRAS)*; *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies (BSOAS)*; *Journal of the American Oriental Society (JAOS)*; *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient (JESHO)*; *Al-Masaq, Revue des Mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée (REMMM)*

Book referee

Cambridge University Press
Columbia University Press
Edinburgh University Press
Oxford University Press
Brill, Inner Asian Library series

OTHER SERVICE

The University of Notre Dame

Initiator and chairperson, Working Committee on Middle Eastern Studies

Initiator and co-organizer of the international conference, “The History and Culture of Iran and Central Asia in the First Millennium CE: From the Pre-Islamic to the Islamic Era”, held jointly with Kyoto University, June 25-27, 2017, Notre Dame London Global Gateway.

Initiator and Organizer of the international conference, “Civilizational Formation: The Carolingian and ‘Abbāsīd Eras”, April 14-15, 2013, University of Notre Dame.

Bar-Ilan University

Junior Faculty Representative, the University Senate
2008-2010

Medieval Islamic Colloquium of Israel
2006-2010 *Initiator, Organizer, and Chairperson*

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Arabic, Danish (also Swedish and Norwegian Bokmål), English, French, German, Hebrew,
Latin, Persian, and Turkish