

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Appointments

- 2020-Present **Assistant Professor**
Department of History, Berry College
- 2018-2020 **Visiting Assistant Professor**
Department of History, United States Military Academy

Education

- 2018 **PhD** Department of History
University of Pennsylvania
- 2013 **MA** Department of History
University of Pennsylvania
- 2010 **BA, Magna cum laude** Department of History
Hamilton College

Publications

I. Book Project

On the Progressive Path: Gender, Urbanization, and Islam in the Caucasus and Iran

My current book project investigates the intersection of urbanization, gender, and religious reform in the southern Caucasus and northern Iran in the early 20th century. Focusing on public spaces including city streets, theaters, schools, and mosques, with a particular focus on Baku, but also looking at Tiflis, Tabriz, and Tehran, I argue that shifting gender norms and the conflicts they inspired can offer us key insights into modernization, networks of cultural exchange, and Shi'i Muslim religious reform in the early twentieth century.

II. Articles

“ChatGPT and World History Essays: an Assignment and Some Insights into the Coloniality of Generative AI,” *Teaching History*. (forthcoming)

“Muslim Women and Educational Reform in the Early Twentieth Century Southern Caucasus: Urbanization and Heterosocialization at the Dawn of Revolution,” *Journal of Women's History* 36, no. 2 (2024): 117-138..

“Muslim Reading Rooms in the Caucasus: Adaptation, Emulation, and the Cultivation of a Reading Public,” *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, published online April 4, 2024, print forthcoming.

“Emissaries of Enlightenment: Azeri Theater Troupes in Iran and Central Asia, 1906-1944.” *Iranian Studies* 54, no 3-4 (2021): 427-451.

III. Book Chapters

“Azerbaijan” in *Asian Theater, Then and Now*. Ed. Stratos Constantinidis and Esmaeil Najjar. (London: Routledge.) (Submitted)

“Buzorgdasht Akhūndzādah dar 1911: nās’ūnālīst kardan yek shakhsiyat-i jahani” dar *Talāyah’dār-i mudir-nīsm-i siyāsī dar Īrān: Mīrzā Fath ‘Alī Ākhūnd’zādah*. Dabīr-i majmū‘ah: Farhād Sulaymān’nizhād. (Tīhrān: Nashr-i Agar, 1401 [2021].)

(“The 1911 Akhundov Jubilee: Nationalizing an Imperial Figure,” in *The Founding Fathers of Modern Iran, vol. 2: The Forerunner of Political Modernity in Iran: Mirza Fathali Akhundzadeh*. Ed. Farhad Soleymannejad. Tehran: Agar Publishing, 1401 SH.)

“The Caucasus and Iran” in *Routledge Handbook of the Caucasus*, 1st Edition. Ed. Galina M. Yemelianova and Laurence Broers. (London: Routledge, 2020.)

IV. Book Reviews

“A Tale of Immense Privilege and Dramatic Upheaval,” review of Banine, *Days in the Caucasus*, trans. Anne Thompson-Ahmadova (London: Pushkin Press, 2019). *Transitions*, 16 September 2022.

“Audrey Altstadt. Frustrated Democracy in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan (New York: Columbia University Press, 2017). Pp. 304. \$60.00 Cloth. ISBN 9780231704564.” *Review of Middle East Studies* 53, no. 1 (2019): 160–63.

Courses Taught

Berry College

History of Islamic Societies

History of the Modern Middle East

History of the Soviet Union and Modern Russia

Public History

World History Since 1550

Race and Ethnicity: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Challenges

United States Military Academy

History of the Middle East

History of the Modern Middle East

History of Russia

Imperial and Soviet Russia

History of Africa

Grants & Fellowships

External

- 2019 Title VIII Grant to participate in “Teaching the South Caucasus: A Workshop for College and University Educators,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2015 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014-2015 American Councils Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Grant
- 2014 NEH Grant to participate in seminar “The Late Ottoman and Russian Empires: Citizenship, Belonging and Difference,” George Washington University
- 2013-2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant for Advanced Persian
- 2013 American Research Institute of the South Caucasus’ Graduate Student, Postdoctoral, and Junior Faculty Research Fellowship
- 2012 Foreign Language and Area Studies Grant for Intermediate Persian
- 2010 State Department Critical Language Scholarship for Azerbaijani

Internal

- 2024 Faculty Scholarship Grant (Berry College)
- 2023 Summer Scholarship Stipend (Berry College)
- 2022 Diversity Infusion Stipend (Berry College)
- 2012-2018 Annenberg History Fellowship (University of Pennsylvania)
- 2011-2012 Benjamin Franklin Fellowship (University of Pennsylvania)

Conference Participation

Panels Organized

November 2023 “Crime in the City: Urbanization and Criminalization in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC.

November 2021 “Educating Girls in the Late 19th/Early 20th Century: Gender, Youth, and the Challenges of Modernity.” Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

October 2020 “Performing Identity in Iran: Race, Ethnicity, and Gender on Stage and Film.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.

November 2018 “Reading Culture and the Public Sphere in the Global Middle East.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Presenter

November 2023 “Pan-Islamism, Pan-Turkism, and the Threat of a Muslim Public in the Southern Caucasus.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia, PA.

November 2023 “Crime and Politics in Baku: The Development of the Qochu Criminal Class.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC.

September 2022 “The Life and Afterlife of Mirza Alakbar Sabir: From Trans-imperial Truth Teller to National Sage.” Thirteenth Biennial Iranian Studies Conference, Salamanca, Spain.

February 2022 “Poets and Politics in Occupied Iran: Soviet Azerbaijani Artists and their Iranian Azerbaijani ‘Brethren,’ 1945-1946.” Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Richmond, VA.

November 2021 “Books for Young Ladies: Girls’ Literacy and the Publishing Industry in Early 20th Century Azerbaijan.” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA.

October 2020 “The Other Side of the Aras: Defining Two Azerbaijanians on Stage and Film.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.

November 2018 “Reading Rooms, Soirees, and Jubilees: Literary Readings and the Making of an Azeri Public Sphere.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

April 2017 “Exporting Azeri Modernism: Cultural Outreach in Iran and Central Asia, 1906-1923.” Reform and Revolution: Discourses of Modernity in Late Imperial Russia and Beyond. The Harriman Institute, Columbia University. (Invited.)

November 2016 “Institutions for Progress: Baku Enlightenment Societies, 1905-1918.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Princeton University.

October 2016 “Cities in History and Literature: Global Perspectives.” Roundtable. Urban History Association Biennial Conference, Loyola University of Chicago.

February 2016 “From Progressive to People’s Artist: Jadidist Influence in Early Soviet Azerbaijani Theater and Opera.” Empire’s Long Shadow: Modern Constructions of Central Eurasia, 1900-1941.” University of Chicago. (Invited)

November 2015 “Persianate Legacies in the Russian Empire and Soviet Union.” Roundtable. Association of Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention.

October 2013 “*Ravished Armenia*: Contestations of Authenticity in Representing the Armenian Genocide (1919).” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

April 2013 “Music in the Margins; the Gramophone Industry in Turn of the Century Azerbaijan, Iran, and Ottoman Empire.” Symposium on Ottoman-Persian Exchanges, 16th-20th Centuries, University of Pennsylvania.

Discussant

November 2016 “Museum, Literature, and National Ideology.” Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Conference, Princeton University.

Invited Talks

“A New Soviet Woman: Women’s Rights in Soviet Russia and Azerbaijan” (with Dr. Greta Bucher)
Angelo State University Lecture Series, San Angelo, TX, March 7, 2023

“Forum on Strategizing Academic Placement” Panelist
The American Research Institute in the South Caucasus, Virtual, December 8, 2022

“Revolutionary Roots: The Azerbaijan Democratic Republic & the Legacies of Constitutionalist Revolts Across Empires”
Azerbaijan Democratic Republic’s 100th Year Scholarly Forum, Azerbaijan Cultural Society of Northern California, San Francisco, May 19, 2018

“Navigating Persianate Influences in 19th Century Azeri Cultural Production”
Caucasus Research Resource Center Works in Progress Series, Khazar University, Baku, July 26, 2013

Institutional Service

Faculty Development Committee, 2022-2024, Chair, AY 2023-2024
Student Conduct Board, 2021-present
Search Committee, Tenure Track Assistant/Associate Professor of Mathematics, Fall 2023
Council on Student Research, 2021-2023
Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Environmental Policy, Spring 2023
Search Committee, Visiting Assistant Professor of Communications, Spring 2022
Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor, Spring 2021
Search Committee, Director of Theater, Spring 2021

Languages

Azerbaijani (advanced)
Persian (advanced)
Ottoman Turkish (reading)
Modern Turkish (reading, intermediate spoken)
Spanish (advanced)
French (reading)

Membership in Professional Organizations

Association for Iranian Studies
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Middle East Studies Association