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EMPLOYMENT:

Associate Professor, Department of History, Utah State University, 2002-present
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Utah State University, 1995 - 2002
Lecturer, Department of History, University of Washington, 1992-1995.

PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT (PEER REVIEWED BOOKS, ARTICLES, AND EDITED WORKS):

- Transportation Technology and Imperialism in the Ottoman Empire, 1800-1923* (Washington, DC: American Historical Association, 2006)
- The Failure of Political Islam*, guest editor, with David Goetze, of special issue of *Research Papers of the Human Rights Conflict Prevention Centre*, IV, 1-1, (2004).
- Muslim Minorities in the Balkans*, guest editor of special issue of *Nationalities Papers*, XXVIII, 1, (March, 2000).
- "The 'Ethnic Division of Labor' on Ottoman Railroads : a Reevaluation," *Turcica*, No.37 (2005).
- "Accidents, Sabotage, and Terrorism: Work Hazards on Ottoman Railways," in Colin Imber, Keiko Kiyotaki, and Rhoads Murphey, eds., *Frontiers of Ottoman Studies* (London: I.B.Tauris, 2004).
- "The Bulgarian Declaration of Independence and the 1908 Ottoman Railroad Strikes," *East European Quarterly*, XXXVII, No.4 (January 2004).
- "Political Islam, Fundamentalism, and the Challenge of Modernity: A Historical Overview," in David Goetze and Peter Mentzel, eds., *The Failure of Political Islam*, special issue of *Research Papers of the Human Rights Conflict Prevention Centre*, IV, 1-2, (2004).
- "Unity and diversity on Ottoman railways: a preliminary report on technology transfer and railway workers in the Ottoman Empire," in Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Kostas Chatzis, and Efthymios Nicolaidis, eds., *Multicultural Science in the Ottoman Empire* (Turnhout, Belgium: Brepols Publishers, 2003).
- "Ethnic Cleansing, Emigration, and Identity: The Case of Habsburg Bosnia-Hercegovina," in Steven Béla Várdy, T. Hunt Tooley, and Agnes Huszár Várdy, eds., *Ethnic Cleansing in Twentieth Century Europe* (Boulder, CO: Social Science Monographs, 2003).
- "Karl Renner's Ideas on Personal Autonomy: The *Personalprinzip* and the Millet System," in Sabrina P. Ramet, James R. Felak, and Herbert J. Ellison, eds., *Nations and Nationalisms in East-Central Europe, 1806-1948: A Memorial to Peter F. Sugar* (Bloomington, IN: Slavica Publishers, 2002).
- "The Ottoman Grand Orient: Freemasonry, Nationalism, and Revolution in the late Ottoman Empire," in R. William Weisberger, ed., *Essays Concerning European and American Freemasonry* (Boulder, CO: East European Monographs, 2002).
- "Mamluk coins from the Awad Collection," in Jere Bacharach, ed., *Fustat Finds: Beads, Coins, Medical Instruments, Textiles, and Other Artifacts from the Awad Collection*, (Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2002).
- "National Identity in the Balkans: Confessionalism to Nationalism," in Patrick James and David Goetze, eds., *Evolutionary theory and ethnic conflict*, (Westport, Conn.: Praeger Publishers, 2001).
- "Sinir, Sinir Bölgesi ve Çekirdek olarak Osmanlı Balkanları (The Ottoman Balkans as Frontier, Borderland, and Core)," in Güler Eren, Halil Inalcik, et. al., eds., *Osmanlı*, (Ankara: Yeni Türkiye, 1999).
- "The Wars of the Yugoslavian Succession: Murder or Suicide?" *Nationalities Papers*, XXV, 2, 1997 (Review Article).
- "The German Minority in Interwar Yugoslavia," *Nationalities Papers*, XXI, 2, (Fall 1993).

PUBLICATIONS (BOOK REVIEWS):

Book Reviews have appeared in: *American Historical Review*, *Canadian-American Slavic Studies*, *Nationalities Papers*, *The Historian*, *Turkish Studies Association Bulletin*, *Jewish Folklore and Ethnography Review*, and H-HABSBURG.

PUBLICATIONS (NON-PEER REVIEWED BOOKS AND ARTICLES):

A Traveler's History of Venice, (London: Arris Press, 2005).

"Railroads in the Ottoman Empire: Imperialism, Capitalism, and the Ottoman State," *Arkeoloji ve Sanat*, XX, 95 (March-April 2000).

PAPERS PRESENTED:

- "The Ottoman Legacy in the Railroads of Southeastern Europe," Third International Congress on Islamic Civilization in the Balkans. November 3, 2006. Bucharest, Romania.
- "Salonika and the Railroad, 1870-1912," 36th National Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, December 7, 2004, Boston.
- "Figs, Licorice, and Foreign Capital: The Strike on the Smyrna-Aidin Railroad of 1908," 16th Symposium of the Comité International d'Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes, June 17, 2004, Warsaw, Poland.
- "Soaring Eagle or Lame Duck: Reflections on Current Conditions in Albania," 46th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association, April 22, 2004, Salt Lake City, UT.
- "Islamic Civilization and Technology Transfer in the Late Ottoman Balkans," Second International Symposium on Islamic Civilization in the Balkans, December 7, 2003, Tirana, Albania.
- "Railroads and the Problem of Technology Transfer in the Ottoman Empire," 37th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, November 8, 2003.
- "The Bulgarian Declaration of Independence and the 1908 Railroad Strikes: A Connection?" 45th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association, April 10, 2003, Las Vegas, NV.
- "Accidents, Bandits, and Terrorism: Work Hazards on Ottoman Railways," 15th Symposium of the Comité International d'Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes, July 7, 2002, London, England, UK.
- "The 'Ethnic Division of Labor' on Ottoman Railroads: A Reevaluation," 35th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, November 20, 2001, San Francisco, CA.
- "Unity and Diversity on Ottoman Railways: A Preliminary Report on Technology Transfer and Railway workers in the Ottoman Empire," XXIst International Congress of History of Science, July 9, 2001, Mexico City, Mexico.
- "National Divisions and Labor Solidarity: The Ottoman Railroad Strikes of 1908," 115th Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association, January 5, 2001, Boston, MA.
- "Crosses, Crescents and Lilies: Identity and Conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina," Thirty Fourth Annual Duquesne University History Forum, November 18, 2000, Pittsburgh, PA.
- "Twentieth Century Muslim Nationalism in the Balkans." March 18, 2000. Idaho State History Conference, Boise State University, Boise, ID.
- "The Ottoman Balkans." February 12, 2000. Teaching World History and Geography 2000, Austin, TX.
- "Class, Nationality and Identity in the late Ottoman Empire." August 20, 1998. Sixth Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Haifa, Israel.
- "Onward Christian Soldiers: Non-Muslims in the Ottoman Military." August 7, 1998. American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch 20th Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- "Karl Renner's Ideas on Personal Autonomy." November 20, 1997. American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 29th Annual Convention, Seattle, WA.
- "Teaching the Unteachable: Bosnia beyond the News." August 10, 1997. American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch 19th Annual Meeting, Portland, OR
- "Nationalism and Post-Nationalism: The Future of the Nation State." July 10, 1997. 11th Biennial Conference of the Australasian Association of European Historians, Adelaide, Australia.
- "The Crescent and the Lily: The National Idea in Bosnia-Herzegovina." Nov. 17, 1996. American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies 28th National Convention, Boston, MA.
- "Turks, Muslims and Bosniaks: National Identity in Bosnia and Herzegovina." August 21, 1996. Fifth

Conference of the International Society for the Study of European Ideas, Utrecht, the Netherlands.
"The War of the Yugoslavian Succession: An Attempt at Definition." April 20, 1996. Western Social Science Association 38th Annual Conference, Reno, NV.
"Nationalism and Labor Solidarity: Urban Workers in the Ottoman Balkans." January 6, 1996. American Historical Association 110th Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
"The Ottoman Balkans: Frontier, Borderland, Core." August 11, 1994. American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch annual meeting, Fullerton, CA.
"Nationalism and the Labor Movement in the Ottoman Empire." October 30, 1992. Middle East Studies Association conference, Portland, OR.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Scientific Council of the Human Rights Conflict Prevention Centre (Centar za Prava Čovjeka i Prevenciju Konflikta), University of Bihać, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 2004 - present
Program Committee, 37th Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. Salt Lake City, UT. November 2005.
President, Western Association for Slavic Studies, 2005-2006
Board of Editors, *Nationalities Papers*, 1999 - present
National Council Member, Phi Alpha Theta, 2002-2003

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Advisor, Delta Xi Chapter, Phi Alpha Theta, 1995-2002
History Department Faculty Search Committees,
Borderlands Position, 2003/2004
Classics Position, 2000/2001
Latin American Position, 1995/1996
Local Arrangements Committee for American Historical Association-Pacific Coast Branch Annual meeting, Park City, UT. August 3-6, 2000.
Departmental Honors Advisor, 1999
Asian Studies Committee, College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, Utah State University.
University Club Scholarship Committee, 1999/2000, 2001/2002

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS RECEIVED:

Mortar Board Honor Society "Top Prof" award, 2002
History Department Teacher of the Year award, 2003, 2002
Fulbright Senior Researcher, Istanbul, Turkey, 9/98-6/99
"Railroads in the Ottoman Empire and Early Republican Turkey"
American Research Institute in Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey, 7/99
"Railroads and Railroad Workers in Turkey"
Utah State University Faculty Research Grant, Potsdam, Germany, Summer 1996
"The Archives of the Deutsche Bank as a source for Ottoman Social and Economic History"
Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, 9/90-6/91
Fulbright (CIES), 9/90-6/91 (awarded but declined)
Claude R. Lambe Fellowship; 9/89-6/90, 9/91-6/92
National Resource Fellowship (FLAS); Summer 1987, 9/88-6/89, Summer 1990

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Washington, 1994
M.A. University of Washington, 1988
B.A., Cum Laude, University of Connecticut, 1985

DISSERTATION:

"Nationalism and the Labor Movement in the Ottoman Empire, 1872-1914." Advisor, Peter F. Sugar

DOCTORAL FIELDS:

Ottoman Empire, East Central Europe, the Middle East, British Empire (India and Africa)

TEACHING FIELDS:

East Central Europe, Middle East, Islamic Civilization, Western Civilization, Nationalism

COURSES TAUGHT:

Modern Western Civilization
Introduction to Islamic Civilization
History of the Balkans
History of East Central Europe
History of the Modern Middle East
Nationalism
Utah State University and Iran (Senior Research Seminar)

COMMUNITY SERVICE/ACTIVITIES:

Utah Public Radio, interview/discussions on Kosovo. 9/9/99, 3/27/98
Middle East Center, University of Utah
Ottoman History lecture for Teachers' workshop. 6/17-18/97.
Utah State University, Conference and Institute Division.
Bosnia Beyond the News 6/24-28/96. Designed and team-taught a week long workshop on
Bosnian history and current events.
Washington Refugee Resettlement Program 5/94-8/95
Assisted the resettlement of a refugee family from Bosnia-Herzegovina. Translation work, English
language training, assistance in job-hunting.
Community Lectures
"Islam and Secularism: The Case of Turkey" 9/16/95. *The Middle East: Some Perspectives*.
Workshop for Logan, UT secondary school teachers.
"The National Question in the Muslim Post-Soviet Republics" 4/17/93. *World Issues in the News*.
Workshop for western Washington secondary school social studies teachers.