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Education

Princeton University, Ph.D., Department of History, 1999

Columbia University, M.A., Department of History, 1994

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.A. in Russian and East European Studies with Highest Honors, 1992

University of Vienna, Semester Study Abroad, 1991

Academic Positions

Professor, Department of History, Stanford University, September 2017 – Present

Associate Professor, Department of History, Stanford University, September 2009 – August 2017

Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, Stanford University, September 2013 – August 2016

Director, Mediterranean Studies Forum, Stanford University, September 2013 – August 2016

Director, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, Stanford University, September 2010 – August 2013

Assistant Professor, Department of History, Stanford University, July 2003 – September 2009

Assistant Professor, Department of History, American University, August 2000 – August 2002

Publications

Work in Progress

Afghanistan: A Very Short Introduction (book manuscript co-authored with Wazhmah Osman, under contract with Oxford University Press)

The Politics of Islam in a Global Age (book manuscript – a history of the politics of Muslim minority communities in Mexico, Ghana, India, Russia, and Northern Ireland)

The Afghan Shia: A Revolutionary Minority (book manuscript)

“Debating the Afghan Secular: The Politics of Dissent, Diaspora, and Religious Pluralism” (article).

Books and Edited Volumes

Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation (Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2015).

Middle East Report Editor’s Pick. Reviewed in Kirkus Reviews (starred review); The New York Review of Books; The Middle East Journal; Choice; Iran and the Caucasus; American Historical Review; H-Soz-u-Kult; International Affairs; Central Asian Survey; Iranian Studies; Axess (Stockholm); The Pioneer (New Delhi); The Book Review (New Delhi); Süddeutsche Zeitung (Munich); Nazioni e Regioni (Bari); Standpoint; Open Letters Monthly; Survival.

Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands, co-edited with Shahzad Bashir (Harvard University Press, 2012).

Reviewed in The New York Review of Books; Publishers Weekly; Svenska Dagbladet (Stockholm); ForeWord Reviews; Choice; Le monde diplomatique; Dawn (Karachi); The Muslim World Book Review; Inside Story; Critical Studies on Terrorism; International Affairs; The Boston Globe.

The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan, co-edited with Amin Tarzi (Harvard University Press, 2008; paperback ed., 2009).

2008 Choice Outstanding Academic Title; reviewed in The New York Review of Books; The Times Literary Supplement; Foreign Affairs; Politique étrangère; Perspectives on Terrorism; Journal of Strategic Studies; Publishers Weekly; The World Today; PopMatters; Air & Space Power Journal; Australian Book Review; Third World Quarterly.

For Prophet and Tsar: Islam and Empire in Russia and Central Asia (Harvard University Press, 2006; paperback ed., 2009).

Reviewed in The Economist; The New York Review of Books; Foreign Affairs; The Moscow Times; The New Republic; Revista Internacional de Pensamiento Político; London Review of Books; American Historical Review; Slavic Review; International History Review; Social History; Cahiers du monde russe; Die Welt des Islams; The Middle East Journal; Europe-Asia Studies; Politique

étrangère; Canadian Journal of History; History; Choice; Kritika; World History Connected; Russian Review; The Middle East Quarterly; Central Asian Survey; Ab Imperio; Slavonic and East European Review; H-Soz-u-Kult; Common Knowledge.

Honorable Mention, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Wayne S. Vucinich Book Prize, 2007.

Za proroka i tsaria (Russian-language translation) (Moscow: Novoe Literaturnoe Obozrenie, 2020).

Journal Articles

“Mourning Imam Husayn in Karbala and Kabul: The Political Meanings of ‘Ashura in Afghanistan,” Afghanistan 3, no. 2 (2020): 202-236.

“L’avion et l’Afghanistan moderne: une construction historique vue du ciel,” Moyen Orient no. 45, January-March 2020.

“Risking Democracy in Afghanistan: Voting, Violence, and the Struggle for Parliament,” Journal of International Affairs (online), October 19, 2018.

“A Patriotic Islam? Russia’s Muslims under Putin,” World Politics Review (online), March 8, 2016.

“Kabul’s New Street Politics,” Foreign Affairs (online), November 26, 2015.

“Putin’s Khanate: How Moscow is Trying to Integrate Crimean Muslims,” Foreign Affairs (online), April 7, 2014.

“Moscow and the Mosque: Co-opting Muslims in Putin’s Russia,” Foreign Affairs (March/April 2014): 125-134.

“Russia Unbound: Historical Frameworks and the Challenge of Globalism,” Ab Imperio no. 1 (2010): 53-63.

“Liberating Afghanistan,” Middle East Institute Viewpoints (December 2009): 75-78.

“Writing Europe’s Muslim Pasts,” European Studies Forum 38, no. 1 (Spring 2008): 5-11.

“Islamic Law, Imperial Order: Muslims, Jews, and the Russian State,” Ab Imperio no. 3 (2004): 467-490.

“Empire and the Confessional State: Islam and Religious Politics in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” American Historical Review 108, no. 1 (February 2003): 50-83.

Book Chapters

“‘Sellers of the Homeland’: Narratives of Treason and Fidelity in Afghanistan,” in Enemies Within: The Global Politics of Fifth Columns, eds. Harris Mylonas and Scott Radnitz (forthcoming).

“Gender, Religious Authority, and Media in Afghanistan,” The Written and the Spoken in Central Asia/Mündlichkeit und Schriftlichkeit in Zentralasien – Festschrift für Ingeborg Baldauf, ed. Redkollegia (Potsdam: edition-tethys, 2021), 359-379.

“New Publics and the Challenge of Peace in Afghanistan,” in In Search of Peace for Afghanistan: Historical Letters of President Najibullah and Dr. M. Hassan Kakar: A Collection of Essays, ed. Jawan Shir Rasikh (Kabul: Kakar History Foundation Press, 2021), 175-188.

“Fear and Loathing in the Russian Empire,” in Antisemitism and Islamophobia in Europe: A Shared History?, ed., James Renton and Ben Gidley (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 79-98.

“The Russian Worlds of Islam,” Islam and the European Empires, ed., David Motadel (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), 35-52.

“Trafficking in Evil? The Global Arms Trade and the Politics of Disorder,” Global Muslims in the Age of Steam and Print, 1850-1930, ed., James Gelvin and Nile Green (Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2014), 121-142.

“The Taliban and Nationalist Militancy in Afghanistan,” Contextualizing Jihadi Thought, ed., Jeevan Deol and Zaheer Kazmi (London and NY: Hurst/Columbia University Press, 2012), 343-368.

“Muslim Networks, Imperial Power, and the Local Politics of Qajar Iran,” Asiatic Russia: Imperial Power in Regional and International Contexts, ed., Uyama Tomohiko (London: Routledge, 2012), 174-188.

“An Empire for the Faithful, A Colony for the Dispossessed,” Cahiers d’Asie centrale no. 17/18: Turkestan russe: une colonie comme les autres?, ed., Svetlana Gorshenina and Sergei Abashin (Tashkent and Paris: Collection de l’IFEAC, 2009), 79-106.

“Introduction,” with Amin Tarzi, in The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan, 1-58.

“Moderate Taliban?” in The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan, 238-273.

“Epilogue: Afghanistan and the Pax Americana,” with Atiq Sarwari, in The Taliban and the Crisis of Afghanistan, 311-355.

“Empire and the Confessional State: Islam and Religious Politics in Nineteenth-Century Russia,” Russian-language version of American Historical Review article in Russkii sbornik vol. 2 (Moscow: Modest Kolerov, 2006).

“Civilization in the City: Architecture, Urbanism, and the Colonization of Tashkent,” Architectures of Identity in Russia, 1500-2000, ed., James Cracraft and Daniel Rowland (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2003), 117-132.

Review Essays

“Over There? A Mess,” The San Francisco Chronicle, September 2, 2012 [Review of Rajiv Chandrasekaran, Little America: The War Within the War for Afghanistan]

“The Long War,” The San Francisco Chronicle, July 31, 2011. [Review of Joby Warrick, The Triple Agent: The Al-Qaeda Mole Who Infiltrated the CIA, Eric Schmitt and Thom Shanker, Counterstrike: The Untold Story of America’s Secret Campaign against Al Qaeda, James Fergusson, Taliban: The Unknown Enemy, and Peter Tomsen, The Wars of Afghanistan: Messianic Terrorism, Tribal Conflicts, and the Failures of Great Powers]

“Hubris Got Us Into this Mess,” The San Francisco Chronicle, August 2, 2009. [Review of Seth G. Jones, In the Graveyard of Empires: America’s War in Afghanistan and Doug Stanton, Horse Soldiers: The Extraordinary Story of a Band of U.S. Soldiers Who Rode to Victory in Afghanistan.]

Commentary

“The Necessity of an Afghan Resettlement Program,” The New York Times (“Room for Debate: Is America Responsible for Afghan Refugees?” online), April 6, 2016.

“America’s Afghan Refugee Crisis,” Foreign Policy (online), February 4, 2016.

“Taliban Remains Strong Ten Years On,” Al Jazeera, (online), September 11, 2011.

“Making Sense of the Tragedy in Mazar-i Sharif,” Al Jazeera, (online), April 8, 2011.

“More Than Just Patronage,” Al Jazeera, (online), September 17, 2010.

“What Obama Could Learn from Gorbachev,” Russia Now, December 23, 2009; reprinted in Nick Turse, ed., The Case for Withdrawal from Afghanistan (London and NY: Verso, 2010), 157-159.

“¿Una insurgencia talibán dividida?” Vanguardia Dossier no. 31 (April-June 2009), 36-42.

“Rethinking ‘the Good War,’” The Claw vol. 1, no. 1 (February-March 2009): 16-17.

“Echoes of the Bad Old Days,” with Atiq Sarwari, The Los Angeles Times, December 14, 2003.

“Afghanistan Hangs on a Thread,” with Atiq Sarwari, The Los Angeles Times, May 15, 2003.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Afghanistan,” “Ahmad Shah Durrani,” “Armenia,” “Azerbaijan,” “Amanullah,” “Mujahidin,” “Najibullah,” “Daoud Muhammad,” “Geneva Accord,” “Taliban,” “Muhammad Zahir Shah,” and “Osama bin Laden,” Cambridge Dictionary of Modern World History (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2017).

“Aral Sea,” Encyclopaedia of Islam 3rd ed.

“Imperialism” and “Central Asia,” The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought, eds., Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Wadad Kadi, Devin J. Stewart, Muhammad Qasim Zaman, and Mahan Mirza (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012).

Book Reviews

Antonio Giustozzi, The Taliban at War, 2001-2018 in The Middle East Journal 74, no. 2 (Summer 2020): 324-326.

Paolo Sartori, Visions of Justice: Shari’a and Cultural Change in Russian Central Asia in Central Asian Survey 38, no. 1 (2019): 156-158.

Shanthie Mariet D’Souza, ed., Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014? in The Middle East Journal 67, no. 3 (2013): 475-476.

Ilya Gerasimov, Jan Kusber and Alexander Semyonov, eds., Empire Speaks Out: Languages of Rationalization and Self-Description in the Russian Empire in Slavic Review 72, no. 2 (Summer 2013): 416-417.

Jeff Sahadeo and Russell Zanca, eds., Everyday Life in Central Asia: Past and Present in International Journal of Turkish Studies vol. 16, nos. 1-2 (Fall 2010): 153-156.

Alexander Morrison, Russian Rule in Samarkand: A Comparison with British India in Revolutionary Russia vol. 23, no. 2 (2010): 227-228.

Adeeb Khalid, Islam after Communism: Religion and Politics in Central Asia in American Historical Review vol. 115, no. 3 (June 2010): 826-827.

Jeff Sahadeo, Russian Colonial Society in Tashkent, 1865-1923 in The International History Review vol. 31, no. 1 (March 2009): 138-139.

Moshe Gammer, The Lone Wolf and the Bear: Three Centuries of Chechen Defiance of Russian Rule in Russian Review vol. 67, no. 1 (January 2008): 159-160.

Adrienne Edgar, Tribal Nation: The Making of Soviet Turkmenistan in International Journal of Middle East Studies vol. 38, no. 1 (May 2006): 335-337.

Christian Noack, Muslimischer Nationalismus im Russischen Reich: Nationsbildung und

Nationalbewegung bei Tataren und Baschkiren, 1861-1917 in Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History vol. 4, no. 2 (Spring 2003): 444-450.

Bruce G. Privratsky, Muslim Turkistan: Kazak Religion and Collective Memory in The Middle East Journal vol. 56, no. 2 (Spring 2002): 333-334.

Mark Bassin, Imperial Visions: Nationalist Imagination and Geographical Expansion in the Russian Far East, 1840-1865 in Journal of Economic History vol. 61, no. 3 (September 2001): 826-827.

Erik Zürcher, ed., Arming the State: Military Conscription in the Middle East and Central Asia, 1775-1925 in Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society vol. 11, part 1 (April 2001): 79-82.

Adeeb Khalid, The Politics of Muslim Cultural Reform: Jadidism in Central Asia in Middle East Studies Association Bulletin vol. 34, no. 2 (Winter 2000): 218-219.

Fellowships and Honors

Stanford University Humanities and Arts Enhanced Sabbatical Award, 2017-2018

Stanford College Prep Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring Award, Summer 2012

El Centro Chicano Faculty Appreciation Award, 2011

Carnegie Scholar, 2009

Dean's Fellow in the Humanities, 2007-2008

Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching for First Years of Teaching, 2006-2007

William H. and Frances Green Faculty Fellow, 2006-2007

International Research and Exchanges Board Short-Term Research Grant (Azerbaijan and Georgia), Summer 2006

Library of Congress Fellowship in International Studies, Spring 2003

Kennan Institute Research Scholar, Fall 2002

American University Senate Research Award, Summer 2001

Arbeitskreis Moderne und Islam/Working Group Modernity and Islam Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin/Institute for Advanced Study, Berlin, 1999-2000

Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation Honorific Fellowship in the Humanities, Princeton University, 1998-1999

Princeton Society of Fellows of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation Fellowship, 1998-1999

Woodrow Wilson Fellowship Program Summer Stipend, 1998

History Department Fellowship, Princeton University, 1995-1996, 1997-1998

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship for Doctoral Dissertation Research in Russia and Uzbekistan, 1996-1997

History Department and Near Eastern Studies Summer Research Grants, Princeton University, for research in Russia and language study in Turkey, 1995

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Turkish), Princeton University, 1994-1995

Courses Taught at Stanford University

Religion, Violence, and Empire

Russian Rebels

Terrorism

Global History: The Modern Age

Modern Islamic Movements

The Global Drug Wars

The Islamic Republics: Politics and Society in Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan

Shia Islam

Histories of Globalization (Directed Reading)

Global Histories of Law (Directed Reading)

Global Islam and the British Empire

Modern Afghan Politics (Directed Reading)

Central Asia (Directed Reading)

The Caucasus and the Muslim World

Modern Afghanistan

Modern Russia, Iran, and Afghanistan

Violence, Islam, and the State in Central Asia

Modern Iran

An Introduction to Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies

Introduction to the Humanities: Worlds of Islam (Team taught)

Art and Ideas in Nineteenth-Century Russia

The Russian Empire

Graduate Research Seminar on Imperial Russia

History of Imperial Russia

Imperial Russian Historiography

Stanford University Service

DARE (Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence) Doctoral Fellowship Program Selection Advisory Committee, 2017-2021

Stanford Humanities Center Graduate Fellowship Selection Committee, 2021

Enhancing Graduate Diversity in Graduate Education Faculty Advisor, 2015-2020

Stanford Newcomer Guide, 2018-2020

Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Steering Committee, 2017-2019

Research Mentor, Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program, Summer 2017

Guiding Concilio, El Centro Chicano y Latino, 2013-2015, 2017

Faculty-in-Residence, Bing Overseas Study Program, Oxford, Autumn 2016

Chair, Islamic Studies Faculty Search Committee, 2015-2016

Breadth Governance Board, 2015-2016, Spring 2020

Advisory Board, Markaz Resource Center, 2013-2016

Director, Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, 2013–2016

Director, Mediterranean Studies Forum, 2013–2016

Lecturer, Stanford Global Studies Summer Teaching Institute, July 2015

Mentor, City College of New York/Stanford Summer Research Program in the Humanities, 2015

Bing Overseas Study Program Istanbul Committee, 2013-2015

Chair, Middle East Social Science Faculty Search Committee, 2013-2014

Pre-Major Advisor, 2012-2014

Stanford College Prep Instructor, “A Global History of America’s Decade of War, 2001 to the Present,” July 2012

International Comparative and Area Studies Advisory Committee (Stanford Global Studies), 2011-2016

Committee for the Review of Undergraduate Majors, 2011–2014

Introductory Seminars Advisory Board, 2011–2014

Arabic Literature Search Committee, Division of Literatures, Cultures, and Languages, 2011-2012

Organizer of international workshop on “Muslim Identities and Imperial Spaces: Networks, Mobility, and the Geopolitics of Empire and Nation (1600-2011),” sponsored by The Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies; The Center for South Asia; The Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies; The Hamid and Christina Moghadam Program in Iranian Studies; The Hewlett Fund of the Freeman Spogli Institute, April 2011

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History, September 2010 – September 2013

Director, Center for Russian, East European and Eurasian Studies, September 2010 – September 2013

Islamic Studies Advisory Committee, 2003-2013

Co-Organizer, with Shahzad Bashir, of workshop on “Alienated Nations, Fractured States: Afghanistan and Pakistan,” sponsored by the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies; Center for International Security and Cooperation; the Center for South Asia; the Department of History; and the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies, December 2009

Stanford Club of the Desert Alumni talk, January 2009

Slavic Languages and Literatures Search Committee, 2008-2009

Middle East History Search Committee, 2008; 2010-2011

Consultant for Afghanistan Legal Education Project, Stanford Law School, 2008

Interdepartmental Islamic Studies Search Committee, 2006-2007

Freshman Adviser, 2005-2007

Consultant for Stanford Program on International and Cross-Cultural Education publication on Central Asia, 2005-2006

Korean History Search Committee, 2005-2006

CREEES Teacher’s Training Workshop, “Empire and Russia: Past and Present,” 2005

Co-organizer, with Sean Hanretta, Empires and Cultures Humanities Center Workshop, 2005-2006

Organizer of Conference, “A Decade of the Taliban, 1994-2004,” sponsored by the Center for Russian East European and Eurasian Studies; the Hoover Institution; the Institute for International Studies; the Office of the Dean for Graduate and Undergraduate Studies,

School of Humanities and Sciences; the Center on Democracy, Development and Rule of Law; the Department of History; the Department of Anthropology; and the Abbasi Program in Islamic Studies, May 2004

Other Professional Service

Editor-in-Chief, *Afghanistan*, 2020 - Present

Mellon/American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship Selection Committee, 2018-2020

Treasurer, American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, 2016-2020

Manuscript reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, Harvard University Press, Hurst and Co., Cornell University Press, Indiana University Press, Princeton University Press, *American Historical Review*, *Kritika*, *Slavic Review*, *Russian Review*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, *Islamic Law and Society*, *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society*

Proposal reviewer for American Councils for International Education

Central Asia Research and Training Initiative International Scholar (International Higher Education Support Program of the Open Society Institute), 2010-2012

Research Languages

Russian and German (speaking and reading knowledge); Persian/Dari/Tajik, Turkish, and Spanish (reading and elementary speaking knowledge); Tatar and French (reading knowledge); Pashto (elementary reading knowledge); Urdu (beginner knowledge)

Fieldwork Experience

Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, India, Mexico, Russia, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, Uzbekistan

Media Appearances

The New York Times; *Democracy Now!*; *Weekend Edition*, NPR; *The Independent* (UK); *Salon*; *Folha de S. Paulo* (Brazil); *Globo* (Brazil); *The World* on PRI, *The Riz Khan Show*, Al Jazeera English; *Washington Journal*, C-SPAN; *KQED Forum* with Michael Krasny; Voice of America (Russia and Pashto services); Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty; *The Morning Show*, KPFA; *From Washington Al Mundo* on Cristina Radio; *The Spirit of Things*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation; *International Business Times*; *Afghanistan.ru*; *Semana* (Colombia)

Invited Lectures and Presentations

“Cultures of War and Peace in Afghanistan,” The Senator George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen’s University Belfast, October 2019

“The Search for Sovereignty: Afghanistan’s Path to Independence (Keynote Address),” Afghanistan in the World: 100 Years of Independence, School of Oriental and African Studies Workshop, University of London, October 2019

“Crafting Islam for the New Russia,” Ellison Center for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies,” University of Washington, February 2019

“State Building in Afghanistan,” Swedish Committee for Afghanistan, Stockholm, April 2018

“The Afghan Shia: Politics, Piety, and Diaspora,” Swedish South Asian Studies Network, Lund University, April 2018

“The Afghan Shi’i Movement: Revolutionary Politics and Global Islam,” Sigur Center for Asian Studies, George Washington University, November 2017

“The Legacy of World War I in the Middle East and South Asia,” Stanford Teaching Festival, August 2017

Author’s Coffee, Stanford University Women’s Club, May 2017

“The Global Politics of Russian Islam,” Naval Postgraduate School, May 2017

“How Did We Get Here? The Case of Afghan Refugees,” Stanford Journal of International Law Symposium, ‘Global Refugee Crisis: Past, Present, Future,’ April 2017

“The Afghan Shia Revolution,” Program on Central Asia, UCLA, March 2017

“The Global Refugee Crisis, Terror, and the ‘Clash of Civilizations’,” Department of Education, UC Santa Cruz, February 2017

“The Global Refugee Crisis, Terror, and the ‘Clash of Civilizations’,” UNC Winston House, London, December 2016

“Globalism and Subversion,” Keynote Presentation - EPIC Symposium, Stanford Global Studies, May 2016

“Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation,” San Carlos Public Library, April 2016

“Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation,” Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University, March 2016

“Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation,” Distinguished Historian Lecture, Stockton University, March 2016

“Afghan Modern: The History of a Global Nation,” Professional Development Workshop, South Asia Institute, Columbia University, March 2016

“Leaving the ‘Graveyard of Empires’: On Rethinking the Past and Present of Afghanistan,” Ohio State University, April 2015

“Afghan Capitalism and Its Critics,” The American Institute of Afghanistan Studies, Kabul, Afghanistan, November 2013

“The Global Drug Wars,” The Center for Research on Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM), Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 2013

“Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands: Book Discussion, with Shahzad Bashir,” The Center for Research on Globalization and Democratic Governance (GLODEM), Koç University, Istanbul, Turkey, March 2013

“Under the Drones: Modern Lives in the Afghanistan-Pakistan Borderlands: Book Discussion, with Shahzad Bashir,” Center for South Asia, University of California at Berkeley, September 2012

“Cosmopolitanism and the Religious Politics of Afghanistan,” George Mason University, November 2010

“The Politics of National Reconciliation in Afghanistan,” Marine Corps University, August 2010

“Comparing the Soviet and U.S. Wars in Afghanistan,” CREEES, Stanford University and Stanford University EPGY Online High School, January and March 2010

“For Prophet and Tsar: Book Discussion,” Center for European and Eurasian Studies and Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California at Los Angeles, April 2009

“Sacred Spaces and Profane Boundaries: Afghanistan and the World in Modern Times, Leon Poullada Lectures, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, March 2009

“The Taliban Resurgence,” World Affairs Council of Sonoma County, November 2008

“Transnational Islam, State Boundaries and the Muslims of Russia and Soviet Union,” Miami University, November 2008

“The Bear in the Land of the Lion and the Sun: How Russia became a Middle Eastern Power,” Louisiana State University, October 2008

“Islam and the ‘Great Game’ in Central Asia,” University of Michigan, October 2007

“Russian Power in Qajar Iran,” Russian/Soviet History Workshop, University of Michigan, October 2007

“Muslim Networks and State Power in Central Asia,” Yale University, April 2007

“Muslim Networks and State Power in Eurasia,” University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 2007

“From Holy War to Holy Alliance: Islam and the Russian Empire,” Stanford University, March 2007

“Colonizing Badakhshan,” Department of History, University of California – Santa Barbara, March 2005

“Russia’s Islamic Past – Europe’s Future?” University of New Mexico, September 2004

“Warriors for God and Empire,” Berkeley Program in Soviet and Post-Soviet Studies and “Extremism in the New Eurasia Seminar,” University of California at Berkeley, November 2003

“How Muslims Became Citizens in the Russian Empire,” Kluge Center, Library of Congress, April 2003

“Contests for Islam and the State,” Title VIII Policy Forum on Islam and Contemporary Politics in Russia and Central Asia, U.S. Department of State, February 2003

“Islam and the Imperial Legacy in Russia and Central Asia,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, November 2002

“Violence, Islam, and the State in Modern Central Asia,” Center for Historical Studies, University of Maryland at College Park, March 2002

“Policing Islam in Modern Central Asia,” The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa, and Central Asia, Princeton University, November 2001

“When the Tsar Defended Islam: Religious Conflict and the State in Russian Turkestan,” Central Asian Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin, May 2000

“True Religion in the Service of Empire: Mosque Community Debates, the State, and an Imperial Islam in Tsarist Russia,” Department of History, Harvard University, February 1999

Conference Papers and Participation

“The Religious Legacies of Empire,” 43rd Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference on Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, UC - Berkeley, March 2019

“Sellers of the Nation: Narratives of Treason and Fidelity in Afghanistan, 1978-2019,”
Workshop on the Politics and Discourse of Fifth Columns in Eurasia, University of
Washington, March 2019

State-Building in Afghanistan in a Global Context, Swedish South Asian Studies Network,
Lund University, Sweden, April 2018

Networks of Circulation and the Exchange of Ideas in Modern Afghanistan (Panel Chair),
Middle East Studies Association, November 2017

New Trends in Islamic Politics in Russia and Crimea: Ideology, Discourse, Institutions and
Hajj Business (Roundtable Participant), Association for Slavic, East European, & Eurasian
Studies Convention, November 2017

“The Afghan Shia Revolution,” Saint Petersburg International Conference of Afghan
Studies, Saint Petersburg State University, Faculty of Asian and African Studies, June 2017

“A Minority Faith at Home and Abroad: The Afghan Shia and the Globe,” Global Muslim
Encounters: Homogenisation and Diversity across Time and Space, Centre for Research in
the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge, December 2016

“Piety in Motion: Religious Authority and Nationhood among Afghan Shia Migrants,” Being
Outside Afghanistan: An Interdisciplinary Workshop, St. John’s College, University of
Oxford, July 2016

“Legacies of the Soviet War in Afghanistan,” 40th Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference on
Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Stanford, March 2016

“Globalizing the Afghan Shia,” Transnational Religious and Ideological Influences in
Modern Central and Inner Asia, International Institute for Asian Studies and the Graduate
School for East and Southeast European Studies, Regensburg, Germany, June 2015

“Empire and Faith” Panel Participant, New Thinking About the Old Empire: A Celebration
of Laura Engelstein's Career, Yale University, May 2014

“Opening Remarks,” Economy, Reason, Affect: Anti-Colonial Sensibility
1860-1950, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, India, January 2014

“Russia’s Worlds of Islam,” Governing Religion, Mobilizing Faith, Boris Jordan Center,
NYU, October 2013

“Rethinking Reconciliation in Afghanistan,” Afghanistan: The Path to Success, Munich,
Germany, August 2013

“Forgetting Red Afghanistan,” 37th Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference on Slavic, East
European and Eurasian Studies, UC – Berkeley, April 2013

The Russian Caucasus: Between Conflict and Coexistence, (Discussant), Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Convention, November 2011

“The Global Arms Trade and the Politics of Disorder,” Circuits and Networks: Muslim Interactions in the First Age of Globalization, UCLA, February 2010

“Languages of Jihad and the Politics of National Sovereignty in Afghanistan,” Contextualizing *Jihadi* Ideologies, Oxford University, September 2009

“Russia and the Middle East,” ISEES Teacher Outreach Conference, UC – Berkeley, April 2009

Empire, Conquest and Faith: The Russian and Ottoman Interaction, 1650-1920, (Commentator), Columbia University, April 2008

Special Panel on Charles King’s *The Ghost of Freedom: A History of the Caucasus*, (Discussant), The Association for the Study of Nationalities 2008 World Convention, April 2008

“Russo-Arab Ties in Historical Perspective: A Workshop on Imperial Russia, Islam, and the Ottoman Arab Lands,” (Moderator), Columbia University, February 2008

“The Boundaries of the Russian Empire,” Osaka University, Japan, December 2007

“Russian Power and the Local Politics of Qajar Iran,” Asiatic Russia: Imperial Power in Regional and International Contexts, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University 2007 Winter International Symposium, Japan, December 2007

“Russia Discovers the Pashtuns,” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Convention, November 2007

Unmaking the Orthodox Russian Empire, (Commentator), American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Convention, November 2007

“The Cossacks in Global Perspective,” 31st Annual Berkley-Stanford Conference, March 2007

“Russia Beyond the Aras River” and “Russia and Islam: Tangled Past, Uncertain Future (Roundtable),” American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Convention, November 2006

“Russia and Islam,” Conference on Religion in Russian Society, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, June 2006

“Muslim Heterodoxy and Imperial Power,” Conference on Religion, Identity, and Empire, Yale University, April 2005

“Moderate Taliban? The Regime and Its Officials,” “A Decade of the Taliban, 1994-2004,” Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Conference, Stanford University, May 2004

“Cosmopolitanism at the Top of the World: The Colonization of Badakhshan,” 28th Annual Berkeley-Stanford Conference, April 2004

“Sociability and Space in the Russian and Ottoman Empires,” Historical Commission of the Austrian Academy of Sciences Conference, “Rulers and Ruled in Continental European Empires (1700-1900): A Comparative Approach,” Vienna, Austria, March 2004

Religion and Imperial Policy: Islam and Orthodoxy in the Russian and Ottoman Empires, (Commentator) American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Convention, November 2003

“Integrating Islam: Lessons from the Russian Past?” Conference on “Islam in Russia: History, Politics, and Culture,” Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, November 2003

Symposium on “Russia Engages the World, 1453-1825,” (Commentator) New York Public Library, September 2003

Transcaucasia, the Caucasus, and the Great Powers, (Commentator) American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies Convention, November 2002

“Seeking Justice in Samarkand: Jews, Muslims, and Tsarist Law,” First Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, September 2002

Religious and Imperial Frontiers in the Nineteenth Century: Encounters between Muslims and Orthodox Christians in the National Age, (Commentator), American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2002

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