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Academic positions

2025- Ford Foundation Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, NELC, Harvard University
2016-2025. Assistant, Associate Professor, History Department, Duke University
2013-2016. Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University
2012-2013. Departmental Lecturer, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford

Administrative service

2024-25 Director, Middle East Studies and Islamic Studies Center, Duke University

Recent fellowships

2026-27 Guggenheim Fellow, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation
2024 Spring. Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton

Education

Ph.D. 2011, History Department, Central European University (CEU)
Ph.D. 2011, Department of Aesthetics and Art Theory, Eötvös Loránd University of Sciences (ELTE)

Books

Modern Arab Kingship – Remaking the Ottoman Political Order in the Interwar Middle East. (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2023)
Primordial History, Print Capitalism, and Egyptology in Nineteenth-Century Cairo: Muṣṭafā Salāma al-Naǧǧārī's The Garden of Ismail's Praise (Cairo: Ifao, 2021)
Arab Patriotism – The Ideology and Culture of Power in Late Ottoman Egypt (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2017)

Recent peer-reviewed articles

“Micro-Numerals: Unit Fractions, Carats, and the Arabic Culture of Accountancy, 900s–1900s.” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 69, 3–4 (2026): 548–628.
“Microhistory As Industrial History – Climate, Sugar Capitalism, and Labour in Egypt, 1863–1879.” *Past & Present* 268 (2025): 143–180.
“From Administrative to Political Order? Global Legal History, the Organic Law, and the Constitution of Mandate Syria, 1925–1930.” *Journal of Global History* 17, 2 (2022): 292–311.