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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Washington
Dissertation Title: Constructions of Jewish Modernity and Marginality in Izmir, 1860-1907
Dissertation Committee: Devin Naar, Resat Kasaba, Arbella Bet-Shlimon
- 2016 Intensive Hebrew Summer Program, Middlebury College
- 2014 MSc Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 2013 M.A. Political Science, Sabanci University
- 2011 B.A. Economics, Sabanci University

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2022 Translation Studies Course Development Grant, Simpson Center for the Humanities
- 2022 New Horizons in Jewish Studies Graduate Essay Prize, UC Irvine
- 2021 Student Professionalization Grant, University of Washington
- 2020 Student Professionalization Grant, University of Washington
- 2019 Dissertation Writing Fellowship (two-year), Posen Society of Fellows
- 2019 Graduate Fellowship, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington
- 2019 Student Professionalization Travel Grant, University of Washington
- 2018 Maurice Amado Foundation Travel Grant, Association for Jewish Studies
- 2018 Student Professionalization Travel Grant, University of Washington
- 2018 Middle East Studies Association Travel Grant
- 2018 Summer Research Funding, American Academy for Jewish Research
- 2018 Graduate Student Seminar Grant, American Academy for Jewish Research
- 2018 Student Professionalization Travel Grant, University of Washington
- 2017 Residential Doctoral Fellowship, ANAMED, Koc University
- 2017 Grant for Ottoman Language Study, Yildiz Technical University
- 2016 Jewish Studies Opportunity Grant, Stroum Center of Jewish Studies
- 2016 Richard M. Willner Memorial in Jewish Studies Fellowship Award, University of Washington
- 2016 Grant for Hebrew Language Study, Middlebury College
- 2016 Nominated for the Alvord Fellowship in the Humanities (one per department)
- 2016 Public Scholarship Fellowship, Simpson Center for the Humanities
- 2015 Graduate Interest Group Grant, Simpson Center for the Humanities
- 2015 Departmental Travel Grant, University of Washington
- 2015 Student Professionalization Travel Grant, University of Washington
- 2014 Hall-Ammerer-WRF Fellowship Award, University of Washington
- 2012 Full Scholarship for Graduate Studies, Sabanci University
- 2011 Full Scholarship for Graduate Studies, Sabanci University
- 2010 Academic Excellence Scholarship for Undergraduate Studies, Sabanci University

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- 2018 Canan Bolel review of *Extraterritorial Dreams: European Citizenship, Sephardi Jews, and the Ottoman Twentieth Century* by Sarah Abrevaya Stein. (The University of Chicago Press, 2016) *Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 5, no.1 (April 2018): 208-210.

- 2018 Canan Bolel review of *The Merchants of Oran: A Jewish Port at the Dawn of Empire* by Joshua Schreier. (Stanford University Press, 2017) *Jewish Culture and History* 20, no. 2 (September 2018): 190-192.
- 2016 Canan Bolel review of *Living in the Ottoman Realm: Empire and Identity, 13th to 20th Centuries* by Christine Isom-Verhaaren and Kent F. Schull, eds. (Indiana University Press, 2016) *Turkish Studies* 17, no. 4 (September 2016): 736-739.
- 2015 Canan Bolel review of *The Sociologist and the Historian* by Pierre Bourdieu and Roger Chartier, eds. (Polity Press, 2015) *LSE Review of Books*.

Other Writing

- 2020 “Learning from the history of Ottoman Jews & 19th-century cholera outbreaks during COVID-19,” *Stroum Center for Jewish Studies Blog*.
- 2019 “Me, myself, and I (and marginal bodies of Ottoman Jews),” *AJS Perspectives: The Body Issue*.
- 2018 “The Allure and Burden of the Ottoman Archives,” *ANAMED Blog*.
- 2017 “The Adventures of Two *Izmirli*s with the Hebrew Language,” *Stroum Center for Jewish Studies Blog*.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “The Cholera-Stricken of Nineteenth-Century Izmir: What Can They Say About Jewish Modernity?” University of California Irvine, Irvine, California. November 17.
- 2022 “Introduction to Sephardic History and Culture,” University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. October 26.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY – PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2019 “Jewish Marginalities and Marginal Jews.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, California. December 15-17.
- 2019 “Margins, Marginals, and Marginalities in the Late Ottoman Empire.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 14-17.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2022 “Jewish Women’s Cholera Experiences: At the Center of an Epidemic, on the Margins of Scholarship,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. December 18-20.
- 2022 “Rethinking Interdisciplinarity in Sephardic and Mizrahi Studies.” Reimagining Sephardic Studies: Provocations from Outside the Fold, Columbia University and University of California Los Angeles. May 1.
- 2022 “Promises, Anxieties, and Authenticity: What Can Be Gleaned from Advertisements in Early Twentieth-Century Ottoman Jewish Press?” Taube Department of Jewish Studies, University of Wroclaw, Poland. February 21-23.
- 2019 “The Ottoman Jewish Body and Nineteenth-Century Theories of Disease.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, San Diego, California. December 15-17.
- 2019 “Jewish Body, Jewish Quarter, Jewish Disease: Cholera Epidemics in Late Ottoman Izmir.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana. November 14-17.
- 2018 “Ottoman Jews and the Emergence of Modern Psychiatry in the Ottoman Empire During the Late Nineteenth Century.” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. December 16-18.

- 2018 “No Place for Jewish Madwomen: A Reading of Female Body During the Crisis of Overcrowding in the Mental Asylums of Istanbul.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas. November 15-18.
- 2018 “Expanding the Cast of Characters: Tracing Marginal Jews of the Late Nineteenth Century Izmir in the Ottoman Archives.” Jews and Culture in the Ottoman Empire and Modern Turkey Conference, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel. May 28-29.
- 2018 “Spatial Marginalities and Marginal Spaces of Nineteenth-Century Izmir.” ANAMED Annual Symposium, Istanbul, Turkey. April 19-20.
- 2017 “Jewish Bodies, Missionary Activities: Tracing Marginal Spaces of Nineteenth-Century Izmir in the Scottish Missionary Records.” Conference on the Social, Cultural and Economic History of Izmir and the Region, Izmir, Turkey. November 24-25.
- 2017 “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: The Role of Mount Pagus in the Spatiotemporal Jewish Identity in Izmir During the Nineteenth-Century.” Conference on the Environmental History of the Ottoman Empire and Turkey, University of Hamburg, Germany. October 27-28.
- 2015 “Quest for an Affective Linguistic Space on the Verge of Extraterritoriality: Failure of Conceptualization of Ladino as the Portable Homeland during Late Ottoman Empire.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. November 21-24.
- 2015 “‘A Slum that Offended Every Sense at Every Hour:’ Geography of a Spatialized Selfhood of Izmir Jewry During the Late Nineteenth Century.” Great Lakes Ottomanist Workshop, SUNY Oswego, New York. May 9-11.
- 2013 “Narratives of Childhood in Omer Seyfettin: Death within the Imaginations of Child Heroes.” International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Prague, Czechia. August 17.
- 2013 “Island of In-Between Identities and Connectivity: Narrative Space in Yasar Kemal’s *As the Ant Drank Water* as an Affective Space of Desire and Loss.” Island Dynamics Conference with Performing Island Identities, Famagusta, Northern Cyprus. May 15-18.

DISCUSSANT

- 2022 “Jewish Criminals, Scammers, and Swindlers: Religion, Race and Repugnance,” Association for Jewish Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts. December 18-20.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY – GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCES

- 2020 “Bodies to Heal, Bodies to Convert: Protestant Missionaries and Jews in Nineteenth Century Izmir.” Graduate Fellows Colloquia, Stroum Center for Jewish Studies, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. June 5.
- 2018 “On the Margins of an Ottoman City: Politics of Exclusion in the Jewish Community of Izmir, 1847-1913.” American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Seminar, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. May 6-8.
- 2018 “Tracing the Jewish Marginals: Intracommunal Exclusion and Intercommunal Solidarity in Nineteenth-Century Izmir.” Graduate Student Conference on Religion and Difference, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island. March 16-17.
- 2016 “Mapping Jewish Childhood in Seattle, 1900-1950.” Jewish Studies Graduate Fellows Research Symposium, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 6.
- 2015 “Spatialization of the ‘Infected’ Jewish Body in the Time of Cholera.” Scholar’s Studio, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington. May 21.

- 2015 “Resistance Through Remembrance: Tracing Walter Benjamin’s ‘Messianic Time’ in Sixteenth-Century Jewish Historiography in the Ottoman Empire.” Annual Florida State University Department of Religion, Graduate Student Symposium, Tallahassee, Florida. February 20-22.

SEMINARS AND SUMMER SCHOOLS

- 2018 American Academy for Jewish Research Graduate Student Seminar. Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. May 6-8.
- 2016 Advanced Summer School in Judaic Studies, “Shaking Foundations.” Katz Center of the University of Pennsylvania and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. June 19–23.
- 2016 Seminar on Archival and Historical Research. Center for Jewish History, New York. May 23-26.