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EDUCATION

- Phd** Brown University, enrolled
Department of Religious Studies
Track: Religions of the Ancient Mediterranean
Focus: Christianity in Late Antiquity, Early Islam
Supervisors: Susan Ashbrook Harvey, Nancy Khalek
- MA** Central European University, Budapest, 2012
Department of Medieval Studies
Thesis Title: "To go there seven times in faith is like going to Jerusalem":
Hagiographical Traditions and Hierotopical Perceptions in Tur 'Abdin in the
Middle Ages (cum laude)
Supervisor: Volker Menze
- MA** Koc University, Istanbul, 2010
Program of Anatolian Civilizations and Cultural Heritage Management
Thesis Title: The Church of Mor Dimet at Zaz: Its Architecture, History and
Contemporary Revitalization Process
Supervisor: Alessandra Ricci

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming** *Homilies on Women Whom Jesus Met* (Gorgias Press)
Co-author, with Rebecca Falcasantos, Susan Harvey, Michael Payne, and
Daniel Picus
- Forthcoming** Dictionary entries in the *Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity*
"Jacob Baradeus," "Karka d-Beth Slokh," "the Blessed Virgin Mary," "Porphyry of
Gaza"

- Forthcoming** "Saints, stories and sanctity between Christianity and Islam: Conversion of Najrān to Christianity in the Sīra of Muḥammad"
Proceedings of the 7th North American Syriac Symposium (CUA Press)
- 2013** "Sacred Spaces and Sacred Lives: Hierotopical Perceptions in Tur 'Abdin in the Middle ages Reconstructed through Local Hagiographical Traditions." *Annual of Medieval Studies at CEU* 19 (2013): 33-46.

CONFERENCE PAPERS, LECTURES, TALKS

- June 2015** 7th North American Syriac Symposium
Catholic University of America
Paper Title: Saints, stories and sanctity between Christianity and Islam: Conversion of Najrān to Christianity in the Sīra of Muḥammad
- April, 2015** Course: "Dying to be with God. Jihad Past and Present," Prof. Nancy Khalek
Brown University
Lecture on: Martyrdom in the Roman Empire
- February 2015** Oxford Byzantine Society International Graduate Conference
Paper Title: From Paul and John to Faymiyun and Salih: Holy Men between Christianity and Islam
- March 2014** 5th Dorushe Graduate Student Conference on Syriac Studies
Duke University
Paper Title: Grief, Tears and Lamentation in the Life of Mor Aho of Rish'ayno: A Hagiographical Discourse Analysis
- June 2013** "20 Years of Medieval Studies at CEU"
Budapest
Discussant for hagiography round table
- February 2013** Oxford Byzantine Society International Graduate Conference
Paper Title: Remembering Byzantium: Emperor and Royal City in the Medieval Hagiographic Literature of Tur 'Abdin

June 2011 6th North American Syriac Symposium
Duke University
Paper Title: Reconstructing the Mount Athos of the East (?): Making of Tur ‘Abdin
in Late Antiquity

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

June-August 2015 Dumbarton Oaks Summer Fellowship

2014-15 Graduate International Colloquium Fund, Brown University

2012 International Affairs Research Travel Fund, Brown University

2012-18 Doctoral Fellowship, Brown University, Department of Religious Studies

2012 Gorgias Book Grant

2010-12 Student Fellowship, Central European University

January 2010 Graduate School Research Travel Fund, Koc University

August 2009 Graduate School Research Travel Fund, Koc University

2008-10 Student Fellowship, Koc University

SERVING AS TEACHING ASSISTANT

Spring 2015 “Dying to be with God. Jihad Past and Present,” Prof. Nancy Khalek, Brown
University

Fall 2014 “Islam Unveiled,” Prof. Nancy Khalek, Brown University

Spring 2014 “Christianity in Late Antiquity,” Prof. Susan Harvey, Brown University

Fall 2014 “Women, Sex and Gender in Islam,” Prof. Nancy Khalek, Brown University

Fall 2009 "World Civilizations," Prof. Alessandra Ricci, Koc University

Spring 2009 "Mythology and Religion," Prof. Carolyn Aslan, Koc University

Fall 2008 "Museum Studies and Cultural Heritage Management," Prof. Lucienne Senocak,
Koc University

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION AND ORGANIZATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

2015-2016 Center for Eastern Mediterranean Studies
Central European University, Budapest
Coordinator

March 2015 Harvard Yale Brown Day
Brown University
Organizer

2014-15 International Graduate Student Colloquium:
"Borders and Boundaries in the Late Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean"
Brown University
Coordinator

March 2014 31st Annual New England Medieval Studies Consortium Graduate Student
Conference
"Islands of the Medieval World: Stories of Isolation and Connectivity"
Brown University
Organizer

March 2014 Religious Studies Departmental Colloquium
"Mongols and the Church of the East" by Prof. Joel Walker
Brown University
Organizer

August 2013 Garzan, Ilisu Dam Rescue Excavation Project
Batman, Turkey
Excavator

July 2008, 2009 Kucukyali Arkeopark Project
Istanbul
Excavator

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

2010 -- Mardin Archaeological Museum
Translator (project-based)

April 2008 EU Youth Cultural Exchange Project
Viljandi, Estonia
Representative of Turkish Republic

2004-6 Ocean Beauty Seafoods
Alaska
Worker and Quality Control Associate