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**EDUCATION**

2006: Ph.D. (University of Utah–History)  
Dissertation Title: “Literary Papyri From the University of Utah Arabic Papyrus and Paper Collection”  
2001-2: Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA)  
2001: M.A. (University of Utah–Middle East Studies)  
1997: B.A. (University of Arkansas–History)

**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2014-present: Associate Professor in the Dept. of History at Auburn University  
2008-2014: Assistant Professor in the Dept. of History at Auburn University  
2005-2008: Assistant Professor of History in the Dept. of Arab and Islamic Civilizations at the American University in Cairo (AUC)  
2000-5: teaching assistant for world history, Islamic history, and Arabic language courses at the University of Utah

**EDITED VOLUMES, ARTICLES, TRANSLATIONS, AND BOOK REVIEWS**

*edited volumes*

Co-Editor with Andreas Kaplony, *From Samarqand to Toledo: Greek, Sogdian, and Arabic Documents and Manuscripts from the Islamicate World and Beyond*, (Boston and Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2023).

Co-Editor with Sobhi Bouderbala and Sylvie Denoix, *The New Frontiers of Arabic Papyrology: Papers Presented at the 5th Conference of the International Society for Arabic Papyrology, Tunisia 2012*. (Boston and Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2017).

*peer reviewed-articles*

“Using Papyri to Determine Purchasing Power of a Dinar in Early Islamic Egypt,” in *From Qom to Barcelona: Aramaic, South Arabia, Coptic, Arabic, And Arabic-Judeo Documents*, eds. Andreas Kaplony and Daniel Potthast (Leiden: E. J. Brill 2021), 117-126.

“A Comparison of P.Utah.Ar. inv. 205 to the Canonical Hadith Collections: The Written Raw

Material of Early Hadith Study,” in *The New Frontiers of Arabic Papyrology: Papers Presented at the 5th Conference of the International Society for Arabic Papyrology, Tunisia 2012*. E. J. Brill (Boston and Leiden, 2017), 101-112.

“A Qur’ānic Amulet on Papyrus: P.Utah.Ar. 342,” in *Documents and the History of the Early Islamic World*, eds. Petra Sijpesteijn and Alexander T. Schubert (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 2015), 235-246.

“A Page from An Aspiring Muḥaḍiṭ’s Personal Notes” in *Documents et histoire Islam VII<sup>e</sup>-XVI<sup>e</sup> siècle*, ed. Anne Regourd (Geneva: Librairie Droz, 2013), 240-261.

“P.Utah.Ar. inv. 205 Instructions for Islamic Prayer from the Second Century AH/Eighth Century CE,” in *Bulletin of the American Society of Papyrologists* 49 (2012): 49-62.

“The Papyrus Industry in the Early Islamic Era,” *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 54, (2011): 185-202.

#### translations:

“Lebanese Leadership in the Beginning of the Ottoman Era: A Case Study of the Ma’ni Family,” translation of Mas’ūd Ḍāhir’s “Dawr al-za’āma al-lubnaniyya fī bidāyat al-‘ahd al-‘uthmānī: al-usra al-ma’ni namūdhijān,” in *Syria and Bilād al-Shām Under Ottoman Rule: Essays in Honour of Abdul-Karim Rafeq*, ed. Peter Sluglett (Boston: E. J. Brill, 2010), 323-364.

“Aspects of the Economic Life of Damascus during the First Half of the Eighteenth Century,” translation of Muhannad Mubayyidin’s “Mazāhir al-ḥayāt al-iqtisādiyya fī Dimashq wa jiwāriha ibān al-fatra 1708-1758,” in *Syria and Bilād al-Shām Under Ottoman Rule: Essays in Honour of Abdul-Karim Rafeq*, ed. Peter Sluglett (Boston: E. J. Brill, 2010), 137-154.

#### book reviews:

Review of *The Book of the Cow; An Early Qur’ānic Codex on Papyrus (P. Hamb. Arab 68)*, ed. by Mathieu Tiller and Naïm Vanthieghem, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 145, no. 3 (August 2025): 651-653.

Review of *Qur’ān Quotations Preserved in Papyrus Documents, 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Centuries, and the Problem of Carbon Dating Early Qur’āns*, ed. by Andreas Kaplony and Michael Marx, *Al-Masaq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean* 32, no. 3 (October 2018): 374-6.

Review of *Legal Documents as Sources for the History of Muslim Societies: Studies in Honour of Rudolph Peters*, ed. by Maaike van Berkel, Léon Buskens, and Petra M. Sijpesteijn, *Al-Masaq: Islam and the Medieval Mediterranean* 30, no. 3 (October 2018): 338-339.

Review of *Recording Village Life: A Coptic Scribe in Early Islamic Egypt*, by Jennifer A. Cromwell, *The Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 77, no. 2 (October 2018): 331-333.

Review of *In the Shadow of Arabic: The Centrality of Language to Arabic Culture. Studies Presented to Ramzi Baalbaki on the Occasion of his Sixtieth Birthday*, ed. by Bilal Orfali, *Al-Masaq* 26, no. 1 (Jan.-March 2014): 115-117.

Review of *The Making of a Mediterranean Emirate: Ifrīqiya and Its Andalusis, 1200-1400*, by Ramzi Roughi, *The Historian* 75, no. 3 (Fall 2013): 549-551.

Review of *Papyrology and the History of Early Islamic Egypt*, ed. by Petra M. Sijpesteijn and Lennart Sundelin, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 110.1 (Jan-March 2010): 126-128.

Combined Review of *Commanding Right and Forbidding Wrong in Islamic Thought* and *Forbidding Wrong in Islam* both by Michael Cook, *British Journal of Middle East Studies [BJMES]* 35, no. 1 (April 2008): 144-147.

Review of *Manufacturing and Labour, The Formation of the Classical Islamic World* 12, ed. by Michael G. Morony, *Al-Masaq* 18, no. 1 (March 2006): 112-114.

- Review of *Production and the Exploitation of Resources, The Formation of the Classical Islamic World 11*, ed. by Michael G. Morony, *Al-Masaq* 17, no. 2 (Dec. 2005): 160-3.
- Review of *The Advent of the Fatimids: A Contemporary Shi'ī Witness*, ed. by Wilfred E. Madelung and Paul E. Walker, *BJMES* 32, no. 5 (May, 2005): 107-8.
- Review of *Exploring an Islamic Empire: Fatimid History and Its Sources*, by Paul E. Walker, *BJMES* 32, no. 5 (May, 2005): 105-7.
- Review of *The Master and the Disciple: An Early Islamic Spiritual Dialogue*, by James W. Morris, *BJMES* 32, no. 5 (May, 2005): 133-4.

### CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- "The Lawāta, Barqa, and Ibn 'Abd al-Hakam," (paper presented at the 59th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America [MESA], Washington, D.C., November 2025).
- "Livestock Sales and Social History in Early Islamic Egypt," (paper presented at the Seventh Conference of the International Society for Arabic Papyrology [ISAP], Berlin, March, 2018).
- "From Spoken Prayer to Written Text: The Journey of the 9<sup>th</sup> Century Papyrus to Canonical Hadith, (paper presented at the Spring 2016 meeting of the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar [SERMEISS], Knoxville, TN, April 2016).
- "Crafting A Sunni Past in Early Islamic North Africa," (paper presented at the 7th Annual Association for the Study of the Middle East and North Africa [ASMEA] Conference, Washington, D.C., October 2014).
- "Using Papyri to Determine the Purchasing Power of a Dinar in Early Islamic Egypt," (paper presented at the Sixth Conference of the ISAP, Munich, Germany, October, 2014).
- "P. Utah. Ar. Inv. 280: A lost poem of the courtier Abu Dulaf al-'Ijli (d. 225AH/840CE)," (paper presented at the 27th International Congress of Papyrology [ICP], Warsaw, Poland, August 2013).
- "Caliphal Policy and the *Baldiyyūn* of Ifrīqiya 757-800 CE," (paper presented at the Third International Conference of the Research Network Imperium and Officium: Land and Power in the Ancient and Post-Ancient World, Vienna, Austria, February, 2013).
- "Long Before the Aghlabids: Center-Periphery Relations 122/740-138/755," (paper presented at the annual MESA meeting, Denver, CO, November 2012).
- "*Wa-mā anā min al-mushrikīn*: Prayers of a Recent Convert to Islam," (paper presented at the Fifth Conference of the International Society for Arabic Papyrology [ISAP], Tunisia, April 2012).
- "How the Berbers saved the Franks from the Arabs," (paper presented at the Fall 2011 meeting of the Louisiana Consortium of Medieval and Renaissance Scholars [LCMRS], Pensacola Beach, FL, October, 2011).
- "Everyday Belief, Practice, and Study: Fragments of Early Islamic Texts on Papyrus," (paper presented at the Fall 2009 Meeting of SERMEISS, Valle Crucis, NC, October 2009).
- "A Historical Fragment from the Reign of al-Mutawakkil," (paper presented at the Fourth Conference of the ISAP, Vienna, Austria, March 2009).
- "Taking Notes in Hadith Class," (paper presented at Journées d'étude internationales: Documents et histoire, Musée du Louvre, Département des arts de l'Islam, Paris, May 2008).
- "The Hadith in P.Utah.Atiya.Ar. 205," (paper presented at the XXV ICP, Ann Arbor, MI, August 2007).

“Separating History from Hadith,” (paper presented at the annual MESA meeting, Boston, MA, November 2006).

“Al-Fuṣṣḥā in a Quranic Fragment,” (paper presented at the Third Conference of the ISAP, Alexandria, Egypt, March 2006).

#### **COURSES TAUGHT AT AUBURN 2008-PRESENT**

HIST 5970/6970 “Themes in Modern Middle Eastern History”

HIST 5970/6970 “Crusade and Jihad in History”

HIST 5970/6970 “Historical Themes in Islam”

HIST 5640 “History of Islam”

HIST 3970 “Intro to Islam”

HIST 3970 “Islamic History to 1500”

HIST 3800 “The Historians Craft”

HIST 2140 “Survey of Middle Eastern History II (Modern)”

HIST 2130 “Survey of Middle Eastern History I (Pre-modern)”

FLAR 1020 “Elementary Arabic II”

HIST 1020 “World History II from 1500 to the Present”

HIST 1010 “World History I to 1500”

#### **COURSES TAUGHT AT AUC 2005-8**

ARIC 530 “Arabic Historical Texts and Historiography”

ARIC/HIST 355 “State and Society in the Middle East 1699-1914”

ARIC/HIST 343 “Arab-Islamic Civilization in the Classical Age 600-945”

ARIC/HIST 337/530 “The Shī‘ī Muslims in History”

ARIC/HIST 321 “Social and Cultural History of the Middle East 600-1800”

ARIC/HIST 319/560 “Islamic Spain and North Africa 711-1492”

ARIC/HIST 246 “Survey of Arab History”

#### **SERVICE WHILE AT AUBURN**

##### *current*

American Society of Papyrologists, board member (2024-present)

Dept. of History Teaching Effectiveness Committee (present)

##### *past*

External Grant Reviewer for National Science Centre Poland (2025)

Dept. of History Latin Americanist Search Committee (2023-4)

Director of Undergraduate Studies (Fall 2015-Summer 2021)

University Senate Core Curriculum and General Education Committee (August 2016-May 2021)

CLA Research Committee: Undergraduate Research Leadership Team (2015- May 2021)

CLA International Studies BA Committee (2017- May 2021)

History Undergraduate Committee (2010-2013, 2014-2021)

History Assessment Committee (2011-2021)  
 University Office of Institutional Assessment Program Rater (2016-2017)  
 SERMEISS Board Member (2015-2017, 2018-2022)  
 Alabama History Day Judge (2017, 2020)  
 History Academic Program Review Committee (2016-2017)  
 Evaluation of Research Quality (VQR) for the National Agency for the Evaluation of  
 Universities and Research Institutes (ANVUR), which serves under the Italian Ministry of  
 Education (MUIR) (2013, 2016).  
 Office of Institutional Assessment Summer Assessment Institute (2016)  
 University Senate Teaching Effectiveness Committee (August 2014-August 2016)  
 Faculty Advisor for Wishmakers on Campus (2012-2016)  
 History Ad-Hoc Hiring Priorities committee (2011, 2014, 2016)  
 Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society (secretary, March 2009-May 2015)  
 History Medieval History Search Committee (Spring 2015)  
 ISAP (president, 2014-8; secretary-treasurer, 2006-2014, 2018-2023)  
 History Faculty Seminar Coordinator (Fall 2014)  
 External Reviewer for Österreichischer Wissenschaftsfonds (FWF) National Research Network  
 (NFN) Program 'Imperium' and 'Officium': Comparative Studies in Ancient Bureaucracy  
 and Officialdom" (2012)  
 History Teaching Evaluation Committee (2009-2011)  
 History Tenure and Promotions Standards and Process (2009-2011)  
 Community and Civic Engagement Symposium (February 2009)  
 Maysan Tigers international civic engagement project (November 2008-May 2009)

### SERVICE WHILE AT AUC

AUC ARIC History Unit Head (2006-2008) (duties included graduate admissions and advising,  
 course scheduling, catalog changes, and reviewing policy and procedure)  
 AUC New Faculty Orientation (2006-2008)  
 AUC Research Advisory Committee (2005-7)  
 AUC–North London University Student Exchange Committee (2006-7)  
 AUC Freshman Year Experience (2006)

### OUTREACH

Instructor, "Classical Islamic History," (Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Auburn AL, Fall  
 2019).  
 Instructor, "Middle East History," (Alabama Prison Arts & Education Program, Bullock Co.  
 Correctional Facility, Union Springs, AL, Fall 2019).  
 Guest lecturer, "History as Law and Theology," (invited talk at the Air Force Culture and  
 Language Center, Maxwell AFB, April 2017).  
 Guest lecturer & discussion leader, "Let's Talk About It Lecture Series Presents Leila Ahmed's *A  
 Quiet Revolution*," (outreach presentation at Troy University, October 2014)  
 Guest lecturer & discussion leader, "Let's Talk About It Lecture Series Presents Ingrid Mattson's  
*The Story of the Quran*," (outreach presentation at Troy University –Dothan, February 2014)

Commentator and discussion leader for Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities (Pebble Hill) screening of “Five Broken Cameras,” outreach presentation in Auburn, AL, Nov. 2014).

“Christian-Muslim Encounters in the Era of the Arab Conquest,” (outreach presentation at Carnegie Public Library, Newnan, GA, Oct. 2013).

“Jihad in History: From Classical Theory to Modern Practice,” (outreach presentations at Troy University, Dothan and Troy, AL, October, 2013).

“Of Burkas and Honey Boo Boo: Questions About Women in Islamic and American Societies,” (outreach presentations at Troy University, Dothan and Troy, AL, April 2013).

“An Arkansas Traveler's Perspective on Islam and the Middle East,” (outreach presentations at Troy University, Dothan and Troy, AL, March, 2013).

Guest lecturer at Auburn Junior High School History Teacher in-Services, Nov.-Dec. 2012.

### **RESEARCH (READING) LANGUAGES**

in order of proficiency: Arabic, French, German, Spanish

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

The American Institute for Maghribi Studies (AIMS)

The American Society for Premodern Asia (ASPA) (former the American Oriental Society)

The American Society of Papyrologists (ASP)

Association Internationale de Papyrologues (AIP)

The Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa (ASMEA)

The International Society for Arabic Papyrology (ISAP)

The Middle East Studies Association of North America (MESA)

The Society for the Medieval Mediterranean

Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SERMEISS)