

# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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## **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor of History, Rice University, since 2014

Assistant Professor of History, Rice University, 2007-2014

## **EDUCATION**

2007, PhD in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Dissertation: "Lords of the Auspicious Conjunction: Turco-Mongol Imperial Identity on the Subcontinent"

2003, MA in History, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Thesis: "Re-Ordering Society and Improving the World: The Grand Vizierate of Koprulu Mehmet Pasha, 1656-1661."

1999, BA in History/Middle East Studies, Portland State University, Portland, Oregon

## **FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING**

Timurid-Mughal Empire, Islamic South Asia, comparative imperial court culture, princely succession, women and politics, comparative Early Modern Islamic Empire (Ottoman, Safavid, Uzbek, Mughal), imperial pleasure gardens

### ***TEACHING AND MENTORING AWARDS***

2018 Winner of the Brown Award for Superior Teaching  
2016 Winner of the Brown Award for Teaching Excellence  
2014 Winner of the Brown Award for Superior Teaching  
2011 Winner of Rice University Academic Advising Award  
2010 Winner of Phi Beta Kappa Sophie Meyer Farb Prize for Teaching Excellence

### ***CLASSES***

History of South Asia; Comparative Imperial Gardens (a world history); Central Asian Conquest Empires/Genghis Khan and the Mongol Empire; research seminars: Comparative Early Modern Islamic Empires; Raj and Resistance; the Mughal Empire; a History of Travel; Advanced Research

### ***PUBLICATIONS***

#### ***BOOKS***

*The Emperor Jahangir: Power and Kingship in Mughal India*, London: I.B. Tauris (Bloomsbury), April 2020

*Imperial Identity in the Mughal Empire: Memory and Dynastic Politics in Early Modern South and Central Asia*, London: I.B. Tauris/Palgrave, 2012; 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. Viva Private Books LTD., New Delhi, 2013; paperback edition, 2016

#### ***BOOKS IN PROGRESS***

*Comparative Imperial Pleasure Gardens, a World History*, anticipated publication 2024.

#### ***CHAPTERS and ARTICLES***

“The Peripatetic Mughal Royal Court,” for *The Cambridge History of India, v.1, Part One: The Mughals and their Worlds, 1520 -1740*, edited by Mrinalini Sinha, Prasannan Parthasarathi, David Gilmartin. Under contract/anticipated publication 2021.

“Mughal Women, the Imperial Household and the State,” for *The [Oxford] Handbook of The Mughal World* edited by Richard M. Eaton and Ramya Sreenivasan. Publication in process/ anticipated 2020.

“Mughal Mythical Ancestors,” *Mythical Ancestry in World Cultures, 1400 – 1800*, Sara Trevison, ed., Brepols Publishers n.v., Turnhout: Belgium, pp. 15-34, 2018.

“Women in the Mughal Empire” (3800 words), *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Women*, NY and London: Oxford University Press, September 2013.

“Jahangir” (3500 words), *Encyclopedia Islamica*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, <[http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/jahangir-COM\\_23883](http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/jahangir-COM_23883), Leiden: Brill, 2011 (date of on-line publication, with print version to follow as individual volumes are completed).

“The Begims at the Mystic Feast: Turco-Mongol Influences in the Mughal Harem,” *The Journal of Asian Studies*, Vol. 69, No. 1 (February 2010), pp. 123–147.

“Gulbadan Begam” (2500 words), *Encyclopedia Islamica*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, [http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/gulbadan-begam-COM\\_23482](http://referenceworks.brillonline.com/entries/encyclopaedia-of-islam-3/gulbadan-begam-COM_23482), Leiden: Brill, 2010 (date of on-line publication, with print version to follow as individual volumes are completed).

“The Emperor Jahangir and His Pursuit of Pleasure,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Series 3, 19, 2 (2009), pp. 1–14.

“The Lords of the Auspicious Conjunction: Turco-Mongol Imperial Identity on the Subcontinent,” *Journal of World History*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (2007) pp. 1- 39. Reprinted in Xinru Liu, ed., "India and Central Asia," New Delhi: Permanent Black (2012) pp. 283-325.

“Jahangir” (3000 words), *Encyclopedia Iranica*, Vol. XIV, Fasc. 4, New York: Columbia University Press, 2006, pp. 375-378.

“Babur and the Founding of the Mughal Empire,” for *History of Medieval India*, 3-volume, edited by Nirmal Kumar for Sage Publications, pending

“The Emperor Jahangir,” for *History of Medieval India*, 3-volume, edited by Nirmal Kumar for Sage Publications, pending

### ***RECENT CONFERENCES***

“The Peripatetic Mughal Royal Court,” symposium and workshop for *The Cambridge History of India, Volume I, Part One: The Mughals and their Worlds, 1520 -1740*, held in conjunction with the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 17, 2019.

“The Sacrosanct Prince: Ambition, succession, and bodily harm at the royal courts of pre-modern Asia” *Monarchy and Modernity since 1500*, Cambridge, UK January 7-9, 2019.

“Managing the Turco-Mongol Legacy: Restless Princes at the Ottoman and Mughal Royal Courts,” *The Problem of Imperial Relatives in Agrarian and Nomadic Empires*, panel sponsored by the World History Association, paper presented at the American Historical Association, Denver, Colorado, January 7, 2017.

“Loyalty, Succession and the Restless Prince in Mughal India,” paper presented at Clemson University Annual Conference: *Kings and Queens: Dynastic Loyalties*, Greenville, North Carolina, April 8-9, 2016.

“The Exemplary Hero and the Idiosyncratic Self: The Construction of the Dynastic Narrative of Mughal India,” paper presented at the Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, Wisconsin, October 23, 2015.

“Myth and Memory: Framing the Epic and the Ideal in Canonical Narratives of Dynastic Power,” invited talk, Ghent University, Ghent, Belgium, international conference *Whither the Early Modern State? Fifteenth-Century State Formations Across Eurasia: Connection, Divergences and Comparisons*, September 12, 2014.

“Elegant Nomads: A Comparative Study of the Mughal Royal Court Progress,” paper presented as part of *The Performance of Sovereignty in the Mughal Empire--New Comparisons and Contexts, in honor of John Richards*, The American Historical Association, Chicago, January 2012.

### ***RECENT PUBLIC LECTURES***

“Paradise is a Garden,” public lecture for Museum of Fine Arts, Dec. 4, 2018

“Love has Befriended Me”: Persian Art and Culture in World History” public lecture for the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, February 8, 2018

“Conquerors and Caravans: Culture and Society in Medieval Central Asia,” public lecture for *Colors of the Oasis*, Museum of Fine Arts Houston, May 4, 2017

“Genghis Khan and the Liberal Arts Education,” keynote speech for Rice University Teaching Awards Ceremony, April 25, 2017

### ***RECENT SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY***

#### **Previously:**

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History 2019-20

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of History 2014-2017  
--Chair of Undergraduate Committee. 2014-17  
--Academic advisor to all incoming majors in history, 2014-17  
--Director of Honors Theses in Department of History, 2014 and 2015

### ***CURRENT SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY***

Chair, Center for Teaching Excellence Faculty Fellows, three-year term from fall 2019

Member of Faculty Advisory Board, Program in Writing and Communication, from fall 2019

### ***DOCTORAL COMMITTEES***

Outside examiner, Doctoral Committee for Shaha Parpia, University of Adelaide, Australia, "Imperial Hunting Grounds: A New Reading of Mughal Cultural History," defended January 2019.

Member, Doctoral Committee of Reyhan Basaran, Department of Religious Studies, "The Sectarian Inquiry: Sunnism, Shi`ism and the Weaponizing of Alevi Religious Identity," defended April 2018.

Member, Doctoral Committee of Fatma Betul Yavuz, Department of Religious Studies, "Study of a Case of Sufi Messianism: Bayrami-Malāmis in the Ottoman Empire Between the Fifteenth and Seventeenth Centuries," defended April 2014.

### ***CLASSES in MASTERS IN LIBERAL STUDIES, RICE UNIVERSITY***

*History of South Asia*, Spring 2019

*Early Modern Islamic Empires: Ottoman, Safavid, Mughal*, Spring 2018

*Imperial Pleasure Gardens: A Cultural Comparative*, Fall 2016

### ***CLASSES in SCHOOL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION***

***Upcoming:*** "The History of Islam," Glasscock School, 6-week lecture series, fall 2020.

"The History of Travel and Travelers," Glasscock School. March 25, 2020.

"The Mongol Empire," Glasscock School, 4-week lecture series, Spring 2019

"The History of Islam," Glasscock School, 6-week lecture series, 2017-18.

"The Origins of Islam and the Muslim World," Glasscock School, November 4, 2015.

“The Emergence of Hindu Religious Systems in South Asia” and “Islam in South Asia,” two lectures in the series entitled “India, Past and Present: A Nation in Transition,” Glasscock School, Rice University, Fall Semester 2012.

“India and the Silk Road,” a lecture in the series entitled “The Silk Road,” offered through Glasscock School, Fall Semester 2010.

“The Ottoman Empire” and “The Origins of Islam,” two lectures in the series entitled “A Middle East Primer,” offered through Glasscock School, Spring Semester 2010.

### ***RESEARCH LANGUAGES***

Turkish, Persian, French