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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1988–1996. Department of the History of Art. A.M. December 1991; Ph.D. August 1996.

The University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh College of Art, 1983–88. M.A. in Fine Art, *summa cum laude*. Degree program combined studio (sculpture) and history of art.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

An Album of Artists' Drawings from Qajar Iran, New England Museum Association, First Place (Exhibition Catalogues 2018); 2017 AIGA 50 Books | 50 Covers; American Museums Alliance, First Prize in Books (2017).

Mohamed Zakariya: *Calligrapher*, project development, DVD, © MFA Houston 2007, New York Short Film Festival, Official Selection, 2008.

Saidi Sirjani Book Award, Honorable Mention for *The Persian Album*, granted biennially by the International Society for Iranian Studies on behalf of the Persian Heritage Foundation, 2006.

Walter Channing Cabot Fellow, Harvard University, 2006–07.

Choice Outstanding Academic Titles award for *The Persian Album*, 2006.

Shortlist for *The Art Newspaper* and AXA Art Best Exhibition Catalogue 2005 (for *Turks*), 2005.

M.A., *honoris causa*, Harvard University, 2003.

Best Dissertation in Iranian Studies (first prize) awarded by the Foundation for Iranian Studies, Washington, D.C., 1996.

Dean's Scholar, 1994–95. Dean's Forum of the School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Anne and Jim Rothenberg Fund for Humanities Research, Harvard University, 2016.

Al-Sabah Collection, Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya, Kuwait, publication grant (for *Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture*), 2014.

Aga Khan Award for Architecture, publication grant (for *Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture*), 2014.

Clarke-Cooke Research Fund, Harvard University, 2001, 2006, 2009.

ILEX Foundation, Photographic Subvention (for *The Persian Album*), 2003.

Millard Meiss Publications Grant, College Art Association (for *The Persian Album*), 2003.

Sabbatical Leave Fellowship, Harvard University, 2001–02, Fall 2005, 2009–10, 2013–14, 2017–18.

J. Paul Getty Trust Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999–2000.

American Research Institute in Turkey-NEH Postdoctoral Fellowship, 1999 (awarded, declined).

Andrew W. Mellon Predoctoral Fellowship, Center for Advanced Study in the Visual Arts, The National Gallery, Washington, D.C., 1994–96.
School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, 1995 (awarded, declined).
Smithsonian Institution Predoctoral Fellowship, 1994–95.
Leverhulme Trust Fellowship, 1993–94.
Samuel H. Kress Foundation Art History Travel Award, 1992–93.
American Research Institute in Turkey Fellowship (predoctoral), 1992–93.
American Numismatic Society Summer Seminar (Eric Newman Scholarship), summer 1991.
University of Pennsylvania Department of the History of Art Travel Grant, summer 1991.
Thouron Fellowship, 1988–89.
Sotheby Scholarship, summer 1984.
Andrew Carnegie Travel Award, summer 1984.
Huntly MacDonald Sinclair Travel Scholarship, 1983.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

A. TEACHING

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Professor of Islamic Art History, Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University, July 2007–. Graduate and undergraduate teaching, advising, doctoral thesis supervision.

Full Professor, Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University, July 2003–June 2007.

Associate Professor, Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University, July 2001–June 2003.

Assistant Professor, Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University, July 1996–June 2001.

B. VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS/SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE

Mary Asplund Tooze Endowed Visiting Professor in Ancient and Islamic Art, Portland State University, June 2022.

Honorary Professor, Central Academy of Fine Arts, Beijing, 2018–2023.

Rudolf-Arnheim-Gastprofessor, Humboldt Universität, Berlin, 2017–18 (unable to accept).

Scholar in residence, Doris Duke Collection of Islamic Art, Shangri-La, Honolulu, 21–29 June 2014.

Visiting Scholar, Museum of Islamic Art, Doha, Qatar, 9–25 May 2014.

University of Victoria, Victoria British Columbia, Orion Visitor 2010–11. Teach seminars and deliver keynote conference lecture.

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, Groupe: Institut d'Études de l'Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman (Prof. Houari Touati), *Professeur invité*, March and June 2003.

C. AFFILIATIONS

Harvard University

Board of Freshman Advisers, 2002–.
Central Asia NRC Advisory Committee, 2002–.
Standing Committee on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, 1999–.
Standing Committee on Medieval Studies, 2021–.
Standing Committee on Middle Eastern Studies, 2004–. (Member since 1997).
Lowell House, Senior Common Room, 2019–.
Winthrop House, Senior Common Room, 1997–2019.
Signet Society, Associate, 1999–.
Architecture Club of Harvard (ArCH), faculty co-adviser, 2002–04.
Demon Magazine, faculty co-adviser, 2003–04.

D. MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Institute of Iranian Studies
Harvard institutional trustee, 2022–.
American Numismatic Society, 1991–.
American Research Institute in Turkey, 1992–.
ARIT Fellowships Committee, 2006.
College Art Association, 1990–.
Annual Conference Committee (Boston 2006), Regional representative, 2004.
International Committee, ex officio, 2016–2020.
The Art Bulletin, Reviews Editor, 2006–09 [exhibition and book reviews, vols. 89–91].
The Art Bulletin, Editorial Board, 2006–09.
Comité International d'Histoire de l'Art, 2016–2020, Vice President (+ CIHA Executive Committee)
Historians of Islamic Art Association, 1989–.
Board of Directors, 2003–05.
Secretary-Treasurer, 1997 and 1998.
Program Committee, 1995–97.
H-Islamart Editorial Board, 1995–2008.
International Society of Iranian Studies, 1995–.
Middle East Medievalists, c. 2000–.
Middle East Studies Association, 1989–.
National Committee for the History of Art, director, 2009–2012.
NCHA Graduate Travel Fellowships committee, 2011, 2016, 2020.
Vice-President, 2012–16.
President, 2016–21.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE

Department of History of Art and Architecture, Harvard University

Admissions Committee, 1997–.
Abramson Fellowship Committee, 2003–04.
Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture
AKPIA Postdoctoral Fellowships Committee, 1997–.
AKPIA *Forum for Islamic Art* lecture series, co-organizer, 1996–.
Harvard and MIT Program Committee, 1996–2001.
Muqarnas. An Annual on the Visual Culture of the Islamic World, Editorial Board, 1996–.

Curriculum Committee, 2002–07, 2016–.
 Department Chair, 2016–20; 2020–23.
 Director of Graduate Studies, 2014–16.
 Director of Undergraduate Studies (Head Tutor), 2003–07; 2012–13.
 Fellowships Committee, 1996–97; 1997–98; 2021–.
 Grant Writing Workshop, co-chair, 1997–98; 1998–99.
 Joint Student-Faculty Committee, 1997–98; 1998–99.
 Library Committee, 1998; 1999.
 Mortimer Hays-Brandeis Fellowship Committee, 2002–03.
 Pedagogy ‘*Shop Talk*,’ for Graduate Student Teaching Fellows, 2020–.
 Promotion and Renewal Committees in HAA
 Patricio Del Real (2020)
 Jinah Kim (2019)
 Shawon Kinew (2020)
 Sarah Lewis (2019)
 Senior Thesis Adviser, 2002–03.
 Search Committees (assistant/associate level)
 African-American Art, 1999.
 American Art and Architecture, 2000.
 Ancient Art, canvass, 2021–22.
 Ancient Art, 2022-23.
 Architecture, open field, 2021–22.
 Chinese Art, 1997.
 Modern Architecture, 2015 (visiting professor).
 Modern Architectuer, 2021-22.
 Persian Language and Literature (NELC), 2015–16.
 South and Southeast Asian Art, chair, 2003–04.
 South and Southeast Asian Art, 2006–07, exploratory search.
 Search Committees (open rank)
 South and Southeast Asian Art, 2011–12.
 Search Committees (at the full professor level)
 African-American and African Art, 2013.
 Armenian Studies (Mashtots Professorship NELC), 2020–22.
 Southern Renaissance, 2018–20.
 Spanish Art, 2002.
 Spanish Art, 2010.
 Summer Institute of Technical Studies, selection committee, 2019–.
 Space Committee, 2008–09.
 Technology Committee, 2007–08.

Harvard University

Alwaleed Islamic Studies Program, Faculty Steering Committee, 2010–.
 AISP Senior Thesis and Doctoral Thesis Prizes Committee, 2020.
 Beinecke Scholarships Nominating Committee, 2007–09, 2011–13.
 Center for Middle Eastern Studies
 Committee on Middle East Studies, 2005–.
 CMES Monograph Series, Reviewer, 1998–.
 Ehsan Yarshater Fellowship Committee, 1998–2007.
 Standing Committee of CMES, 2003–.
 Steering Committee of CMES, 1998–.
 Publications Committee, 2002–.

Committee on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, 2000–.
 Admissions Committee, 2001–.
 Standing Committee, 2001–.
 Core Curriculum
 Standing Committee, Literature and Arts Subcommittee, 2003–07; 2008–09.
 Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning
 New Faculty Orientation, Round-Table, October 1999.
 GSAS Research Workshop, “New Directions in Central and Inner Asian History,” faculty coordinator, 2013–.
 Harvard Alumni Association
 Study Leader, Iran in Focus, May 2016.
Harvard at 375: lectured to alumni sponsored by Outreach Center of CMES, 2012.
 Participant in Return to Harvard Day program, 2001.
 Harvard Museum of Science and Culture, Travel Program
 Study Leader, Iran, May 2015.
 Harvard Art Museums
 Executive Museum Planning Committee, 2004–05.
 Drawings’ Curator Search, 2019.
 Islamic and Later Indian Art, Curator Search, 2021–22.
 Harvard Radcliffe Institute, Fellowship Program, Reader, 2022–.
 Harvard University Libraries
 Search Committee for Librarian of Fine Arts Library, 1998.
 Harvard Library Weekend, 8–9 March 2002. Presenter in *Lost Worlds, Lost Cultures* panel on photographic resources for teaching and research at Harvard.
 Memorial Minute for Oleg Grabar, committee member 2011–12.
 Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Search Committee in Persian Language and Literature, 2013–15.
 Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Promotion Review Committee in Persian Language and Literature, 2018–19.
 Radcliffe Fellowships Selection committee for underclassmen research proposals (for returning students), 2001.

Non-Harvard Committees, Service, and Consultancies

Aga Khan Trust for Culture, AKDN, Aga Khan Museum, working group 2004–07.
 American Council of Learned Societies, Postdoctoral Fellowships Reviewer, 2007–11.
Art in Translation, editorial board, 2021–
Arts and Archaeology of the Islamic World (series), Brill, advisory board, 2012–.
 Asia Society, New York. Academic advisor (art and architecture) to the project *Central Asia: Crossroads of Eurasia Past and Present* (development of curriculum materials for high schools and junior colleges), 2006–2007.
 Brooklyn Museum, Islamic Department, survey of work on paper collection, summer 2008.
Encyclopaedia Britannica, consultant for new entry on Islamic Art, 2003.
 French National Research Agency, project reviewer, 2020–.
 Friends of the Department of the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, 1998–2000.
Gardner’s Art Through the Ages, reviewer of Islamic chapter, 2005.
 Harvard University Press, book reviewer, 2003.
 Institute for Advanced Study, School of Historical Studies, External Review Panel, 2008–.
International Journal of Islamic Architecture. Editorial Board, 2012–19.
International Journal of Persian Literature. Editorial Board, 2014–.
 Israel Science Foundation, reviewer, 2006–.
 J. Paul Getty Trust

Getty Grant Program, field reader for Islamic Art and Architecture, 2004–2008.
 Getty Foundation, grant reviewer, 2008–.
 Jenny Holzer Studio, research on projects, 2013–15.
Journal of Art Historiography, Editorial Advisory Board, 2011–.
 Prentice Hall, reviewer, 2008–.
 Princeton University Press, reviewer, 2006–.
 Safavid Art Conference, Member of the Scientific Committee, Baku, Azerbaijan, 2021.
 Smith College, Department of Art, external review committee, 2010.
 Smithsonian Institution, Collections-based research program, reviewer, 1999.
 Walters Art Museum, advisory committee to the *Pearls on a String* exhibition project, 2012–.
 Yale University, Department of the History of Art, external review committee, 2010.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY DISSERTATION COMMITTEES AND GRADUATE ADVISING

Tugrul Acar (second reader). “The Shrine of Rumi and Mevlevi Socioreligious Spaces in Anatolia 1270–1506.”
 Walid Akef (second reader). “Munà, Ginān and Basātin. Periurban Luxury Estates in Nasrid Granada (1238-1492).”
 Alexandra Dennett (third reader). “Paths of Modern Photography in Central Asia (1890-1940).”
 Hannah Hyden (adviser). “Subjects of Wonder: Court Society and the Persian ‘*Ajā’ib al-makhlūqāt*’ (1300–1632).”
 Sarah Molina (first reader). “The Poetics of Space: How Carpets Shaped the Safavid World.”
 Damla Ozakcay (secondary reader). “An Ottoman Urban Assemblage: Architecture, Religion, and Politics in Fifteenth-Century Amasya.”
 Yue Xie (third reader). “Registan in Formation: Madrasas and Public Squares in Post-Timurid Central Asia.”
 Ozge Yildiz (second reader). “The Blue Mosque of Sultan Ahmed I (r. 1603-17): Rethinking Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Architecture.”

COMPLETED

Ladan Akbarnia (joint adviser). “Khita’i: Cultural Memory and the Creation of a Mongol Visual Idiom in Iran and Central Asia.” Ph.D. June 2007.
 Yasmine al-Saleh (adviser). “Licit Magic: The Touch and Sight of Islamic Talismanic Scrolls.” Ph.D. June 2014.
 Trent Barnes (second reader; adviser Cummins). “To Walk the Space of Time: Emptiness and the Production of Bodies in the Architecture of Teotihuacan, Mexico.” Ph.D. June 2021.
 Persis Berlekamp (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Wonders and Their Images in Late Medieval Islamic Culture: The *Wonders of Creation* in Fars and Iraq, 1280–1388.” Ph.D. November 2003.

- Anastassiiia Botchkareva (adviser). “Representational Realism in Cross-Cultural Perspective: Changing Visual Cultures in Mughal India and Safavid Iran, 1580–1750.” June 2014.
- Elio Christoph Brancaforte (second reader; adviser Ziolkowski [Comparative Literature]). “Reading Word and Image: Representations of Safavid Persia in the Maps and Frontispieces of Adam Olearius (ca. 1650) (Germany).” Ph.D. June 2001.
- Jack Cheng (third reader; adviser Winter). “Assyrian Music as Represented and Representations of Assyrian Music.” Ph.D. June 2001.
- Gwendolyn Collaco (second reader). “The Image as Commodity: The Commercial Market for Single-Folio Paintings in Ottoman Istanbul, 17th–18th c.” Ph.D. June 2020.
- Chanchal Dadlani (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Twilight in Delhi? Architecture and Urban Change, 1707–1858.” Ph.D. November 2009.
- Mark DeLancey (third reader; advisers Blier and Necipoglu). “Representing Rulership: Palace Architecture, Ritualized Movement, and Secrecy in Northern Cameroon.” Ph.D. October 2003.
- Jeffrey Eden (third reader; adviser Mottahedeh [Inner Asian and Altaic Studies]). “Slavery and Empire in Central Asia.” Ph.D. June 2016.
- Farshid Emami (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “The New Isfahan: Urbanism, Public Architecture, and Material Culture in Safavid Iran (1590–1722).” Ph.D. November 2017.
- May Farhat (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Displaying Piety: The Shrine of Imam Ali al-Rida in Mashhad under the Safavids.” Ph.D. October 2002.
- Emine Fetvacı (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Viziers to Eunuchs: Transitions in Ottoman Manuscript Patronage, 1566–1617.” Ph.D. June 2005.
- Amy Gansell (second reader; adviser Winter). “Women of Ivory in the Ancient Near East as Embodiments of Cultural Ideals.” Ph.D. June 2008.
- Bronwen Gulkis (adviser). “The Aesthetics of Memory: Mughal Albums under Shahjahan (r. 1628–58) and their Afterlives.” Ph.D. June 2021.
- Danielle Joyner (second reader; adviser Hamburger). “A Timely History: Images and Texts in the *Hortus Deliciarum*.” Ph.D. June 2007.
- Laura Kenner (third reader). “Leech Farms: The Archival Bodies of Terence Sellers, Kathy Acker, and Chris Kraus.” Ph.D. June 2022.
- Erika Loic (second reader; adviser Hamburger). “The Ripoll Bibles: Monastic Practice, Unity, and Continuity.” Ph.D. June 2017.
- Amanda Luyster (chair; adviser Hamburger). “Text, Image, Context: The Family of St. Floret and the Use of Arthurian Imagery.” Ph.D. June 2003.
- Joshua O’Driscoll (third reader; adviser Hamburger). “Picti Imaginatio: Image and Inscription in Ottonian Manuscripts from Cologne.” Ph.D. June 2015.

- Oya Pancaroğlu (third reader; adviser Necipoglu). “‘A World Unto Himself’: The Rise of a New Human Image in the Late Seljuk Period (1150–1250).” Ph.D. June 2000.
- Alka Patel (third reader; advisers Chandra and Necipoglu). “Islamic Architecture of Western India (mid 12th–14th Centuries): Continuities and Interpretations.” Ph.D. June 2000.
- Katie Pfohl (third reader; adviser Roberts). “American Painting and the System of World Ornament.” Ph.D. June 2014.
- Veronika Poier (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “The Green Complex of Sultan Mehmed I and its Context.” Ph.D. November 2021.
- Francisco Prado-Vilar (second reader; adviser Shearman). “Under the Shadow of the Gothic Idol: Alfonso X’s *Cantigas de Santa Maria* and the Imagery of Love and Conversion.” Ph.D. June 2002.
- Jennifer Pruitt (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Fatimid Architectural Patronage and Changing Sectarian Identities (969–1021).” Ph.D. November 2009.
- Ünver Rüstem (third reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Architecture for a New Age: Imperial Ottoman Mosques in Eighteenth-Century Istanbul.” Ph.D. July 2013.
- Rubina Salikuddin (third reader; adviser Mottahedeh). “Sufis, Saints, and Shrines: Piety in the Timurid Period, 1370–1507.” Ph.D. in History, June 2018.
- Mira Schwerda (adviser). “How Photography Changed Politics: The Case of the Iranian Constitutional Revolution (1905–1911).” Ph.D. June 2020.
- Alejandra Rojas Silva (second reader; adviser Cummins). “Flora Incognita: Picturing Nature in the New World.” Ph.D. November 2019.
- Abbey Stockstill (adviser). “From the Mountains to the Sea: Identity and Urbanism in Almohad Architecture.” Ph.D. June 2018.
- Melis Taner (co-adviser). “Caught in a Whirlwind: Painting in Baghdad in the Late Sixteenth-Early Seventeenth Centuries.” Ph.D. June 2016.
- Courtney Tomaselli (third reader). “For He Was Made Man That We Might Be Made God: Visualizing the Way to Theosis in the Byzantine Psalter Vat. gr. 1927.” Ph.D. June 2019.
- Deniz Turker (third reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Ottoman Victoriana: Abdulhamid II and Istanbul’s Last Palace, 1876–1908.” Ph.D. November 2016.
- Alicia Walker (third reader; adviser Kalavrezou). “The Exotic in Middle Byzantine Secular Art and Aesthetics.” Ph.D. June 2004.
- Michelle Wang (third reader; adviser Wang). “Mandalas and the Transformation of Space During the Late Tang Dynasty.” Ph.D. November 2008.

Meredyth Winter (co-adviser). “Silks Withdrawn: A Re-Contextualization of the Medieval Fragments from Rayy.” Ph.D. June 2020.

Barry Wood (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Shah Isma’il in Myth and Memory.” Ph.D. June 2002.

Suzan Yalman (second reader; adviser Necipoglu). “A Period of ‘Transformation’: Religion, Urbanism and Identity in the Architectural Patronage of Sultan Alaeddin Keyqubad (r. 1220–1237 CE).” Ph.D. June 2011.

Zeynep Yurekli (third reader; adviser Necipoglu). “Legends and Architecture in the Ottoman Empire: The Shrines of Seyyid Gazi and Haci Bektash.” Ph.D. June 2005.

MASTERS THESIS SUPERVISION

Ben Cuddon [AM degree awarded by CMES]. “The History of Islamic Art at Harvard University,” 2007–08.

Marian Smith [AM degree awarded by CMES]. “The Cultural Power of Poetry in Late Timurid Iran and its Representation in the Portable Arts,” 2011–12.

Rustin Zarkar [AM degree awarded by CMES]. “Building an Insurgent Consciousness: Political Posters of the Fida’i-e Khalq (1978–80),” 2012–13.

SENIOR THESIS SUPERVISION

Ariana Akbari, “Exploring the Possibilities for a More Enriched Humanity in Azra Aksamija’s *Mosque Manifesto: Propositions for Spaces of Coexistence 2015*” joint History of Art and Architecture and Comparative Religion, 2018–19.

Elisabeth Barro, “Mughal and Rajput Influences in the Seventeenth Century: A Comparison of Painting Techniques and Materials,” 1996–97.

Erin Fehn, “A Nation Stays Alive When its Culture Stays Alive: The Destruction and Future of Afghanistan’s Cultural Heritage,” 2003–04.

Lucy Hamilton. “Atypical Plan: (Re)designing the office to Accommodate Neuro-Sensitivities,” 2021–22.

Sam Hodgkin [NELC concentrator, adviser John Schoeberlein-Engel]. “Popular Literary Culture in Russian Imperial Turkestan,” 2007–08.

Maxwell Lent, “The Façade Seen ‘Round the World: The Transformation of a Doctor’s Home to 770 Eastern Parkway and Beyond: An Architectural Study,” 2019–20.

Kristi Katherine Marks, “Algiers 1963: le parti avant-garde et le parti-pris esthetique avant-garde,” 2004–05. Winner of the Matthew Abramson Prize for Best Senior Thesis in the History of Art and Architecture; winner of the Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize.

Katherine Allidah Muller, “Modern Starts: How the Museum of Modern Art’s Past Influenced Its 2004 Renovation and Expansion,” 2004–05.

Lora Stoianova, “The Emperor’s Halo, the Icon’s Shadow: Mughal Portraiture and Ceremony,” 2012–13.

John Wang, “Memory and Monumentality: Louis Kahn and Four Freedoms Park,” 2015–16.

Wendy Yu, “Toilet Tales: Decoding and Encoding Social Scripts into the Public Restroom 12.2,” 2021–22. Winner of the James Sloss Ackerman thesis prize.

NON-HARVARD DOCTORAL COMMITTEES, DEFENSES, AND QUALIFYING PAPERS

Monia Abdullah. “Construire le progress continu du passé: Enquête sur la notion d’art islamique contemporain (1970–2009),” jury member, defense de thèse de doctorat, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 7 December 2009 [adviser Eric Michaud].

Eloise Brac de la Perrière. “L’Art du Livre dans l’Inde des Sultanats (1206–1600): le cas des manuscrits à peinture,” jury member, defense de thèse de doctorat, Université de Paris IV Sorbonne, 4 October 2003 [advisers Marianne Barrucand and Yves Porter].

Christiane J. Gruber. “The Prophet Muhammad’s Ascension (*Mi’raj*) in Islamic Art and Literature, ca. 1300–1600.” Department of History of Art, University of Pennsylvania. Ph.D. August 2005 [adviser Renata Holod].

Anneka Lenssen. “Stuff Happens: Michael Rakowitz’s *The Invisible Enemy Should Not Exist* and Other Art After Iraq.” Qualifying paper [adviser], November 2009.

Francesca Leoni. “The Revenge of Ahriman: Images of *divs* in the *Shahnama*, ca. 1300–1600.” Department of Art and Archaeology, Princeton University. Ph.D. August 2008 [adviser Thomas Leisten].

Sarah Piram. “Conscience patrimoniale et création architecturale en Iran Autour de la figure d’André Godard, directeur des Services archéologiques de l’Iran (1928–1960),” joint director, Ph.D. Paris Ouest, Nanterre, 2015–.

QUALIFYING PAPERS

Tugrul Acar (2nd reader)
Ladan Akbarnia (3rd reader)
Walid Akef (chair)
Victoria Andrews (2nd reader)
Trenton Barnes (chair)
Erin Bauer (2nd reader)
Persis Berlekamp (2nd reader)
Anastassiiia Botchkareva (chair)
Kirstin Burke (chair)
Gwendolyn Collaco (2nd reader)
Chanchal Dadlani (2nd reader)
Merih Danali Uz (3rd reader)
Mark DeLancey (chair)
Alexandra Dennett (3rd reader)
Ivan Drpic (3rd reader)

Nenita Elphick (chair)
Farshid Emami (3rd reader)
Emine Fetvaci (3rd reader)
Amy Gansell (3rd reader)
Bronwen Gulkis (chair)
Liliana Herrera (2nd reader)
Rachel Hirsch (2nd reader)
Hannah Hyden (chair)
Elena Iourtaeva (2nd reader)
Danielle Joyner (2nd reader)
Elizabeth Kassler-Taub (3rd reader)
Anneka Lenssen (adviser, MIT)
Chenchen Lu (1st reader)
Amanda Luyster (chair)
Sarah Molina (chair)
Zeynep Oguz (chair)
Damla Ozakay (2nd reader)

Veronika Poier (2nd reader)
 Akarsh Ragunnath (3rd reader)
 Jennifer Pruitt (3rd reader)
 Unver Rustem (2nd reader)
 Mira X. Schwerda (1st reader)
 Rebecca Selch (1st reader)
 Abbey Stockstill (1st reader)
 Melis Taner (2nd reader)
 Deniz Turker (2nd reader)
 Alicia Walker (chair)
 Michelle Wang (2nd reader)
 Meredyth Winter (2nd reader)
 Suzan Yalman (3rd reader)
 Ozge Yildiz (2nd reader)
 Zeynep Yurekli (3rd reader)
 Yue Xie (1st reader)
 Ömer Ziyal (2nd reader)

DOCTORAL DEFENSE COMMITTEES

Ladan Akbarnia
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 Gwendolyn Collaco
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 Meredyth Winter
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GENERAL EXAMINATION COMMITTEES

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 Mark DeLancey
 Ezgi A. Dikici
 Jeffrey Eden
 Farshid Emami
 Emine Fetvaci
 Eleanor Goerss
 Bronwen Gulkis
 Juliana Ramirez Herrera
 Hannah Hyden
 Danielle Joyner
 Erika Loic
 Zeynep Oguz
 Damla Ozakay
 Veronika Poier
 Jennifer Pruitt
 Alejandra Rojas
 Unver Rustem
 Yasmine al-Saleh
 Mira X. Schwerda
 Mary Seo
 Hao Sheng
 Abbey Stockstill
 Melis Taner
 Courtney Tomaselli
 Deniz Turker
 Alicia Walker
 Michelle Wang
 Meredyth Winter
 Suzan Yalman
 Ozge Yildiz
 Zeynep Yurekli
 Omer Ziyal
 Yue Xie

STUDENTS PRE-GENERALS

Rachel Hirsch
 Rebecca Selch

Ayesha Sheikh

HARVARD UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SCHOOL THESIS ADVISING

Amy C. Auer. “Islamic Art in America Since 9/11: How the Political and Social Aftermath of 9/11 Affected Exhibitions at the Harvard Art Museum and the Metropolitan Museum of Art,” ALM in Museums Studies (thesis director), 2008.

Eleanor Laughlin. “Orientalism and Identity: The Bullrings of Spain and Portugal,” ALM in History of Art and Architecture (thesis director), 2002.

Kathleen Pike. “The Birth Horoscope of Iskandar Sultan: Astrology in the Service of Kingship,” ALM in History of Art and Architecture (thesis director). Winner of the “Outstanding Thesis Prize in the Humanities,” 2006.

COURSES OFFERED

- AIU 40 *Monuments of Islamic Architecture* (Spring 2011; Fall 2011; Fall 2014; Fall 2015 Spring 2017; Fall 2018; co-taught with Gulru Necipoglu)
- FS63j *Islam vs. Image? Visual Representation in Islamic Art* (Fall 2019; Fall 2021).
- HUMAN 20 *A Colloquium in the Visual Arts* (Fall 2020: course head Fall 2021; Fall 2022)
- HAA 1 *Landmarks of World Art and Architecture* (Spring 2007, Spring 2009; team taught lecture course)
- HAA 1a *Survey of World Art* (Fall 2004; team taught lecture course)
- HAA 1b *Survey of World Art* (Spring 2005; team taught lecture course)
- HAA 11 *Landmarks of World Architecture*, lecture (Fall 1998 until early 2000s; team taught course—lectures on the Alhambra, Granada)
- HAA 11 *Landmarks of World Architecture*. Course head with Lisa Haber-Thomson (Spring 2020); course-head with Patricio del Real (Spring 2021); Spring 2022; Spring 2023.
- HAA 12 *Early Islamic Art and Architecture*, lecture (Spring 1997; Fall 1998)
- HAA 12m *Monuments and Cities of the Islamic World: An Introduction* (Spring 2009; Fall 2022)
- HAA 12y *Introduction to Islamic Art: Visual and Portable Arts in Context*, lecture (Spring 2005; Fall 2007; Spring 2011)
- HAA 12y *Genghis Khan and His Successors: Art in the Wake of the Mongol Conquests*, department lecture (Fall 2019; Spring 2022).
- Lit/Arts B 46 *Art in the Wake of the Mongol Conquests: Genghis Khan and His Successors*, lecture (Spring 2001; Fall 2002; Fall 2003; Spring 2007)
- HAA 100r *Sophomore Excursion Course: Spain* (with Benjamin Buchloh, Tom Cummins, Hugo Van der Velden), Spring 2009; *Peru* (with Tom Cummins and Yukio Lippit), Spring 2011; *Spain* (with Tom Cummins, Felipe Pereda, and Benjamin Buchloh), Spring 2017; *Uzbekistan* (with Yukio Lippit), Spring 2023.
- HAA 120n *Art of the Timurids in Greater Iran and Central Asia* (Fall 2008; Spring 2012; Spring 2015; Fall 2016; Spring 2020)
- HAA 123n *Islam and Image*, pro-seminar (Spring 2016)
- HAA 126 *Arts of the Islamic Book*, pro-seminar (Spring 1997; Spring 2017)
- HAA 127m *Medieval Architecture in Greater Iran and Central Asia* (Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
- HAA 127s *A Qajar Album of Artist's Sketches* (Spring 2015)
- HAA 128 *Topics in Arabic Art and Culture*, pro-seminar (Fall 2000; Spring 2003; Fall 2007; Fall 2010; Fall 2012; Fall 2015). Topics have included the art and culture of the Arabic book; the Medieval Mediterranean; and the Art of the Qur'an; text and image in Arabic manuscripts

- HAA 128g *Islamic Epigraphy and Calligraphy: Spiritual Geometries and Bodily Instruments* (Spring 2005)
- HAA 129 *Islamic Pilgrimage*, pro-seminar (Fall 1997; Fall 1998; Fall 2002)
- HAA 129x *Art of the House of Tamerlane (1370–1506)*, lecture (Fall 1998)
- HAA 221 *Visual Encounters: Artistic Relations between Europe and the Islamic World*, seminar (Spring 1998; Spring 2001); co-taught with Professor Necipoglu
- HAA 224e *From Saracenic to Islamic: Exhibiting Islamic Art* (Spring 2007; Spring 2017)
- HAA 224m *Drawing in the Pre-Modern Islamic World* (Spring 2006; Spring 2016; Spring 2022)
- HAA 226 *Collecting Culture: Albums of the Timurid, Ottoman, Safavid and Mughal Dynasties*, seminar (Fall 1996)
- HAA 228v *Early Islamic Architecture and Archaeology* (Fall 2004); co-taught with Thomas Leisten
- HAA 228x *Islamic Epigraphy and Calligraphy* (Spring 2017)
- HAA 229 *Between Figuration and Abstraction: Persian Painting of the 14th–17th Centuries*, seminar (Spring 1999)
- HAA 229p *Word and Image in Persian Painting* (Spring 2008; Spring 2011; Spring 2013; Fall 2018; Spring 2021)
- HAA 249n *The Travel Narrative in Art History*; co-taught with Hugo Van Der Velden (Fall 2011; Fall 2012)
- HAA 266 *Art Writing in Persianate Culture* (Fall 2020)
- HAA 310a *Methods and Theory of Art History* (Fall 2014; Fall 2015)
- HAA 310b *Works of Art: Materials, Forms, Histories* (Spring 2015; Spring 2016)
- HAA 98ar *Issues in 19th and 20th Century Architecture and Urbanism in the Middle East* (Fall 2010)
- HAA 98ar *History of Collections, Collecting, and Museums* (Spring 2003; Spring 2004)
- HAA 98ar *Photography, Video, New Media*, junior tutorial (Fall 2000)
- HAA 98ar *Science and Art/ New Media and Technology*, junior tutorial (Spring 1999)
- HAA 98ar *Islamic and Asian Calligraphy*, junior tutorial (Fall 1996)

Harvard Summer School

HARC S-128 *Monuments and Cities of the Islamic World: An Introduction*, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013.

Harvard University Extension School

HARC E-127 *The Art of the Islamic Book, 1250–1650*, 2003–07, Spring 2016.

HARC E-130 *Exhibiting and Collecting Islamic Art: Toward a Critical History*, Fall 2006, Fall 2015.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, French, German, Italian, Persian, Turkish.

INTERVIEWS

Uzbekistan Radio, Tashkent, September 1993.

Iranian National Television, London, April 1999.

Radio Free Europe, London, April 1999.

BBC Radio 4 “Start the Week” with Andrew Marr, January 2005.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QfNCDubU5q4>

BBC World Service, January 2005.

Television interviews with CNN International, CNN Turkey, BBC1, BBC2, BBC London, and TRT (Turkish Radio & Television), January 2005.

“Turks at the Royal Academy,” *Illuminations* TV (London), January 2005 (aired in February 2005 on Channel 5).

“Exploring World Art: A Global View,” episode on Calligraphy for Channel 13, Public Broadcasting Service, December 2009.

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Research of manuscripts, albums, and portable objects in: Baltimore (Walters Art Gallery); Berlin (Staatsbibliothek Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Museum für Islamische Kunst); Boston (Museum of Fine Arts); Cambridge (Arthur M. Sackler Museum); Dublin (Chester Beatty Library); Edinburgh (Edinburgh University Library, Royal Scottish Museum); Geneva (Musée d’Art et d’Histoire, Cabinet des Estampes); Istanbul (Topkapi Sarayı Kütüphanesi, Türk ve İslam Eserleri Müzesi, Süleymaniye Kütüphanesi, and İstanbul Üniversitesi Kütüphanesi); Kuwait City (al-Sabah Collection, Tareq Rajab Museum of Calligraphy); London (British Library, British Museum, India Office Library); Los Angeles (Los Angeles County Museum of Art); New York (Brooklyn Museum, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York Public Library, Pierpont Morgan Library); Oxford (Bodleian Library); Paris (Bibliothèque nationale de France, Musée du Louvre); Washington, D.C. (Freer Gallery of Art and the Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, The Smithsonian Institution); and Vienna (Nationalbibliothek, Schatzkammer).

Architectural and museum research: China; Central Asia—Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan (Timurid and Uzbek periods); Egypt (all Islamic periods); India (Sultanate, Khalji, Lodi and Mughal dynasties); Iran (pre-Islamic through Qajar); Kuwait; Lebanon; Mongolia; Morocco; Qatar; Spain (Umayyad through Nasrid periods); Syria; and Turkey (Armenian, Byzantine and Islamic periods focusing on Seljuq, Beylik and Ottoman).

SCHOLARLY PAPERS AND PUBLIC LECTURES

TBA, *Mir Ali Shir Nawai: New Perspectives on His Life, Work, and Influence* CNRS, Paris, 2022.

“Ethics and Aesthetics in Baysunghur’s Books: Art and Literature in 15th-Century Herat,” Portland State University, Portland, 24 June 2022.

“Painting and Poetry in Muhammad Juki’s *Shahnama*,” Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, 2 December 2021.

“1001 Days: Memoirs of an Empress,” Empress Farah Pahlavi in conversation with David J. Roxburgh, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University, 21 October 2021.

“Painting and Poetry in Muhammad Juki’s *Shāhnāma*,” Persian Arts of the Book Conference, keynote speaker, Bodleian Libraries, University of Oxford, 14 July 2021.

“Reinvigorating a Campus Landmark: Repositioning Stirling’s Museum into a Vibrant Academic Building,” with Ben Youtz and Nazneen Cooper, The Society for College and University Planning, North Atlantic Regional Conference, 17–19 March 2021.

“Reinvigorating a Campus Landmark: Repositioning Stirling’s Museum into a Vibrant Academic Building,” with Ben Youtz and Nazneen Cooper, International Council of Fine Arts Deans (*IFCAD*) Annual Conference, Richmond Virginia, 2 October 2020.

“The Timurid-Ming Embassy of 1419–1422,” keynote lecture, Central Academy of Fine Art, Beijing, 2 November 2019.

“New Technologies of the Image in 19th-Century Iran,” for the conference *Re-Thinking Modernity: Global Art History Conference* (organized by Dean Shao Yiyang), Central Academy of Fine Art, Beijing, 31 October-1 November 2019.

“The Birth of Art/Craft in Mid-19th Century Iran: Dialogues Between Subject, Medium, Composition,” at the conference “The Art Academy Outside Europe,” the Clark Institute, Williamstown, Mass., 12–14 September 2019.

“Art and Literature in Timurid Herat: Baysunghur’s Manuscripts,” Center for Visual Culture, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, 24 April 2019.

“Illustrating Epic Poetry and History in Persian Manuscripts from the Mongols to the Timurids,” Master Series sponsored by ABBVIE and WGBH Forum Network, Worcester Art Museum, Worcester, 15 November 2018.

“Islamic Art as a Research Model for Doing Global Art History,” at the *International Art Education Conference*, Central Academy of Fine Art, Beijing, 2–3 November 2018.

“Islamic Diagrams: Introduction,” in the conference *The Diagram Paradigm: Cross-Cultural Approaches*, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C., 20–21 April 2018.

“The Suez Canal Inauguration Ceremony: Egypt’s Universal Exhibition,” in the conference *Making Modernity in Nineteenth Century Islamic Art and Architecture*, University of Indiana, 1–2 March 2018.

“The Life and Times of Calligrapher Sultan Ali Mashhadi: Arts of the Book and Literature in Late 15th Century Herat,” the annual Schleuter Lecture, Lafayette College, Easton PA, 13 November 2017.

“In Conversation with Artist Khadim Ali,” Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney, 19 October 2017.

“Painting after the Mass-Produced Image: Art in Nineteenth-Century Iran,” Sydney Asian Art Series, University of Sydney, Sydney, 18 October 2017.

“‘Qibla of calligraphers,’ Sultan ‘Ali Mashhadi: The Art and Culture of Herat in the late 15th Century,” Seattle Art Museum, Seattle, 25 March 2017.

“A Proliferation of Duplicates? New Technologies of the Image in Qajar Iran,” College de France, Paris, 10 March 2017.

“‘Magic-making sorcerers’: Timurid Views on Chinese Art, Herat, c. 1413–1447,” Institute of Art History of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU) and the Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte, Munich, 18 January 2017.

“Emulation in the Arts of the Book: The Early Fifteenth-Century Timurid Workshop in Herat,” plenary lecture at the conference “The Pre-Modern Book in a Global Context: Materiality and Visuality,” Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Binghamton University, 21–22 October, 2016.

“The Ideas of Written Art in Islamic Art History,” in *Language in the Arts—Presence and Future, Part II: Art and Writing in the Arab Countries, Iran, and North Africa*, organized by the Fondation Hartung Bergman with the Written Art Foundation (Frankfurt), Antibes, 29–31 July 2016.

“On Baysunghur’s Two *Kalīla wa Dimnas*: Modeling Practices of Emulation in the Persianate Arts of the Book,” Northwestern University, Evanston, 14–15 April 2016.

“Cultural Interaction Between the Timurid Empire and the Ming During the Yongle Era (1403–1424),” Department of History, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 17 August 2015.

“Al-Sufi’s ‘Book of Stars’: The Conception and Transmission of Medieval Arabic Books,” Indiana University Art History Association 25th Annual Graduate Symposium, keynote speaker and discussant, 17–18 April 2015.

“Baysunghur’s Model Books: Making Manuscripts in Early Fifteenth-Century Herat,” Department of History of Art, University of Michigan, 10 April 2015.

“Art of the Qur’an: The Calligraphic Supplement,” in the panel *Visualizing and Translating Scriptures: Reflections on the St. John’s Bible*, University of Wisconsin, 26–27 February 2015.

“‘In the rays of light of imperial favor’: The Visual Arts of Early Fifteenth Century Herat,” Ehsan Yarshater Lecture Series, SOAS, University of London, 15–20 January 2015.

15 January	Timurid Herat: The City as a Setting for Art and Literature
16 January	The Timurid-Ming Embassy of 1419–22: Art after China
19 January	Modeling Artistic Process: The <i>Kitabkhana</i> and <i>Arzadasht</i>
20 January	Baysunghur’s Books: Codifying Form and Aesthetic Value

“‘My love for writing went beyond everything’: The Life and Times of Sultan ‘Ali Mashhadi,” Freer Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 14 December 2014.

“A Timurid Embassy from Herat to Beijing, 1419–22, Recorded by Artist Ghiyath al-Din Naqqash: Timurid Art after China,” Shangri-La, Doris Duke Collection of Islamic Art, Honolulu, 21 June 2014.

“China and Iran: Artistic Diffusion” and “Legacy of Mongols on Later Islamic Art,” NEH Seminar, East West Institute, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, 18–20 June 2014.

“Al-Jazari’s Machines: Word and Image in *The Compendium of Theory and Practice in the Mechanical Arts*,” Art History Department, University of Chicago, 29 May 2014.

“Al-Sufi’s ‘Book of the Images of the Fixed Stars’ (*Kitab suwar al-kawakib al-thabita*): Between Illustrated Book, Scientific Instrument, and Firmament,” Museum of Islamic Art, Doha, Qatar, 21 May 2014.

“Fashioning the Moral Prince: Cultural Production in Timurid Herat, c. 1420–1434,” Amherst College, 12 November 2013.

“Reminiscences of Asia: Diez’s Albums from Cover to Cover,” Staatsbibliothek für Preussischer Kulturbesitz, Berlin, 2–5 June 2013. Paper presenter and conference discussant.

“Baysunghur’s garden party and other tales: Conceptualizing Artistic and Cultural Production in Early Timurid Herat,” Metropolitan Museum of Art/Bard Graduate Center lecture series, New York, 30 April 2013.

“Chinese whispers: Adaptations of Chinese Art at the Timurid Court in Herat, ca. 1420–1440,” Ferozkoh Conference, Museum of Islamic Art, Doha, Qatar, 21–22 March 2013.

“Artistic Production in Herat, Shiraz, Tabriz and Baghdad: the 1450s and 1460s,” in the panel *Perspectives on Persian Art in Istanbul Collections*, biennial conference of the International Society of Iranian Studies, Istanbul, 2–5 August 2012.

“‘Give us light in our eyes’: Architectural Epigraphy and the Illuminated Building in Timurid Iran and Central Asia, 1370–1430,” in the conference “Ornament as Portable Culture: Between Globalism and Localism,” Harvard University, 12–14 April 2012.

“Harvard at 375: Nothing New to Harvard: An Exploration of Arabic and Islamic Art Collection,” sponsored by Outreach Center at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and the Harvard Alumni Association, Harvard University, 3 April 2012.

“‘Many a wish has turned to dust’: Pir Budaq and the Formation of Turcoman Arts of the Book,” AKPIA Lecture Series, Harvard University, 29 March 2012.

“Troubles with Perspective: Case Studies in Picture-Making from Qajar Iran in the 1800s,” in the conference *In the Wake of the Global Turn: Propositions for an Exploded Art History Without Borders*, Clark Art Institute, 4–5 November 2011.

“Abd al-Rahman al-Sufi's uranometry treatise *Kitab suwar al-kawakib al-thabita* (Book of forms of the fixed stars) c. 965,” in the conference *Aesthetics and Techniques of Lines Between Drawing and Writing*, CIHA Colloquium, Kunsthistorisches Institut in Florenz, Max-Planck Institut, 30 June–2 July 2011.

“Illustrating al-Jazari: Text and Image in *al-Jami' bayn al-'ilm wa al-'amal al-nafi' fi sina'at al-hiyal* (Compendium of Science and Useful Practice in the Making of Mechanical Devices),” Artuklu University, Mardin, Turkey, 17 March 2011.

“Al-Wasiti's 1237 Copy of the *Maqamat* of al-Hariri: The Text/Image Debate,” University of Victoria, British Columbia, 15 October 2010.

“Spiritual Geometries and Bodily Instruments: The Art and Practice of Islamic Calligraphy,” Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University, Atlanta, 23 September 2010.

“Transitions in Late Timurid Painting,” Islamic Art Circle, SOAS, University of London, London, 21 April 2010.

“Ghiyath al-Din Naqqash's Report on the Embassy to Khanbaligh: Artistic Exchange Between the Timurid and Ming dynasties,” in the series “The Power of Things and the Flow of Cultural Transformations,” University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg, 14 January 2010.

“The Rhetoric of Vision in Late Timurid Painting,” presented at the conference *Seeing the Past—Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture*, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 9–10 October 2009.

“In Conversation: Salman Rushdie and *The Enchantress of Florence*,” with Salman Rushdie, Navina Haidar, and Carmen Bambach, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 6 October 2009.

“‘The Picture Gallery of China’: The Reception of Chinese Art in Iran under the Timurids, c. 1400–1450,” keynote lecture for the 14th Annual Graduate Student Symposium on the History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 27 March 2009.

“Books of Stars, Mechanical Devices, *Maqamat* and Animal Fables: Image and Genre in Medieval Arabic Manuscripts,” 14th Cultural Lecture Series, Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyya, Kuwait, 5 January 2009.

“Word and Image in the 1237 *Maqamat*: Al-Hariri’s and al-Wasiti’s Fictions,” Medieval Renaissance Forum, Department of Art History, Yale University, New Haven, 18 November 2008.

“‘Against fairytale splendor’: The Ausstellung von Meisterwerke muhammedanischer Kunst, Munich 1910, in Historical Perspective,” at the conference *After One Hundred Years: The 1910 Exhibition Meisterwerke muhammedanischer Kunst Reconsidered*, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Munich, 24–25 October 2008.

“In pursuit of shadows: Abu Zayd and al-Harith b. Hammam in al-Hariri’s *Maqamat*,” at the conference *Islam and the Image*, organized by Fundación Tres Culturas, Seville, 15–18 June 2008.

“The Burden of Islamic Art: Recent Exhibitions, New Museums, and Reinstallations in Historical Perspective,” keynote lecture at a conference *Collecting—Alternative Visions of the Past* organized by the Civilization Sequence Program, American University of Beirut, Beirut, 24–25 May, 2008.

“Word, Image, Deception: Al-Hariri’s *Maqamat* (Assemblies),” *Daniel H. Silberberg Lecture Series*, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York, 18 April 2008.

“Curricular Change and Pedagogical Practice at Harvard since 1996,” in the panel “Teaching the History of Islamic Art in the 21st/14th Century,” College Art Association, Dallas, 22 February 2008.

“Portraying the Prophet Muhammad,” in the faculty workshop on *The Body of the Prophet Muhammad*, convened by Steve Caton, CMES, 10 December 2007.

“Spiritual Geometries and Bodily Instruments: The Art and Practice of Islamic Calligraphy,” Museum of Fine Arts Houston, Houston, 2 and 3 November 2007.

“‘Doing European and Chinese’ (*farangi-saz va khata’i-saz*): European and Chinese Idioms in the Collecting Cultures of Early Modern Iran,” at the conference *Collecting Across Cultures in the Early Modern World*, hosted by USC-Huntington Early Modern Studies Institute, San Marino, 11–12 May 2007.

“The Calligrapher’s Practice: Towards an Aesthetics of Writing,” Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago, Chicago, 20–21 April 2007.

“‘The eye is favored for seeing the writing’s form’: On the Sensual and the Sensuous in Islamic Calligraphy,” Institute for Advanced Study, and Princeton University, Dept. of Art and Archaeology, 18 January 2007.

“Chinese Art in a Persian Mirror: Artistic Production Under Yongle and Shahrukh, ca. 1420–1450,” University of Washington, Seattle, 2 November 2006.

“Chinese Magic: Artistic Exchange Between China and Iran,” Norma Jean Calderwood Lecture, Harvard University Art Museums, Harvard University, 27 April 2006.

“Remembering things unseen: Muhyi Lari’s ‘Encomium to Mecca and Medina’ and The Imagery of Islamic Pilgrimage,” Department of Art History, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 7 March 2006.

“The Visual Language of Science: From al-Sufi’s *Fixed Stars* to al-Jazari’s *Automata*,” in the panel *Graphic Sign, Symbol, and Image: Seeing and Reading in Islamic Visual Culture*, 7th International Association of Word and Image Studies: Elective Affinities, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 23–27 September 2005.

“Persian Art History Today,” workshop on Persian Studies, Center for Persian Studies and Culture, University of California, Irvine, 25–26 May 2005.

“Concepts of the Portrait in the Islamic Lands,” CASVA 25th Anniversary Symposium, CASVA, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 21–22 April 2005.

“Islamic Architecture: Monuments of Worship and Piety in Central Asia, Past and Present,” Nantucket Atheneum, Nantucket, 16 March 2005.

“Timur and His Successors: Art and Ideology in the 1400s,” Royal Academy of Arts, London, 11 March 2005.

“Persian Picture Making and Chinese Manner,” National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 20 November 2004.

“Total Environments: Exhibitions of Islamic Art and their Critical Reception,” in the panel *Imag(in)ing the Middle East: Literature, Visual Media, and Culture*, Harvard University, Center for Middle East Studies Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, 31 October 2004.

“Turks: A Journey of A Thousand Years, 600–1600,” Royal Academy of Arts, London, 15 September 2004.

“Cartographie et topographie: les pratiques nouvelles de la représentation dans le monde Ottoman,” Auditorium du Louvre, Musée du Louvre, Paris, 6 May 2004.

“Les espaces sacrés musulmans: la Mecque, Médine, et Jérusalem,” Auditorium du Louvre, Musée du Louvre, Paris, 3 May 2004. Lectures to inaugurate the formation of the museum’s Department of Islamic Art.

“From Pir Budaq to Ya’qub Beg: The Arts of the Book and Painting in Turkmen Iran, ca. 1450–1500,” The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, 21 November 2003.

“Visualizations of Holy Places in Sixteenth-Century Ottoman Manuscript Sources,” 20th *International Conference on the History of Cartography*, Cambridge, Mass. and Portland, 15–20 June 2003.

“On the Transmission and Reconstruction of Calligraphy: Ibn al-Bawwab and History,” Table Ronde “Calligraphies islamiques” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 6 June 2003.

“The Turkmen Courts of Western Iran, ca. 1450–1500: Changes in Artistic Conception and Practice,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 26 May 2003.

“Places of Gathering: Monuments from Cairo to Samarqand,” and “The Arts of the Islamic Book,” lecture series, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, 1, 3, 8 and 10 April 2003.

“The Turkmen Courts of Western Iran, ca. 1450–1500: Reactions to the Timurid Achievement,” École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 24 March 2003.

“Encounters with the Sacred: The Spaces of Islamic Pilgrimage,” Dept. of Art and Archaeology, Princeton University, 13 March 2003.

“Intersections between photography and painting in Qajar Iran,” in the panel *Islamic Art: Between Western and Non-Western?*, CAA Annual Meeting, New York, 22 February 2003.

“Current Issues in the Study of the Islamic Art of the Book,” Honolulu Academy of Arts, Honolulu, Hawaii, January 10, 2003.

“Ambiguity in the Paintings of Muhammad Siyah Qalam and the Responses of Shaykhi and Darvish Muhammad,” *Reading the Image, Performing the Text: A Symposium on Text-Image Relationships*, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York, 22–23 November 2002.

“Chasing Shadows: Text and Image in Hariri’s *Maqamat*,” *The Society of Fellows in the Humanities*, Columbia University, New York, 4 April 2002.

“Through the Eyes of A Child? Looking at Persianate Painting Again,” an *Evening With Lecture Series*, Aga Khan Program for Islamic Architecture, MIT, 11 February 2002.

“Landmark Architecture on the Silk Road: Piety and Pilgrimage at the Shah-i Zinda, Samarkand,” *Islamic Lecture Series*, Peabody Essex Museum, Salem, Mass., 7 February 2002.

“Linguistic Regress, or How Do We Talk About Persian Painting?,” *Gale Lecture Series*, sponsored by the Dept. of History of Art, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, 15 November 2001.

“Toward a Visual Logic of Persian Painting” (Logique visuelle de la peinture persane), Auditorium du Louvre, *Midis du Louvre series*, Musée du Louvre, Paris, 21 September 2001.

“*Muraqqa’-sazi*: Collecting Culture in Pre-Modern Iran,” Institut d’Études de l’Islam et des Sociétés du Monde Musulman, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 20 September 2001.

“Elusive Subjects: Muhammad Siyah Qalam’s Paintings of Nomads, Dervishes, and Demons,” Lunchtime lecture forum, Committee on Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, Harvard University, 10 May 2001.

“Image and Text in Persian Anthologies from 15th- and 16th-Century Iran,” Ancient Art Council, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, 2 February 2000.”

“An Aesthetics of Aggregation: Persian Anthologies of 15th-Century Iran,” *Daniel H. Silberberg Lecture Series*, Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, New York, 28 January 2000.

“Discerning the Painter’s Presence: Authorship in Persianate Painting,” *The Making and Reception of Persian Painting in Pre-Modern Iran*, Harvard University, sponsored by AKPIA, Cambridge, Mass., 21–22 May 1999.

“Visual Modes, Contexts, and Imitative Practices,” *Islamic Culture and Civilization: Iran*, sponsored by Unesco, University of Tehran (Faculty of Arts), Center for Islamic Culture, and Université des Sciences Humaines de Strasbourg, London, 9–11 April 1999.

“Visual and Textual Literacy in Pre-Modern Iran,” sponsored by Middle East Center and History of Art Department, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 1 April 1999.

“Discerning the Painter’s Presence: Bihzad and Persianate Painting,” *Old and New/ In and Out*, Historians of Islamic Art Majlis, meeting in conjunction with CAA, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Los Angeles, CA, 13 February 1999.

“Manuscripts made for Baysunghur, Grandson of Tamerlane,” for Friends of the Fogg Museum lecture series, *Patronage of Islamic Art*, Harvard University Art Museums, Cambridge, Mass., 16 October 1998.

Gallery Talks for the exhibition *Princes, Poets and Paladins*, Harvard University Art Museums, Cambridge, Mass., summer 1998.

“Bahram Mirza and His Collections,” *Safavid Art and Architecture*, symposium at the British Museum, London, 26–28 March 1998.

“Disorderly Conduct?: Early Scholar-Collectors and the Istanbul Albums,” *Exhibiting the Middle East: Objectives and Realities*, Historians of Islamic Art Majlis, meeting in conjunction with CAA, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, 28 February 1998.

“Genealogies écrites et peintes: Histoire de l’art et biographie dans un album fait pour prince Safavide Bahram Mirza,” *L’Art Iranien: hier et aujourd’hui*, conference organized by Département d’Études Persanes, Université des Sciences Humaines, Strasbourg, 24–26 November 1997.

“Safavid Albums and Biography,” Faculty Colloquium, Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University, 1 May 1997.

“Gaze After Us At Our Works: The Safavid Album as Illustrated Biography,” Turkish Studies Association Mini-Conference *The Sultan and His Court: Biography, Iconography, Personal Lives*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 3 May 1997.

“‘What Lies Between the Two Boards?’: An Album Made for Bahram Mirza in 1544–1545,” shoptalk, CASVA, National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C., 25 January 1996.

“The Making of an Art History: An Album Made for Bahram Mirza in 1544,” *Art, Architecture, and Social History*, Middle East Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1995.

“H. 2310 or *Catalogue of Scripts by the Seven Masters*: A Timurid Album at the Ottoman Court,” 10th International Congress of Turkish Art, Geneva, 17–23 September 1995.

“Two Calligraphy Albums: Calligraphy Collecting under Baysunghur and Shahrukh ca. 1427–34,” co-sponsored by Near Eastern Studies Department and History of Art Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, April 1995.

“The Realm of Collectedness: Album Production and Art Collecting in Iran ca. 1427–1544,” Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., April 1995.

“Art Collecting in the Early Timurid Period: Two Calligraphy Albums,” Curators’ Research Seminar, Arthur M. Sackler Gallery, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., March 1995.

“Lifting the Veil from the Face of Depiction: Collecting and the Istanbul Albums,” American Research Institute in Turkey, Istanbul, May 1993.

“The Islamic Collection of the University Museum,” Teaching the Middle East, a Resource Workshop for Teachers, University Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, November 1991.

“Problems in the Provinces: The Coinage of Husayn Bayqara and His Contemporaries,” American Numismatic Society, New York, August 1991.

CONFERENCES, CONFERENCE SESSIONS, SEMINARS

Toward the Future: Museums and Art History in East Asia, CIHA Colloquium in Japan, Tokyo National Museum, Tokyo, 10-11 March 2019, International Chair.

Art, Design, and Society, CIHA India International Colloquium, National Museum Institute, New Delhi, 28 November-1 December 2018, chair and discussant.

The Diagram Paradigm: Cross-Cultural Approaches, co-organizer with Jeffrey Hamburger and Linda Safran, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C., 20–21 April 2018.

“Epigraphy Seminar, Medieval Textiles in Iberia and the Mediterranean,” organized by Luly Feliciano, Museo Arquelógico Nacional, Madrid, 28 June–3 July 2015.

“Persian Manuscript Workshop,” on the future of the permanent collection catalogue, Freer and Sackler Galleries, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., 13 December 2013. Presenter and discussant.

“Toward a ‘Biography’ of a Manuscript: A Copy of the Qur’an from 12th Century Iran,” a Project in the History of the Book organized by University of Pennsylvania Museum and Dept. History of Art, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, February 22–23, 2013. Participant and consultant.

“A Codicological Approach to the Theories and Practices of Manuscript Collecting,” organized by Laura Parodi, discussant, Second HIAA Biennial Symposium, Freer and Sackler Galleries, Washington, D.C., 22 October 2010.

Seeing the Past—Envisioning Islamic Art and Architecture, a symposium to honor the teaching and scholarship of Professor Renata Holod, co-organizer with Nancy Micklewright and D. Fairchild Ruggles, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 9–10 October 2009.

14th Annual Graduate Student Symposium in the History of Art, moderator and discussant, University of Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, 28 March 2009.

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