

## Mohamad Ballan

Curriculum Vitae  
 Department of History  
 Stony Brook University  
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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2019–present	Assistant Professor of History, Stony Brook University
2018–2019	Junior Fellow, Dartmouth Society of Fellows. Dartmouth College

### EDUCATION

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PhD, 2019	Department of History, University of Chicago
Dissertation:	“The Scribe of the Alhambra: Lisan al-Din ibn al-Khatib, Sovereignty and History in Nasrid Granada”
Committee:	David Nirenberg (chair), John Woods, Maribel Fierro, Ahmed El Shamsy
Comprehensive exam fields:	Medieval Iberia, Pre-Modern Islamic History, and Early Modern Europe
MA, 2010	Social Sciences, University of Chicago
BA, 2008	History Honors, University of British Columbia

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Medieval Europe; Mediterranean history; global history; borderlands and frontier history; political thought; Islamic history; medieval Iberia; North Africa; intercommunal relations; intellectual networks; historiography; Late Antiquity

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Monographs

2026	<i>The Politics of Sovereignty in the Medieval Islamic West: The World of Lisan al-Din ibn al-Khatib</i> (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
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#### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2024	“Coinage and Kingship in al-Andalus,” <i>Journal of the Canadian Historical Association</i> , Vol. 34.2 (2024): 151–154.
2023	“Borderland Anxieties: Lisān al-Dīn ibn al-Khaṭīb and the Politics of Genealogy in Late Medieval Granada,” <i>Speculum</i> 98.2 (April 2023), 447–495 [awarded the 2025 <i>Medieval Academy of America Article Prize in Critical Race Studies</i> ]
2010	“Fraxinetum: An Islamic Frontier State in Tenth-Century Provence,” <i>Comitatus</i> 41

(2010), 23–76.

Translated into Portuguese by Bruno Tadeu Salles and Marina de Oliveira Carvalho as “Fraxinetum: Um Estado de Fronteira Islâmico na Provença do Século X”

[*História Revista* 26.1 (2021): 26–100

<https://www.revistas.ufg.br/historia/issue/view/2258>]

### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters and Edited Volumes

- 2026 “Nasrid Kingship: Epigraphic Poetry and the Articulation of Royal Power in the Alhambra” in *Objects at the Crossroads: Material Mobilities across Premodern Iberia and North Africa* (University of Toronto Press), edited by Borja Franco Llopis and Catherine Infante [article accepted]
- 2025 “Rebels and Renegades: Ibn al-Khatib and the Christians of Medieval Granada” in *Ethno-Religious Interaction in Premodern Iberia, North Africa, and Beyond* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2025), edited by Thomas Barton. *Cursor Mundi. Viator Studies of the Medieval and Early Modern World*
- 2025 “‘The Jews of this Nation’: The Co-production of Sectarian Identity in the Fatimid Caliphate, ca. 1120” in David Nirenberg and Katharina Heyden (eds.), *The Co-production of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: Artifacts, Rituals, Communities, Narratives, Doctrines, Concepts* (Turnhout: Brepols, 2025), 155–184.
- 2021 “Genealogía, linaje e identidad etnocultural en la Granada nazarí,” in Mercedes García-Arenal and Felipe Pereda (eds.), *De sangre y leche: Raza y religión en el mundo ibérico moderno* (Madrid: Marcial Pons, 2021), 39–70.

### Research, In Progress

- 2026 “Marshall Hodgson and the Medieval Islamic West: A Reassessment,” in *Marshall Hodgson and His Legacy* (Brill, Islamicate Intellectual History series, 2026)
- 2026 “Communes and Cities in the Medieval Mediterranean World” (co-authored with Marco Folin, University of Genoa)

### Book reviews

- 2023 Review of *The Wolf King: Ibn Mardānīsh and the Construction of Power in al-Andalus* by Abigail Balbale Krasner, *Mediterranean Historical Review* 38 (2023): 136–140.
- 2022 Review of *The Routledge Handbook of Muslim Iberia* by Maribel Fierro (ed.), *Speculum* 97.1 (2022): 179–181.
- 2021 Review of *Narrating Muslim Sicily: War and Peace in the Medieval Mediterranean World* by William Granara. *Journal of Arabic Literature* 52 (2021): 1–6
- 2020 Review of *Friends of the Emir: Non-Muslim State Officials in Premodern Islamic Thought* by Luke B. Yarbrough. *Al-‘Usur al-Wusta: The Journal of the Middle East Medievalists* Vol. 28 (2020): 436–442
- 2015 Review of *Oppressed in the Land? Fatwas on Muslims Living under Non-Muslim Rule from the Middle Ages to the Present* by Alan Verskin. *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, Vol. 74, no. 1 (April 2015), pp. 169–172
- 2015 Review of *Misquoting Muhammad: The Challenge and Choice of Interpreting the Prophet’s Legacy* by Jonathan A.C. Brown. *Review of Qur’anic Research*, Vol. 1, no. 3 (2015)
- 2015 [Review of \*Wabbabi Islam: From Revival and Reform to Global Jihad\* by Natana Delong-Bas, \*Ballandalus\* \(May 16\)](#)

- 2013 [Review of \*Global Salafism: Islam's New Religious Movement\*, ed. Roel Meijer, Ballandalus](#) (May 10)

### Online Publications and Public Scholarship

- 2024 [“Learned Women in an Islamic City-State: Andalusí Women and the Nasrid Renaissance in the Fourteenth Century,”](#) *Rethinking Muslim Women's Stories and Histories*, al-Mujadilah Research Blog (Qatar Foundation)
- 2022 [“The Nasrid College: Knowledge and Power in a Medieval Islamic City-State,”](#) *Medieval Studies Research Blog* (April 27)
- 2021 [“Muslim Refugees in Medieval Malta \(ca. 1463\)? Mobility, Migration and the Muslim-Christian Frontier in the Mediterranean World,”](#) *Medieval Studies Research Blog* (Oct. 13)
- 2021 [“A Connected World: Exploring the Early Middle Ages with Ibn Faḍlān,”](#) *The Library of Arabic Literature Blog* (February 4)
- 2019 [“Il-Kantilena: A 15th-century Poem in Medieval Maltese,”](#) *Ballandalus* (April 8)
- 2019 [“Modern Monuments and Medieval Mythologies: The Statue of Avengalvón in Burgos,”](#) *Ballandalus* (April 2)
- 2019 [“Review of ‘Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time’ Exhibit \(Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (April 1)
- 2019 [“650th Anniversary of the Assassination of Pedro I of Castile-León \(r. 1350-1369\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (March 30)
- 2019 [“The Iconography of Royal Power in 12th-c. Norman Sicily,”](#) *Ballandalus* (January 30)
- 2019 [“The Arabic Manuscripts of Manuel Bacas Merino \(fl. 1800\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (January 27)
- 2019 [“Qur’an Codex of Marinid Sultan Abū Ya’qūb Yūsuf \(r. 1286-1307\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (January 27)
- 2018 [“Portraits of Moroccan Ambassadors in Early Modern England,”](#) *Ballandalus* (December 10)
- 2018 [“The Last Almohads? Two Descendants of the Almohad Caliphs in 14th-c. Nasrid Granada,”](#) *Ballandalus* (December 10)
- 2016 [“A Fragment of the Lost History of al-Raḡīq al-Qayrawānī \(d. ca. 418/1028\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (August 17)
- 2016 [“27 Prominent Medieval Andalusí Women,”](#) *Ballandalus* (August 6)
- 2016 [“Sectarianism and Violence in 11th-c. North Africa: The Anti-Ismaili Massacre of 1016,”](#) *Ballandalus* (July 31)
- 2016 [“A Musing on Moroccan Manuscript Research,”](#) *American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain Members’ Blog* (July 25)
- 2016 [“An Andalusí Mudéjar in 14th-c. Constantinople: The Travels of Ibn al-Sabbah,”](#) *Ballandalus* (July 24)
- 2016 [“Bibliography of Translated Texts from Medieval/Early Modern Iberia and North Africa,”](#) *Ballandalus* (March 20)
- 2016 [“‘Ayn al-Qudat Hamadhani: Intellectual, Mystic and Martyr,”](#) *Ballandalus* (March 10)
- 2016 [“The Reign of Ibn Hud \(r. 1228-1238\) according to Abu al-Walid ibn al-Hajj \(d. 1318\),”](#) *Ballandalus* (February 24)
- 2015 [“The Commemoration of the Martyrdom of al-Husayn b. Ali \(d. 680\) in al-Andalus,”](#) *Ballandalus* (October 23)
- 2015 [“Ahmad Sirhindī, Akbari Universalism and Islamic Orthodoxy in 16th/17th c. Mughal India,”](#) *Ballandalus* (September 19)
- 2015 [“Al-Madrassa al-Nasriyya in Granada: Knowledge and Power in 14th- & 15th-century al-Andalus,”](#) *Ballandalus* (September 16)
- 2015 [“Notes on Identity in the Medieval Islamic World,”](#) *Ballandalus* (September 13)

- 2015 ["Famous Historical Muslims of Hellenic/Greek Origin," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 8\)](#)
- 2015 ["Intermarriage between Muslim and Christian Dynasties in Early Medieval Iberia \(711-1100\)," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 4\)](#)
- 2015 ["The Taifa Kingdoms \(ca. 1010-1090\): Ethnic and Political Tensions in al-Andalus during the 11th Century," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 3\)](#)
- 2015 ["Majrit/Mayrit: The Andalusi Muslim Heritage of Medieval Madrid," \*Ballandalus\* \(July 20\)](#)
- 2015 ["The Royal Edict of Expulsion \(1609\) and the Last Andalusi Muslims \("Moriscos"\) of Spain," \*Ballandalus\* \(June 29\)](#)
- 2015 ["An Andalusi Muslim in Early Modern Europe: Shihab al-Din Ahmad al-Hajari's Description of the 17th-Century Netherlands," \*Ballandalus\* \(June 28\)](#)
- 2015 ["Castilian "Reconquista," Ottoman Expansion and the Christianization of al-Andalus," \*Ballandalus\* \(June 5\)](#)
- 2015 ["Mongol-Papal Encounter: Letter Exchange between Pope Innocent IV and Güyük Khan in 1245-1246," \*Ballandalus\* \(June 1\)](#)
- 2015 ["Nader Shah Afshar \(r. 1736-1747\): A Short Overview of the Career of an 18th-Century Iranian Conqueror," \*Ballandalus\* \(May 28\)](#)
- 2015 ["Abu Hamid al-Ghazali \(d. 1111\) and the Rise of the Almohads," \*Ballandalus\* \(May 19\)](#)
- 2015 ["The Alcazaba of Almería: A Masterpiece of Islamic Military Architecture," \*Ballandalus\* \(May 9\)](#)
- 2015 ["The Tomb of Ferdinand III \(d. 1252\) in Seville: Emblem of Convivencia or Symbol of Reconquista?" \*Ballandalus\* \(April 22\)](#)
- 2014 ["Abu Bakr al-Turtushi's "Siraj al-Muluk": A Masterpiece of Andalusi Political Philosophy," \*Ballandalus\* \(December 8\)](#)
- 2014 ["The Scholar and the Sultan: A Translation of the Historic Encounter between Ibn Khaldun and Timur," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 30\)](#)
- 2014 ["The Islamic State's \(ISIS\) Destruction of Shrines in Historical Perspective," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 5\)](#)
- 2014 ["The Wahhabi Sack of Karbala \(1802 A.D.\)," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 2\)](#)
- 2014 ["Beyond Tolerance and Intolerance: Deconstructing the Myth of the Islamic Golden Age," \*Jadaliyya\* \(April 3\)](#)
- 2014 ["The Tibtan of Abd Allah ibn Buluggin \(r. 1073-1090\): A Fascinating Glimpse into the World of Eleventh-Century Iberia," \*Ballandalus\* \(February 15\)](#)
- 2013 ["Famous Historical Muslims of African/Black Origin," \*Ballandalus\* \(November 19\)](#)
- 2013 ["Prophetic Traditions about the Virtues of the Berbers in the North African Ibadi Tradition," \*Ballandalus\* \(September 19\)](#)
- 2013 ["Poetic Epigraphy of the Alhambra," \*Ballandalus\* \(September 19\)](#)
- 2013 ["The Rise of the Nasrids: The Origins of the Kingdom of Granada \(1238-1273\)," \*Ballandalus\* \(September 18\)](#)
- 2013 ["Abd al-Rahman III, Orosius' \*Historiae Contra Paganos\*, and the Byzantine Embassy to Cordoba in the Tenth Century," \*Ballandalus\* \(May 30\)](#)
- 2012 ["Rustamid Dynasty: An Ibadi State in North Africa \(776-909\)," \*Ballandalus\* \(December 7\)](#)
- 2012 ["Almería," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 12\)](#)
- 2012 ["The Nizari Isma'ili Assassins: The Story behind Ubisoft's "Assassin's Creed," \*Ballandalus\* \(August 8\)](#)
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## Podcasts and Interviews

- 2021 [The Early Modern Islamic World](#), *Ottoman History Podcast* (January 2)  
 2020 [Legacies of al-Andalus](#), *Ottoman History Podcast* (December 18)

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2025 FAHSS /Travel Award (SUNY-Stony Brook)  
 2025 Medieval Academy of America Article Prize in Critical Race Studies  
 2024 Humanities Institute Faculty Fellowship (SUNY-Stony Brook)  
 2024 President's Distinguished Travel Grant (SUNY-Stony Brook)  
 2021-2022 Mellon Faculty Fellowship in Medieval Studies (Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame)  
 2019 Gardiner Travel Award (SUNY-Stony Brook)  
 2018-2019 Dartmouth Society of Fellows  
 2017-2018 ACLS-Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship  
 2017 Middle East Studies Association Wadad Kadi Travel Fellowship  
 2015-2016 University of Chicago Social Sciences Division Travel Fellowship  
 2015-2016 University of Chicago Arnaldo Momigliano Dissertation Research Travel Award  
 2015 University of Chicago Cochrane Travel Grant

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Talks

- 2025 "Andalusi Scholar-Officials in the Late Medieval Mediterranean World," Tauber Institute-Jewish Studies Colloquium, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA, April 22  
 2025 "The Politics of Pandemic: Rethinking the Black Death in Nasrid Granada," Columbia University Seminar in Medieval Studies, New York City, April 10  
 2025 "Borderland Anxieties: Genealogy, Religion, and Sovereignty in Late Medieval Granada," SUNY-Binghamton, March 26  
 2024 "Entangled Histories: Jewish and Muslim Communities in Late Medieval Iberia," University of California-Davis, Jewish Studies and Middle East/South Asia Studies, December 3  
 2024 "The Politics of Anti-Judaism: Religious Co-production and Sectarian Polemics in the Fatimid Caliphate," Premodern Islamicate World Lecture Series, New York University, New York City, April 25  
 2023 "Arab Genealogy and Islamic Kingship in Nasrid Granada," Pre/Early Modern Forum, Yale University, November 30  
 2023 "'The Jews of this Nation': The Co-production of Sectarian Identity in the Fatimid Caliphate, ca. 1120." Keynote lecture at Moments of Religious Coproduction in Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Spiez (Switzerland), June 27  
 2022 "Genealogical Politics and the Racialization of Religion in Nasrid Granada," Center for Middle Eastern Studies-Farouk Mustafa Memorial Friday Lecture Series, University of Chicago, November 4  
 2022 "The Making of An Islamic City-State: Genealogy, Religion and Sovereignty in

- Nasrid Granada,” Harvard University, March 7
- 2021 “The Last of the Himyarites”: Genealogy, Sovereignty and Cultural Memory in the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada,” Center for Medieval and Early Modern Studies Workshop, Stanford University, May 26
- 2021 “Social Mobility, Religion and Politics in Late Medieval Spain,” Salisbury University, Salisbury, April 30
- 2020 “The Sword and the Pen in Late Medieval Granada,” Rhode Island Medieval Circle Lecture, Brown University, Providence, February 13
- 2020 “The View from the Other Edge: Lisan al-Din ibn al-Khatib (d. 1374) and the Foundations of Early Modernity in the Islamic World,” Dartmouth College, Hanover, January 13
- 2019 “*Urubiyya*, Community and Sovereignty in the Medieval Islamic West,” Georgetown University, Washington D.C., November 25
- 2019 “Genealogy and Lineage in Nasrid Granada,” Race, Identity and Alterity, in Late Medieval and Early Modern Iberia (and Beyond), Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, New York University, New York, November 22
- 2019 “Beyond 1492: Conversion, Expulsion, and the Jewish and Muslim Communities of Late Medieval Spain,” Jewish Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, July 23
- 2018 “Lord of the Sword and Pen: Professional Rivalry and Urban Politics in Nasrid Granada,” Middle Eastern Studies, Dartmouth College, Hanover, October 4
- 2018 “The Scribe of the Alhambra,” New York University, New York City, February 8
- 2015 “Lisan al-Din ibn al-Khatib and the Nasrid Dynasty: An Exploration of the Relationship between Dynastic Ideology and Historical Writing in Late 14<sup>th</sup>-Century Nasrid Granada,” Power and Institutions in Medieval Islam and Christendom, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid, November 10

## Conferences

- 2024 Roundtable about the Wallace K. Ferguson Book Prize Winner (Abigail Krasner Balbale, *The Wolf King: Ibn Mardaniyyah and the Construction of Power in al-Andalus*), Canadian Historical Association Conference, McGill University, Montreal, June 17
- 2024 “The Politics of Pandemic: Rethinking the Black Death in Nasrid Granada,” Medieval Academy of America, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, March 15
- 2023 “Andalusi Peregrinations and Scholarly Circulations: Migration, Mobility, and the Community of Letters in the Late Medieval Mediterranean World,” The Western Mediterranean and the Global Middle Ages, UCLA CMRS Center for Early Global Studies, Los Angeles, October 20
- 2022 “Rebels and Renegades: Lisān al-Dīn ibn al-Khaṭīb (d. 1374) and the Christians of Medieval Granada,” Ethno-Religious Interaction in Premodern Iberia: Mechanisms and Trajectories, UCLA CMRS Center for Early Global Studies, Los Angeles, October 14
- 2021 “Genealogy, Ethno-Cultural Identity and Regionalism in Late Medieval Granada, ca. 1250–1500,” International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo [Online Conference], May 12
- 2020 “Medieval Iberia and Rethinking the Global History of Slavery: The Case of Abū Nu‘aym Riḍwān (d. 1359),” El Taller Summer Institute, New York University, [Online Conference], July 21
- 2019 “The Last of the Himyarites’: Pre-Islamic Genealogy and Royal Legitimacy in the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, New

- Orleans, November 16
- 2019 “An Ansari Caliphate? Court Secretaries and the Articulation of Dynastic Ideology in the Nasrid Kingdom of Granada (1238–1492),” American Oriental Society, Chicago, March 15
- 2019 “Genealogy and Lineage in Fourteenth-Century Nasrid Granada,” *De sangre y leche. Raza y religión en el mundo ibérico (final de la Edad Media - inicios de la Moderna)/Of Blood and Milk: Race and Religion in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Iberian Worlds*, Madrid, February 8
- 2018 “The Sword and the Pen in Late Medieval Granada, 1250-1400,” *Urban History*, ca. 1200-1500: Comparative Perspectives, University of Chicago, Chicago, May 16
- 2018 “Philosophy in Late Medieval Nasrid Granada: Lisan al-Dīn ibn al-Khatīb and his Intellectual Network,” Medieval Academy of America, Atlanta, March 2
- 2017 “Sectarianism and Violence in Zirid Ifriqiyyah: A Reinterpretation of the Massacres of 407/1016,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C., November 23
- 2017 “Competing Ismaʿīlī Shīʿī Notions of Succession in the 6th/12th Century,” The University of Chicago Shīʿī Studies Symposium, Chicago, May 13
- 2016 “A Reconsideration of the Relationship between Sayf al-Dawla Ahmad ibn Hud (d. 1146) and Alfonso VII (d. 1157),” *Historians of Medieval Iberia: Enemies and Friends*, Stockholm, March 16
- 2015 “The 1501 Hispano-Muslim Qasida to Sultan Bayezid II: A Reconsideration,” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Denver, November 23
- 2014 “Zafadola Amicus Mei”: Vassalage, Friendship and the Construction of Imperial Sovereignty in the *Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris* (ca. 1148),” Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington D.C., November 23
- 2014 “Imperator Totius Hispaniae: The Logic of Imperial Sovereignty in the *Chronica Adefonsi Imperatoris* (ca. 1148),” 49<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Medieval Studies, University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8
- 2014 “They Shall Come to You from the West with God’s Religion”: Ibāḍī Doctrine and Berber Identity in Ibn Sallām’s ‘Book of the Origins of Islam and the Foundations of the Faith’ (ca. 885),” Spain-North Africa Project Conference: Power Relations and Religious Communities in the Western Mediterranean, Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, May 2
- 2013 “Righteous Rebellion and Unjust Governance during the Reign of ‘Uthmān ibn ‘Affān (d. 656): A Reassessment of the Risālah of ‘Abd Allāh ibn Ibāḍ,” 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, May 3
- 2012 “Re-Imagining “al-Ghālib bi-llāh”: Lisān al-Dīn ibn al-Khaṭīb and the Construction of Naṣrid Dynastic Legitimacy in Fourteenth-Century Granada,” 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, May 5
- 2010 “Andalusī Crete: An Islamic Frontier State in the Ninth and Tenth Century Mediterranean,” 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, May 14

### Workshops and Colloquia

- 2024 “Plague, Politics and Polemic: The Black Death in Nasrid Granada, ca. 1348-1351,” *Mediterranean Ecologies (Mediterranean Seminar Workshop)*, St. Louis University, St. Louis, April 27
- 2022 “Borderland Anxieties: Lisān al-Dīn ibn al-Khaṭīb (d. 1374) and the Politics of



- 2022 Genealogy in Nasrid Granada,” Adab Colloquium, Columbia University, April 29  
 “Lord of the Pen and Sword: Genealogy and Sovereignty in the Medieval Islamic West,” Mellon Colloquium at the Medieval Institute, University of Notre Dame, March 25
- 2021 “Genealogy, Religion and Ethnocultural Identity in Nasrid Granada,” Colloquium on Race in the Premodern World, University of California-Santa Barbara, [Online Colloquium], March 21
- 2020 “Islam and Moments of Global Connections,” Institute for Globalization Studies, Stony Brook University, November 19
- 2019 “Captivity and Social Mobility in Nasrid Granada: The Case of Abu Nu‘aym Ridwan (d. 1359),” Captivity and Ransom (Mediterranean Seminar Workshop), Brown University, Providence, May 4
- 2019 “Genealogy, Ethno-Cultural Identity and Regionalism in Late Medieval Granada, ca. 1250–1500,” Turning Points (Mediterranean Seminar Workshop), Princeton University, Princeton, March 2
- 2017 “What is ‘convivencia,’ and what are its limits?,” Ethnicity, Faith and Communal Relations (Mediterranean Seminar Workshop), University of Colorado, Boulder, November 4
- 2016 “Sayf al-Dawla ibn Hud (d. 1146): An Andalusī Muslim Prince in the Service of King Alfonso VII of Castile-León,” Medieval Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, November 4
- 2015 “Andalusī Crete, 827–961: A Reconsideration of the Medieval Arabic Literary Sources,” Workshop on Late Antiquity and Byzantium, University of Chicago, Chicago, April 28
- 2014 “‘Nec amici nec hostes’: Mavia’s Revolt (ca. 378), Saracen foederati, and the Roman-Byzantine East in the Fourth Century A.D.,” Late Antiquity and Byzantium Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, March 11
- 2014 “The Politics of Islamic Ecumenism in the Afsharid Empire: A Re-examination of ‘Abd Allāh ibn al-Ḥusayn al-Suwaydī’s (d. 1761) Account of the Council of Najaf (1743),” Early Modern Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, February 3
- 2014 “Ibādism in Early Islamic North Africa: A Preliminary Examination of Ibn Sallām’s ‘Book of the Origins of Islam and the Foundations of the Faith’ (ca. 885),” Islamic Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, January 23
- 2011 “Between Castilian Reconquista and Ottoman Jihad: A Reconsideration of the 1501 Hispano-Muslim Qasida to Sultan Bayezid II,” Western Mediterranean Culture and Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, March 2

## DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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- 2024-2025 Search Committee Member for “Eastern Europe/Eurasia”, History Department, SUNY-Stony Brook
- 2024 Co-organizer of Malgeri Lecture in Italian Culture featuring Céline Dauverd, “Paolino Bianchi and Diego Díaz: Narratives of Christian Slaves in 17th-Century Tunis and Algiers,” Department of History and Center for Italian Studies, February 27
- 2022-present Steering Committee, Initiative for the Historical Social Sciences (IHSS) workshop.
- 2022-2024 Executive Committee, History Department, SUNY-Stony Brook
- 2022 Co-organizer of Sir Run Run Shaw Lecture: Michael A. Gomez, “Transfigured Sexualities and Reconfigured Productivities: Disquiet and Innovation in Imperial



- Songhay,” Institute for Globalization Studies. November 9.
- 2021 Co-organizer of “Globalization across Time and Space” lecture series featuring Valerie Hansen (Yale University), Mana Kia (Columbia University), and Miguel Martínez (University of Chicago). Institute for Globalization Studies. September 10-November 5.
- 2021 Stony Brook University Representative for “Design Workshop for the New Academy” (ACLS and Henry Luce Foundation), April 16-June 4.
- 2021 Co-organizer for Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities (URECA) History Conference at Stony Brook University
- 2019–2021 Undergraduate Committee, History Department, SUNY-Stony Brook.
- 2016–2017 Arabic Circle at the University of Chicago. Director
- 2011 Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) conference at the University of Chicago, May 12-15  
(<https://voices.uchicago.edu/mehat/files//2011/06/mehat2011program.pdf>). Co-organizer.
- 2010–2011 Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT) workshop at the University of Chicago. Co-organizer.

## SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2024-present Editorial Board for the *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*
- 2024 Inter-University Doctoral Consortium Medieval Studies Conference, Stony Brook University, April 19. Co-Organizer.
- 2024-present Reviewer for *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies*
- 2023-present Editorial Board for Brepols Series “Coproduced Religions: Studies in the Entangled Histories of Islam, Christianity, and Judaism”
- 2022-present Reviewer for *Journal of Medieval Iberian Studies*
- 2022-present Reviewer for *al-Qantara: Revista de Estudios árabes*
- 2021-2025 Editorial Board for *Speculum: A Journal of Medieval Studies*
- 2020-present Reviewer for Brill (“Handbook of Oriental Studies” and “Studies in Islamic Law and Society” series)
- 2019-present Reviewer for History Compass
- 2017 “Lineage, Loyalty and Legitimacy in the Medieval Iberia and North Africa, 600–1600” conference at St. Louis University during the 5th Annual Symposium of Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
(<http://smrs.slu.edu/docs/SMRS2017Program.pdf>), June 19–21. Co-organizer.
- 2016-2018 Middle East Medievalists. Graduate Student Representative

## TEACHING

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### Stony Brook University

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| January 2025-May 2025     | HIS 307. Silk Roads and Spice Routes: Travel, Exploration and Discovery in the Premodern World (300-level lecture) |
| January 2025-May 2025     | HIS 301. The Medieval Mediterranean (300-level seminar)  |
| January 2024-May 2024     | HIS 501. Medieval and Early Modern Europe (graduate seminar)   |
| January 2024-May 2024     | HIS 236. Later Medieval Europe (200-level survey)  |
| August 2023-December 2023 | HIS 301. Religion, Society and Politics in the Premodern Islamic World (300-level seminar)                         |

August 2023–December 2023	HIS 235. Heirs of Rome: The Early Medieval World, 300–1000 (200-level survey)
January 2023–May 2023	HIS 236. Later Medieval Europe (200-level survey)
January 2023–May 2023	HIS 307. Silk Roads and Spice Routes: Travel, Exploration and Discovery in the Premodern World (300-level seminar)
August 2022–December 2022	HIS 235. Heirs of Rome: The Early Medieval World, 300–1000 (200-level survey)
August 2022–December 2022	HIS 524. Graduate Core Seminar: History, Theory and Practice (graduate seminar)
February 2021–May 2021	HIS 401. Travel, Exploration and Discovery in the Premodern World” (400-level seminar)
February 2021–May 2021	HIS 236. Later Medieval Europe (200-level survey)
August 2020–December 2020	HIS 516. Empire, Kingship and Sovereignty in World History (graduate seminar)
August 2020–December 2020	HIS 235. Heirs of Rome: The Early Medieval World, 300–1000 (200-level survey)
January–May 2020	HIS 390. Travel and Travelers in the Medieval World (300-level seminar)
January–May 2020	HIS 401. The Medieval Middle East (400-level seminar)
August–December 2019	HIS 236. Later Medieval Europe” (200-level survey)
August–December 2019	HIS 501. Medieval and Early Modern Europe (graduate seminar)

### **Directed Reading Courses at Stony Brook University**

January 2023–May 2023	Intellectual Networks, Sectarianism and Transnational History in the Modern Islamic World (PhD Directed Readings course)
August 2022–December 2022	Sectarianism, Identity and Politics in Islamic History and Society” (PhD Directed Readings course)
August 2022–December 2022	Religion and Empire in Late Antiquity (BA Directed Reading course)

### **University of Chicago**

September–December 2016	Teaching Assistant for “Kingship in 12 <sup>th</sup> -century Europe”
March–June 2015	Teaching Assistant for “Holy Roman Empire”
September–December 2014	Teaching Assistant for “Islamic History and Society”
September–December 2013	Teaching Assistant for “Islamic History and Society”

## **ADVISING**

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### **Stony Brook University**

Fall 2024–present	Jordan Yang, (MA, History) “Medieval Intellectual History” [Advisor]
Spring 2024–Spring 2025	Sean Brass (MA, History), “Two Shores, One Current: Names, Identity, and Diaspora between Ancient Greece and Egypt” [Advisor]

Fall 2023-present	Francisco Rodríguez (PhD, History), “Contested Homelands: Oligarchs, Militants, and the Politics of Palestinian Diasporic Nationalism in Chile (1930-1973)” [Committee member]
Fall 2022-present	Nathan Greenhaw (PhD, History), “Imperial Anxieties: Norman-Byzantine Relations and Universal Dominion in the Medieval Mediterranean, 1000-1190” [Faculty mentor and committee member]
Fall 2022-Fall 2023	Roy Harel (BA, History), “Constellations of Identities: Synagogue Mosaics and their Implications in Late Antiquity” [Advisor]
Fall 2021-Spring 2024	Omar Badessi (PhD, Hispanic Languages and Literature), “Unveiling the Benevolent Facade: Spanish Colonialism and Medical Discourse in Morocco” (defended Aug. 2024) [Committee member]
Fall 2020-present	Huzaifa Dokaji (PhD, History), “The Making of a Muslim Minority: Dissent, Gender, and Transnationalism in Nigeria’s Emerging Shi’a Community, 1979-2015” [Committee member]

### **External Committee Member**

Fall 2024-Spring 2025	David Olsen (PhD, History, St. Louis University), “From Mosque to Market: The Almohad Commercial Revolution” (defended in April 2025) [Committee member]
Fall 2021-Spring 2025	Catherine Perl (PhD, History, University of Notre Dame), “Patronage, Historiography, and the Politics of Religion in Muslim and Christian Iberia, c. 1030-1150” (defended April 2025) [Committee member]
Fall 2020-present	Dillon Webster (PhD, History, Brown University), “Mediterranean Powerhouses: Fonādiq and The Political Kinetics of Migration in the Medieval Western Mediterranean, c. 1200-1380” [Committee member]

### **LANGUAGES**

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English (native)  
 Classical Arabic  
 Colloquial Arabic (Levantine)  
 Spanish  
 Latin (reading)  
 French (reading)  
 Catalan (reading)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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American Historical Association  
 Medieval Academy of America  
 Middle East Studies Association  
 American Oriental Society  
 American Academy of Research Historians of Medieval Spain  
 Spain-North Africa Project

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