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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Middlebury College, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 2019–Present  
University of Arizona, Department of Economics, Assistant Professor, 2014–2019

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Economics, Yale University, 2014

Dissertation Title: *Barrators, Berats, and Bandits: Economic Implications of Legal Rules in the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East, 1600–1921*

Committee: Timothy Guinnane, Naomi Lamoreaux, Larry Samuelson

B.A. Economics, Boğaziçi University, 2008

B.S. Mathematics, Boğaziçi University, 2008

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

“The Impact of Business Cycle Conditions on Firm Dynamics and Composition” [Forthcoming at the *Journal of Economic History*, June 2023]

“Set and Forget? The Evolution of Business Law in the Ottoman Empire and Turkey.” *Business History Review* 2021, 95.4: 703–738 (with Seven Ağır)

“Partnership as Experimentation.” *Journal of Law, Economics, & Organization* 2019, 35.3: 455–458 [Lead article] (with Timothy W. Guinnane)

“The Wealth Tax of 1942 and the Disappearance of Non-Muslim Enterprises in Turkey.” *Journal of Economic History* 2019, 79.1: 201–243 (with Seven Ağır)

“Religious Minorities and Firm Ownership in Early Twentieth-Century Egypt.” *Economic History Review* 2019, 72.3: 979–1007.

“The Price of Legal Institutions: The Beratlı Merchants in the Eighteenth-Century Ottoman Empire.” *Journal of Economic History* 2015, 75(3): 720–748.

## WORKING PAPERS

“Legal Origins of Corporate Governance: Choice of Law in Egypt, 1887–1914.” September 2022 [Revise and Resubmit, *Economic History Review*] [Under review]

“The Demand for Extraterritoriality: Religious Minorities in Nineteenth-Century Egypt,” CEPR DP16431, August 2022 [Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Economic History*] [Under review] (with Mohamed Saleh)

“The Power of Connections: Colonialism, Nationalism, and Corporate Performance in Egypt, 1890–1950,” August 2022 [Under Review] (with Mohamed Saleh)

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Review of *Business, Ethics and Institutions: The Evolution of Turkish Capitalism in Global Perspectives*, ed. by Geoffrey Jones and Asli M. Colpan. *Business History Review* 2021, 95.1: 162–164.

Review of *Going the Distance: Eurasian Trade and the Rise of the Business Corporation, 1400–1700* (Princeton University Press, 2020), by Ron Harris. *EH.Net*, 2020. URL: [https://eh.net/book\\_reviews/going-the-distance-eurasian-trade-and-the-rise-of-the-business-corporation-1400-1700/](https://eh.net/book_reviews/going-the-distance-eurasian-trade-and-the-rise-of-the-business-corporation-1400-1700/)

Review of *State and Entrepreneurs in Egypt, Economic Development since 1805* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), by Omaima M. Hatem and Naiem A. Sherbiny. *Journal of Economic History* 2019, 79.1: 282–283.

Review of *Reforming Ottoman Governance* (Georgias Press, 2014), by Fuat Andic and Suphan Andic. *Journal of Economic History* 2015, 75.2: 619–620.

“Barrators, Berats, and Bandits: Economic Implications of Legal Rules in the Ottoman Empire and the Middle East, 1600–1921” (dissertation summary). *Journal of Economic History* 2015, 75.2: 551–554.

Review of *Technology, Skills and the Pre-Modern Economy in the East and the West*, Vol. 10 (Brill, 2013), by Maarten Prak and Jan Luiten Van Zanden. *Journal of Economic History* 2015, 75.1: 268–270.

Review of *Artisan Entrepreneurs in Cairo and Early Modern Capitalism (1600–1800)* (Syracuse University Press, 2011), by Nelly Hanna. *Journal of Economic History* 2013, 73.1: 306–308.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

“Legal Forms of Firm Organization, Corporate Governance, and Business Expansion in the Middle East between 1887 and 1950.” National Science Foundation, SES 1559273, \$290,716, March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2019 (Role: PI).

“Transplantation of Law and Legal Choice in the Ottoman Empire, 1800–1912” Arthur H. Cole Grant in Aid, Economic History Association, \$5,000. March 2016.

Eller College Small Research Grant, \$2,000. November 2015

## HONORS & AWARDS

Middlebury International Travel and Research Fund: 2022 (Awarded but could not use due to Covid-19)

Middlebury Faculty Research Assistant Fund (FRAF): 2022

Institute for Advanced Study in Toulouse, Visiting Fellowship: Spring 2021 (Awarded but could not use due to Covid-19)

Finalist for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, awarded for the best dissertation in the economic history of an area outside of the United States or Canada, 2014.

Economic History Association Dissertation Fellowship, 2013

Yale University MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies Dissertation Fellowship, 2012

Yale University Graduate Student Fellowship, 2008–2014

Yale University Cowles Foundation Fellowship, 2008–2012

## INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022 UC Santa Barbara Macroeconomics Seminar (in-person), Caltech Early Modern Group Meeting (remote), World Economic History Congress (remote; two presentations), International Macro History Online Seminar (remote)

- 2021 Yale University Economic History Workshop (remote), Yale University Conference on Firms, Organizations, and Institutions in Economic History (remote), Columbia University Economic History Seminar (remote), University of Oxford All Souls Economic History Seminar (remote), Yale University Conference on the History of Corporation (remote), AALIMS-MIT Conference on the Political Economy of the Muslim World (remote), Caltech Early Modern Group Meeting (remote)
- 2019 Middlebury College, Australian National University, Bard College, Colorado State University
- 2018 World Economic History Congress 2018 (session organizer and presenter), EHA Annual Meeting 2018
- 2017 UC Davis, Caltech Social Science History Seminar, University of Oxford, Middlebury College, AALIMS Conference 2017, Caltech Early Modern Group Meeting
- 2016 AALIMS Conference 2016, The History of Business Organization and Law: Turkey in Comparative Perspective (co-organizer and presentation), Economic History Association Meeting (discussant)
- 2015 UC Irvine, Doing Business with Strangers: Finance and Enterprise in the Preindustrial World (Yale University Economic History Conference), World Economic History Congress (three presentations)
- 2014 Sciences Po, University of Leicester, Boğaziçi University, Sabancı University, Koç University, Bilkent University, Middle Eastern Technical University, University of Arizona, AALIMS Conference 2014, EBHA Annual Congress 2014, EHA Annual Meeting 2014 (Dissertation Session), Asian Economic History Conference, The History of Law and Business Organization Conference (Harvard Business School)
- 2013 University of Michigan, Fourth Berg International Conference: In-Between: Trade and Legal Pluralism in the Era of the Geniza, ASREC Conference (discussant and presenter), AALIMS Conference 2013, Caltech Early Modern Group
- 2012 Middle Eastern Technical University, Yale University Conference on New Perspectives in Ottoman Economic History, EHA Annual Meeting (poster)

## SERVICE

### *To the College*

- Community Council, 2022–Present
- Discovering Economics Fellowship, Faculty Mentor, 2022
- Convener and Organizer of Global Economics, Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, 2020–Present
- Economics Department Faculty Seminar Organizer, 2019–Present

### *To the Profession*

- Guest lecture at Boğaziçi University, 2021
- Organizing Member, Session at the World Economic History Congress, 2018
- Co-organizer, “The History of Business Organization and Law: Turkey in Comparative Perspective” Conference, 2016
- Organizing Member, Session at the World Economic History Congress, 2015
- Guest lecture at Humanities Seminars “Culture, Power, and History in Modern Turkey,” 2015

**Referee Service:** Canada Research Chairs Program (CRCP), Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, Economics of Transition and Institutional Change, Journal of Economic History, Journal of Comparative Economics, World Politics, Economic History Review, Public Choice, Explorations in Economic History,

Journal of Development Economics, Journal of the European Economic Association, Games and Economic Behavior, National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

## ADVISING

*Ph.D. Students, as Committee Member (Initial Placement in Parentheses)*

Laura D. Taylor (2022, post-doc at Caltech)

Keith A. Meyers (2018, post-doc at NBER, then University of Southern Denmark)

Cong Liu (2016, School of Economics at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics)

## TEACHING

*Middlebury College*

Economics 0453: Historical Development of the World Economy  
(Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)

Economics 0150: Introduction to Macroeconomics  
(Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)

Economics 0329: Theory and Measurement in Economic History (College Writing Course)  
(Fall 2021)

*University of Arizona*

Economics 696: World Economic History (Ph.D. Course)  
(Spring 2015, Spring 2017)

Economics 308: World Economic History  
(Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018)

Economics 309: European Economic History  
(Spring 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

Economics 407: Economics of Strategy  
(Fall 2014)

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fellow of the Rohatyn Center for Global Affairs, 2020–Present

Member, American Economic Association, 2014–Present

Member, Economic History Association, 2012–Present

Member, Cliometric Society, 2016–Present

Member, AALIMS, 2013–Present

Arizona Center for Turkish Studies Faculty Affiliate, 2014–19

Center for Middle Eastern Studies Non-Affiliate Faculty Expert, 2014–19

## LANGUAGES

Turkish (native), English (fluent), French (intermediate), Ottoman (intermediate)