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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Chicago, Chicago, December 1988.
- M.A. University of Washington, Seattle, Fall 1981.
- A.B. Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, June 1979.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Historical and Political Sociology. Study of Empire/Imperial Organization
Politics and Religion; Religious and Ethnic Toleration; The Politics of Sacred Sites.
Nationhood and Forms of Nationalism; State Control and Dissent Against Imperial
States; the Ottoman Empire in Comparative Perspective.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 2007 - Professor, Columbia University
- 1998-2006 Associate Professor with Tenure, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
- 1993-1998 Associate Professor without Tenure, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.
- 2000-2004 Co-Director, Center for Historical Social Science, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 1989-1993 Assistant Professor, Columbia University, New York, N.Y.,
- 1988-1989 Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.,

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Edited Volumes, and Book Awards

Empire of Difference: The Ottomans in Comparative Perspective (Cambridge UP, 2008).

[Barrington Moore Award: best book in the area of comparative/historical sociology 2009
American Sociological Association.](#)

[J. David Greenstone Award for the best book in politics and history 2009, American Political
Science Association.](#)

Alternative Routes to State Formation: A Relational Approach to Politics, Culture and Society in
Japan, China and Turkey, with Eiko Ikegami and R. Bin Wong. In process.

Bandits and Bureaucrats: The Ottoman Route to State Centralization, 1994, Cornell University Press. Translated into Turkish, 1999.

Allan Sharlin Memorial Award for outstanding book of the year in Social Science History, 1995 Social Science History Association.

After Empire: Multiethnic Societies and Nation-Building: The Soviet Union, and the Russian, Habsburg and Ottoman Empires, ed. with Mark von Hagen 1997, Westview Press.

New Project

Choreography of Sacred Spaces: State, Religion and Conflict Resolution. (with Elazar Barkan)

This project will start with an international conference on this issue, discussing sites in the Balkans, Anatolia and Palestine/Israel, all three regions once under Ottoman rule. It will, bring the accommodation and contention around specific sites to the modern period, tracing comparatively areas and regime changes.

Research Articles

“Rethinking Ottoman Management of Diversity: What Can We Learn for Modern Turkey?” in Democracy, Islam and Secularism in Turkey, eds. Ahmet Kuru and Alfred Stepan, Columbia University Press, 2010.

“Comparisons Across Empires: The Critical Social Structures of the Ottomans, Russians and Habsburgs,” (with Rudi Batzell) in Empires in Contention: Sociology, History and Cultural Difference, eds. P.F. Bang and C.A. Bayly. Palgrave Press, 2010.

2009 “In the Lands of the Ottomans: Religion and Politics,” in Religion and the Political Imagination, eds. Ira Katznelson and Gareth Stedman Jones, Cambridge University Press, 2010.

“Analytic Historical Sociology,” pp. 712-734 in The Oxford Handbook of Analytic Sociology, eds. Peter Bearman and Peter Hedstrom, Oxford University Press, 2009.

“Trajectoires imperiales: L’histoire connectée ou études comparées?” Revue d’histoire moderne et contemporaine, Vol. 54-4bis; 2007.

“Islam and Toleration: Studying the Ottoman Imperial Model,” International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society, Vol. 19, No. 1-2 (2007).

“Changing Modalities of Empire: A Comparative Study of the Ottoman and Habsburg Decline,” in Empire to Nation eds, Joseph W. Esherick and Hasan Kayali (London, Rowan and Littlefield, 2006).

“Hegemonic Rise and Decline in Comparative Perspective: Lessons from the Early 20th Century,” in Hegemonic Declines: Past and Present eds., Jonathan Friedman and Christopher Chase-Dunn Paradigm Press, Boulder Colorado. September 2004.

Networks of Contention: Villages and Regional Structure in the Seventeenth Century Ottoman Empire. Reprinted in Critical Concepts: Social Networks, Routledge Press, 2002.

“Negotiated Paths to Nationhood: A Comparison of Hungary and Romania in the Early Twentieth Century,” East European Politics and Societies, Vol. 14, No. 3; Fall 2000.

“Networks of Contention: Villages and Regional Structure in the Seventeenth Century Ottoman Empire,” with R. van Rossem, American Journal of Sociology, 102: 5 (March 1997).

“In Different Times: Scheduling and Social Control in the Ottoman Empire, 1550-1650,” Comparative Studies in Society and History, 38: 3 (1996).

“Rebellious Alliances: The State and Peasant Unrest in Early 17th Century France and the Ottoman Empire,” American Sociological Review, 56 December (1991).

“Comparative Perspectives on the State,” with S. Parikh, The Annual Review of Sociology 17, (1991).

“The Use of Court Records in the Reconstruction of Village Networks: A Comparative Perspective,” International Journal of Comparative Sociology, XXXII, 1-2 (1991).

“States in Search of Legitimacy,” with Daniel Chirot, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Vol. XXIV, 1-2 (1983).

“Durkheim Scholarship and Suicidology,” with K. D. Breault, The Sociological Quarterly, Vol. 24 (Autumn 1983).

“A Comparative Analysis of Durkheim's Theory of Egoistic Suicide,” with K. D. Breault, The Sociological Quarterly, Vol. 23 (Summer 1982).

Minor Publications

Reviews of

Resat Kasaba, A Moveable Empire: Ottoman Nomads, Migrants and Refugees, New Perspectives on Turkey, 2010

Cihan Tuğal, Passive Revolution: Absorbing The Islamic Challenge to Capitalism. Contemporary Sociology 2010.

Caroline Finkel, Osman's Dream: The History of the Ottoman Empire

Dimitris J. Kastritsis, The Sons of Beyazid: Empire Building and Representation in the Ottoman Civil War of 1402-1413

Review Article of James Mahoney and Dietrich Rueshemeyer, Comparative Historical Analysis in the Social Sciences. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003. in Historical Methods: A Journal of Quantitative and Interdisciplinary History, Vol 39. 4 (Fall 2006).

After Empire In Search of Imperial Legacy: Historians' Recollections and Historiographic Milestones pp. 34-37 Ab Imperio 4 2005.

Review of Ehud R. Toledano, Slavery and Abolition in the Ottoman Middle East in International Labor and Working Class History. Vol. 56, 1999.

Author, Los Angeles Times, Editorial Page Article, June 1999.

Review article of Halil Inalcik, *The Middle East and the Balkans under the Ottoman Empire: Essays on Economy and Society in Mediterranean Historical Review*, Vol. 9 (June 1994).

“Haim Gerber's *The Social Origins of the Modern Middle East: a Critical Review*,” *International Review of Social History*, Vol XXXIV, 2 (1989).

Articles in Progress

The Empire as Organizational Form: Applying Political models to Business Organizations (with Frederic Godart).

2006 “States, Regimes and Decisions: Why Jews were Expelled from Medieval England and France,” (with Ira Katznelson) *Theory and Society*, under review.

2006 “Empire and Toleration.” Manuscript under preparation.

2006 “Networks of Social Control: Cohesion and Fragmentation in Historical Context,” (with Yonca Koksal). Manuscript under preparation.

2006 “Taming Imperial Frontiers: Ottoman and Russian Frontier Policies,” Manuscript under preparation.

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

- Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, 2008.
- SSRC/Mac Arthur Foundation Fellowship on Peace and Security 1997-1999
- National Humanities Center, Rockefeller Fellow 1997-98.
- United States Institute of Peace Grant, 1994.
- Howard Foundation Fellowship, 1993-94.
- Social Science Research Council, Research Development Grant, 1994.
- Member of Research Team on two grants from the Carnegie Corporation Grant and Pew Foundation, 1993-94.
- National Endowment for the Humanities, Summer Stipend, Summer 1993.
- Columbia University Council for Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Summer Grants, 1990 & 1991.
- American Research Institute in Turkey (ARIT) Fellowship, 1989-90.
- Dissertation Writing Grant, The Institute of Turkish Studies, 1987-88.
- Josephine De Kármán Fellowship, 1987-88.
- University Fellowship, University of Chicago, 1983-86.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, 1996 – PRESENT

Choreography of Sacred Spaces: State, Religion and Conflict Resolution.” Conference at Bogazici University, Istanbul, May 2010. Co-Sponsored Columbia University, Institute on religion, Culture and Public Life.

“Ottoman Religious Diversity: What Do We Know? What Should Be Our Next Questions?” Keynote Speaker at The University of Washington, Conference on Ottoman Studies. April 2010.

“New Perspectives on Legal Pluralism: The Case of Ottoman Diversity and the Kadi Court”
Newberry Library April 2010.

“Imperial Forms of Toleration: Comparative Thoughts” Presentations:
Suny Stony Brook, NY September 2009
Yale University, CN January 2010
Brown University, RI April 2010
Northwestern University, IL. April 2010

“Table Ronde: Cultures d’empires: Discussion” Cultures d’empires: Circulations, Echanges et
Affrontements culturels en situations coloniales et imperiales, Universite Paris IV, Paris 2009.

“State Management of Islam: Politics and Society in the Ottoman Empire,” Buffett Center for
International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, May 2009.

“Imperial Comparisons and Sociology, cui bono?” Tributary Empire-Comparative Histories.
COST. A 36. Accademia Di Danimarca, Rome. April 2009.

“Empire and Religious Diversity: The Ottoman Model in Contemporary Perspective,”
Democracy, Islam and Secularism: Turkey in Comparative Perspective, Columbia University.
March 2009.

“Sorting out Toleration and Persecution: Imperial Examples,”
Stanford University, Humanities Center January 2009,
Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies March 2009.

“Religion and Politics: The Legacy of Empire in Early Republican Turkey,”
The New School for Social Research: The New Sociological Imagination, October 2008;
Limmud Istanbul, Turkey November 2008.

“The Role of Islam in Politics: The Ottoman Example,” The Institute for Religion, Culture and
Public Life, Columbia University, November 2008.

“Mercenaries and Modern Private Military Companies in Comparative Perspective,” Violences et
mobilizations: Les fabriques coercitives du politique at the Colloque international IFEA-
FASOPO/REASOPO-Université de Galatasaray (5 and 6 November 2007).

“In the Lands of the Ottomans: Religion and Politics,” Co-existence, Religion and the Political
Imagination from 1500 to the Present Centre for History and Economics, King’s College,
Cambridge (16-17 July 2007),

“Trajectoires imperiales connectées, ou du bon usage de la comparaison.” Histoire “Globale”,
histoire “connectée”: un changement d’échelle historiographique? Societe d’Histoire Moderne et
Contemporaine, Paris June 9, 2007.

“Empire to Nation-State: How to Rethink Alternative Trajectories to Decline.” Centre des Etudes
et Recherchs Internationales, CERI, Sciences Politiques, Paris June 8, 2007.

“Islam: Continuities between an Ottoman Past and a Turkish Present.” Presentation at The New
School for Social Research, February 16, 2006.

“Religion and the Political Imagination” at the Centre for History and Economics at King’s College in Cambridge England, July 26-27, 2005.

“Ottoman Toleration: The Construction of Mechanisms of Inter-Religious, Inter-Ethnic Peace,” at *Religion, Identity, and Empire Conference*. April 16-17, 2005 Council on European Studies, Yale University.

“The Social Organization of Dissent in Empire: An Overview of Changing Forms of Dissent in the Ottoman Centuries,” at *Empire and Dissent: Reflections on History*, The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and Fonds d’Analyse des Societes Politiques (FASOPO), Paris, June 15-16, 2004.

“A Comparative Note on Imperial Toleration: Ottoman and Habsburg Variants,” at *International Congress in Honor of Professor Halil Inalcik: Methods and Sources in Ottoman History*,” Harvard University, April-May 2004.

“Empire and Toleration,” Paper Presented at Amherst College, LGST Workshop Series. April 2004.

“The Social Organization of Diversity in the Ottoman Empire: The Millet System,” Department of Sociology and History, Colloquium Series, Koc University, Istanbul, March 2004.

“Reflections on Empire in the Age of Globalization,” Two lectures at Koc University, Department of International Relations, March 2004.

“Changing Modalities of Empire: A Comparative Note on the Ottoman and Habsburg Decline,” *Empire to Nation* Workshop, University of California, San Diego, December 2003.

“Debates on Ottoman Toleration: Constructing a New Imperial Order,” Social Science History Association, November 2003.

“Ethnic and Religious Boundaries: The State and Toleration in Early Ottoman Identity Formation,” *Empire and Identity: An Interdisciplinary Inquiry*, March 2003.

“How to Conceptualize Imperial Decline,” Paper prepared for University of California, San Diego, *Empire to Nation* Workshop, December 2002.

“Taming Imperial Frontiers: Wily Empires and Unruly Borderland Peoples,” Centre des Etudes et Recherches Internationales, CERI, Paris, March 2002.

“The End of Empires and the Changes in Ethnic Relations” Centre Americain de Sciences Politiques, Paris, March 2002.

“Boundaries of Difference: Comparing Early Ottoman and European Models of Toleration” Folger Shakespeare Library, Washington D.C. March 2002.

“How to Think of Inter-ethnic Relations in the 18th Century Ottoman Lands?” *Workshop on the Ethnic Breakdown of the Ottoman Empire*,” Mediterranean Social and Political Research Meeting, European University Institute, March 2001.

“Alternative Routes to State Transformation: A Relational Approach to Politics, Culture and Society in the Ottoman Empire,” The Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington, November 8, The Watson Institute, Brown University, November 15, 2000.

“Accommodating Difference: The Politics of Cultural Pluralism in Europe,” June 28 - July 1, 2000, Italian Academy for Advanced Study in America, Columbia University.

“Turkey: A Struggle Between Nation and State,” Comments and Introduction, Columbia University, April 2000.

“Comparative State Formation, East and West: The Ottoman Case.” *The XVII Annual Irvine Conference on Social History and Theory: American Culture and World History*, University of California, Irvine, Department of History. March 2000.

“The Continuing Legacy of Multi-National Empires: The Ottoman and Habsburg Empires,” *Ethnic Conflict Workshop* University Of Washington, Seattle, May 1999.

“Paradigms of Decline, The Ottoman Empire and the West,” New York University, The Hagop Kevorkian Center, *Workshop on Shared Histories of Modernity: State Transformation in the Chinese and Ottoman Empires*, April 16 & 17, 1999.

“Reworking Elite Networks: Elite Relations and Ottoman Decline in the 18th Century Ottoman Balkans,” New School for Social Research, Workshop on State, Networks and Culture; March 5 & 6, 1999.

“The Origins of Ottoman Decline: New Elite Networks in the 18th Century,” Trinity College, Department of History, February 4, 1999.

“State Control and Social Transition: The Case of Ottoman Imperial Transformation in the 18th Century,” Yale University, Department of Sociology, December 1997.

Workshop on “State and Market Formation,” Santa Fe Institute, October 1997.

“Changing Conception of Nationhood in Interwar Eastern Europe.” New School for Social Research, March 1997.

Author Meets Critics Panel on Bandits and Bureaucrats, Social Science History Association (SSHA), October 1996.

“Imperial State Policy and the Political Capacities of Ethnic Minorities During and After the Tanzimat Period in the Ottoman Empire,” *Workshop on The Historian, Nationalism and the End of Empire*, Princeton University, Dept. of History and the Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, May 1996.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Member, Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology* 2008-
- Teaching Fellow, *Ariane de Rothschild Fellowship Program: Social Entrepreneurship and Cross Cultural Network* hosted by the Columbia Business School's Executive Education division and the Centre for History and Economics at the University of Cambridge, July 2009 and July 2010.
- Member, Member, Comité scientifique Cultures d'Empires CNRS and Paris X
- Member, Board of The Institute on Religion, Culture and Public Life 2007-
- Member, Board of Rose Editorial Series, 2004-
- Member, Board of the Society for Comparative Research, 1999-2006
- Member, Columbia University Committee on Instruction, 2002-2003
- Co-Director, Center for Historical Social Science, Columbia University, 2000-2003
- Consultant, Ford Foundation, 2001
- Fellow, Institute for Social and Economic Research, Columbia U. 1999-Present
- Member, Provost's Committee on Social Science General Education, 1995-97
- Member, President's Committee on Ethnic Studies, 1996-97
- Co-Chair, Workshop on Empires, Center for Social Sciences, 1993-97
- Member, Executive Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, 1995-97
- Member, Editorial Board - *Contemporary Sociology*, 1992-1994
- Member, Council, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, ASA 1995-99
- Member, Council, SSHA 1997-98
- Session Organizer, ASA; 1990, 1997 and 2006 for the Historical Sociology and Comparative Historical Sociology Sections
- Fellow, Center for Social Sciences, Columbia University, 1992-93
- Panelist, NEH, NSF, and NHC in Sociology and Middle East
- Member, American Sociological Association, Social Science History Association, North American Friends of the American Research Institute in Turkey

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

French and Turkish

Reading knowledge of Ottoman Turkish, Arabic, and Spanish.