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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Indiana University – Bloomington** **August 2015**
Double Ph.D. in Departments of History and Central Eurasian Studies
Dissertation: “The Legendary Biographies of Nāṣir-i Khusraw: Memory and Textualization in Early Modern Persian Ismā‘īlism”
Winner of Foundation for Iranian Studies Best PhD Dissertation Award for 2015
- M.A. Indiana University – Bloomington** **August 2010**
Double M.A. in Departments of History and Central Eurasian Studies
M.A. Thesis: “The Ismā‘īlis in the Great Game: Āghā Khān I, the British and the Ismā‘īlis of Central Asia in the Nineteenth Century”
- B.A. Indiana University – Bloomington** **August 2005**
Double B.A. in Departments of Political Science (with honors) and India Studies
Honors Thesis: “Patterns and Prospects of Democratization in Iran”
Graduated *magna cum laude*

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Nazarbayev University, Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan** **August 2015 – Present**
Assistant Professor, Department of History, Philosophy and Religious Studies
- George Mason University, Fairfax, VA** **Sept. 2014 – May 2015**
Visiting Scholar, Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The First Aga Khan: Memoirs of the 46th Ismaili Imam: A Persian Edition and English Translation of Muḥammad Ḥasan al-Ḥusaynī's 'Ibrat-afzā, ed. and trans. with Daryoush Mohammad Poor (London: I.B. Tauris and the Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2018)

Conversion and Community in Islamic Central Asia: Nasir-i Khusraw and the Formation of the Ismaili Tradition of Badakhshan (manuscript in preparation; currently seeking publisher)

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Ismailism in Badakhshan: A Genealogical History (co-authored with Jo-Ann Gross; letter of intent to publish issued by Brill)

Edited Volumes:

Genealogical History in the Persianate World (co-edited with Jo-Ann Gross; currently seeking publisher)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

"The Ismailis of Badakhshan: Conversion and Narrative in Highland Asia," in *The Routledge Handbook of Islam in Asia*, ed. Chiara Formichi (London: Routledge, 2021): 109-124 (9,000 words)

"After the Eclipse: Shaykh Khalilullāh Badakhshānī and the Legacy of the Kubravīyah in Central Asia," in *From the Khan's Oven: Essays on the History of Central Asian Religion in Honor of Devin DeWeese*, ed. Jeff Eden, Allen Frank and Eren Tasar (Leiden: Brill, 2021): 181-211 (12,000 words)

"The Ismaili Tradition in Iran: 13th Century to the Present," in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, ed. David Ludden (New York: Oxford University Press, 2021); available online at <http://asianhistory.oxfordre.com> (10,000 words)

"Aḥmad Yasavī and the Ismāʿīlis of Badakhshān: Towards a New Social History of Sufi-Shīʿī Relations in Central Asia," *Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient* 63 (2020): 643-681 (15,000 words)

"The *Kalām-i pīr* and Its Place in the Central Asian Ismāʿīlī Tradition," *Journal of Islamic Studies* 31 no. 1 (2020): 70-102 (14,000 words)

"Recent Scholarship on Early Modern Central Asia," *Journal of Persianate Studies* 13 (2020): 105-17 (6,000 words)

"Reimagining *Taqiyya*: The 'Narrative of the Four Pillars' and Strategies of Secrecy among the Ismāʿīlis of Central Asia," *History of Religions* 59 no. 2 (2019): 83-107 (12,000 words)

"Remembering Saladin: The Politics of Heresy and the Legacy of the Crusades in Persian Historiography," *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society* series 3, 28 no. 2 (2018): 231-253 (13,500 words)

"Religious Identity in the Pamirs: The Institutionalization of the Ismāʿīlī *Daʿwa* in Shughnān," in *Identity, History and Trans-Nationality in Central Asia: The Mountain Communities of Pamir*, ed. Carole Faucher and Dagikhudo Dagiev (London: Routledge, 2018): 123-42 (9,300 words)

"The Ismaili in Central Asia," in *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, ed. David Ludden (New York: Oxford University Press, 2018); published online at: <http://asianhistory.oxfordre.com> (10,000 words)

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“The Fatimid Legacy and the Foundation of the Modern Nizārī Imamate,” in *The Fatimid Caliphate: Diversity of Traditions*, ed. Farhad Daftary and Shainool Jiwa (London: I.B. Tauris, 2017): 192-216 (9,000 words)

“Islamisation on the Iranian Periphery: Nasir-i Khusraw and Ismailism in Badakhshan,” in *Islamisation: Comparative Perspectives from History*, ed. Andrew Peacock (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2017): 317-335 (9,500 words)

Forthcoming Publications:

“The *Ṣaḥīfat al-nāzirīn*: Reflections on Authorship and Confessional Identity in a Fifteenth-Century Central Asian Text,” in *Before the Printed Word: Texts, Scribes and Transmission*, ed. Wafī Momin (London: I.B. Tauris, forthcoming)

“Tajiks in the Land of the Turks: The Pamiris in the Khanate of Khoqand,” in *Tajiks: History, Religion, Culture and People*, ed. Dagikhudo Dagiev (London: Routledge, forthcoming)

“Āghā [Agha],” *Encyclopedia of Islam, Third Edition* (forthcoming)

Publications in Progress:

“The History of Badakhshan,” contribution solicited for *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, to be submitted in fall 2021.

“Conversion to Islam in Central Asia,” contribution solicited for *World History Connected*, to be submitted in fall 2021.

“The Politics of Autonomy in Mongol Central Asia: The ‘Alī-Shāhids of Badakhshān,” article to be submitted in fall 2021

Book Reviews:

Review of James Pickett, *Polymaths of Islam: Power and Networks of Knowledge in Central Asia* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020), *Central Asian Survey* (forthcoming)

Review of Richard Foltz, *History of the Tajiks: Iranians of the East* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2019), *Central Asian Survey* 39, no. 2 (2020): 281-83

Review of Devin DeWeese and Jo-Ann Gross (eds.), *Sufism in Central Asia: New Perspectives on Sufi Traditions, 15th-21st Centuries* (Leiden: Brill, 2018), *Journal of Islamic Studies* 31, no. 2 (2020): 270-74

Review of Andreas Wilde, *What is Beyond the River? Power, Authority, and Social Order in Transoxania, 18th-19th Centuries* (Vienna: Austrian Academy of Sciences Press, 2016), *Central Asian Survey* 37 no. 3 (2018): 496-99

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Review of Nile Green (ed.), *Afghan History through Afghan Eyes* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2016), *Central Asian Survey* 37 no. 2 (2018): 328-30

Review of Alice C. Hunsberger (ed.), *Pearls of Persia: The Philosophical Poetry of Nasir-i Khusraw* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2013), *Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies* 8 no. 3 (2015): 379-85

Review of Farhad Daftary, *A History of Shi'i Islam* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2013) and Farhad Daftary and Gurdofarid Miskinzoda (eds.) *The Study of Shi'i Islam: History, Theology and Law* (London: I.B. Tauris, 2014), *Journal of Oriental and African Studies* 23 (2014): 474-79

Review of Benjamin Clark Gatling, *Post-Soviet Sufism: Texts and the Performance of Tradition in Tajikistan* (Ohio State University, 2012), *Dissertation Reviews* (<http://dissertationreviews.org/archives/7516>), February 2014

Other Publications:

"After Nasir-i Khusraw: Ghiyath al-Din 'Ali Isfahani and the Continuation of the Ismaili Tradition in Central Asia." *The Ismaili USA*, 12 January 2021 (<https://the.ismaili/usa/after-nasir-i-khusraw-ghiyath-al-din-%CA%BFali-isfahani-and-the-continuation-the-ismaili-tradition>)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

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| 2017-20 | Collaborative Research Grant , National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), for project entitled "Ismailism in Badakhshan: A Genealogical History," with Jo-Ann Gross (College of New Jersey, Project Director) and Umed Mamadsheerzodshoev (Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan) |
| 2017 | Summer Research Fellowship , University of Wisconsin, Madison |
| 2016-17 | Social Policy Research Grant , Nazarbayev University |
| 2016 | Short-Term Research Fellowship , Institute of Ismaili Studies, London |
| 2016 | Overall Excellence in Teaching Award , Nazarbayev University |
| 2015 | Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation on a Topic of Iranian Studies , Foundation for Iranian Studies |
| 2015-16 | Ahmanson-Getty Postdoctoral Fellowship , UCLA Center for 17th- & 18th-Century Studies (declined) |
| 2014-15 | Dissertation Completion Fellowship , Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University |

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- 2014** **Conference Travel Award**, International Society for Iranian Studies
- 2013-14** **International Dissertation Research Fellowship**, Social Science Research Council (SSRC), for dissertation research in U.K. and Tajikistan
- 2012-13** **Advanced Research Fellowship**, American Councils Title VIII Research Scholar Program, for dissertation research in Tajikistan
- 2012-13** **Fulbright IIE Fellowship**, U.S. Department of State, for dissertation research in Tajikistan (declined)
- 2012-13** **Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship**, International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), for dissertation research in Tajikistan (declined)
- 2012** **Van Der Weele Fellowship**, Indiana University History Department, for dissertation research in Tajikistan
- 2011** **Devin DeWeese Award** for Best Graduate Essay on Islam in Central Asia, Indiana University Islamic Studies Program
- 2010** **Title VIII Fellowship** for Uzbek language study, Summer Workshop in Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages, Indiana University
- 2009-10** **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship** for Tajik/Persian language, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University
- 2007-08** **Iranian Studies Fellowship**, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University
- 2006-07** **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship** for Persian language, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University
- 2005-06** **Recruitment Fellowship**, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University

COURSES TAUGHT

Nazarbayev University:

HST 100: History of Kazakhstan

HST/REL 110: Introduction to World Religions

HST/REL 237: History of Sufism in the Middle East and Central Asia

HST/REL 261: History of Islam I

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HST/REL 263: History of Islam II: Islam in the Modern World

HST/REL 320: History of the Crusades

HST/REL 350: Religion and Power in Islamic Central Asia

EAS 501: General Methodology (for M.A. in Eurasian Studies)

HST/REL 572: Graduate Seminar on Sufism

Indiana University:

R299: Introduction to Turko-Iranian Civilization

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“Nāṣir-i Khusraw and the Political Vectors of the Late Fatimid *Da‘wa*.” Paper presentation for conference on “Fatimid Cosmopolitanism: History, Material Culture, Politics, and Religion,” Institute of Ismaili Studies, London (online), December 6-9, 2021

“Genealogy (*nasab-nāma*) as a Source for the History of the Central Asian Ismā‘īlī Tradition.” Paper presentation for Central Asian Islamic Manuscript Cultures Symposium, Tashkent (online), 17-19 November, 2021

“Of Stranger Kings and Old Men of the Mountains: Rethinking the Social Dimensions of the Ismaili *Da‘wa*.” Paper presentation for Third International Ismaili Studies Conference, Leiden University (online), August 6-9, 2021

“Genealogy as an Artifact of Islamization.” Paper presentation for workshop on “Genealogical History in the Persianate World,” Princeton University (online), April 22-24, 2021

“The Politics of Autonomy in Mongol Central Asia: The ‘Ali-Shahids of Badakhshan.” Paper presentation for the 28th Annual ACES Conference, Indiana University (online), February 27-28, 2021

“The Legacy of Abu’l-Ḥasan Kharāqānī (d. 1033) and Sufi-Ismaili Relations in Central Asia.” Paper presentation for workshop on “Islamic Traditions in ‘Greater Khurāsān’: Ismailis, Sufis and Sunnis,” Institute of Ismaili Studies, London (online), February 24-27, 2021

“‘Umar Yumgī and Narratives of Ruler Conversion in the Ismā‘īlī Shī‘ī Tradition.” Paper presentation for the Ninth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, New Delhi, March 11-13, 2020 (convention cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic)

“Islam after the Mongols: Religious Worlds in Late Medieval and Early Modern Central Asia.” Invited presentation for Columbia University Islamic Studies seminar series, New York, Feb. 6, 2020

“The Shrine of Nasir-i Khusraw in the Sacred Geography of the Ismailis of Central Asia.” Paper presentation and organizer for panel entitled “Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Study of

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Shrines and Sacred Landscapes in the Iranian World” for the Ninth European Conference of Iranian Studies, Berlin, September 9-13, 2019

“The Ismailis of Central Asia: History through Manuscripts” and “Ismaili and Sufi Communities in Central Asia: A History of Relations.” Invited presentations for the Institute of Ismaili Studies Alumni Association Meeting, Dushanbe, August 17-19, 2019

“Religious Conversion and Communal Identity in Central Asia: The Ismailis of Badakhshan.” Invited presentation for the Oxford Society for the Caspian and Central Asia, Oxford, May 7, 2019

Imam Hasan ‘Ali Shah (Aga Khan I) and the Roots of the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate.” Invited presentation for the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, May 1, 2019

“Cyclical Sanctity and Ismaili Identity: A Framework for Rethinking Conversion to Shi‘i Islam in the Iranian World.” Invited presentation for the University of North Carolina Islamic Studies seminar series, Chapel Hill, February 25, 2019

“Imam Hasan ‘Ali Shah (Aga Khan I) and the Roots of the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate” (Book launch event for the *‘Ibrat-afzā*), Nazarbayev University Library, Astana, February 20, 2019

“Ahmad Yasavi in the Narrative Traditions of the Ismailis of Badakhshan.” Paper presentation and organizer for panel entitled “New Approaches to the History and Historiography of Central Asia from the 17th to the 19th Century” for the 19th Annual Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society (CESS), Pittsburgh, October 25-28, 2018

“Imam Hasan ‘Ali Shah (Aga Khan I) and the Roots of the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate.” Invited presentation for the Ismaili Center of Washington D.C., October 20, 2018

“The Place of Nasir-i Khusraw in the Genealogical and Initiatic Traditions of the Pirs of Badakhshan.” Paper presentation for the Eighth Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS), Tbilisi, Georgia, March 15-18, 2018

“The *Ṣaḥīfat al-nāzirīn*: Reflections on Authorship and Confessional Identity in a Fifteenth-Century Central Asian Text.” Paper presentation for workshop “Before the Printed Word: Texts, Scribes and Transmission: A Symposium on Manuscript Collections Housed at the Institute of Ismaili Studies,” London, October 12-13, 2017

“A Tale of Two Masters: The Uses and Reuses of Discipleship Narratives in the Legendary Biographies of Nasir-i Khusraw.” Paper presentation for the 50th Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston, November 17-20, 2016

“The Literary Reception of Nasir-i Khusraw in Central Asian Sufism.” Invited presentation for the Institute of Ismaili Studies Alumni Association Meeting, Dubai, September 5, 2016

“The *Kalām-i pīr* and Its Place in the Central Asian Ismā‘īlī Tradition.” Invited presentation for the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, June 14, 2016

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“Religious Pluralism and Its Boundaries in the Muslim Traditions of Central Asia.” Invited presentation for the Boniuk Institute for the Study and Advancement of Religious Tolerance, Rice University, March 24, 2016

“The Fatimid Legacy and the Foundation of the Modern Nizari Ismaili Imamate.” Paper presentation for the 49th Annual Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, November 21-24, 2015

“Authority, Legitimacy and Communal Memory in Persian Ismailism: The Legacy of the Muhammad-Shahi/Qasim-Shahi Schism in the Nizari Imamate.” Paper presentation and organizer of panel entitled “Leadership and Authority in Persian Ismā‘īlism” for the Seventh Biennial Convention of the Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, Istanbul, September 8-11, 2015

“Islamization on the Iranian Periphery: Nāṣir-i Khusraw and Ismā‘īlism in Badakhshan.” Paper presentation for workshop “Islamisation: Comparative Perspectives from History,” St. Andrews University, United Kingdom, March 20-21, 2015

“The Ismailis of Central Asia under the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union.” Invited presentation for the Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, March 4, 2015

“The Pamiri Peoples and Tajik National Identity: The Legacy of Primordialism.” Paper presentation for workshop entitled “Belonging, Politics and Knowledge in Central Asia and the Caucasus,” Harvard University, January 30, 2015

“Rethinking the *Kalām-i pīr* and its Role in the Central Asian Ismā‘īlī Tradition.” Paper presentation and convener for panel entitled “Ismā‘īlī History in the Early Modern Era” for the 48th Annual Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., November 22-25, 2014

“Between Orality and Textuality: Ismā‘īlī Conversion Narratives from the Shughnān Region of Badakhshān.” Paper presentation for workshop “Ismaili Studies: State of the Field,” University of Chicago, October 16-17, 2014

“The *Silk-i guhar-riz* and the Persianate Ismaili Tradition in Early-Modern Central Asia.” Paper presentation and convener for panel entitled “New Approaches to the History and Culture of Badakhshan” for the 10th Annual Conference of the International Society for Iranian Studies, Montreal, August 6-9, 2014

“From Neo-Platonism to Peasant Uprising: The Image of Nasir-i Khusraw and Ismailism in Soviet Orientalism.” Invited presentation for the University of Amsterdam EAST Research Seminar Series, October 24, 2013

“The *Jami' al-salāsīl* and the Place of Nasir-i Khusraw in the Central Asian Sufi Traditions.” Invited presentation for the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, January 15, 2013

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“Poet, Saint, and Heretic: The Image of Nasir-i Khusraw in the Medieval and Early-Modern Islamic World.” Invited presentation for the College of William and Mary Islamic Cultures and Histories Lecture Series, December 6, 2012

“Between Heresy and Hagiography: Perceptions of Nasir-i Khusraw and Ismailism in Early-Modern Central Asia.” Paper presentation for workshop “Towards a New Social History of 19th- and early 20th-Century Central Asia,” Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, September 3-7, 2012

“The Naqshbandīyah in Khurāsān in the post-Safavid Era.” Paper presentation for the 19th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, March 3, 2012

“The Naqshbandī Community of Herat in the 18th and 19th Centuries.” Paper presentation and convener for panel entitled “New Approaches to Central Asian Naqshbandī Studies” for the 45th Annual Middle East Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., December 2-4, 2011

“‘Imomi Azam is the Father of the Tajiks’: Religious Identity and the State in Tajikistan.” Paper presentation for the 12th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, Ohio State University, September 16-18, 2011 (co-authored and presented with Zohra Ismail-Beben)

“Between Heresy and Hagiography: Perceptions of Nasir-i Khusraw and Ismailism in Early-Modern Central Asia.” Invited presentation for the Islamic Studies Association Graduate Student Colloquium, Indiana University, September 7, 2011

“An Iranian Sufi in Central Asia: The Travels of Zayn al-‘Ābidīn Shirvānī.” Paper presentation for the 18th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, March 5, 2011

“Local Narratives of the Great Game in Badakhshan.” Paper presentation for the 220th Annual American Oriental Society Conference, St. Louis, March 12-15, 2010

“The Partition of Badakhshan and the Arrival of Russian Rule.” Paper presentation for the 17th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University, March 6, 2010

“The Assassins in the Great Game: British-Isma‘īlī Relations in the 19th Century.” Paper presentation for the 10th Annual Central Eurasian Studies Society Conference, University of Toronto, October 8-11, 2009

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC OUTREACH AT NAZARBAYEV UNIVERSITY

Panelist for book discussion on Adeeb Khalid, *Central Asia: A New History from the Imperial Conquests to the Present*, September 16, 2021

Presentation on “The History of Islam in Kazakhstan” for University of Arizona-NU exchange program, March 15, 2019

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Book launch for *Ibrat-afzā*, NU Library, February 20, 2019

Presentations on “History and Politics of the Qazaq Steppe” and “Islam in Kazakhstan” for the Asian Universities Alliance “Asia Deep Dive Program,” July 3-17, 2018

Presentation on “The History of Islam in Kazakhstan” for the annual summer Eurasian Studies Lecture Series (2017-20)

Presentation on “Regional History and Sacred Geography” for SSH Roundtable on the President’s Proposal for the “Third Modernization of Kazakhstan,” May 17, 2017

Presentation on the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict for the Model United Nations Club, February 25, 2017

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participant in United Kingdom Higher Education Academy (HEA) Program for Professional Certificate in Academic Practice, 2018-19

Participant in United Kingdom Higher Education Academy (HEA) Professional Development Workshop on Effective Teaching, Nazarbayev University, November 12-14, 2015

Participant in Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Development workshop, Philadelphia, June 5-8, 2014

Participant in Volkswagen Foundation workshop “Towards a New Social History of 19th- and early 20th-Century Central Asia,” Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna, September 3-7, 2012

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Nazarbayev University:

2021-present **Coordinator** for History Capstone Program

2020-present **Member** of University Campus Life Committee

2020-present **Member** of Faculty Hiring Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities

2019-20 **Member** of Teaching and Learning Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities

2019-20 **Member** of Search Committee for Instructor Position in History of Kazakhstan

2018-19 **Chair** of Search Committee for Instructor Position in History of Kazakhstan

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- 2017-19** **Course Coordinator** for HST100: History of Kazakhstan (supervised 9 instructors)
- 2017-present** **Member** of Eurasian Studies Graduate Program Committee
- 2017-present** **Co-organizer** for Annual Conference on Eurasian History
- 2017-18** **Member** of Innovative Learning Committee
- 2017-18** **Member** of Search Committee for Faculty Position in Asian Studies
- 2016-17** **Chair** of Search Committee for Faculty Position in Religious Studies
- 2016-17** **Member** of Research Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities
- 2016-17** **Member** of Website Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities
- 2015-17** **Organizer and Moderator** of the History Reading Circle
- 2015-16** **Member** of Search Committee for Faculty Position in History
- 2015-16** **Member** of Disciplinary Committee, School of Sciences and Humanities

Indiana University:

- 2014-15** **Reviewer** for Graduate and Professional Students Association Awards Committee
- 2012** **Conference Committee Co-Chair**, 2nd Annual Graduate Student Conference on South Asian Studies
- 2011-12** **President**, Association of Central Eurasian Students and **Conference Committee Chair** for the 19th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies
- 2006-07** **Vice President**, Association of Central Eurasian Students and **Conference Committee Vice-Chair** for the 14th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies
- 2005-06** **President**, Association of Central Eurasian Students and **Conference Committee Chair** for the 13th Annual ACES Conference on Central Eurasian Studies

THESIS SUPERVISION

Gulnaz Tulenova, "Khojas of the Turkestan General-Governorship (1867-1917): History, Identity and Russian Policies towards Them," thesis project for BA in History, Nazarbayev University, 2020-21

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Aidar Saduakassov, "The Mongols and the West in the Period of the Seventh Crusade," thesis project for MA in Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University, 2019-21

Mansour Shakarmamadov, "The Tradition of the *Chiragh-rawshan* among the Ismailis of Badakhshan," thesis project for Post Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2019-20

Zhanar Tuyakpayeva, "The Perception of Landscape by People Living in the Altai Republic," thesis project for MA in Eurasian Studies, Nazarbayev University, 2018-20

Assel Uvaliyeva, "The Anti-Nuclear Movement in Soviet Kazakhstan as a Center-Periphery Crisis," thesis project for BA in History, Nazarbayev University, 2017-18

Alan Askar, "Khoja Ahmed Yasawi in Turkish Scholarship," thesis project for BA in History, Nazarbayev University, 2015-16

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

Co-Editor for *Studies and Texts on Central Asia* book series, Austrian Academy of Sciences Press

Editorial Board Member, *International Journal of Islam in Asia* (published by Brill)

Editor of History section of *The Steppe and Beyond: Studies on Central Asia* book series, Palgrave Macmillan

SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Co-organizer for Third International Ismaili Studies Conference, Leiden University (online), August 6-9, 2021

Peer Reviewer for Central Asian Survey, International Journal of Islam in Asia, Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient, Journal of Islamic Studies, Journal of Shi'a Islamic Studies, Journal of Persianate Studies, Jerusalem Studies on Arabic and Islam, European Education Journal, and Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History

Book Manuscript Reviewer for I.B. Tauris and Austrian Academy of Sciences Press

Secretary, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (2019-21) and **Conference Committee Chair** for the Association's Ninth Biennial Convention, New Delhi, March 2020

Co-organizer (with Jo-Ann Gross) for workshop on "Genealogical History in the Persianate World" at Princeton University, April 22-24, 2021

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Managing Committee Member for Wikistan, a global online community for researchers on Central Eurasia (<https://community.wikistan.eu>)

Treasurer, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (2016-18) and **Conference Committee Member** for the Association's 2018 Biennial Meeting in Tbilisi, Georgia

Evaluation Committee Member, Central Eurasia Research Fund

CONSULTING SERVICE

Consultant for academic projects, Ismaili Tariqah and Religious Education Board, Houston, TX, 2014-present

Consultant for Manuscripts Analysis Project, Institute of Ismaili Studies Special Collections Unit, London, 2013-present

Consultant for research project on "Ismaili Rites and Rituals in Central Asia," Institute of Ismaili Studies Constituency Studies Unit, London, 2016-19

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

Persian (Farsi) and **Tajiki**: Advanced reading and speaking proficiency

Russian and **Urdu**: Advanced reading and basic speaking proficiency

Arabic, **Chaghatay Turkic**, **French** and **Uzbek**: Reading proficiency

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Academy of Religion
American Historical Association
Association for Iranian Studies
Association for the Study of Persianate Societies
Central Eurasian Studies Society
Middle East Studies Association

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