



EDMUND HAYES: Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- Apr 2017 - present Postdoctoral Researcher at Leiden University, ERC project “Embedding Conquest: Naturalising Muslim Rule in the Early Islamic Empire (600-1000)”
- Oct 2016-
Feb 2017 Visiting Teaching Fellow for the Excellence Initiative, Department of Oriental and Islamic Studies, University of Tübingen
- 2015-2016 Visiting Faculty Fellow in Islamic History, Colby College, Waterville, Maine, USA
- 2010-2014 Graduate lecturer, University of Chicago, USA

EDUCATION

- August 2015 Ph.D., with honours, Islamic Thought, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, USA,
Dissertation title: “The Envoys of the Hidden Imam: Religious Institutions and the Politics of the Twelver Occultation”
Dissertation committee: Prof Franklin Lewis (advisor), Dr Paul Walker, Prof Tahera Qutbuddin, Prof Sabine Schmidtke
Specializations: Islamic History, Islamic Thought, Persian Literature
- 2009 M.A., Islamic Thought, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, University of Chicago, USA
Thesis title: “Ibn Bābūya’s dream: Shi’i history through the lens of the *ghayba*”
- 2002 B.A., Oriental Studies (Arabic and Persian), class 2:1, University of Oxford, UK

PUBLICATIONS

Published Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Alms and the Man: Finance and Resistance in the Legal Statements of the Shi’i Imams,” *Journal of Arabic and Islamic Studies*, 2017 17.

http://www.hf.uio.no/ikos/forskning/publikasjoner/tidsskrifter/jais/volume/vol17/v17_06k_hayes_280-298.pdf

“The Death of Kings: Group Identity and the Tragedy of *Nezhād* in Ferdowsi’s *Shahnameh*.” *Iranian Studies* 48, No. 3, 2015.

Forthcoming Peer-Reviewed Articles



“Perversion and Subversion: Gender Relations and Illicit Sexuality in Ibn Dāniyāl’s Shadow Play,” in *Queering the Mediterranean*, edited by Peter Thompson and Felipe Rojas, Leiden: Brill: forthcoming, 2019.

“Parallel Histories and Domesticated Doctrines: Constructing the *Umma* of India in Pre-Mongol Muslim Scholarship,” *Comparative Islamic Studies*, special issue on “Iranian Cosmopolitanisms,” Iranian Studies, forthcoming.

Current Book Projects

The Agents of the Hidden Imam and the Birth Pangs of Twelver Shi’ism 850-950 CE, manuscript in preparation. (Proposal accepted by Cambridge University Press)

Reason, Revelation, and Esotericism: The Construction of Scholarly Authority in Shi’i Islam, editor, Leiden: Brill. (forthcoming)

Reviews

Mushegh Asatryan, *Controversies in Formative Shi’i Islam: The Ghulat Muslims and Their Beliefs*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, forthcoming.

Matthew Pierce, *Twelve Infallible Men*, in *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, forthcoming, 2018

Najam Haider, *Shī’ī Islam: An Introduction*, in the *Journal of Religion* 97, No. 4, 2017

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Jan – Aug 2018 “Digital Innovation in Medieval Arabic History” in collaboration with the Leiden University Centre for Digital Humanities

RESEARCH AREAS

Social history of late antique and medieval Middle East, Shi’ism, minorities and sectarianism in Islam, Islamic law and society, hadith, digital humanities (computational text analysis), empire studies, letters

TEACHING AREAS

Areas of teaching competence

History of the Islamic world (social, political, cultural and intellectual history), Arabic and Persian historiography, Islamic theology, theories and approaches to history, political thought, global Late antiquity, global Middle Ages, the Qur’ān and its exegesis, the social and cultural history of the Islamic world, race and ethnicity in the Islamic world, gender and sexuality in Islam, the history of religions, Global Middle Ages, Late Antiquity



COURSES TAUGHT

University of Tübingen

- Shi'ism and the Caliphate

Colby College

- HI 184, History of the Modern Middle East (first year survey course)
- HI 298 B, Apocalypse: the History of the End of the World (second/third year seminar)
- HI 497 A, Shi'ism (fourth year seminar)
- HI 285 A, Foundations of Islam (first and second year survey)

University of Chicago

- SOSOC 12200-12300, Self, Culture and Society (Social Sciences Core requirement)
- NEHC 30255, An Introduction to Shi'ite Islam (for graduate students and upper-level undergraduates)
- ARAB 10101, 10102, 10103, Arabic (course assistant)

TUTORIALS AND MENTORING

Leiden

Mentoring three PhD students on the "Embedding Conquest" project, alongside PI, Petra Sijpesteijn.

Leading two MA students in collaborative research on my own "Digital Innovation in Islamic History" project.

Colby College

Supervisor of undergraduate thesis.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

March 2019	Short term visitor at the Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton
2017-2019	Humboldt Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)
Sep 2014- Jun 2015	Affiliated Fellow, Franke Institute for the Humanities, University of Chicago
Sep 2014- Jun 2015	Mellon Humanities Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of Chicago
Nov 2014	2014 Wadad Kadi Travel Fellowship, Middle East Studies Association
Spring 2008	The Jerald Brauer seminar grant, Divinity school of the University of Chicago
Jul-Sep 2001	Travel grant, British Institute of Persian Studies (BIPS)



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- April 1-2, 2015 Shi'i Studies Symposium, "The Practical Authority of the Imams and their Representatives," University of Chicago
- April 3-4, 2014 Shi'i Studies Symposium, "Reason and Esotericism in Shi'ism," University of Chicago
- May 13-15, 2010 Middle East History and Theory (MEHAT), University of Chicago

INVITED TALKS (SELECTED)

- Dec 7-9, 2017 "How do we deal with Imamic hadith? The case of the historical development in the Imams' statements on *khums*" at Shi'i Studies: The State of the Art, International Conference held at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ
- Nov 10, 2017 "The Imams as Economic Actors," Leverhulme International Network, SOAS, London
- July 20, 2017 "Shi'i Theology", Zentrum für Islamische Theologie, Tübingen University
- Feb 16, 2017 "Taxation and Protest against the Early Islamic Empire" at The Origins of the Islamic State: Sovereignty and Power in the Middle Ages, UCL
- May 8, 2016 "The Fiscal Authority of the Imams: Analysing Imamic Jurisprudential Statements on *Khums* and *Zakāt*," Second International Conference on Shi'i Studies, Islamic College, London
- Apr 2, 2016 "The *Tawqī'at* and *Masā'il* Genres: a Textual Archaeology of Pre- and Early-Occultation Institutions of Knowledge Dissemination," University of Chicago Shi'i Studies Group Symposium, The Acquisition and Transmission of Knowledge
- Dec 18, 2015 "Early Shi'i Socio-Political Dynamics: Working Towards a System" Digital Arabic & Digital Persian Research Workshop, University of Leipzig

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Deutsche Morgenländische Gesellschaft
- Deutsche Arbeitsgemeinschaft Vorderer Orient
- American Oriental Society
- Middle East Studies Association
- Association for Iranian Studies
- International Society for Islamic Legal Studies



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INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2004-2005 Officer-in-charge, Bactria Cultural Project, ACTED Afghanistan
2003-2004 Grants writer, ACTED Tajikistan

JOURNALISM

2002- 2003 Junior editor, and contributing writer, www.openDemocracy.net

VOLUNTEERING AND SERVICE

2006-2007 Persian interpreter, National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago IL, USA
2001 Visitor, Campsfield Detention Centre for asylum seekers, Oxford, UK

LANGUAGES

Arabic (advanced reading and speaking)
Persian (advanced reading and speaking: experience in Farsi, Tajik and Dari dialects)
French (advanced reading, intermediate speaking)
German (advanced reading, intermediate speaking)
Italian (advanced reading and speaking)
Russian (basic reading and speaking)

REFERENCES

Petra Sijpesteijn (Current project Principal Investigator)

Professor of Arabic, Director of the Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society

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