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Research Interests

Sexuality, Historical Anthropology, Nationalism, Historical Memory, Trauma, Forced Migration, (Post)Ottoman Studies, Queer Studies, Trans Studies, Modern Greek Studies, Turkish Studies.

Language Skills

Modern Greek- Advanced
Modern Turkish- Advanced
French - Intermediate
Serbian/Croatian/Bosnian- Intermediate-Low
Ottoman Turkish- Intermediate
Arabic- Beginner

Education

PhD	Present	University of Arizona Dual Phd Candidate: Anthropology and Middle East Studies Institute for LGBT Studies, Graduate Student Affiliate
MA	2014	The New School For Social Research Anthropology
BA	2008	Brown University History, Honors Undergraduate Teacher Education Program Rhode Island State certification in Secondary (7 th -12 th grade) Social Studies Education Coursework identical to Masters in Teaching program

Awards, Honors, Scholarships, Certificates

2020 Summer U.S Department of State, Title VIII Fellowship
2020 Spring/Summer Traditions, Transitions and Treasures Fund, University of Arizona School of Anthropology, Research Award
2017-18 Conflucenter for Creative Inquiry, Graduate Fellowship
2015-16 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
2015 Summer Hellenic Cultural Foundation Scholarship
2015 Summer Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship
2014-15 University Fellowship, University of Arizona
2012-13 Academic Year NSSR Tuition Scholarship
2011-12 Academic Year NSSR Tuition Scholarship
2008 Graduated with Honors, Brown University
2008 Rhode Island state certification in Secondary Social Studies Education

2005 Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University

Publications

- 2017 Review: *Queering Sexualities in Turkey: Gay Men, Male Prostitutes and the City*, by Cenk Özbay, in *Middle East Media and Book Reviews Online*.
- 2015 "Thrice A Stranger: Hellenism, Kemalism, Zionism," in *Athens Institute for Education and Research* paper series.
- 2015 "When Are You Not An Anthropologist?" in *Arizona Anthropologist*.
- 2014 "Even a Freak Like You Would Be Safe in Tel Aviv: Transgender Subjects, Wounded Attachments, and the Zionist Economy of Gratitude," in Meena Alexander, Rosalind Petchesky, eds., *Women's Studies Quarterly*, special issue on Debt, March 2014.

Conference Presentations and Panels

- 2019 "Space, Time, and Bodies: Transgender Sexuality and Temporality in Post-Ottoman Thessaloniki," *Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium*, Sacramento, CA.
- 2017 "Bodies and Differences: Transgender Sex Work and the Cultural Politics of Orientalism in Post-Ottoman Thessaloniki," *Modern Greek Studies Association Symposium*, Stockton University, Stockton, NJ.
- 2017 "Between Genos and Gender: Transgender thoughts on "Greekness" from the diaspora," Invited speaker at *The New Queer Greece* conference at Oxford University.
- 2016 **Conference Steering Committee:** *Trans* Studies* Conference, University of Arizona.
Presenting: "Trans-ing the Post-Ottoman: Nationalism, Subject Formation, and the limits of Historicism in Trans Studies"
- 2015 "Thrice a Stranger: Hellenism, Kemalism, Zionism," at the *Second International Conference on Turkey and Turkish Studies*, Athens Institute for Education and Research, Athens, Greece.
- 2015 **Panel Organizer:** "Queering Area Studies: Cyprus, the Balkans, and Middle East Studies,"
Presenting: "Between Orientalism and Europeanization: Cyprus, the Balkans, and the Partitioning Violence of Area Studies," (on said panel) at the *Fifteenth Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies*, University of Arizona.
- 2013 "'Even a Freak Like You Would Be Safe in Tel Aviv'" presented at *Homonationalism and Pinkwashing* conference at the CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY, April 2013.
- 2012 "Set Fire to the Canon: What Ethnographic Naïveté Can offer to Historiography," presented at the second Biennial Meeting of the BABEL Working Group, *Cruising in the Ruins: The Question of Disciplinarity in the Post/Medieval University*, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, Sept 2012.

Research Assistance, Teaching Experience, and Academic Service

2020- Present Modern Greek Studies Association
Executive Board Member

2018- 2020 Modern Greek Studies Association
Digital Communications and Social Media Committee

2016- Present Teaching Assistant and Instructor, University of Arizona
Courses Taught:

As Instructor:

MENA 389: Middle Eastern Ethnic and Religious Minorities

In person: Spring 2019

Online: Summer 2019, Spring 2020, Summer 2020

As Teaching Assistant:

ANTH 150A: Race and the American Dream

Online: Fall 2020

ANTH 160A: World Archeology/ Patterns in Prehistory

In person: Fall 2016, Fall 2019

ANTH 150B: Many Way of Being Human

In person: Spring 2017, Fall 2018

MENA 160A: Middle Eastern Humanities

In person: Fall 2017, Spring 2018

2015- 2017 Webmaster, Hellenic Cultural Foundation, University of Arizona.

2014-15 Student-Faculty liaison, Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Board, School of Middle East and North African Studies, University of Arizona.

Sat in on faculty meetings, reported back to Graduate Student board

Helped organize Graduate Student conference

Organized student vote for department head search

2014 Research Assistant, Anthropology Department, New School for Social Research, New York City, NY.

2013-2014 Research Assistant- Interview transcription

2011-2012 Research assistant for Prof. Katayoun Chamany at Eugene Lang College, The New School, New York City, NY.

Developed curriculum for a NYSTEM-funded research project: "Stem Cells Across the Curriculum." Duties included: research, data entry, cataloguing, working as an informal classroom assistant.

2007 Student teacher placement at a public high school in Providence, RI.

Developed curriculum and lesson plans for, and taught, a 12th-grade sociology course.

Attended parent-teacher conferences.

2007 Summer Practicum, Brown Summer High School, Providence, RI

Team taught a four-week history class.

Invited Speaker

2015 "Thrice a Stranger: Hellenism, Kemalism, Zionism," presented at KISA: Action for Equality, Support, Anti-Racism, Nicosia, Cyprus.

2015 "Queering Anarchism," presented at KISA: Action for Equality, Support, Anti-Racism, Nicosia, Cyprus.