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Education

- October 2019 – January 2024 **PhD in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies**, University of Edinburgh, and St. Andrews.
Thesis title: Sons and Daughters of the Caliphate: Succession Politics in the Marwanid and Abbasid Family (64-216/684-831)
Viva passed with minor corrections: 08/09/2024
Award received: 23/01/2024
Lead supervisor: Dr Marie Legendre (University of Edinburgh)
Co-supervisors: Dr Yannis Stouraitis (University of Edinburgh); Prof. Tim Greenwood (University of St. Andrews).
- August – October 2019 **Between Study**
- September 2018 – August 2019 **MSc with Distinction in Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies**, University of Edinburgh. **Dissertation awarded a 75.**
- July – September 2018 **Between Study**
- September 2015 – July 2018 **BA (Hons) History: First Class**, SOAS, University of London. **Dissertation awarded an 84.**

Employment

- September 2024 – 31 August 2027 **Postdoctoral Researcher** – ImBod (Embodied Imamate – **ERC**), Universiteit Leiden, Leiden
- 15 August 2023 – present **Research Associate** – Props and Set Dressings Lead, Famico Studios, Los Angeles
- January 2020 – December 2022 Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies **Library Assistant**, University of Edinburgh
- September 2018 – October 2023 **Tutor** in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh

*Courses Taught (groups of c. 10 students, * indicates marking and assessment) all at University of Edinburgh)*

- 2018 – 2019 Islamic History A: The Formation of the Islamic World (UG), two groups.
Islamic History B: From the Crusades to the Gunpowder Empires (UG), two groups.
- 2019 – 2020 Islamic History A: The Formation of the Islamic World (UG), two groups. *
Islamic History B: From the Crusades to the Gunpowder Empires (UG), two groups. *
- 2020 – 2021 Islamic History A: The Formation of the Islamic World (UG) (Online), three groups. *
Islamic History B: From the Crusades to the Gunpowder Empires (UG) (Online), three groups. *
- 2022 – 2023 Introduction to Islam (UG)*, two groups.

Professional Training

- Spring 2022 **Encountering Arabic Manuscripts** (taught by Prof. Luke Yarbrough), UCLA.

Autumn 2020 Webinar initiative in **Islamic Material Culture - Numismatics** (taught by Prof. Stefan Heidemann), University of Hamburg.

Journal Articles

“A Neglected Armenian Source of the late Umayyad era: The Martyrdom of Vahan of Goł’n,” translated by Tim Greenwood, Alasdair Grant, Kieran Hagan, **Leone Pecorini Goodall** and Lewis Read, *AL-‘Usur al-Wusta*, **under peer-review**, 30’000 words.

“Ibn ‘Ā’isha (Hishām b. ‘Abd Al-Malik): Matrilineal Kinship, Naming Practice, and the poetics of Marwānid matrilineality,” *Medieval Encounters* 29 (5-6), Brill:Leiden (2023): 501-520. **Open Access.** <https://doi.org/10.1163/15700674-12340175>

“The ‘Abbas after whom those who rule in Baghdad are named: al-‘Abbās b. al-Walid in late antique accounts of the Marwānids and the third *fitna*,” *AL-‘Usur al-Wusta*, *The Journal of Middle East Medievalists* 30, Columbia, November 2022: 384-434. **Open Access.** <https://doi.org/10.52214/uw.v30i.8881>

Book chapters

“The generational factors behind the Third *Fitna* (126-36/744-54),” in *Rebels and Rulers in the Early Islamicate World: Power, Contention and Identity*. Ed. Hannah-Lena Hagemann and Alasdair Grant. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, **under peer-review** (2024), 7500 words.

Guest Seminars (invited):

Ummahāt wa banāt al-Khulafā’: Approaching the Umayyad family. **Séminaire Histoire et archéologie de l’Islam medieval (Masters students’ seminar)**, Sorbonne Université and Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne. Paris, France. 8th November 2023.

Conference papers

From Governors to Caliphs: Succession Patterns in the Third *Fitna*, 744-754. **Leeds International Medieval Congress**, University of Leeds, 1-4 July 2024.

Frontier Zone Interactions: Concubine-born Sons and Raiding Leadership in the Umayyad Caliphate. **Society for the Medieval Mediterranean**, University of Edinburgh, 24-27 June 2024.

From *Abū al-Dawāniq* to *Caṣay Dangi*: writing caliphal rule in Armenia. **Armenian Society under Caliphal rule**, organised by the Emmy Noether funded project Social Contexts of Rebellion in the Early Islamic Period (SCORE), University of Hamburg, 7–8 December 2023 [Online].

‘Ummahāt al-Khulafā’’: Matrilineality and caliphal succession in the Marwānid period. [panel: Mothers and Matrilineal Lineages in the Early Islamic World], **Middle East Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting**, Denver, CO, 1–4 December 2022.

Who were the mothers of Umayyad Caliphs? Centring female genealogies in early Islam. *The Umayyad Women Project* co-presented with Dr. Marie Legendre and Abdulla Haidar, **Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (IMES) Seminar**, University of Edinburgh, 10th October 2022.

‘When the *Banū ‘Umayya* reach thirty men they will corrupt God’s Book’: A generational explanation of the third *fitna* (126-136/744-754). **The Theory and Practice of Rebellion in the Early Islamicate World**, organised by the Emmy Noether funded project Social Contexts of Rebellion in the Early Islamic Period (SCORE), University of Hamburg, 22–24 September 2022.

‘*Ghazā Fulān al-Ṣāʿifa*’: Concubine-born sons (*hajīns*) and the legitimising features of the Islamic-Byzantine frontier in the Marwānid period (684–750). **Leeds International Medieval Congress**, University of Leeds, 4–7 July 2022.

‘*Aqām al-Hajj Fulān*’: The leaders of Abbasid pilgrimage in the Early Islamic annalistic tradition (revised). **NELC and CMRS Center for Early Global Studies Seminar**, University of California, Los Angeles, 27th April 2022.

‘Ibn ʿĀʾisha: Matrilineal kinship in the accession and reign of Hishām b. ʿAbd al-Malik.’ [Online] **Ties of Kinship and the early Islamic Empire**, Leiden University, 6–8 December 2021.

‘The Ghāzī-Caliph’: The *ṣāʿifa* of 165–6/782 and the nomination of Hārūn al-Rashīd. [Online] **Sites of Encounter and Cultural Exchange**, University of Edinburgh, 4–6 November 2021.

‘The ʿAbbās after whom those who rule in Baghdad are named’: A source-critical approach to the third fitna (744–750).” [Online] **Catastrophes and Memory (500–1500 CE)**, University of Edinburgh, November 2020.

‘*Aqām al-Hajj Fulān*’: The leaders of Abbasid pilgrimage in the early Islamic annalistic tradition. [Online] **Arabic Pasts: Histories and Historiographies**, Aga Khan Centre, London, 22–24 October 2020.

A blueprint for Caliphal succession: the *ṣāʿifa* of Hārūn al-Rashīd (782) and the value of the peripheral arena. **Languages of Legitimation in the Middle East**, Woolf Institute, Cambridge, 6–7 June 2019.

Scholarships and Grants (totalling: c. £75,650 of secured funding)

2022	MESA Student Travel Grant (\$500), Middle East Studies Association.
2022	HCA Conference support grant (£491), awarded by department of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh
2022	Research Training Support Grant (£750), Scottish Graduate School of the Arts and Humanities
Spring 2022	Visiting Doctoral Researcher Scholarship (£4,069), Scottish Graduate School of the Arts and Humanities , to spend 3 months at the University of California, Los Angeles hosted by Professor Luke Yarbrough .
2019	LLC Local Student Experience Grant (£600) to fund travel to St. Andrews for fortnightly Armenian Classes taught by Dr. Tim Greenwood, awarded by Department of Literature, Languages and Cultures, University of Edinburgh.
2019–2023	Doctoral Training Partnership , fees, and stipend (£19,336 a year), Scottish Graduate School of the Arts and Humanities .
2019	Student Experience Grant (£1,934), to organise 3rd Annual Edinburgh International Graduate Conference in Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies , awarded from Edinburgh University Student’s Association.

Awards

2019–2023	PhD scholarship from the Scottish Graduate School of Arts and Humanities.
2018	Undergraduate Dissertation Prize, SOAS.

Organisation of Academic Events and Societies

Online Workshop on **Umayyad women**, University of Edinburgh, March 2022, co-organised with Abdulla Haidar.

3rd Annual Edinburgh International Graduate Conference in Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies, University of Edinburgh, November 2019 co-organised with Philip Harrison, Aristotelis Nayfa, Samuel Nwokoro and Anna Stockhammer. **Keynote Speakers:** Prof. Averil Cameron (University of Oxford) and Prof. Jack Tannous (Princeton University). **Programme:** <https://www.ed.ac.uk/history-classics-archaeology/news-events/events-archive/2019/3rd-annual-edinburgh-laibs-conference>

Founding member and Treasurer of the **Late Antique, Islamic and Byzantine Studies Student Society**, University of Edinburgh (2019–2021).

Convenor of **French Islamic Studies reading group (2019–2022)**.

Departmental PhD and Staff group meeting fortnightly to discuss relevant literature and historiography in Francophone publications, responsibilities included: emails, scheduling and convening with members to decide on texts.

Convenor of **Early/Medieval Islam reading group (2019–2022)**

Departmental PhD and Staff group meeting once a month to discuss works in progress such as articles and PhD chapters. Responsibilities included: emails, scheduling and liaising with participants and speakers.

Pre-modern Source Languages

Arabic (Medieval and MSA): Advanced proficiency. Successful completion of language and linguistic courses at SOAS and Tangeribiz Arabic Summer School 2014 (Tangiers, Morocco).

Armenian (Classical): Upper Intermediate. Acquired through fortnightly classes taught by Dr. Tim Greenwood (University of St. Andrews), 2019-present.

Greek (Classical and Byzantine): Elementary. Successful completion of Greek courses at University of Edinburgh.

Modern Languages

English: Native

Italian: Native

Spanish: Fluent

French: Academic reading proficiency.