

EDITH XIN CHEN

PERSONAL DATA

ADDRESS: Exeter College, University of Oxford, Turl Street, Oxford, OX1 3DP UK
EMAIL: edith.chen@exeter.ox.ac.uk

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 - Present Assistant Professor of Islamic History, **University of Utah**
- 2021 - 2024 Bennett Boskey Fellow (JRF) in Global History, Exeter College, **University of Oxford**

EDUCATION

- 2014 - 2021 Ph.D. in NEAR EASTERN STUDIES, **Princeton University**
Exam fields: Islamic History, Islamic Law, Mongol History
Dissertation: Southern Iranian Vassal States Under the Ilkhanate: 1220-1300; Advisor: Michael Cook
- 2012 - 2014 M.A. in REGIONAL STUDIES – MIDDLE EAST, **Harvard University**
- 2006 - 2010 B.A. in PUBLIC POLICY and ISLAMIC STUDIES, **Duke University**

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2022 Princeton University, T. Cuyler Young Award for Best Dissertation in Iranian Studies
- 2019 - 2020 Israeli Council of Higher Education Ph.D. Sandwich Scholarship (80,000 NIS)
- 2019 - 2020 Fulbright Study/Research Award, Israel (\$16,900)
- 2019 American Institute of Iranian Studies Conference Travel Fellowship
- 2019 Princeton's Near Eastern Studies Fund for Conference Travel (\$1000)
- 2018 Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel (\$700)
- SUMMER 2017 Critical Language Scholarship, Tajikistan (Persian)
- 2017 Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel (\$600)
- 2017 American Oriental Society Graduate Student Travel Fund (\$600)
- SUMMER 2015 Princeton's Near Eastern Studies language funding (\$5000)
- 2013 - 2014 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) (Arabic)
- SUMMER 2013 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) (Arabic)
- 2012 - 2013 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) (Arabic)
- SUMMER 2011 Summer Arabic Language and Media Scholarship
Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center, Muscat, Oman

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- 2024 | “Patronage Activities and Economic Decline of the Persian Courts in the Ilkhanate” (Article)
In Progress
- “Writing the Lives of the Jarqucis in the Yüan Shi” (Article)
In Progress
- The Formation of the Mongol Empire: The Mongols and Their Local Allies in the Islamic World (1220–1300) (Monograph)
Under Contract with Cambridge University Press

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 | “An Infidel Can Rule Dar al-Islam: Hanafi Law in the Wake of the Mongol Invasion” (Article)
Islamic Law and Society (Peer-reviewed)
- 2013 | “Oil, Ideology, and Regime Adaptation in the Rentier Republics: A Comparison of Algeria and Libya”
Harvard Journal of Middle Eastern Politics and Policy 2
- 2011 | “Help or Hindrance? Religion’s Effect on Social Development in Jordan”
Al-Noor: Boston College Journal of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies 4:1

TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 | “The Tatar Yoke: Patronage and Decline in the Local Persian Courts”
European Conference on Iranian Studies, Leiden University, August 21-25
- “Shi’is, Sayyids, and Local Elites in Mongol Iran”
International Medieval Congress, Leeds University, July 3
- 2022 | “Revenues and Patronage in the Ilkhanid Satellite States”
State-building, Political Thought, and the Other in Muslim Imperial Peripheries Workshop, Van Leer Jerusalem Institute and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, June 27-8
- “The Tatar Yoke: Persian Courts in Mongol Iran”
Medieval History Research Seminar, All Souls College, University of Oxford, February 28
- 2021 | “Ilkhanid Peripheries, Provinces and Dependencies: Fiscal Autonomy in Southern Iran”
The Mongol Empire Zoominar Series, Louis Frieberg Center for East Asian Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, March 12
- 2019 | “Not Fit To Be the Seat of Great Kings: Vassal states and their relations with Mongols before the Ilkhanate”
Symposia Iranica, St. Andrews, April 13-14
- 2018 | “The State of the Abbasid Caliphate on the Eve of the Mongol Conquests”
Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November 16
- 2017 | “Justice of the Khan”
Meso-Historical Analysis on Regions, Networks, and Institutions, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, May 17-18
- “Writing the Lives of the Jarqucis in the Yuan Shi”
American Oriental Society, Los Angeles, March 17
- 2009 | “Religion and Development in Jordan: A Study of NGO’s and Social Capital”
Civic Engagement in the Middle East, Duke University, November 14

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021 - 2024 | Instructor/Tutor
Global Middle Ages, Eurasian Empires 1500-1800, Islamic History, Islamic Law, The Mongols, Making Historical Arguments, Comparative History, European and World History 1000-1300
University of Oxford (Exeter College), Faculty of History
- 2021 - 2024 | Lecturer
European and World History 1000-1300: The Mongols
University of Oxford, Faculty of History
- 2017 | Teaching Assistant
NES 240/REL 240 - Muslims and the Qur’an
Princeton University, Department of Near Eastern Studies

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- 2018 Pre-Islamic Arabia Workshop
Princeton University
Intensive five-day workshop taught by Professor Christian Robin, May 28 - June 1

SERVICE

- 2021 - 2024 University of Oxford Undergraduate Admissions (History) marker/interviewer,
Exeter College Governing Body, Sustainability Committee, Summer Programmes Committee
2018 - 2019 Princeton Islamic Studies Colloquium (PISC) treasurer
2015 - 2016 Princeton University, Arabic Table conversation leader
2012 - 2019 Duke University, alumni interviewer

LANGUAGES

- CHINESE: Modern and classical
FRENCH: Reading, conversational
ARABIC: Modern and classical
PERSIAN: Modern and classical
HEBREW: Intermediate
JAPANESE: Elementary

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Basic Knowledge: HTML, \LaTeX
Intermediate Knowledge: Excel, Word, PowerPoint

REFERENCES

Michael Cook
Near Eastern Studies
101A Jones Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544
☎ +1(609) 258-5360
✉ mcook@princeton.edu

Giuseppe Marcocci
Faculty of History
Exeter College
University of Oxford
Oxford, U.K. OX1 3DP
☎ +44 1865 610545
✉ giuseppe.marcocci@history.ox.ac.uk

Daniel Sheffield
Near Eastern Studies
301 Jones Hall
Princeton University
Princeton, NJ 08544
☎ +1(609) 258-1448
✉ sheffield@princeton.edu