

Catherine Ambler

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2022 PhD, Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies (MESAAS), Columbia University.
- 2017 MPhil, MESAAS, Columbia University.
- 2016 M.A., MESAAS, Columbia University.
- 2006 B.A., Near Eastern Studies, *Summa cum laude*, Princeton University.

Professional Appointments

- 2023-Present University of Colorado Boulder, Herbst Program for Engineering, Ethics & Society, Assistant Teaching Professor.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2020-2021 Teaching Scholars Program, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University.
- Summer 2019 Harriman Institute PepsiCo Fellowship for Research Travel/Study, Columbia University.
- 2017-2018 Ehsan Yarshater Fellowship, a named fellowship through the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University.

Conference Participation: Papers Presented

- 2021 “The Reed Mat of Speech: Meaning and Multiplicity in the *Divan* of Shawkat Bukhari.” Middle East Studies Association, Virtual. November 29 – December 3, 2021.
- 2021 “Inscribing the Wave: Persian *Tazkiras* of Poets on Memory.” American Oriental Society, Virtual. March 11 - 18, 2021.

- 2020 “Without Bindings, Bound: The Ambiguity of Poets in Malīhā Samarqandī’s *Muzakkir al-Aṣḥāb*.” Middle East Studies Association, Virtual. October 5 - 17, 2020.
- 2020 “Beyond Confession and Creed: Shawkat Bukhari’s Unity Amidst Multiplicity.” Great Lakes Adiban Society Workshop, Virtual. September 5 - 6, 2020.
- 2019 “Imams and Poets: Twelver Sunnism in Persianate Khurasan and Transoxiana.” Central Eurasian Studies Society, Washington, D.C. October 10 - 13, 2019.
- 2019 “The Way of the Lover is Separate: Sectarian Ambiguity Across the Rise of the Safavids.” Eastern International Region of the American Academy of Religion: Montreal, Canada. April 13 - 14, 2019.
- 2018 “The Poetic Through the Poets: Harmonies of Craft and Verse in Maliha Samarqandi’s *Muzakkir al-Ashab*.” Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, TX. November 15 – November 18, 2018.
- 2018 “Hasan, Husayn, and the Heretics: Deconstructing Shi`ism in Zayn al-Din Vasifi’s *Bada’i` al-vaqa’i*.” Symposia Persica, Oklahoma State University. February 21 - 24, 2018.
- 2017 “Contested Enclosures: History and Counter History in *Adab*.” “Adab as an Interdisciplinary Pursuit,” Middle East Institute, Columbia University. April 13 - 15, 2017.
- 2016 “The Order Without and the Order Within: Kingdoms of *Kufr* in ‘Abd al-Razzaq Samarqandi’s *Matla`-i sa`dayn*.” MESAAS Graduate Conference, Columbia University. February 25 - 26, 2016.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2023 Adjunct Instructor for World History 101. Department of History, Simmons University.
- Fall 2022 Adjunct Instructor for World History 100. Department of History, Simmons University.
- Spring 2021 Instructor of Record for “Islamic Central Asia” through the Teaching Scholars Program. MESAAS, Columbia University. [Online].

- Fall 2020 Teaching Fellow (TF) for “Elementary Persian I.” MESAAS, Columbia University. [Online]. This was funded through my position as a Teaching Scholar.
- Spring 2018 TF for “Critical Theory: A Global Perspective.” MESAAS, Columbia University.
- Fall 2017 TF for “Introduction to Islamic Civilization I.” MESAAS, Columbia University.
- Spring 2017 TF for “Elementary Persian II.” MESAAS, Columbia University.
- Fall 2016 TF for “Elementary Persian I.” MESAAS, Columbia University.
- Spring 2016 TF for “Cinema and Society in Asia and Africa.” MESAAS, Columbia University.
- Fall 2015 TF for “Colloquium on Major Texts: Middle East.” MESAAS, Columbia University.

Service

- Nov. 2023 – Present Co-Director, Herbst Certificate and Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Jan. 2022 – Present Board Member, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies (ASPS).

Research Experience

- Nov. 2017 – June 2018 Manuscript Cataloguing at the Rare Books and Manuscripts Library, Columbia University.
- May - August 2015 Research Assistant for Mana Kia, MESAAS, Columbia University.

Employment and Departmental Service at Columbia University

- Fall 2020 Co-chair of Columbia University’s Middle East Institute’s weekly Persian Language Circle, online.
- Dec. 2016 - Jan. 2017 Abstracts review for MESAAS 2017 Graduate Student Conference.

Nov. 2015 - Jan. 2016	Fundraising, communications, and abstracts review for MESAAS 2016 Graduate Student Conference.
Feb. 2016 – May 2016	MESAAS Graduate Student Representative.
Nov. 2014 – Jan. 2015	Communications and abstracts review for MESAAS 2015 Graduate Student Conference.

Professional Affiliations

Association for the Study of Persianate Societies

Middle East Studies Association