

## **Side Emre**

### *Curriculum Vitae*

Texas A&M University  
Associate Professor, Department of History  
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## **Education**

### **Ph.D., 2009, with Distinction**

Department of History, University of Chicago

**Ph.D. Dissertation Title:** *İbrahim-i Gülşeni (ca.1441-1534): Itinerant Saint and Cairene Ruler*

### **M.A., 1996**

Department of History, Institute of Social Sciences, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

**M.A. Thesis Title:** *Every Picture Tells A Story: An Analysis of the Crime, Atrocity, and Murder Illustrations in Servet-i Fünun As Recurrent Messages Emphasizing A Critique of the West*

### **B.A., 1992**

Department of Romance Languages and Literature, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Boğaziçi University, İstanbul, Turkey

## **Academic Employment**

**Associate Professor:** Texas A&M University, Department of History

- Texas A&M University Board of Regents has approved my promotion to associate professor with tenure effective September 1, 2018.

**Visiting Full-Time Faculty 2009-2010:** University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Department of History

**Full-time Instructor, 2002-2005:** Sabancı University, İstanbul, Turkey, Department of History, Ottoman Turkish Language and Ottoman Culture

## **Teaching at Texas A&M**

HIST 103: World History and Civilizations to 1500

HIST/RELS 221: History of Islam (ca. 600-2016)

HIST/RELS 347: Rise of Islam (c. 600-1258)

HIST/RELS 348: History of the Modern Middle East

HIST 481: Seminar: History of the Modern Middle East (ca. 600-2016); Seminar: History of Islam (ca. 600-1450); Seminar: Historical and Literary Perspectives on Islam (ca. 570-1500)

## **Areas of special interest**

Early Modern Ottoman Political and Cultural History (ca. 1500-1700)

Gunpowder Empires of the Middle East (ca. 1453-1700)

Introduction to Islam and Islamic Mysticism (ca. 500-1500)

## **Publications**

### **Book**

*İbrahim-i Gulshani and the Khalwati-Gulshani Order: Power Brokers in Ottoman Egypt*, (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2017).

### Peer Reviewed Articles

1. "Anatomy of a Rebellion in Sixteenth-Century Egypt: A case-study of Ahmed Pasha's governorship, revolt, and a critique of the Ottoman imperial enterprise in the Arab Lands." *Journal of Ottoman Studies* XLVI (2015): 333-385.
2. "A Preliminary Investigation of Ibn 'Arabi's Influence Reflected in the Corpus of İbrahim-i Gulsheni (d.1534) and the Halveti-Gulsheni Order of Dervishes in Egypt." *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society* 56(2014): 67-113.
3. "Crafting Piety for Success: Gülşeniye Literature and Culture in the Sixteenth Century." *Journal of Sufi Studies* 1.1 (2012): 31-75.

### Peer Reviewed Book Chapter in Edited Volume

"A Subversive Story of Banishment, Persecution, and Incarceration on the Eve of the Ottoman Conquest of Egypt: İbrahim-i Gülşeni's Mamluk Years 1507/10-1517 in *Sufism and Society: Arrangements of the Mystical in the Muslim World, 1200-1800 C.E.*, ed. John J. Curry and Erik S. Ohlander (London and New York: Routledge, 2011), 201-222.

### Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Article

1. **Sixteenth Century Journal, the Journal of Early Modern Studies:** Baki Tezcan, *The Second Ottoman Empire, Political and Social Transformation in the Early Modern World.* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).
2. **Journal of Early Modern History:** John J. Curry, *The Transformation of Muslim Mystical Thought in the Ottoman Empire: The Rise of the Halveti Order, 1350-1650.* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2010).
3. **Encyclopedia of Islam, Third Edition:** "Gulshaniyya" article (forthcoming in 2018).

### Fellowships and Research Grants

**Program to Enhance Scholarly and Creative Activity Grant,** Division of Research and Graduate Studies, Texas A&M University, 2011-2012

**Melbern G. Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Fellow,** Texas A&M University, 2010-2011

### Conference/Workshop Papers

**"Visualizing Sufism" International Workshop at the University of Bonn, Alexander von Humboldt Kolleg for Islamic Intellectual History, May 2018**

**Paper title:** A Comparative Study in 16<sup>th</sup> century Sufi Imagery and Diagrams: Bayezid Halife's *Sirr-i Canan* and Muhyi's *Deva'iru'l-Ma'arif*

**The Renaissance Society of America (RSA) Conference, New Orleans, March 2018**

**Panel:** Mediterranean Encounters IV: Religious Communities, Legitimacy, and Authority

**Paper title:** The Legacy of the Khalwati-Gulshani Order of Dervishes in Ottoman Egypt: Interactions with the Ottoman State in the late 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington D.C., November 2017**

**Panel:** Seeking Order: Sufi Responses to Ottoman Power in 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Century Egypt and Syria

**Paper title:** "Negotiated piety: Interactions of the Khalwati-Gulshanis and Egyptian Sufis With Political Authority in 16<sup>th</sup> Century Egypt

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston, November 2016**

**Panel:** Issues in the Ottoman Empire: Boundaries, Belonging, and the Ottoman Way

**Paper title:** “The Ottoman Way: Its Critics and Supporters in the Sixteenth Century”

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington DC, November 2014**

**Panel Organized by Side Emre:** Poylmath Sufis, Historians, and Learned Men: Cultural, Intellectual, and Political Networks in the Early Modern Ottoman World

**Paper title:** On the cusp of divine truths and everlasting quest for knowledge: The Intellectual World of Muhyi-yi Gulsheni (d. 1606)

**Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Puerto Rico, October 2013**

**Panel:** Lay Devotion in the Early Modern Mediterranean Zone

**Session 118:** Devotional Corporations/Associations Part 1

**Paper title:** Law, Order, and Justice in 16<sup>th</sup> century Egypt: A Case Study of the Heresy Accusations against the Gülşeniye Order of Dervishes

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Denver, November 17-20, 2012**

**Panel:** Sufis and Their Worlds

**Paper title:** Being A “*Fusus*”: Muhyi-i Gülşeni’s (d. 1606 C.E.) Intellectual World and Defense of Ibn al-‘Arabi

**International and Interdisciplinary Conference, Victoria College in the University of Toronto, April 19-21 2012:** Early Modern Migrations: Exiles, Expulsion and Religious Refugees 1400-1700

**Panel:** Minds on the Move

**Paper title:** An itinerant Sufi in the lands of sound and fury: İbrahim-i Gülşeni’s (d.1534 C.E) exiles

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Washington DC, December 1-4 2011**

**Panel:** Spirituality and Religion in Literature

**Paper title:** Literary Inspirations, Spiritual Heritage, and Crafting Piety: The Voices and Agendas of the Cairene Gülşeniye Dervishes, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries

**Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Montreal, October 2010**

**Panel:** The Making of the Ottoman Empire and the Context of Sixteenth-Century Europe and the Mediterranean

**Paper title:** Legitimizing the Ottoman Imperial Enterprise in Egypt and the incorporation of the province into the Ottoman Polity, ca. 1517-1600 C.E.

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, San Diego, November 2010**

**Panel Organized by Side Emre:** Revisiting the Ottoman Imperial Project: Its Advocates and Critiques in the 15th and 16th centuries

**Paper title:** Perspectives on the Ottoman imperial project in Egypt: The crossing paths of a Messianic conqueror, Sultan Selim (d.1520), a Cairene saint/shah, İbrahim-i Gülşeni (d. 1534), and a Hanefi judge/Ottoman chronicler, Abdussamed Diyarbekri (d.1542)

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Montreal 2007**

**Roundtable Discussion:** “The Nexus of Sufism and Society: Arrangements of the Mystical in the Muslim World, 1200-1800 C.E.”

**Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Conference, Boston 2006**

Panel: Sufi Networks and Crossing Boundaries

Paper title: “Controversial Images of İbrahim-i Gülşeni (d.1534): The Anti-Ottoman Sufi in Cairo”

**Service**

**Department**

Executive Committee, two-year term, 2016-18 (elected)

Climate and Inclusion Committee, 2016-present

Participation in Caribbean/Atlantic World History Search, 2014

Diversity Committee, 2014

Library Committee, 2012-13

Participation in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and 20<sup>th</sup> century U.S. History Search, 2010

**College**

Interdisciplinary Faculty, 2017-present

Member of the University wide Program Review Committee for Arabic Studies, 2011-12

Affiliated with the Religious Studies Program, 2011-present

Medieval Studies Working Group at the Glasscock Center for Humanities, 2010-12