

Taryn Marashi
Bio for the Mediterranean Seminar

Taryn Marashi is an Assistant Professor of Islamic History at Augsburg University in Minneapolis. As a social historian, Taryn specializes in conflict studies, social power, criminality, urban architecture and design, and law in medieval Islamic societies. Fascinated by the interrelationship of urban space and violence, she focuses on the broader processes of social change in medieval Islam. She has received several fellowships from Washington University in St. Louis, Vanderbilt University, and the US Department of State for language studies. Currently, Taryn is turning her dissertation, "Terrains of Tension: Mapping Violence in Medieval Islamic Society," into her first monograph. She has also published in international journals and participated in various scholarly collaborations with Vanderbilt University and the University of Leiden. In her spare time, Taryn is a member of a US-Israeli archaeological project at Caesarea-Maritima, a major port in the Roman to Islamic era. She assists in excavation and teaching and provides Arabic translation services for their digital archive.