
Curriculum Vitae for John J. Curry

Contact Information: University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Department of History
4505 S. Maryland Parkway
Box 455020
Las Vegas, NV 89154-5020
(702) 895-4368 (office)
(702) 895-1782 (fax)
john.curry@unlv.edu (e-mail)
<http://faculty.unlv.edu/curryj5/> (web page)

Educational Background:

- Ph.D., History, The Ohio State University, *summa cum laude*, June 2005.

Dissertation: “Defending Islamic Mysticism in an Age of Transformation: The Foundation and Development of the Şaʿbaniyye Branch of the Halveti Order in the Ottoman Empire as Reflected in Its Hagiographical Writings, 1500-1750.” Committee: Prof. Jane Hathaway (chair), Prof. Carter Findley and Prof. Stephen Dale.

- M.A. History 1998, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, *summa cum laude*
- M.A. Arabic Language 1998, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, *summa cum laude*
Dual M.A. program, pursued jointly through both departments.

Thesis: “The Precedent of `Arbassūs: Arabic Sources on the Island of Cyprus from the seventh through the tenth centuries C.E.” Advisors: Profs. Jane Hathaway (History) and Michael Zwettler (Near Eastern Languages and Cultures–Arabic).

- Arabic Language and Culture Program, The American University in Cairo, 1992-1993.
(on J. William Fulbright fellowship).
- B.A., History, Northwestern University, *cum laude*, 1992.
(Minor in sub-Saharan African Studies).

Publications and Presentations:

Monographs:

- The Transformation of Muslim Mystical Thought in the Ottoman Empire: The Rise of the Halveti Order. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2010.

Edited Volumes:

- The Nexus of Sufism and Society: Arrangements of the Mystical in the Muslim World, 1200-1800, co-edited with Erik S. Ohlander. London: Routledge (Sufi Series), 2012.

Refereed Journal Articles (since 2012):

- “Sufi Spaces and Practices.” Brill History of Early Modern Istanbul, chapter 21, edited by Çiğdem Kafesçioğlu and Shirine Hamadeh. Leiden: Brill, 2020, *forthcoming*.
- “Sufism in the Ottoman Empire.” Routledge History of Sufism. Edited by Lloyd Ridgeon, pp. 399-417. London: Routledge, 2020.

- “Some Reflections on the Fluidity of Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy in an Ottoman Sunni Context.” Beyond Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy: New Perspectives on Ottoman Sunnism. Edited by Vefa Erginbaş, pp. 193-210. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2019.
- “Did Muslim Mystical Traditions Have a Politics in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire?” English Language Notes 56:1 (Winter 2018): 229-233.
- “Scholars, Sufis, and disease: Can Muslim religious works offer us novel insights on plagues and epidemics among the medieval and early modern Ottomans?” Plague and Contagion in the Early Islamic Mediterranean: New Histories of Disease in Ottoman Society. Edited by Nukhet Varlık, pp. 27-55. Kalamazoo, MI: ARC Humanities Press, 2017.
- “Bir kütüphanede ne olabilir ki? Osmanlı yazmına bireysel eserlerdense derlemeler merceğinden bakış” (“What's in a Library Anyway? Looking at Ottoman Writing Through the Prism of Collections Rather Than Individual Works”). Eski Türk Edebiyatı Çalışmaları X: Eski Metinlere Yeni Bağlamlar: Osmanlı Edebiyatı Çalışmalarında Yeni Yönelimler (“Old Turkish Literature Studies X: New Contexts for Old Texts: New Directions in Ottoman Literature Studies”). Edited by Selim S. Kuru, pp. 118-143 Istanbul: Klasik, 2015.
- “An Ottoman Geographer Engages the Early Modern World: Katip Çelebi’s Vision of East Asia and the Pacific in the Cihânnümâ.” Journal of Ottoman Studies 40 (2012): 221-257.

Translations:

- Ömer el-Fu’âdî (d. 1636). “A Dispute Concerning Sufi Tombs.” In The Ottoman World: A Cultural History Reader, ca. 1400-1700. Edited by Hakan Karateke, translated by John Curry. Berkeley: University of California Press, *translation completed; forthcoming*.
- Kâtip Çelebi (Hajji Khalifa, d. 1657). Cihânnümâ. Edited by Gottfried Hagen and Robert Dankoff, translated by Gary Leiser, John J. Curry and Ferenc Csirkes, *translation completed; forthcoming*.

Encyclopedia Articles and Reference Entries:

- “Khalwatiyya.” In Encyclopaedia of Islam: Three. Edited by Alexander Knysh et al. Leiden: Brill, *under production*.
- “Why Did the Mughal Empire Decline?” In World History: The Modern Era. Edited by David Tipton et al. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Solutions, 2016. Accessed January 4, 2017. <https://worldhistory2.abc-clio.com/Search/Display/1830710>. Access wider project at: <http://www.abc-clio.com/ABC-CLIOCorporate/product.aspx?pc=WOHSW>

Book Reviews (since 2013):

- Hüseyin Yılmaz. Caliphate Redefined: The Mystical Turn in Ottoman Political Thought. In The Historian 81:1 (2019): 107-9.
- Khaled el-Rouayheb. Islamic Intellectual History in the Seventeenth Century: Scholarly Currents in the Ottoman Empire and the Maghreb. In Journal of Ottoman Studies (2016), *forthcoming*.
- Dengjian Jin. The Great Knowledge Transcendence: The Rise of Western Science and Technology Reframed. In Middle East Media & Book Reviews (MEMBR) 4:7 (2016). Access at: http://membr.uwm.edu/membr_review/the-great-knowledge-transcendence-the-rise-of-western-science-and-technology-reframed/
- Ines Aščerić-Todd. Dervishes and Islam in Bosnia: Sufi Dimensions to the Formation of Bosnian Muslim Society. In International Journal of Turkish Studies 21:1/2 (2015): 263-266.

- Maria Vaiou. Diplomacy in the Early Islamic World: A Tenth-Century Treatise on Arab-Byzantine Relations: The Book of Messengers of Kings (Kitāb Rusul al-Mulūk) of Ibn al-Farrā'. In Middle East Media & Book Reviews (MEMBR) 3:7 (July 2015). Access at: <http://membr.uwm.edu/review.php?id=212>
- Tijana Krstic. Contested Conversions to Islam: Narratives of Religious Change in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire. In American Historical Review 118:1 (February 2013): 290-291.

Teaching Experience:

July 2011-Present	Associate Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
July 2006-June 2011	Assistant Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
August 2005-June 2006	Instructor, Bowling Green State University
Sept. 2004-June 2005	Student Section Leader, The Ohio State University
Sept. 1998-June 2003	Graduate Teaching Associate, The Ohio State University