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## **EDUCATION**

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| <b>University of Cambridge, Faculty of History</b>  | <b>10/02-07/06</b> |
| • Doctoral dissertation: ‘The Transformation of the Kingdom of Kabul into the State of Afghanistan, c.1792-1842.’ |                    |
| <b>The London School of Economics</b>   | <b>10/98-07/01</b> |
| • B.Sc. International Relations and History (1 <sup>st</sup> Class Honours)                                       |                    |

## **PRESENT & PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

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| <b>Associate Professor of History and International Affairs,<br/>The George Washington University</b> | <b>05/13-Present</b> |
| <b>Assistant Professor of History and International Affairs,<br/>The George Washington University</b> | <b>01/10-05/13</b>   |
| <b>Research Fellow, SOAS, The University of London</b>  | <b>09/12-09/13</b>   |
| <b>Research Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge</b>   | <b>10/06-09/10</b>   |
| <b>Visiting Lecturer in International History,<br/>London School of Economics</b>                     | <b>10/07-09/08</b>   |

## **SELECTED GRANTS, AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS**

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| <b>Residential Fellowship Grant<br/>The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars</b>      | <b>Awarded 08/14</b> |
| <b>NEH Summer Seminar, ‘Bridging National Borders in N. America’<br/>The Newberry Library</b>     | <b>Awarded 03/14</b> |
| <b>Senior Research Fellowship, National University of Singapore</b>                               | <b>Awarded 06/12</b> |
| <b>Summer Research Grant, Sigur Center for Asian Studies<br/>The George Washington University</b> | <b>Awarded 04/11</b> |
| <b>Conference Grant, The British Academy</b>  | <b>Awarded 02/10</b> |
| <b>Major Research Grant, The Leverhulme Trust</b>   | <b>Awarded 12/09</b> |

<b>Small Research Grants Scheme, The British Academy</b>	<b>Awarded 01/09</b>
<b>Social Sciences Small Grants Scheme, The Nuffield Foundation</b>	<b>Awarded 07/07</b>
<b>Affiliated Scholar, Centre for South Asian Studies, Cambridge</b>	<b>10/07-Present</b>
<b>Smuts Fund Research Grant</b>	<b>Awarded 01/09</b>
<b>Trinity College Travel Grant</b>	<b>Awarded 11/06</b>
<b>Senior Rouse Ball Scholar Prize, Trinity College</b>	<b>Awarded 10/05</b>
<b>American Institute of Iranian Studies Language Fellowship</b>	<b>Awarded 2004</b>
<b>Smuts Fund Study Grant</b>	<b>10/04-10/05</b>
<b>Trinity College Overseas Bursary</b>	<b>10/02-09/05</b>
<b>Cambridge Commonwealth &amp; Overseas Trust Bursary</b>	<b>10/02-09/05</b>

## **PUBLICATIONS (BOOKS)**

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*Fragments of the Afghan Frontier*. Jointly authored with Dr. Magnus Marsden. Hurst & Co. Publisher/Oxford University Press (2012).

*The Making of Modern Afghanistan*. Palgrave Macmillan. Cambridge Imperial and Post Colonial Studies Series (2008/2012).

*Beyond Swat: History, Society and Economy along the Afghanistan-Pakistan frontier*. Jointly edited with Dr. Magnus Marsden. Hurst & Co. Publisher/Oxford University Press (2013).

## **PUBLICATIONS (ARTICLES/CHAPTERS)**

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‘The Frontier Crimes Regulation and Frontier Governmentality.’ *The Journal of Asian Studies*. (Forthcoming).

‘Islam and resistance in the British Empire.’ In David Motadel (ed.) *Islam and Empire*. Oxford University Press (2014).

‘A history of the Hindustani “Fanatics” of the Frontier.’ In Benjamin D. Hopkins & Magnus Marsden (eds.) *Beyond Swat: History, Society and Economy along the Afghanistan-Pakistan frontier*. Hurst & Co. Publisher/Oxford University Press (2013).

‘Interview.’ *Education about Asia*. 17/2 (Fall 2012) pp. 38-42.

‘Afghan Myths, 10 Years In.’ *The New York Times*. 8 October 2011. Co-authored with Magnus Marsden.

‘The problem with “hearts and minds” in Afghanistan.’ *Middle East Report*. 255 (Summer 2010).

'Rebellion on the frontier: a history of religious revolt along the North-West Frontier, 1800-1947.' *History Compass*. Vol. 7 (September 2009).

'Race, Sex and Slavery: 'Forced Labour' in Central Asia and Afghanistan in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century.' *Modern Asian Studies*. 42/2 (2008) pp. 629-71.

'The Raj.' *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. William A. Darity, Jr. (ed.). Vol. 7. 2nd ed. Macmillan Reference USA, (2008) pp. 55-57.

'The bounds of identity: the Goldsmid mission and the delineation of the Perso-Afghan border in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.' *Journal of Global History*. 2/2 (2007) pp. 233-54.

'The Myth of the Great Game.' *Centre of South Asian Studies Occasional Paper*. No. 5, 2004. University of Cambridge.

## **PUBLICATIONS (REVIEWS)**

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'Review of William Dalrymple. Return of a King: The battle for Afghanistan 1838-42.' *Common Knowledge*. Forthcoming.

'Review of Barnett R. Rubin. Afghanistan from the Cold War through the War on Terror.' *The Middle East Journal*. 67/4 (2013).

'Roundtable on Tim Bird and Alex Marshall. Afghanistan: How the West lost its Way.' *H-Diplo Roundtable Review*. XIV/18 (2013).

'Review of Christian Tripodi. Edge of Empire: The British Political Officer and Tribal Administration on the North-West Frontier, 1877-1947.' *The American Historical Review*. 117/5 (2012).

'Review of Diana Preston. The Dark Defile: Britain's Catastrophic Invasion of Afghanistan, 1838-1842.' *The Washington Independent Review of Books*. 16 March 2012.

'Review of Christopher Wyatt. Afghanistan and the Defence of Empire.' *The Middle East Journal*. 66/1 (Winter 2012).

'Review of Frank Wallis. A History of the British Conquest of Afghanistan.' *Victorian Studies*. 54/1 (Fall 2011).

'Review of Thomas Barfield. Afghanistan: A cultural and political history.' *Middle East Report*. 256 (Fall 2010).

'Letters from the North-West: Recent contributions on Afghanistan and Pakistan.' *The Book Review (India)*. 33/2 (February 2009).

'Review of Jeremy Black. Trade, empire and British foreign policy, 1689-1815: The politics of the commercial state.' *Itinerario*. 32/3 (2009).

'Review of Peter Brobst. The Future of the Great Game: Sir Olaf Caroe, India's Independence and the

Defence of Asia.' *Contemporary British History*. 20/4, December 2006.

'Review of Diane Robinson-Dunn. The Harem, slavery and British Imperial Culture: Anglo-Muslim relations in the late Nineteenth Century.' *Itinerario*. 31/2 (2007).

## **INVITED CONSULTATIONS, MEDIA APPEARANCES & PUBLIC LECTURES**

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Briefed Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Douglas Lute, Deputy National Security Advisor for Afghanistan and Pakistan, 23 April 2010 at The White House, Washington DC.

Briefed ISAF Command Staff on "Insurgency": The complexities of understanding and resistance in Afghanistan.' December 2006 at ISAF Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. Presented with a Cambridge colleague.

Interviewed for BookTV on CSpan2, 'The Making of Modern Afghanistan', August 2011:  
<http://www.booktv.org/Program/12821/George+Washington+University+Interview+Benjamin+Hopkins+The+Making+of+Modern+Afghanistan.aspx>

Interviewed for Voice of America Urdu Service, 'History of Afghanistan', October 2011:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WeO2y76dS7I>

Interviewed for The Choices Program, Brown University, 'Afghanistan', July 2011:  
[http://www.choices.edu/resources/scholars\\_Hopkins.php](http://www.choices.edu/resources/scholars_Hopkins.php)

'Islam in South Asia.' Presented 7 June 2012 at the Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC.

'Islamic life and Muslim Practice in Pakistan.' Presented 21 September 2011 at the Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC.

'Afghan Myths and Public Understandings.' Presented July 2011 at the Choices Summer Leadership Institute for Teachers, Brown University.

'5 Myths about Afghanistan.' Presented 10 January 2011 at the National Defense University, Washington DC.

## **SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS, SEMINARS & INVITED LECTURES**

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'The Frontier Crimes Regulation in Global Perspective.' Presented 7 October 2013 at the Center of South Asian and Indian Ocean Studies, Tufts University, Boston.

'The Frontier Crimes Regulation and Frontier Governmentality.' Presented 11 December 2012 at the Spaces of Law Workshop, Calcutta India.

'Some Meditations on the Imperial Frontier.' Presented 8 November 2012 at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

'Transnational traders and regional identities.' Presented 17 May 2012 at Afghanistan's Stability and Regional Security Implications for Central Asia Conference, Dushanbe Tajikistan.

‘Afghanistan’s fragmented frontiers.’ Presented 13 May 2011 at the Engaging Afghanistan Conference, Watson Institute, Brown University.

‘Governing by “tradition”: The Frontier Crimes Regulation and Imperial Governance in the NWFP.’ Presented 15 October 2010 at the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin – Madison. Also presented 1 April 2011 at the Association of Asian Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii and 9 July 2011 at the World History Association Conference.

‘An Indifferent Conspiracy: Revisiting Hunter, the "Wahabis" and the Raj.’ Presented 4 February 2010 at the South Asia Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania.

‘Sittana and Swat: Patterns of revolt along the Frontier.’ Presented 5 March 2009 at the South Asian Studies Seminar, University of Edinburgh.

‘Practises of encapsulation: The Sandeman system and the policing of the Baluch frontier of British India, c. 1850-1900.’ Presented September 2008 at the European conference of the Association of Borderland Studies: ‘Cultural production and negotiation of borders’, University of Tromsø/Barents Institute (Norway).

‘The Frontier Crimes Regulation and the jurisdiction of subjecthood.’ Presented May 2007 at the Citizenship and the Law in Historical Perspective Conference, University of Cambridge.

‘“Insurgency”: The complexities of understanding and resistance in Afghanistan.’ Paper and presentation delivered December 2006 to ISAF Headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. Co-authored and presented with a Cambridge colleague.

‘The bounds of identity: the delineation of the Perso-Afghan frontier.’ Delivered November 2006 at the South Asian Studies Seminar, University of Oxford.

‘Perso-Afghan competition for Herat in the nineteenth century.’ Delivered September 2005 at the Middle East and Central Asia Conference, University of Utah (Salt Lake City).

‘Anglo-Russian rivalry in Afghanistan.’ Delivered January 2005 at the Centre for South Asian Studies Seminar, University of Cambridge.

‘Slavery in early nineteenth century Central Asia and Afghanistan.’ Delivered November 2004 at the World History Workshop Seminar, University of Cambridge.

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEW**

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*Modern Asian Studies, Victorian Studies, Explorations in Economic History, Historical Research, The Historian, European Society for Central Asian Studies (Annual Proceedings), Review of International Studies, Routledge Asian Studies Series, Stanford University Press, Hurst & Co. Publishers, Harvard University Press, Cambridge University Press*

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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**The George Washington University**

**01/10-Present**

Undergraduate: ‘World History since 1500’; ‘Modern South Asia, 1750-Present Day’; ‘Senior Thesis

Seminar'

Graduate: 'The Geo-politics of Afghanistan, South and Central Asia'; 'History, memory and violence in Asia'

**The London School of Economics**

**10/07-09/08**

Undergraduate: 'South Asian History, c. 1750-1950'; 'The British Empire, c. 1780-Present'; 'Empire to independence: the extra-European world in the twentieth century'

Graduate: 'Empire, colonialism and globalization'; 'Political Islam'; 'Cultural encounters from the Renaissance to the modern world'

**University of Cambridge**

**10/04-07/09**

Undergraduate: 'The history and politics of South Asia'; 'European expansion since 1500'; 'The West and the Third World in the Twentieth Century'; 'South Asian history, c. 1750-Present'; 'The British Empire & Commonwealth'

**REFERENCES**

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