

CURRICULUM VITAE: Stephen Charles Cory

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Education:

- ◆ Ph.D. in History, University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB), June 2002. Dissertation title: “Chosen by God to Rule: The Caliphate and Political Legitimacy in Early Modern Morocco.”
Ph.D. Fields: Early Modern Islamic World, Modern Middle East, Medieval Europe, Islamic Religion.
Dissertation Committee: R. Stephen Humphreys (Advisor), Juan Campo, Nancy Gallagher, Carol Lansing.
- ◆ M.A. in History, UCSB, Sept. 1996.
- ◆ B.A. in History, UCSB, June 1981. Emphasis: Reformation Europe.

Teaching and Work Experience:

- ◆ Professor, Cleveland State University, obtained tenure in April 2010, was Assistant Professor from August 2004-July 2010, Associate Professor from August 2010-July 2015. Teach classes on Middle East History, Islamic Religion and Interfaith Relations among Abrahamic religions. Research focuses upon the use of religious imagery for political legitimacy in medieval and early modern Morocco and North Africa (thirteenth – eighteenth centuries).
- ◆ Faculty Fellows postdoctoral scholar, UCSB Dept. of Religious Studies (half-time teaching, half-time research), 2002-2004. Classes taught: Islamic Traditions, Modern Islamic Movements, Islamic Spain, Islam in Africa, Muslim-Christian Relations, Jihad in Classical and Modern Islam.

Publications:

- ◆ “Honoring the Prophet’s Family: A Comparison of Approaches to Political Legitimacy between Abu al-Hasan `Ali al-Marini and Ahmad al-Mansur al-Sa`di,” book chapter in *Articulations of Power in Medieval Iberia and the Maghrib*, Amira K. Bennison, ed. (Oxford University Press, 2014): 107-126.
- ◆ *Reviving the Islamic Caliphate in Early Modern Morocco* (Surrey, United Kingdom: Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2013)
- ◆ “Sharifian Rule in Morocco: Sixteenth to Eighteenth Centuries,” in *The New Cambridge History of Islam*, Michael Cook, general editor, Volume 2: “The Western Islamic World, Eleventh to Eighteenth Centuries,” ed. Maribel Fierro (Cambridge University Press, 2010): 453-479.
- ◆ “The Forgotten Palace: Morocco’s al-Badi` as a Symbol of Caliphal Splendor,” in *Historical Dimensions of Islam: Essays in Honor of R. Stephen Humphreys*, James E. Lindsay and Jon Armajani, eds. (Princeton: Darwin Press, 2009): 119-150.

- ◆ “The Man Who Would Be Caliph: A Sixteenth Century Sultan’s Bid for an African Empire,” *International Journal of African Historical Studies*. (Vol 42, No. 2, 2009): 179-199.
- ◆ “Breaking the Khaldunian cycle? The rise of sharifianism as the basis for political legitimacy in early modern Morocco,” *Journal of North African Studies* 13, no. 3 (September 2008): 377-394.
- ◆ “Language of Power: The use of literary Arabic as political propaganda in early modern Morocco,” *The Maghreb Review* 30:1 (2005): 39-56.
- ◆ Contributions to *Dictionary of African Biography*, eds. Henry Louis Gates Jr. and Emmanuel Akyeampong (Oxford University Press, 2011). Wrote 31 biographies of 500-1000 words each. Titles: `Abd al-Haqq I, Abu al-Hassan `Ali ibn Othman, Abu Inan Faris, Abu Muhammad Abd al-Haqq II, Abu Yahya ibn Abd al-Haqq, Abu Ya`qub Yusuf, Abu Yusuf Ya`qub, Sidi Mukhtar, Ayyad ben Musa, Baba Uruj, Fibonacci, Hammuda Pasha, Ibn Tufayl, Ibn al-Mashish, Muhammad ibn al-Nasir, Ahmad ibn Idris, Judar Pasha, Rais Hamidou, Joseph Toledani, Yaghmurasan, Abu Bakr ibn Umar, Ibrahim ibn Aghlab, Khayr al-din Barbarossa, Mohammed al-Shaykh, Moulay Idris I, Muhammad Jazzouli, Musa bin Nusayr, Sidi Abu Madyan, Sidi Harazem, Tariq ibn Ziyad, Tashfin ibn Ali, Ahmed al-Tijani.
- ◆ Contributions to *Encyclopedia of Islam (Encyclopedia of World Religions)*, ed. Juan Campo (Facts on File: December, 2008). Titles: *Mahdiyya*, *Maliki Law School, Morocco, Mujahid, Muridiyya* Sufis, Sokoto Caliphate, Slavery, Timbuktu, `Umar Tal, Zaytuna Mosque (200-500 words each).
- ◆ Contribution to *McMillan Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, Vol. 1, ed. Richard Martin (New York: McMillan Reference USA, 2004): 27-29. Title: *Ahl al-Kitab* (998 words).
- ◆ Contributions to *The Oxford Dictionary of Islam*, ed. John L. Esposito. (Oxford University Press, 2003). Titles: *Dreams, Heresy, Kafir, Kanisah, Maqam, Muawwadhatayn, Munazarah, Rukhsah* (24-100 words each).

Paper Presentations:

- ◆ September 12-13, 2014. Presented a paper at workshop on the history of the Islamic world in the 18th century, sponsored by New York University in Abu Dhabi. Travel and accommodations for program in Abu Dhabi were fully funded. Paper was entitled: “Managing the Unmanageable: Muhammad III’s solution to *fitna* in Eighteenth Century Morocco.”
- ◆ October 7, 2011. Presented a paper and chaired a panel at the 2011 Crossing Over: Learning to Navigate the Borderlands of Intercultural Encounters conference held at Cleveland State University. The title of the paper was “Honoring the Prophet’s Family: A Comparison of Approaches to Political Legitimacy between Abu al-Hasan `Ali al-Marini and Ahmad al-Mansur al-Sa`di.” The title of the panel was “Islamic and Semitic Identities.”
- ◆ September 2011. Presented a paper at “Political Legitimacy in the Islamic West,” a workshop sponsored by the Department of Middle East Studies, University of Cambridge, UK. My paper was entitled “Honoring the

Prophet's Family: A Comparison of Approaches to Political Legitimacy between Abu al-Hasan `Ali al-Marini and Ahmad al-Mansur al-Sa`di."

- ◆ November 2008: Presented paper at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) annual meeting in Washington DC, entitled "Recovering al-Andalus: A Sixteenth Century Plan for a Joint English-Moroccan Invasion of Spain."
- ◆ October 2007: Presented paper at the Crossing Over: Learning to Navigate the Borderlands of Intercultural Encounters conference held at Cleveland State University. Paper title: "Forgotten Palace? Morocco's al-Badi` as a Symbol of Caliphal Splendor."
- ◆ October 2007: Presented paper at Festschrift Conference in honor of Professor R. Stephen Humphreys, in St. Cloud Minnesota, entitled "Forgotten Palace? Morocco's al-Badi` as a Symbol of Caliphal Splendor."
- ◆ March 2007: Presented paper at the Missouri Valley History Conference, in Omaha, NE, entitled "An Unlikely Connection: How an Early Modern writer from Tlemcen influenced Orientalist views of Al-Andalus."
- ◆ November 2006: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled "Defending the City of Scholars: Fez and the Competition for Influence in Early Modern Morocco."
- ◆ June 2006: Presented paper at American Institute of Maghrib Studies (AIMS) Annual Conference, in Tangier Morocco, entitled "Breaking the Khaldunian Cycle? The Rise of Sharifianism as the basis for Political Legitimacy in Early Modern Morocco."
- ◆ November 2005: Presented paper at Center for Middle East Studies, Harvard University, as an invited speaker for the Morocco Forum, in the CMES lecture series, entitled "Longing for the Great Arab Prince: The use of Pan-Arab Identity in Sixteenth Century North African Political Propaganda."
- ◆ November 2005: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled "Forgotten Palace? Morocco's al-Badi` as a Symbol of Caliphal Splendor."
- ◆ September 2002: Presented paper at First World Congress of Middle East Studies, in Mainz Germany, entitled: "Language of Power: The development of literary Arabic as political propaganda in Early Modern Morocco."
- ◆ November 2002: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled "Singing his Praises: The value of political propaganda for historical research of the Early Modern Islamic world."
- ◆ November 2001: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled "Wistful Remembrances: A Seventeenth-Century View of the Glories and Fall of al-Andalus."
- ◆ March 2001: Presented paper at the Interactions: Regional Studies, Global Processes, and Historical Analysis conference, sponsored by the American Historical Association. Paper title: "Crossing the Sahara: The Failure of an Early Modern Attempt to Unify Islamic Africa."
- ◆ November 2000: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled "Images of the Caliph: Representing an Historic Institution Amidst the Changing Realities of the Early Modern World."

- ◆ November 1999: Presented paper at MESA annual meeting entitled “The Making of a Mahdi: al-Fishtali’s presentation of Ahmad al-Mansur in *Manahil al-Safa.*”

Fellowships and Grants:

- ◆ AIMS Short term research grant (2015): Obtained \$3000 from American Institute of Maghrib Studies to conduct research in Morocco for one month in summer 2015.
- ◆ CSU FSI Short term research grant (2015) Obtained \$2000 from CSU’s Faculty Scholarship Initiative program to combine with AIMS grant in funding research in Morocco for one month in summer 2015.
- ◆ Fulbright Scholars Program (2014-15). Taught classes on Islamic history and relations between the Islam and the West in the Department of the Study of Islam in the Contemporary World at the University of Jordan in Amman Jordan from September 2014 – June 2015.
- ◆ Participated in Ninth Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on Israel and the Middle East, July 6-17, 2014. Travel and accommodations for program in Israel were fully funded.
- ◆ Teaching grant (2012): Obtained \$3500 for the Map Walk through a Teaching Enhancement Award from the CSU Center for Teaching Excellence.
- ◆ Teaching grants (2012, 2013): Supervision of Undergraduate Student Researchers, who produced online blogs on travels of Ibn Battuta accessible via QR codes from Map Walk (2012) and a similar blog on the history of the Mongol empires for Map Walk (2013).
- ◆ Obtained 2011 CLASS Faculty Summer Grant-Writing stipend to assemble and submit a proposal to establish a Middle Eastern Studies major at CSU, to be funded by a Department of Education Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program fellowship. Submitted grant request for \$160,136 on March 30, 2011. However, the UISFL program was later cancelled by the Department of Education due to budgetary concerns.
- ◆ Research grant from The Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain’s Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (2007), administered by the University of Minnesota; \$1000 to help support research in Spain.
- ◆ Teaching grant (2007): Course Development Small Grant for Information Literacy through Cleveland State University Library (\$500).
- ◆ Teaching grants (2006-2010): Cleveland State University Tech Fees (\$9850 total) money and \$6728 from the Dean’s Office (2007, 2008, 2010) to purchase over 500 Tactical Pilotage Charts and assorted supplies for Map Walk.
- ◆ Faculty Research Development grant from Cleveland State University (2006) to support research in Spain (\$4926) for project entitled “Stale Imitation or Living Tradition? The Moroccan Development of Hispano-Maghribi Civilization post 1492.”
- ◆ Fulbright Scholars Program (2006): Taught Contemporary Moroccan History and Arab History at al-Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco and conducted research in Morocco between January-June, 2006.

- ◆ Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (2000-2001): Supported dissertation research in Morocco and Spain.
- ◆ Summer FLAS (2000): Advanced Arabic in Rabat, Morocco.
- ◆ Fulbright Fellowship (1999-2000): Supported dissertation research in Morocco.
- ◆ Offered research grant from American Institute of Maghreb Studies (1999).
- ◆ Offered research grant from Council of American Overseas Research Centers (1999).
- ◆ Stephen Hay Fellowship (\$5000, UCSB, 1999).
- ◆ SUNY Binghamton Summer Language Program in Tangier, Morocco (1994).

Teaching:

- ◆ Created new courses: HIS 185: Survey of Middle East History, HIS 385: Middle East to 1405, HIS 386: History of Islamic Gunpowder Empires, 1301-1798, HIS 387: History of Modern Middle East, HIS 693: Graduate Readings in Pre-Modern Islamic History/Modern Islamic Movements, REL 366: Modern Islamic Movements, REL 367: Muslim Relations with Christians and Jews, REL 368: Religion in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, REL 369: Everyday Life in Muslim Societies.
- ◆ Redesigned HIS 377: History of Islamic Civilization, REL 364: Islam.
- ◆ Taught online versions of HIS 185, HIS 102 and REL 366 for CSU summer sessions.
- ◆ Between 2010 and 2014, I oversaw between four to eight independent studies courses per year for undergraduate students in Religious Studies and for undergraduate and graduate students in History.
- ◆ Created and hosted Middle East Map Walks (Feb 2007, Sept 2007, Feb 2008). Also hosted Islamic and Non-Western World Map Walk in Oct 2008, Apr 2009, Feb 2010, Oct 2010, Feb 2012, and Feb 2013, Nov 2013, the first in conjunction with the Freshman Orientation Program of the Office of the Vice Provost, the last in conjunction with the CSU Common Reading Program, and the last nine including between 350-500 maps of the non-Western world spread on the floor of Woodling Gym. Hosted Middle East Map Walk in Student Center atrium on April 10, 2014.
- ◆ Taught special HIS 185 course for the SERV program (special program focused on veterans) in Spring 2008.
- ◆ Assisted in designing core course for Middle East Studies program, HIS/PSC/ARB 274, "Introduction to the Middle East" (Spring 2005). I co-taught the course in Fall 2007, Fall 2009, Summer 2010, Spring 2013 and Fall 2015. I have also submitted a course proposal for an REL section of this course, REL 273, to be offered for the first time in Spring 2017.
- ◆ Participated in instruction of Honors students in coordination with Urban Studies Dean, summer Israel program (Summer 2007).

University Service:

- ◆ Presented lecture on “Interfaith Relations in Medieval Spain” for CSU Retired Faculty Association meeting (March 20, 2014).
- ◆ Member of Petition Committee, 2012-2014, CLASS Budget and Planning Committee, 2013-2014, reviewed proposals for Undergraduate Student Researcher program, 2014.
- ◆ Member of Faculty Senate, 2011-2013. Member of Graduate Faculty Review Committee for Graduate Division, 2011-2013, served as Faculty Senate consultant for English Department chair search (2013).
- ◆ Director, Middle Eastern Studies Program (Sept. 2010-Aug. 2014).
- ◆ Middle Eastern Studies Program Oversight Committee (2005-present).
- ◆ Member, CLASS Budget and Planning Committee (2010-2012). Member, CLASS faculty caucus.
- ◆ Information Literacy Task Force (2009-2010).
- ◆ Presented lecture on “Muslim Relations with Christians and Jews” for “The Children of Abraham,” an Ohio Humanities Council exhibit and lecture series in the University Library (Feb 11, 2009).
- ◆ Participated on dissertation committee for Urban Studies student, Wasim al-Habil (2008).
- ◆ Contributed to producing successful application for 2007-2008 Visiting Fulbright Scholar from Egypt.
- ◆ Led Cultural Crossings discussion group (2004), served as moderator for guest speakers: Irshad Manji (2004-Cultural Crossings), Khaled Abou El Fadl (2007-Town Hall of Cleveland).
- ◆ Chaired panels, “Crossing Over” conference (2005, 2007).
- ◆ Contributed to producing successful Title VI grant application to establish Middle Eastern Studies program. Total award: \$139,754.

Department Service:

- ◆ 2015-2016: Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Recording Secretary, participated on three PRC committees for History and PCR (Department of Philosophy and Comparative Religion)
- ◆ 2013-2014: Undergraduate Studies Committee, Awards committee, chaired two PRC committees for PCR Department.
- ◆ 2012-2013: Undergraduate Studies Committee, Awards Committee, chaired Religious Studies PRC committees (two).
- ◆ 2011-2012: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Library Coordinator, Awards Committee.
- ◆ 2009-2010: Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Library Coordinator, Awards Committee, search committee for Administrative Coordinator.
- ◆ 2008-2009: Advisory Committee, Library Coordinator, History dinner, chaired Religious Studies search committees (two).
- ◆ 2007-2008: Undergraduate Studies committee, History dinner.

- ◆ 2006-2007: Recording secretary, Graduate committee, Awards committee, Religious Studies Chair search committee.
- ◆ 2005-2006: Social Studies search committee.
- ◆ Coordinated lecture by Dr. Scopas Poggo, Ohio State University, “Genocide in Dar Fur,” SHAC lecture series (October 12, 2005).
- ◆ 2004-2005: SHAC committee, History dinner.

Professional Service:

- ◆ Reviewed book entitled *Sayyid Qutb: The Life and Legacy of a Radical Islamic Intellectual* by James Toth by request for *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (2014)
- ◆ Reviewed article by request for journal, *Encounters: An International Journal for the Study of Culture and Society* (2012).
- ◆ Reviewed book entitled *Modern Islamist Movements: History, Religion and Politics* by John Armajani by request for *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (2012).
- ◆ Moderated panel, “Social Perspectives,” for conference entitled “Challenges to Contemporary Islam: The Muslim World 100 Years After Nursi’s Damascus Sermon” held at John Carroll University, Oct 23-25, 2011.
- ◆ Reviewed book entitled *Knights on the Frontier: The Moorish Guard of the Kings of Castile (1410-1467)* by request for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 43 (2011).
- ◆ Reviewed book proposal (*Islamic Spain Reconsidered*) by request for Edinburgh University Press (January 2009).
- ◆ Reviewed *Empire of the Islamic World* by request from Shoreline Publishing Group, LLC in Santa Barbara, CA (April 2008).
- ◆ Reviewed *A Concise History of the Middle East, 8th Edition* by Arthur Goldschmidt Jr. and Lawrence Davidson (Westview Press, 2006) by request from Westview Press in Boulder, CO (April 2008).
- ◆ Reviewed article by request for journal, *The International Journal of African Historical Studies* (October 2005).
- ◆ Reviewed books for journals, *Religious Studies Review* and *MESA Bulletin*.

Community Service:

- ◆ March 27, 2014: Introduced film, “Turkish Passport” for Turkish Student Association of Case Western University.
- ◆ Sept. 12, 2013: Presented a lecture entitled “Muslim Travelers in the Golden Age of Islam” at University Heights Library as part of their “Muslim Travelers” series.
- ◆ April 16, 2013: Served as expert during question and answer session following showing of film at University Heights library. Film was entitled “Saving Face,” on violence against women in Pakistan. Invited by Smith College Club of Cleveland.
- ◆ April 19, 2011: Presented a lecture on Islam at Judson Park Retirement Community in Cleveland Heights, OH.

- ◆ Mar – May 2011: Participated in Inter-religious Special Dialogue group, which met twice at Trinity Episcopal Church and included representatives from local interfaith groups and colleges.
- ◆ Nov 2010, Jan 2011, Mar 2012, May 2012, Apr 2013, June 2013: Served as expert witness for successful asylum cases of immigrants from Oman, Jordan, Egypt and Pakistan, arguing that all faced legitimate threats to their safety, if returned to their home countries.
- ◆ Feb. 9, 2010: Presented lecture on “Teaching About the Middle East” at *Bridges to the World Professional Development Institute*, a training session for secondary school teachers sponsored by Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA) at Barbara Byrd Bennett Professional Development Center.
- ◆ Feb. 14, 2008: Presented lecture on “Teaching About the Middle East” at *World in Transition: Professional Development Institute*, a training session for secondary school teachers sponsored by CCWA at the North Coast Quality Collaborative Educational Service Center of Cuyahoga County.
- ◆ Interviewed by WCPN (Summer 2005), ART (Spring 2007).
- ◆ Spring 2006: Community presentations in Morocco: History students at Faculté de Lettres of Muhammad V University in Rabat; Rabat Protestant Fellowship; U.S. embassy; English language students in Ouarzazate.
- ◆ Delivered lectures on Islam and the Middle East at public and private schools, retirement homes and churches in the greater Cleveland area, 2004-present. Taught class on Islam at Calvary Chapel Cleveland (Fall 2007).

Foreign Languages:

- ◆ Spoken, reading knowledge of Arabic and Spanish.
- ◆ Reading knowledge of French.

Professional Associations:

- ◆ Middle East Studies Association.
- ◆ American Institute of Maghrib Studies.
- ◆ Middle East Medievalists.