

JENNIFER ROSE WEBSTER

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., University of Washington. Department of History March 2015
Dissertation: "Toward a Sacred Topography of Central Asia: Shrines, Pilgrimage, and Gender in Kyrgyzstan," directed by Professors Glennys Young and Joel Walker
- M.A.I.S., University of Washington. Jackson School of International Studies, June 2006
Comparative Religion
- B.A., Reed College. Department of Biology May 2002
Thesis: "Mr. Toad Goes for a Ride: Amphibian Decline, Its Causes, and Solutions through Management and Conservation," directed by Professor Robert Kaplan

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- 2012-2013 Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Graduate Fellowship in Persian Studies
- 2012 International Research & Exchange Board (IREX) Individual Advanced Research Opportunity Fellowship in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan
- 2011 Chester A. Fritz Fellowship for research in Kyrgyzstan
- 2011 Maurice and Lois Schwartz Fellowship for research in Central Asia
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- 2009 Maurice and Lois Schwartz Fellowship for research in Central Asia
- 2009-2010 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, summer and academic year Russian
- 2008-2009 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, summer and academic year Persian
- 2008 INSER Language and Cultural Exposure Travel Award
- 2005-2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, academic year Uzbek
- 2004-2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, academic year Arabic
- 2004 Social Science Research Council Fellowship for Uzbek language study

PUBLICATIONS

In print:

“My Cousin Bought the Phone for Me. I Never Go to Mobile Shops.’: The Role of Family in Women’s Technological Inclusion in Islamic Culture.” *Computer Supported Cooperative Work* (2019).

“ThinSIM-Based Attacks on Mobile Money Systems.” *Computing and Sustainable Societies* (2018).

“Knowledge, Access, and Decision Making: Women’s Financial Inclusion in Pakistan.” *Computing and Sustainable Societies* (2018).

“eKichabi: Information Access through Basic Mobile Phones in Rural Tanzania.” *Human Factors in Computing Systems* (2018).

“An Exploration of Smartphone Based Mobile Money Applications in Pakistan.” *Information and Communication Technologies for Development* (2017).

“New Research on Sacred Places in Central Asia.” *The Silk Road* 11 (2013): 215-6.

“New Turns on the Silk Road.” *The Silk Road* 9 (2011): 154-5.

In preparation:

“Conflicts of Healing: Medical Resorts, Pilgrimage, and Shrines in the Ferghana Valley”

“Memory, Modernity, and Islam in the Ferghana Valley: the Shrine of Takht-i-Sulaiman”

“Muslim Women in Soviet Central Asia.” Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2020 “Health, Healing, and the Divine at a Muslim Shrine in Kyrgyzstan”
Health, Healing, and Caring (Virtual) Symposium, Nanaimo, BC, May 21-22.

2017 “The Second Meccas of Kyrgyzstan: Sacred Topography, Prophets, and Authority in Islam”
Authority in Islam: Dialectics of Fragmentation & Plurality, Bloomington, IN, March 24-25.

2016 “Baqshys and Biomedicine: The Balance of Healing in Central Asia”
Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Princeton, NJ, November 4.

2016 “Bountiful Forest: The Fruits of Heaven at Arslanbob Ata”
International Symposium on the Environmental Archive of Central Asia, Tashkent, April 18-19.

2015 “Resort or Shrine? Medicine, Tourism, and Pilgrimage in Kyrgyzstan”
Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., October 17.

- 2015 “Becoming a Baqshy: Indigenous Healers in Rural Kyrgyzstan” Russia, East Europe, and Central Asian Studies NW Conference, Seattle, WA, May 2.
- 2015 “Locating the Past: The Case of Takht-i Sulaiman” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, January 3.
- 2011 “Sacred Space in the Pamirs through the Eyes of European Travelers” Russia, East Europe, and Central Asian Studies NW Conference, Seattle, WA, April 16.
- 2004 “Apocryphal Texts and Their Communities: Authority in the Scripture on the Ten Kings” Western Conference of the Association of Asian Studies, Seattle, WA, September 10.

LECTURES & DISCUSSIONS

- 2017 “Burial Traditions and Cultural Identity in Central Asia,” Discussant Central Eurasian Studies Society Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, October 6.
- 2017 “Gender and Financial Inclusion,” UW Digital Financial Services Research Group Workshop, Seattle, WA, October 5.
- 2015 “In the Archives,” UW Digital History Colloquium, Seattle, WA, May 12.
- 2014 “Shrines and Healing in Contemporary Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan,” The Persian and Iranian Studies Program, Seattle, WA January 28.
- 2014 “Shrines and Pilgrimage: The Case of Takht-i Sulaiman,” UW History Department Colloquium, Seattle, WA, January 31.
- 2012 “Pilgrimage and Shrines in Central Asia,” IREX, Dushanbe, Tajikistan, July 12.
- 2012 “Negotiating Modernity: Places and Objects in the Context of Kyrgyzstan,” Research Seminar, Tian Shan Policy Center, American University of Central Asia, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 12.

WORKSHOP & SYMPOSIUM ORGANIZATION

- 2018 *Gender & Digital Financial Services Workshop*, Lahore, October 29
- 2018 *UW & (Microsoft Research, India) MSRI Symposium*, Lahore, March 26
- 2018 *Digital Financial Services Workshop*, Lahore, March 16.
- 2017 *FinTech Workshop*, Lahore, November 15-16.
- 2017 *Digital Financial Services Workshop*, Seattle, October 5.

LANGUAGES

Spanish, Russian, Persian (Farsi and Tajiki), Uzbek, Kyrgyz, Arabic (proficient)
French, German, Coptic (reading)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University, Department of History

2020 Early Modern Eurasian History

2020 / 2021 World Heritage & Cultural Exchange

Lecturer, University of Washington, Department of History

2018 Gender in ICTD and HCI Research

2017 History of the Islamic Middle East, 600-1800 CE

2016 The Silk Road: Travel, Exchange, and Culture in Eurasia

2015 The Muslim Near East: From Late Antiquity to the Present

Lecturer, Western Washington University, Department of Liberal Studies

2017 Islamic Civilization

Visiting Assistant Professor, The Evergreen State College

2016 Russia and the Forging of Empires: Vikings, Mongols, and Slavs

2016 Beginning Russian Language

Adjunct Faculty, Seattle University, Department of International Studies

2015 East Meets West: A History of Travel Writers to and from the Islamic World

Pre-doctoral Instructor, University of Washington

2013/ 2014/ 2015 Middle Eastern History, 1453-1800

2011/ 2014 The Silk Road: Travel, Exchange, and Culture in Eurasia

2013 Teaching History (graduate seminar for new teaching assistants)

2011 Pilgrimage and Shrines in the Islamic World

2010 History of the Middle East: 1258-1798

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

2014 African History: 1000-1880

2008/ 2011/ 2012/ 2014 The History of Christianity

2011 American Civilization: The First Century of American Independence

2009 The Ancient World

2008 War and Society in the Modern Middle East

2008 Iran, Afghanistan, and Central Asia, 1750-2001

2007 The Medieval Middle East

2007/ 2008 Environmental Studies: Interdisciplinary Foundations

2003/ 2006 The World of Late Antiquity

2004 Western Religions

SERVICE

2013 Lead Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of Washington

2010-2011 Graduate Liaison Committee, History Department, University of Washington

2009 Discussion Facilitator, American Councils for International Education – National Security Language Initiative for Youth, Dushanbe, Tajikistan