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Biography

Asst. Prof. Michael D. Sheridan received his B.A. degree in Comparative Literature from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, where he concentrated on 20th-century French and Irish literature; his M.A. degree in English Literature from Boğaziçi University, where his thesis, “‘The Brain—is wider than the Sky—’: Nature and the Sublime American Self in Emerson and Whitman,” applied an aesthetic and ecocritical reading to 19th-century American poetry; and his Ph.D. degree in History from Bilkent University, with his dissertation entitled “‘I curse no one without cause’: Identity, Power, Rivalry, and Invective in the Early 17th-century Ottoman Court” being the first full-length study of the Ottoman literary mode of invective (hicv) and how it reflected and reinforced contemporary tensions and polarizations among the Ottoman sociocultural elite.

He has published a book, *Ottoman Explorations of the Nile: Evliya Çelebi’s ‘Matchless Pearl These Reports of the Nile’ Map and His Accounts of the Nile and the Horn of Africa in The Book of Travels* (with Robert Dankoff and Nuran Tezcan), which is an analysis and translation of the 17th-century Ottoman traveler Evliya Çelebi’s map of the Nile River and the corresponding sections of the tenth book of his Book of Travels. He also has a recent book chapter entitled “Defining and Defaming the Other Early Seventeenth-century Ottoman Invective” in *Disliking Others: Loathing, Hostility, and Distrust in Premodern Ottoman Lands*, as well as several scholarly articles and reviews in such journals as the *Journal of Turkish Studies*, *Tulsa Studies in Women’s Literature*, and *The Journal of Ottoman Studies*. He has also done extensive translation work, including a full translation of the collected poetry of Sultan Mehmed II.

He was the recipient of a junior residential fellowship at Koç University’s Research Center for Anatolian Civilizations (RCAC) in 2012/2013, and has participated in numerous international scholarly conferences held by such organizations as the International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History (ICOSEH), the American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), the Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes (CIÉPO), the Social History Society (SHS), and the Poetics and Linguistics Association (PALA).

His research interests include early modern literature, particularly as comparative between European and Islamicate literatures; satire, invective, lampoon, and libel and their relation to literary genre studies; early modern cartography and its relation to changing conceptions of the world; and the interrelations between comparative literature and comparative history/historiography.

He has taught courses in ancient and modern humanities, Ottoman and other early modern literatures, Turkish literary criticism, modern Turkish literature, modern Turkish history, and world literatures.

Education Information

Doctorate, Ihsan Dogramaci Bilkent University, Faculty Of Economics, Administrative And Social Sciences, Department Of History, Turkey 2009 - 2018

Postgraduate, Bogazici University, Faculty Of Arts And Sciences, Department Of Western Languages And Literature, Turkey 2002 - 2005

Undergraduate, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Department of Comparative Literature, United States Of America 1996 - 2000

Foreign Languages

Arabic, B1 Intermediate

Turkish, C2 Mastery

Persian, B1 Intermediate

Spanish, B1 Intermediate

French, C1 Advanced

German, A2 Elementary

Certificates, Courses and Trainings

Foreign Language, Certificate in the Teaching of English as a Foreign Language (TEFL), TEFL, 2001

Dissertations

Doctorate, "I curse no one without cause": Identity, Power, Rivalry, and Invective in the Early 17th-century Ottoman Court, Ihsan Dogramaci Bilkent University, Faculty Of Economics, Administrative And Social Sciences, Department Of History, 2018

Postgraduate, "The Brain—is wider than the Sky—": Nature and the Sublime American Self in Emerson and Whitman, Bogazici University, Faculty Of Arts And Sciences, Department Of Western Languages And Literature, 2005

Academic Titles / Tasks

Assistant Professor, TED University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Dep. of English Language and Literature, 2021 - Continues

2021 - Continues

Ihsan Dogramaci Bilkent University, İnsani Bilimler Ve Edebiyat Enstitüsü, 2019 - 2021

Courses

Graduation Project, Undergraduate

The Outsider in Literature, Undergraduate

Graduation Project, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Contemporary Drama In English, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023

Comparative Literature, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Satire, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022

Shakespeare II, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

Contemporary Drama, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022

19th Century English and American Poetry, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023, 2021 - 2022
Shakespeare II, Undergraduate, 2022 - 2023
Shakespeare I, Undergraduate, 2021 - 2022
World Literature, Undergraduate, 2017 - 2018

Articles Published in Other Journals

- I. **'A Form Wondrous and Strange': Reading Evliya Çelebi Confronting Deformity**
Sheridan M. D.
JOURNAL OF TURKISH STUDIES, vol.44, no.Çekirge Budu: Festschrift in Honor of Robert Dankoff, pp.391-418,
2015 (Peer-Reviewed Journal)
- II. **The "Lies" of Courtiers: A Performative Analysis of the Aleppan Tall Tales in Evliya Çelebi's Book of Travels**
Sheridan M. D.
MILLI FOLKLOR: INTERNATIONAL AND QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF FOLKLORE, vol.92, pp.86-94, 2011 (Scopus)

Books & Book Chapters

- I. **Ottoman Explorations of the Nile Evliya Çelebi's Map of the Nile and The Nile Journeys in the Book of Travels (Seyahatname)**
Dankoff R., Tezcan N., Sheridan M. D.
Gingko Library, London, 2018
- II. **Defining and Defaming the Other in Early Seventeenth-Century Ottoman Invective**
Sheridan M. D.
in: Disliking Others: Loathing, Hostility, and Distrust in Premodern Ottoman Lands, Hakan T Karateke, H Erdem Çıpa, Helga Anetshofer, Editor, Academic Studies Press, Massachusetts, pp.296-320, 2018
- III. **Diwan of Sultan Mehmed II with Commentary**
Sheridan M. D.
Türkiye Yazma Eserler Kurumu Başkanlığı Yayınları, İstanbul, 2014
- IV. **Talking Coins: Anatolian Cities and Their Coins through History**
Sheridan M. D.
İş Bankası Kültür Yayınları, İstanbul, 2012
- V. **The Life of Evliya Çelebi: A Chronological Inventory**
Sheridan M. D., Aksoy Sheridan R. A.
in: Evliya Çelebi, Semih Tezcan, Nuran Tezcan, Robert Dankoff, Editor, Kültür Bakanlığı Yayınları, Ankara, pp.20-29, 2012

Refereed Congress / Symposium Publications in Proceedings

- I. **"A Quake in the Nine Heavens": Satirical Discourse in Nef'i's Shafts of Doom**
Sheridan M. D.
Prof. Dr. Mine Mengi Adına Türkoloji Sempozyumu, Adana, Turkey, 20 - 22 October 2011, pp.186-202
- II. **"Evliya Çelebi Seyahatnamesi Tümdizini (Concordance)"**
Aksoy Sheridan R. A., Tezcan S., Sheridan M. D.
Türkiye'de ve Dünyada Sözlük Yazımı ve Araştırmaları Uluslararası Sempozyumu, 4 - 06 November 2010, pp.314-320

Other Publications

- I. **Review of Didem Havlioğlu, Mihrî Hatun: Performance, Gender-Bending, and Subversion in Ottoman Intellectual History**
Sheridan M. D.
Other, pp.443-445, 2019
- II. **Review of B. Deniz Çalış-Kural, Şehrengiz, Urban Rituals and Deviant Sufi Mysticism in Ottoman Istanbul**
Sheridan M. D.
Other, pp.443-448, 2016

Activities in Scientific Journals

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON TURKEY, Editor, 2014 - 2020

Congress and Symposium Activities

COL – 1st Colloquium on Ottoman Literature: Ottoman Literature through the Centuries, Invited Speaker, Vienna, Austria, 2022
Rethinking Genre in the Islamicate Middle East, Invited Speaker, Hamburg, Germany, 2019
ICOSEH (International Congress of Ottoman Social and Economic History), Invited Speaker, Sofija, Bulgaria, 2017
Eski Türk Edebiyatı Çalışmaları XIII: Hicve Revâ, Mizaha Mâyîl: Güldürücü Metinleri Anlamak, Invited Speaker, İstanbul, Turkey, 2017
ACLA (American Comparative Literature Association), Invited Speaker, Massachusetts, United States Of America, 2016
MESA (Middle East Studies Association), Invited Speaker, Colorado, United States Of America, 2015
CIÉPO 21 (Comité International des Études Pré-Ottomanes et Ottomanes), Invited Speaker, Budapest, Hungary, 2014
III. Milletlerarası Klasik Türk Edebiyatı Sempozyumu, Invited Speaker, Şanlıurfa, Turkey, 2014
Social History Society Annual Conference, Invited Speaker, Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, 2014
Empires of the Eye: Ottoman Material Culture and Its Place in Birmingham, Invited Speaker, Birmingham, England, 2014
GTOT (Gesellschaft für Turkologie, Osmanistik und Türkeistudien), First European Convention of Turkic, Ottoman and Turkish Studies, Invited Speaker, Munich, Germany, 2014
The Cultural History of Emotions in Pre-Modernity II: Emotions East and West, Invited Speaker, İstanbul, Turkey, 2011
Evliya Çelebi'nin Sözlü Kaynakları Uluslararası Sempozyumu, Invited Speaker, Ankara, Turkey, 2011
PALA (Poetics and Linguistics Association), Invited Speaker, İstanbul, Turkey, 2003

Scholarships

ANAMED/RCAC Junior Residential Fellowship, University, 2012 - 2013