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BA, Business Administration, Minor in Medieval Islamic History, The American University in Cairo, 1998

MA, Islamic Art and Architecture, The American University in Cairo, 2001

Areas of interest: History of Islamic Art and Architecture in Iran, Egypt and Central Asia; Islamic Manuscripts; Calligraphy and Illumination

Adam Ali

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BA History, University of Toronto 2005

MA History (European and North American), University of Western 2006

MA History (Medieval Middle Eastern/Islamic), University of Toronto (NMC)

Areas of Interest: Medieval warfare, military slavery in the Medieval/early modern Islamic world, medieval steppe/nomadic societies of Central Asia and Mongolia (and their interaction with sedentary civilizations of the Muslim world), revolts and religious movements in the Medieval Islamic World.

Ilyas Ally

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BA, Philosophy and Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, 2009

Areas of interest: Quran studies and exegesis; Islamic theology; Islamic law

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BA, Arabic Linguistic and Literature, Tehran University, 2002.

MA, Arabic Linguistic and Literature, American University of Beirut, 2007.

Area of research is Shi'i commentaries of the Quran from the early stages to the 6th/12th century. Currently, I am working on the first comprehensive Shi'a commentary in Persian, Rawa al-jinan wa rawa al-janan (the gardens of the paradises and the rest of the hearts),

Mustafa Banister, PhD Candidate, NMC Department

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BS, History, Eastern Michigan University, 2003

MA, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, 2006

Thesis Title: Reconsidering the Abbasid Caliphate of Cairo (1261-1517)

Advisor: Linda Northrup

Areas of interest: Medieval Islamic history and historiography, Islamic political thought, Mamluk studies, Islamic social and institutional history.

Odette Boivin

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BSc, Mechanical Engineering, Université Laval, Québec, 1993

DEA, Continuum and Solids Mechanics, École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Paris, 1995

Areas of interest: Assyriology; intellectual history of Mesopotamia; language and culture.

Anne Clement

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B.A., History, Sciences Po Paris, 2001

M.A., Middle Eastern Studies, INALCO Paris, 2003

Pre-Doctoral Fellow at the Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies for the academic year 2010-2011

Areas of interest: Historical Anthropology; History, Memory and Nationalism in the Middle East; Subaltern Histories of Colonial Encounters; Egyptian Peasants' Perceptions and Practices of Colonial Justice (1884-1914).

Steven Edwards

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BA, Classics, Religion, Bishop's University, 2007

MA, Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Toronto, 2009

Areas of interest: Archaeology and ethnicity, Iron Age Jordan, Middle Bronze Age fortifications, archaeology of the 'Amuq, ground stone tool technology, archaeology in the media.

Jonathan Ferguson

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BA, Classical Archaeology, Wilfrid Laurier University, 1996

MA, Classics, McMaster University, 1997

MA, Syro-Palestinian Archaeology (Ancient Studies), University of Toronto, 2000

Areas of interest: Cultural exchange; Greco-Roman cities of the Near East; Roman army and frontiers; Ceramic typology; Archaeological survey; Landscape studies; Underwater archaeology

PhD Thesis title: Peraea to Nabataea: Cultural Succession at Late Hellenistic and Early Roman Madaba, Jordan

Shawn Flynn (PhD Cand.)

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MA in Biblical Studies, Trinity Western University, 2002-05

Graduate study in Hebrew Bible, Trinity College Dublin, 2006-07

Areas of interest: Hebrew Bible and Ancient Near East, Comparative method, developments in Israelite expressions of the deity.

Dissertation Title: "When on High Yahweh Reigned: Translating Cultural Appropriations of Yahweh in Ancient Israel"

Mathew Gagne

Master student

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BA Hon, University of Winnipeg (Sociology and Politics)

Areas of Interest: Anthropology of the Middle East, queer theory, transnationalism, affect, Online media, and psychoanalysis.

Christina Geisen

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MA in Egyptology, Islamic Studies, and Pre- and Early History, University of Bonn, Germany, 2002

PhD thesis: The Ramesseum Dramatic Papyrus: A new edition, translation, and interpretation

Areas of interest: ancient Egyptian religion; funerary texts; history, especially of the Middle Kingdom and Second Intermediate Period

Omid Ghaemmaghami

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BA, Study of Religion, University of California, San Diego

MA (Honours), Islamic and Near Eastern Studies, Washington University in St. Louis

Areas of Interest: Shi'i Islam, Qur'anic Studies, Islamic Theology, Islamic Mysticism, Messianism, Muslim-Christian Relations, Heterodox Movements in the Near and Middle East, Classical Arabic Literature

Title of Dissertation: Seeing the Proof: Encounters with the Hidden Imam in Early Twelver Shi'i Islam

Birol Gundogdu

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BA, Ottoman History, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2002

MA, European History, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, 2005

Areas of interest: Eighteenth century Ottoman history, especially rebellions in the empire and the role of the ayans and kocabasis; Ottoman millet system in connection with the foreign affairs of the empire; early Greek Rebellion against the Ottoman Empire

Dissertation title: "Ottoman Constructions of Morea Rebellion, 1770s: a comprehensive study for Ottoman posture of Greek uprising"

Amber Hutchinson

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BA, Archaeology, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, Anthropology, University of Toronto 2006

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto 2008

Areas of Interest: Egyptian Archaeology

Irfaan Jaffer

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BA, Humanities, York University

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Toronto

Areas of Interest: Early development of Shi'i Islam and Shi'i human rights and ethics.

Oscar Jarzmik

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BA Hon, History/Religious Studies, York University, 2007

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2009

Areas of Interest: colonialism and urban cultures in the Modern Middle East; late Ottoman period in the Arabic-speaking provinces and south-east Europe.

Andrew R. Jones

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BS, Purdue University, 2001

MCS, Regent College, 2007

Areas of Interest: Northwest Semitic linguistics and philology; historical Hebrew grammar; Dead Sea Scrolls Hebrew syntax (dissertation topic); linguistic dating of Biblical texts

Ateeka Khan

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BA, History, McMaster University, 2009

Areas of interest: Sufism and Politics in the Medieval Middle East; Religion and Politics; Religion as Ideology; Islamic Philosophy

Jane Lo

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BA, Religious Studies and English Literature, University of British Columbia, 2008

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2010

Hebrew Bible, Ancient Jewish Wisdom Literature

Robert J. Martin

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HBSC, University of Toronto, 2009

MA, NMC Archaeology (in progress)

Areas of interest: Near Eastern Archaeology. Bronze and Iron Age Eastern Mediterranean:

Syro-Palestine and Egypt, Cyprus, and the Aegean. The Canaanite Jar, trade networks, early writing systems, alphabetic script and the EIA Phoenicians. Human evolutionary history.

Nermeen Mouftah

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HBA, University of Toronto (English literature and political science) (2004)

MA, University College London (English literature) (2005)

Graduate Diploma, American University in Cairo (Islamic Studies) (2008)

Areas of interest: Modern Islamic thought; Qur'anic hermeneutics; anthropology of Islam.

Arshavez Mozafari

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B.A., Political Science, York University, 2008

M.A., Political Science, York University, 2009

Areas of interest: (Lacanian) psychoanalysis; Iranian Studies; political philosophy; critical contemporary Islamic thought

Sajjad Nejatie

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BA, History, York University, 2009

MA, Near & Middle Eastern Civ., 2010

Areas of interest: history of medieval Iran and Central Asia; Middle Eastern cultures; Nationalism; Afghanistan

Hamid Rezaei Yazdi

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BA, English Literature, Azad University, Iran (1995)

MA, English, Acadia University, NS, Canada (2000)

MA, Persian Studies, University of Toronto (2005)

Areas of Interest: Comparative literature; History of modern Middle East; Postcolonial literary criticism; Cultural history

Jim Roames

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BA, Biblical Studies, Wheaton College, 2004 MA, Near Eastern Archaeology, Trinity

Evangelical Divinity School, 2006 MA, Near Eastern Archaeology, University of

Toronto, 2007 Areas of Interest: Syro-Palestinian Archaeology, Archaeometallurgy, Late

Bronze/Iron Age Transition Thesis Project: Early Iron Age Metalworking at Tell Tayinat, Turkey

Hicham Safieddine

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M.A. Economics, University of Rochester

M.A. Political Science, York University

B.A. Economics and Philosophy, University of Western Ontario

Areas of Interest: Politics of the Modern Middle East (Levant), Political Economy, State formation, National Identity/(Trans)nationalism, political Islam

Sarah Schellinger

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B.A. Anthropology, The Ohio State University, 2005

M.A. Art History, University of Memphis, 2007

M.A. Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2008

Areas of Interest: Ancient Egyptian and Nubian history, Meroitic Palaces, the Egyptian 25th Dynasty

Noa Shaindlinger

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BA, History, Tel Aviv University, 1999

MA, History, University of Toronto, 2007

Areas of interest: Colonialism in the Modern Middle East and North Africa; Mizrahi and Sephardi diasporas; Transnationalism; Urban Culture

Tracy L. Spurrier

Current PhD student in Mesopotamian Archaeology, University of Toronto

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BA, Archaeology, with an Anthropology minor, Boston University, 2004

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations with a focus in Archaeology, University of Toronto, 2009

Areas of Interest: Intra and Interregional interactions in the ancient Near East: Warfare and Conflict, Foreign Relations, and Trade Networks; Mesopotamian Art; Urbanism; Economics and Administration; Household and Domestic Archaeology;

Chad Martin Stauber

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BA, Humanities/English, Simon Fraser University, 2004

M.A., Religious Studies, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, 2007

Areas of interest: Dead Sea Scrolls; Apocalypticism; Prophecy; Second Temple Judaism; Hebrew; Aramaic/Syriac

Jonathan Vroom

BA, Tyndale University College 2006

MA, McMaster Divinity College 2009

MA, Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, 2010

Areas of interest: Hebrew and Judaic Studies, Hebrew Bible, Dead Sea scrolls, law in Second Temple Judaism