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SUMMARY

Currently Newton Fellow at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, UK

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Academic background

2005-2012 EPHE-Sorbonne University, PhD in Art History and Archaeology, Department of History, Texts and Archaeological Documents (HTD)
(Thesis defended in November 2012 *summa cum laude*)

Thesis topic : “Urban Economic Growth and the Assertion of Power in the Early Islamic Near East (7th-8th centuries CE).”

2005 - 2008 University Lyon III, BA in Arabic language, Department of Arabic Language

2003-2005 University Lyon II :
Master Degree, Department of Art History and Archaeology
Diploma in Intensive Arabic Language

2000-2003 University Lyon II, BA in History of Art, Department of Art History and Archaeology

2. Awards, Scholarships and Prizes

Newton Fellowship, British Academy
(January 2013 – January 2015)

Assistant Curator at the Institut du monde arabe, 1 rue des Fossés Saint Bernard, Place Mohammed V,
75236 Paris cedex 05, France
(November 2011 – May 2012)

Dissertation Research Fellowship, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs and French Institute of the Near East (IFPO), Damascus, Syria
(September 2008 - August 2010)

Dissertation Research Fellowship, French Ministry of Nationale Education and University Lyon II, Lyon, France
(October 2005-September 2008)

Fellowship for the Yearly Program of Arabic Language, French Institute of the Near East (IFPO)
Damascus, Syria (October 2005-August 2006)

Graduate Grant, University Lyon II, Lyon, France (October 2004-September 2005)

Archaeological Research Fellowship, French Institute of the Near East (IFPO), Damascus, Syria
(April 2007)

Archaeological Research Fellowship, French Institute of the Near East (IFPO), Damascus, Syria
(January 2005)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. Publications

Book chapters:

“Between *localism* and a desire for greater openness: The urban economy in southern inland Greater Syria from the 7th century to the end of the Umayyads,” in *Local Economies?: Regional Production and Exchange in Late Antiquity*, dir. L. Lavan, éd. Brill, Leyde, 2012, in preparation.

Articles:

“Latest Field Study of Jarash’s Antique Hippodrome : the Byzantino-Umayyades Dyeing Workshops (Workshops E1-E7 and W2-W18),” *ADAJ*, 2012, currently in press.

“Jérash et l’essor de l’économie urbaine au début de l’Islam,” *SHAJ*, 2012, currently in press.

“Arabic Shopkeepers’ Accounts From Early Islamic Jarash,” *ADAJ*, 52, 2008, p. 122-126.

“Umayyad Dyers’s Workshops of the Hippodrome of Jarash – Report of the 2007 and 2008 seasons,” *ADAJ*, 52, 2008, p. 173-180.

“Industrie sanitaire, produits d’hygiène et de soin dans les bains, d’après les médecins des IXe-Xe siècles,” *BEO*, 57, 2008, p. 109-123.

“Foundations of Umayyad Economy,” *al-‘Usur al-Wusta, The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists*, 19/1, éd. Oriental Institut, Chicago, 2007, p. 1-7.

Book Reviews:

“*Abd al-Malik* by Ch. Robinson,” *Bulletin Critique des Annales Islamologiques*, 23, 2007, p. 20-25.

“*Islam and Tibet, Interactions along the Musk Routes* by A. Akasoy, Ch. Burnett, R. Yoeli-Tlalim,” *Bulletin Critique des Annales Islamologiques*, 2012, in press.

2. Invited Presentations

“Integration of Transoxiana within the globalised economy of the Umayyad and early Abbasid caliphates (8th-9th C.),” *Eastern Iran and Transoxiana 750-1150 and the Formation of Islamic Civilisation*, Institute of Iranian Studies, University of St Andrews, UK, 8-9 March 2013. (presentation in English)

Invitation at the European Science foundation conference on *Urban Economic Life in Europe and the Mediterranean from Antiquity to the Early Modern Period*, Oxford, November 8-11, 2012. (presentation in English)

“Economic Efflorescence and Social Changes in Jarash, Jordan (7th-8th centuries CE),” *From Polis to Medina: the Archaeology of Byzantine to Umayyad Urbanism in the Near-East*, Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, Oxford University, February 2012. (presentation in English)

“Jérash (7e-8e siècles) : économie et société,” Paris I-Sorbonne University, Department of Islamic Art and Archaeology, France, February 2012. (presentation in French)

“Urban Economic Growth and the Assertion of Power in the Early Islamic Near East (7th-9th centuries CE),” *Economy and Society in Late Sasanian and Early Islamic Iraq*, Oxford Center for Late Antiquity, Oxford University, May 2011. (presentation in English)

“Jérash et l’essor de l’économie urbaine,” Studies in History and Archaeology of Jordan (SHAJ), Paris, National Institute of Art History (INHA), France, Juin 2010. (presentation in French)

“Le devenir des villes antiques de Syrie, après les conquêtes arabes (7e-9e siècles),” French Cultural Center, Damascus, April 2009. (presentation in French)

“Medieval Dyers’ Workshops in the Hippodrome of Jarash (Jordan),” *Dyes in History and Archaeology*, Vienna, Austria, October 2007. (presentation in English)

“Foundation of Umayyad and Early Abbasid Economy,” *Middle East History and Theory Conference*, Chicago, USA, May 2007. (presentation in English)

“Pratiques sanitaires et économie des bains médiévaux orientaux, d’après les traités médicaux médiévaux (8e-9e siècles),” *Balnéorient*, French Institute of the Near East, Damascus, Syria, October 2006. (presentation in French)

3. Seminars and conferences organized

Co-organizer with Jean-Michel Mouton: *Nouvelles données sur l’époque umayyade. Histoire et archéologie*, Sorbonne University, Paris, October 14, 2007. An international seminar which convened 7 invited scholars – O. Callot (CNRS, France), Fr. Imbert (Aix-Marseille University), J. Seigne (Tours University), Kr. Damgaard (Copenhagen University), I. Simpson (Copenhagen University), S. MacPhillips (Durham University), A. Walmsley (Copenhagen University) – to discuss the archaeological progress in the last decades on the history of Jarash and the decapolis cities in the Near-East, during the transition between the end of Antiquity and the first centuries of Islam. The purpose was to question the former theories according to which the political and social crises of the 6th and 7th centuries -particularly the Islamic conquest- caused the decline of these near-eastern cities.

Organizer, *Boşra et Jérash, l’évolution du paysage urbain de deux villes de la province d’Arabie à l’avènement de l’Islam*, French Institute of the Near East, Damascus, Syria, February 10, 2009. A seminar which convened 5 invited scholars – P.M. Blanc (CNRS, France), Th. Fournet (CNRS, France), P. Piraud-Fournet (French Institute of the Near East, Damascus), A. al-Mukdad (Department of Antiquities, Damascus), Kr. Damgaard (Copenhagen University) – to discuss the urbanism and evolution of the

material culture after the Islamic conquest, in the early Islamic near-east (7th-9th centuries), more precisely in the cities of Bosra and Jarash.

4. Teaching Experience

University Lyon II, France, Contractual Teacher, Department of Art History and Tourism (2005-2008)

Within the Art History and Tourism department of the University Lyon II, I was in charge of teaching method and the history of European civilizations to undergraduate students during a three year period. The objective of this course was to make the students acquire a wide culture in History, by approaching the social phenomena of Europe since the Protohistory while studying the major social, political and cultural concepts establishing the specificity of every period.

5. Archaeological Fieldwork

2013 (1 month and half), Archaeologist, Excavation of Paykand (Uzbekistan)

2010 (1 month), Director, *French Excavation of the Islamic Remains in the Hippodrome of Jarash*, Jarash (Jordan)

2009 (1 month), Director, *French Excavation of the Islamic Remains in the Hippodrome of Jarash*, Jarash (Jordan)

2008 (3 weeks), Archaeologist, Excavation of Late Sassanid structures in Qusur, Failaka (Kuwait)

2008 (1 month), Director, *French Excavation of the Islamic Remains in the Hippodrome of Jarash*, Jarash (Jordan)

2008 (1 month), Archaeologist, *Danish-Jordanian Islamic Jarash Project*, Jarash (Jordan)

2007 (1 month), Director, *French Excavation of the Islamic Remains in the Hippodrome of Jarash*, Jarash (Jordan)

2007 (1 month), Archaeologist, *Danish-Jordanian Islamic Jarash Project*, Jarash (Jordan)

2006 (1 month), Student, *French-Syrian Prehistoric Excavation in Wadi Tunbak*, Wadi Tunbak (Syria)

2005 (1 month), Student, *French-Syrian Excavation in Late Antique D  h  s*, D  h  s (Syria)

2004 (3 weeks), Student, *Spanish Excavation of the Medieval Vascos*, Vascos (Spain)

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

1. Languages and computer skills

French (mother tongue), English, Arabic, German

Computer skills: Advanced in Word, Mellel, Excel, Filemakeur, Photoshop, Illustrator, Indesign, Power Point, Keynote