

John K. Bragg, Associate Professor
curriculum vitae

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Research Interests: U.S.-Ottoman relations, Ottoman social history, and the evolution of participatory politics among provincial elites and non-elites. Literary interests include the romance tales of Turkish minstrels (*ashiks*) and the works of Fuzuli.

Teaching Interests: Incorporating global historical perspectives into regional and transnational history instruction. Promoting experiential learning and study abroad opportunities. Fostering communities of practice that span from secondary education to early careers. Enhancing class projects by evaluating a diverse primary and secondary source base of library materials, archival texts, non-textual sources, folklore, and oral histories.

Education

PhD in history, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2010
 MA in history, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2003
 BA in history with archaeology minor, University of Evansville, 1996

Select Publications

- Peer Reviewed Book

Bragg, John K. *Ottoman Notables and Participatory Politics: Tanzimat Reform in Tokat, 1839-1876*. New York and London: Routledge, 2014.

- Peer Reviewed Articles

Bragg, John K. "The Privileged and the Unprotected: U.S. Consuls, Return Migrants, and Extraterritorial Debates in the Ottoman Empire, 1830-1914." *Journal of World History* 33 no. 3 (September 2022): 429-458.

Bragg, John K. and Vanashri Nargund-Joshi. "The Stories of Inventions: An Interdisciplinary Project-Based Unit for U.S. History Students" *The Science Teacher* 84 no. 5 (2017): 44-50.
<http://www.jstor.org/stable/26389190>.

- Chapters in Edited Volumes

Bragg, John K. "Women, Family Law, and Social Change at Tokat's *Şer'î* Court: 1876-1909." In *Tokat Tarihi ve Kültürü Sempozyumu*, edited by Ali Akıçel, et al, 285-94. Tokat, Turkey: Tokat Valiliği Özel İdaresi, 2015.

Bragg, John K. "Leyla and Majnun by Fuzuli." In *World Literature and Its Times: Middle Eastern Literature and Their Times*, edited by David Galen and Joyce Moss, 247-55. London: Thomson Gale, 2004.

- Solicited Book Reviews

Bragg, John K. "Ottoman Nizamiye Courts: Law and Modernity by Avi Rubin," review in the *Modern Greek Studies Yearbook: A Publication of Mediterranean, Slavic, and Eastern Orthodox Studies*, 28/29 [2012/2013]: 367-69.

Bragg, John K. "*The Making of Modern Turkey: Nation and State in Eastern Anatolia, 1913-1950* by Uğur Ümit Üngör," review in *History: Review of New Books*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012: 90-1.

- Book Translation Project

Reyhani, Aşık Yaşar. *The Romance Tale of Ercişli Emrah and Selvi Han*. Translated by John K. Bragg. In active preparation.

Conference Papers and Presentations

- "Extraterritorial Exclusion: U.S. Consular Discrimination against Naturalized Citizens in the Ottoman Empire." New York Association of European Historians Annual Conference. Brooklyn, New York. October 15, 2024.
- "The Trans-Mediterranean Origins of U.S. Consular Protections in the Colonial Era." New York Association of European Historians Annual Conference. Brooklyn, New York. October 13, 2023.
- "The Demarcation of U.S. Consular Protections in the Middle East (1775-1830)." World History Association Annual Conference. Bilbao, Spain. June 25, 2022.
- "Cultivating Chronological Thinking and Relational Geography through Experiential Learning." NJCU Pedagogy Day. March 2, 2022.
- "Organizational Immigrants Contesting Ottoman Nationality Law in the U.S. Consular District of Sivas/Trebizond [1879-1918]." Paper presented at a special panel "Beyond the 'Great Powers': Foreign Relations, Secondary States, and the Ottoman Empire in the Modern Age" at the Fifth World Congress of Middle East Studies. Seville, Spain. July 18, 2018.

- “Missionaries, Consuls, and Trade Diasporas: Organizational Immigrants and Ottoman Nationality Law in the U.S. Consular District of Sivas [1877-1887].” Paper presented at the New York State Association of European Historians Annual Meeting, St. Francis College. Brooklyn, New York. October 7, 2017.
- “‘Here We Are Annoyed’: Contesting Citizenship and Capitulatory Rights in the U.S. Consular District of Trebizond [1886-1921].” Paper presented at the Middle East and North African History Seminar at the Georgetown University Institute of Global History. April 14, 2016.
- “The Historical Antecedents of the Syrian Civil War and Refugee Crisis.” Panel talk organized with Free Syrian online activist Hasan Jabbouli and freelance journalist Annia Ciezadlo. October 2, 2014.
- “Women, Family Law, and Social Change at Tokat’s Şer’î Court: 1876-1909.” Paper delivered at the Tokat Cultural and Historical Symposium, Gaziosmanpaşa University. September 25, 2014.
- “Law and Legitimacy in State-Notable Relations in Tanzimat-Era Tokat.” Paper delivered at the Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting as part of the multi-panel session entitled “Law and Legitimacy in the Ottoman Empire.” October 12, 2013.
- “Sheikh Ömer Lütfi and the Maladministration of Caucasian Refugees in Late Ottoman Zile.” Paper delivered at the Fourth Turkish Studies Conference entitled The Caucasus at the Imperial Twilight: Nationalism, Ethnicity, and Nation-Building from 1870s to 1920s. Tbilisi, Georgia. June 9, 2013.
- “Local Representation and the Legacy of Ottoman Councils in Contemporary Middle Eastern Politics.” Paper delivered at the “Ready for Democracy? Religion and Political Culture in the Orthodox and Islamic Worlds” Conference, Indiana University. Bloomington, IN. March 2, 2013.
- “Anatolian Civilizations across the Millennia” for the Turkish Cultural Foundation and the Peoria World Affairs Council, Bradley University. Peoria, IL. April 16, 2011.

Archival Research and Special Programs

- The National Archives in Washington, DC [2014-2018]
- The Prime Ministry Archives, Istanbul, Turkey, research [2007 & 2018]
- National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminar on World War I in the Middle East, Georgetown University, Washington, DC [2014]
- The Library of Congress [2014]
- The Yıldız Library, Istanbul, Turkey, research [2013]

- The National Library, Ankara, Turkey, research [2006-2007 & 2019, planned]
- Bilkent University, Ottoman Turkish course, Ankara, Turkey [2006-2007]
- The Harvard–Koç University Intensive Ottoman and Turkish Summer School Program, Ayvalık, Turkey [2006]
- Boğaziçi University Summer Program Advanced Course in Modern Turkish, Istanbul, Turkey [2001-2]
- College Year in Athens, Greece [1994-1995]

Grants and Fellowships

- NJCU Full-Year Research Sabbatical [2018-2019]
- NJCU Separately Budgeted Research Grant [2013, 2015]
- NJCU Mini Grant [2013-2015]
- Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Postdoctoral Fellowship [2011, declined]
- University of Wisconsin History Departmental Fellowship [2009]
- Institute of Turkish Studies Dissertation Writing Grant [2007-8]
- NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship [2006-7]
- Institute of Turkish Studies Summer Language Study Grant [2006]
- Foreign Language Area Studies [FLAS] Fellowship [2001 and 2006]
- American Research Institute in Turkey [ARIT] Fellowship [2002]

Teaching Experience

Asterisk (*) indicates taught online and in-class; double asterisk (**) indicate taught online only.

- History Department [2012-present]
 - HIST 418: Capstone Research Seminar in History
 - HIST 376: The Twentieth-Century Middle East (course creator)
 - HIST 359: The Silk Road (course creator)
 - HIST 357: The Ottoman Empire (*, course creator)
 - HIST 350: The Making of the Middle Ages (Fall 2025)
 - HIST 346: The Historian's Craft
 - HIST 237: Athens: Olympic City (course creator)
 - HIST 233: World History from 1400 CE to Present (*, course creator)
 - HIST 231: The U.S. in the World (*)
 - HIST 205: Ancient Civilizations - Rome
 - HIST 168: Middle East Past and Present (*)
 - HIST 166: Introduction to Asian Civilizations (**)
- College of Education [2012-2021]
 - EDU 4372: Secondary Social Studies Methods and Materials (*)
 - EDU 685: Advanced Curriculum in Social Studies (*)
 - EDU 480: Student Teaching Supervisor (Clinical Practice II)
 - EDU 361: Elementary Social Studies Methods (*)
 - EDU 331: Junior Field Practicum Supervisor (Clinical Practice I)
 - EDU 305: Power, Politics, and Schooling (*)

- EDU 280: The Challenges of Urban Education (*)
- EDU 210: The Social Studies Disciplines (**, course creator)
- Other Programs and Departments [2012-present]
 - HON 340: City-As-Text Istanbul (course creator)
 - GSC 102: Civilizations II - The Renaissance to Present
 - Faculty supervisor for coop student project at Ellis Island National Museum of Immigration
- Professor-in-Residence, Innovation Public High School, Jersey City, NJ [2014 – 2019]
- Visiting Assistant Professor at Bradley University [2011-12]
- Visiting Lecturer, University of Wisconsin Madison [2011]
- Teaching Assistant at UW-Madison [1999-2010]
 - “Islamic History from the Origin of Islam to the Ottoman Empire”
 - “Introduction to Turkish Folk Literature”
 - “The Crusades: Christianity and Islam”
 - “American History: Civil War to Present”
 - “Islam: Religion and Culture”
 - “Women in Turkish Society” [grader]
 - “Religion in Iran” [grader]
- English as a Second Language Program Coordinator at Ondokuz Mayıs University in Samsun, Turkey [1996-98]
- English Instructor at Yükseliş Middle School in Ankara, Turkey [1996-1997]
- Undergraduate Writing Tutor at the University of Evansville Writing Center [1992-94; 1995-96]

Language Skills

Ottoman Turkish – reading
 Modern Turkish – reading, speaking
 Modern standard Arabic – reading
 Italian, Spanish, French – reading
 Persian, Greek, German – beginner

Honors

- Special Recognition Award, Innovation High School [2017]

- Excellence in Teaching Award, NJCU Chapter of the National Society of Leadership and Success [2016]
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant nominee, “The Crusades: Christianity and Islam”, University of Wisconsin – Madison [2004]
- Bachelor of arts magna cum laude with honors, University of Evansville [1996]
- First Place, Research Essay Category, University of Evansville Writing Contest [1993; 1995]