

# Logan J. Sherrill

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## Profile

I am a current M.A. student in the Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program in Persian & Iranian Studies at the University of Arizona. My main area of research is the history of the early Medieval Islamic world (c.750-1258 CE) with a particular focus on the intersections of historiography, caliphal/dynastic power, material conditions, and Persian cultural memory. After attaining my master's degree, I plan to pursue a PhD program in History and/or Middle Eastern Studies and would like to find a career in higher education either as a postdoctoral researcher or as a full-time instructor on Islamic history and civilizations.

## Education

08/2024 – 05/2026	<b>University of Arizona</b> , Tucson, AZ M.A., Persian & Iranian Studies Current GPA: 4.0 (Spring 2025) Thesis title: “Abū Muslim al-Khurāsānī in the Early Medieval Persian Memory: ‘Abbāsīd-era Historiography and the Transition to Shī‘ī Romantic Hero” ( <i>tentative</i> )
08/2020 – 05/2024	<b>University of North Carolina at Greensboro</b> , Greensboro, NC B.A., History Minors: Islamic Studies, Archaeology, Anthropology, German Final GPA: 3.86 ( <i>Magna cum Laude</i> ) Thesis title: “The World of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī: His Life and Writings in Context” (Advisor: A. Asa Eger)

## Conference Participation

11/2025 ( <i>Paper Accepted</i> )	<b>Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting</b> <i>Washington D.C., November 22-25, 2025</i> Paper title: “Toward a New Understanding of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī’s <i>Tā’rīkh sinī mulūk al-‘arḍ wa-l-anbīyā</i> ” Panel: <i>Reframing Islamic Historiography and Epistemologies: Chronologies and Intellectual Traditions</i>
04/2024	<b>UNC Greensboro History Department Graduate &amp; Honors Student Conference</b> <i>Greensboro, NC, April 25, 2024</i> Paper title: “The World of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī: His Life and Writings in Context” Panel: <i>Creating Pasts...and Futures</i>

## Awards and Scholarships

AY 2025-2026; Spring 2025	<b>Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Graduate Fellowship</b> <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
AY 2025-2026 ( <i>Funding Pending</i> )	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship</b> <i>Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona</i> Awarded for study of fourth-year Persian at the University of Arizona.

Summer 2025	<b>Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship</b> <i>Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona</i> Awarded for study of intensive third-year Persian through the Eurasian Regional Language Program by American Councils in Dushanbe, Tajikistan (June 9 – August 1, 2025).
Spring 2025	<b>Dr. Malakeh Taleghani Endowed Graduate Scholarship</b> <i>Department of Linguistics, University of Arizona</i>
AY 2024-2025	<b>Graduate College Fellowship</b> <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
Spring 2024	<b>Most Outstanding History Research Paper</b> <i>Department of History, UNC Greensboro</i> Awarded for honors thesis, “The World of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī: His Life and Writings in Context.”
Spring 2024	<b>Provost Student Excellence Award</b> <i>Lloyd International Honors College, UNC Greensboro</i> The highest academic honor awarded to undergraduates at UNC Greensboro.
AY 2023-2024	<b>Wilhelmina D. &amp; Dr. Jack C. Horner Scholarship</b> <i>UNC Greensboro</i>
Fall 2023	<b>Vera Largent Scholarship</b> <i>Department of History, UNC Greensboro</i>

## Relevant Work Experience

04/2025 – Present	<b>Promotions Assistant for Persian Language Courses</b> School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies, University of Arizona
02/2025 – Present	<b>“Persian Tea &amp; Coffee Hour” Facilitator</b> Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona
08/2023 – 05/2024	<b>German Language Tutor</b> Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, UNC Greensboro

## Academic & Professional Affiliations

03/2025 – Present	<b>Middle East Medievalists</b>
12/2024 – Present	<b>Middle East Studies Association</b>
01/2022 – 05/2024	<b>Lloyd International Honors College</b> – UNC Greensboro - Disciplinary Honors Program
01/2022 – 05/2024	<b>Student Anthropological Society</b> – UNC Greensboro - Vice President (08/2023 – 05/2024) - Treasurer (08/2022 – 05/2023)
03/2021 – 05/2024	<b>Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization</b> – UNC Greensboro - Treasurer (08/2022 – 05/2023) - President (01/2022 – 05/2022)

## Relevant Coursework

Spring 2025	<b>Topics in Ancient and Classical Persian Literature</b> University of Arizona (PRS 596A)
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Fall 2024	<b>Shi'ism</b> University of Arizona (MENA 596H)
Fall 2024	<b>Introduction to the Study of the Middle East</b> University of Arizona (MENA 595D)
Spring 2024	<b>Islamic Mysticism</b> UNC Greensboro (REL 371)
Fall 2023	<b>Islamic Art &amp; Archaeology</b> UNC Greensboro (HIS 380) – Honors Course
Spring 2023	<b>Religions of Iran: The Persian Book of Kings</b> UNC Greensboro (REL 370) – Honors Course
Spring 2022	<b>From Achilles to Amir Hamza: A Literary Global Perspective on Epic Heroes</b> UNC Greensboro (HSS 227) – Honors Course
Spring 2022	<b>Islamic Civilization: From Mecca to the Crusades, 600-1200 C.E.</b> UNC Greensboro (HIS 207)

## Events Organized

11/10/2023	<b>The Journey of Love: How Five Women Founded the Rohingya Ma'iyafu'ino Collaborative Network</b> Webinar event organized on behalf of the Islamic Studies Research Network at UNC Greensboro featuring Rohingya activist Nurhayat Sultan and distinguished guest panelists Dr. Ronan Lee and Dr. Thomas Arcaro.
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## Languages

<b>English</b>	Native
<b>German</b>	Advanced
<b>Persian/Tajiki</b>	Advanced
<b>Bosnian/Serbian</b>	Intermediate
<b>Arabic</b>	Research/Reading Knowledge
<b>French</b>	Research/Reading Knowledge

## References

<b>Prof. Kamran Talattof</b>	<b>Chair of the Roshan GIDP in Persian &amp; Iranian Studies, University of Arizona</b> talattof@arizona.edu   (520) 621-2330
<b>Dr. Amirreza Vakilifard</b>	<b>Adjunct Instructor of Persian, University of Arizona</b> vakilifard@arizona.edu   (520) 621-8013
<b>Prof. A. Asa Eger</b>	<b>Professor of History, UNC Greensboro</b> aaeger@uncg.edu   (336) 334-5203