

# 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 Abbasid period of Islamic history (c.750-1258 CE) with a particular focus on the intersections of historiography, power and knowledge, and memory of the past. 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 the university system either as a postdoctoral researcher or as a full-time instructor on Islamic history.

## Education

08/2024 – 05/2026	<b>University of Arizona</b> , Tucson, AZ M.A., Persian & Iranian Studies Current GPA: 4.0 (Fall 2024)
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> ) (8x Dean's List; 6x Chancellor's List) Thesis title: "The World of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī: His Life and Writings in Context" (Advisor: A. Asa Eger)

## Awards and Scholarships

Spring 2025	<b>Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Graduate Fellowship</b> – <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
Spring 2025; Fall 2024	<b>Graduate College Fellowship</b> – <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
Spring 2024	<b>Outstanding History Research Paper</b> – <i>UNC Greensboro History Department</i> Awarded annually by the History Department faculty at UNCG for the most outstanding research paper by a History major. 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> Awarded by the Honors Council of the Lloyd International Honors College to celebrate the most outstanding of students upon nomination by their respective departments. The highest academic honor given to undergraduates at UNC Greensboro.
Spring 2024; Fall 2023	<b>Wilhelmina D. &amp; Dr. Jack C. Horner Scholarship</b> – <i>UNC Greensboro</i> Awarded for the 2023-2024 academic year to students from western North Carolina with high academic achievement.
Fall 2023	<b>Vera Largent Scholarship</b> – <i>UNC Greensboro History Department</i> Awarded for the fall 2023 semester to a rising senior History major selected by a committee of History Department faculty members.

## Academic & Professional Affiliations

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12/2024 – Present	<b>Middle East Studies Association</b>
11/2024 – Present	<b>Persian (Farsi/Dari/Tajik) Club</b> – University of Arizona - Secretary (11/2024 – Present)
04/2022 – Present	<b>Association for Iranian Studies</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

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Spring 2025	<b>Topics in Ancient and Classical Persian Literature</b> – University of Arizona (PRS 596A)
Spring 2025	<b>Intermediate Persian II</b> – University of Arizona (PRS 402)
Fall 2024	<b>Intermediate Persian I</b> – University of Arizona (PRS 401)
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)
Spring 2023	<b>Religions of Iran: The Persian Book of Kings</b> – UNC Greensboro (REL 370)
Spring 2022	<b>From Achilles to Amir Hamza: A Literary Global Perspective on Epic Heroes</b> – UNC Greensboro (HSS 227)
Spring 2022	<b>Islamic Civilization: From Mecca to the Crusades, 600-1200 C.E.</b> – UNC Greensboro (HIS 207)

## Events Organized

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11/10/2023	<b>The Journey of Love: How Five Women Founded the Rohingya Maiyafuinoor 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

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<b>English</b>	Native
<b>German</b>	Advanced-Intermediate
<b>Persian/Tajiki</b>	Intermediate
<b>Serbo-Croatian</b>	Intermediate

## References

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- A. Asa Eger**      **Professor of History at UNC Greensboro – Former Advisor**  
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