

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 period (c.750-1258 CE) with a particular focus on the intersections of historiography, caliphal/dynastic power, and collective 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 the university system either as a postdoctoral researcher or as a full-time instructor on Islamic history and civilizations.

Education

08/2024 – 05/2026	University of Arizona , Tucson, AZ M.A., Persian & Iranian Studies Current GPA: 4.0 (Fall 2024)
08/2020 – 05/2024	University of North Carolina at Greensboro , 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	Elahé Omidyar Mir-Djalali Graduate Fellowship – <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
Spring 2025; Fall 2024	Graduate College Fellowship – <i>Roshan Graduate Interdisciplinary Program, University of Arizona</i>
Spring 2024	Outstanding History Research Paper – <i>UNC Greensboro History Department</i> Awarded for honors thesis, "The World of Ḥamza al-Iṣfahānī: His Life and Writings in Context."
Spring 2024	Provost Student Excellence Award – <i>Lloyd International Honors College, UNC Greensboro</i> The highest academic honor given to undergraduates at UNC Greensboro.
Spring 2024; Fall 2023	Wilhelmina D. & Dr. Jack C. Horner Scholarship – <i>UNC Greensboro</i>
Fall 2023	Vera Largent Scholarship – <i>UNC Greensboro History Department</i>

Academic & Professional Affiliations

12/2024 – Present	Middle East Studies Association
04/2022 – Present	Association for Iranian Studies
01/2022 – 05/2024	Lloyd International Honors College – UNC Greensboro - Disciplinary Honors Program

01/2022 – 05/2024	Student Anthropological Society – UNC Greensboro - Vice President (08/2023 – 05/2024) - Treasurer (08/2022 – 05/2023)
03/2021 – 05/2024	Sigma Alpha Lambda National Leadership and Honors Organization – UNC Greensboro - Treasurer (08/2022 – 05/2023) - President (01/2022 – 05/2022)

Relevant Coursework

Spring 2025	Topics in Ancient and Classical Persian Literature – University of Arizona (PRS 596A)
Spring 2025	Intermediate Persian II – University of Arizona (PRS 402)
Fall 2024	Intermediate Persian I – University of Arizona (PRS 401)
Fall 2024	Shi’ism – University of Arizona (MENA 596H)
Fall 2024	Introduction to the Study of the Middle East – University of Arizona (MENA 595D)
Spring 2024	Islamic Mysticism – UNC Greensboro (REL 371)
Fall 2023	Islamic Art & Archaeology – UNC Greensboro (HIS 380)
Spring 2023	Religions of Iran: The Persian Book of Kings – UNC Greensboro (REL 370)
Spring 2022	From Achilles to Amir Hamza: A Literary Global Perspective on Epic Heroes – UNC Greensboro (HSS 227)
Spring 2022	Islamic Civilization: From Mecca to the Crusades, 600-1200 C.E. – UNC Greensboro (HIS 207)

Relevant Work Experience

02/2025 - Present	“Persian Coffee Hour” Facilitator – Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona
08/2023 – 05/2024	German Language Tutor – Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, UNC Greensboro

Events Organized

11/10/2023	The Journey of Love: How Five Women Founded the Rohingya Maïyafuñor Collaborative Network 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

English	Native
German	Advanced-Intermediate
Persian/Tajiki	Intermediate
Serbo-Croatian	Intermediate

References

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