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ILONA GERBAKHER

EDUCATION

Islamic Studies, Master of Theology
Harvard Divinity School (Presidential Scholar)
Expected Graduation: Spring 2013

Middle Eastern and North African Studies, BA
University of California, Los Angeles (Honors College)
Graduation: Summer 2011
Latin Honors: Magna Cum Laude

TEST SCORES

GRE: November 17, 2010
Verbal: 800 **Percentile:** 99
Quantitative: 700 **Percentile:** 70
Analytical Writing: 6 **Percentile:** 99

WORK EXPERIENCE

Harvard Center for Middle Eastern Studies: Cambridge, MA
Assistant Events Coordinator: September 2011-Present
Contact: Elizabeth Flanagan, elizabethflanagan@fas.harvard.edu

UCLA Waingrow Research Scholar: Los Angeles, CA
Female Intellect in 20th Century Jewish and Islamic Legal Thought: A Comparative Perspective. April 2010-June 2011
Contact: Professor Michael Morony, morony@history.ucla.edu

Anti Defamation League: Los Angeles, CA
Neo-Nazism in America Researcher September 2009-December 2010
Contact: Lynne Krueger, Director of Operations, ADL (310) 446-8000 x4268

The Academic Advantage: Los Angeles, CA
Tutor: Math, Languages, Social Sciences November 2009-April 2010
Contact: Nicol Valencia, (818) 343 1529

USHMM Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies: Washington, DC
Translator, Researcher (Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian, Greek) June 2009 to September 2009
Contact Dr. Juergen Matthaus, Director of Applied Research (202) 314 0378

INTELLECTUAL INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

History Editor, UCLA Aleph Undergraduate Research Journal

Production Editor, UCLA Law School Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law

Committee Chair, Muslim Student Association Campaign to Save Islamic Studies

Translator, Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies, Oxford University Film Archive

Volunteer Tutor, School on Wheels

Member, Working Group at the Harvard Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies

Student Liaison, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Faculty Search Committee, Harvard University

LANGUAGES

1. Russian/Ukrainian: Fluent in written Russian/Ukrainian; extensive experience in Russian to English translation (native language) (certification)

2. French: conversational in French, two years experience in French to English translation (certification)

3. Arabic: In my third year of training in read, written and spoken Modern Standard Arabic (certification)

4. Ancient Greek: Fluent in written Attic Greek; extensive experience in Attic/Koine Greek to English translation

5. Hebrew: Reading-Only

HONORS AND AWARDS

Gold Medalist, Phi Rho Pi National Championships. These awards rank me as the best in the nation in Impromptu and Extemporaneous speech, at the 2008 Phi Rho Pi National Speech and Debate Championships

nts at the PCC Watson Lancer Debate Tournament, on the Junior (middle) level

Speech and Debate Scholars Award, January 2008 and January 2009 This award is given to 5 debaters a year who have consistently won gold medals in competition, while maintaining a GPA at or above a 3.85.

Dean's Honor List, SMC, UCLA Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2009, Winter 2010, Spring 2010, Winter 2011. This designation is given to full time SMC and UCLA students who maintain a GPA in the top 10% of their class.

UCLA Honors College September 2009-June 2011. Member of UCLA College Honors Program, a program in which the student must complete a minimum of 44 units of Honors credit course work and maintain an exceptional grade point average. Only 3% of students in the graduating class achieve College Honors at graduation.

UCLA Research Scholar, January 2010 This scholarship is given to UCLA undergraduate students who show an exceptional facility for academic research and have expressed the desire to publish their research.

UCLA Hillel Scholar, March 2010 This title is given to members of the UCLA Hillel who are leaders in Rabbi Chaim Seidler-Feller's Torah studies program.

UCLA Maggie Gilbert Summer Research Stipend, May 2010 This award is given to 14

UCLA students whose research proposals are considered "the most outstanding research submissions for the summer of 2010."

UCLA Frederick R. Waingrow Research Fellowship, May 2010 This award is given to four UCLA students with "an outstanding academic record" who are committed to completing a senior thesis in the humanities.

UCLA Vice Provost's Research Award Recipient, May 2010, May 2011 This award is given to UCLA students who achieve excellence in research at the UCLA Aleph Research Conference.

Harvard Divinity School Presidential Scholarship, March 2011. This scholarship is given to "the most outstanding MTS and MDiv applicants who demonstrate a concern for and interest in public service, broadly conceived."

UCLA Chancellor's Award for Academic Excellence and Student Leadership, May 2011. This award is given to graduating UCLA students who exhibit excellence in both academic accomplishments and on-campus leadership. Students may not apply for this award, they are nominated by their departments.

UCLA Honors Program Barbara Ladd Gates Award for Intellectual Accomplishment, May 2011. This award is given to one graduating senior in the UCLA Honors Program who is selected on the basis of "an outstanding academic record and excellence in scholarly research on the undergraduate level."

UCLA Dean's Prize for Research, May 2011. This award is given to UCLA students who achieve "excellence in research" at the UCLA Aleph Research Conference.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES

UCLA Aleph Research Conference, May 2010 . Oral Presentation of "A Brief Review of the Egyptian Feminist Movement in the 20th Century, and the Shift from 'Feminism' to 'Islamism'"

UCLA Daily Bruin, Op/Ed article published October 8, 2010:

"Islamic Studies Promotes Tolerance"

http://www.dailybruin.com/index.php/article/2010/10/fading_islamic_studies_expands_tolerance

Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research, November 2010. Oral Presentation of "A Historiography of Female Intellect in Islamic Legal Scholarship."

UCLA Aleph Research Journal, Winter 2011. Publication of "A Historiography of Female Intellect in Islamic Legal Scholarship."

<http://www2.humnet.ucla.edu/aleph/>

National Conference on Undergraduate Research, March 2011. Oral Presentation of "A Historiography of Female Intellect in Islamic Legal Scholarship."

Council on Undergraduate Research, Posters on the Hill Congressional Demonstration April 2011. Poster Presentation of "**A Historiography of Female Intellect in Islamic Legal Scholarship.**" I am one of 14 humanities students in the country asked to present their research to Congress on April 13, 2011.

UCLA Aleph Research Conference, May 2011. Oral Presentation of "**Female Intellect in 20th Century Jewish and Islamic Legal Thought: A Comparative Perspective.**" Winner of Dean's Prize for best research presentation.

Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Graduate Working Group, November 2011. Oral Presentation: of "**Female Intellect in 20th Century Jewish and Islamic Legal Thought: A Comparative Perspective.**"

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) 2011 Annual Meeting, December 2011. Oral Presentation of "**Female Intellect in 20th Century Jewish and Islamic Legal Thought: A Comparative Perspective.**"

Agathai Quarterly Journal, Winter 2012. Publication of "**Garum: The Material Culture of Rotted Fish-Paste.**" <http://www.mortarboardat UCLA.org/agathai-quarterly-journal.html>

Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies Working Group, February 2012 Oral Presentation of "**The Secular Russian Federation? An Examination of Shari'a Law in Tatarstan**"