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October 23, 2025

Beatrice Manz
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Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Appointment: Human Rights Commission

Dear Beatrice:

As a matter of the standard appointment procedure, the Select Board requests that you attend the Select Board meeting conducted by hybrid format, on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 7:15 p.m.

It is a requirement of the Select Board that you join this hybrid meeting. This will give the Board an opportunity to meet and discuss matters with you about the area of activity in which you will be involved.

You may attend the meeting in-person or virtually. The meeting will take place in the Select Board Chambers. The link to the meeting and other information will be available at the bottom of the Select Board Agenda as well as on the Town Calendar when the meeting is posted on Thursday, October 30th, at 7:00 p.m.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by e-mail, sbadmin@town.arlington.ma.us, if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ashley Maher".

Ashley Maher
Board Administrator



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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 22, 2025

TO: Members of the Select Board

SUBJECT: Appointment to the Human Rights Commission

This memo is to request the Board's approval of my appointment of Beatrice Manz, Arlington, MA, as a member on the Human Rights Commission with a term expiration date of 10/31/2027.

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Town Manager

CURRICULUM VITAE

BEATRICE FORBES MANZ

██████████
Arlington , MA 02476
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Professor Emerita
Tufts University
Department of History

Education

Ph.D., Harvard University: Inner Asian and Altaic Studies, ██████████
M.A., University of Michigan: Middle Eastern Studies, ██████████
A.B., Harvard University (magna cum laude): History, ██████████

Academic Honors/Grants

Awards for *Power, Politics and Religion in Timurid Iran* ██████████:
Houshang Pourshariati Iranian Studies Book Award, Middle East Studies Association
Second prize, Saidi-Sirjani Book Award, International Society for Iranian Studies
Honorable mention, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies
Tufts Faculty Research Semester, spring, ██████████
Member, School of Historical Studies, Institute for Advanced Study, ██████████
Tufts Faculty Research Semester, spring, ██████████
ACLS Fellowship for Post-doctoral Research, Fall, ██████████
National Council for Eurasian and East European Research Fellowship, ██████████
Tufts Faculty Research Award, summer, ██████████
NEH and ACLS Fellowships for Post-doctoral Research, ██████████
American Research Institute in Turkey Fellowship, ██████████
IREX:ACLS-Academy of Sciences exchange to USSR, ██████████
ACLS Fellowship for Recent Recipients of the Ph.D., ██████████
Post-doctoral Fellowship, Center for Middle Eastern Studies and Russian Research Center,
Harvard University, ██████████
IREX Developmental Fellowship, ██████████
Middle East Studies Association Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences, ██████████
Whiting Fellowship in the Humanities, ██████████
Fulbright-Hays Fellowship and IREX exchange to the USSR, ██████████

Teaching Experience

TUFTS UNIVERSITY, Department of History

Publications

Nomads in the Middle East, for Cambridge University Press, *Themes in Islamic Civilization* series, November, [REDACTED]

Power, Politics and Religion in Timurid Iran, Cambridge University Press, [REDACTED], paperback, [REDACTED]. Persian translation, [REDACTED]; Turkish translation, [REDACTED].

The Rise and Rule of Tamerlane, Cambridge University Press, [REDACTED], paperback edition, [REDACTED]. Canto Paperback edition, [REDACTED]. The Folio Society, as *Tamerlane: his Rise and Rule*, [REDACTED]. Persian translation, [REDACTED], Turkish translation, [REDACTED], Russian translation, [REDACTED].

ed., *Studies on Chinese and Islamic Central Asia, Collected articles of Joseph Fletcher*, Variorum Reprints, [REDACTED].

ed., *Central Asia in Historical Perspective*, Westview Press, (Olin Critical Issues Series) [REDACTED].

“Why was the Mongol Conquest of Khorasan so Violent?” for Lennart Gilhaus, ed., *Violence in Pre-Modern Warfare – Representations, Discourses, Practices and Experiences of War Violence in the Pre-Modern World*. In press.

“Barlas Barulas” *Encyclopedia of Islam*. Forthcoming.

“The Legacy of the Nomadic Empires,” *The Cambridge History of War*; vol. III, in press.

“The Mongol Conquest in Iran,” in Michael Hope and Timothy May, eds., *The Mongol World*, Routledge Press, [REDACTED].

“The Role of Landed Elites in the Timurid State,” in Jo van Steenberg, ed., *Trajectories of State Formation across Fifteenth-Century Islamic West-Asia: Eurasian Parallels, Connections and Divergence*, Leiden: Brill, [REDACTED].

“The Local and the Universal in Turco-Iranian Ideology,” in Charles Melville, ed., *The Timurid Century: The Idea of Iran*, London: I.B. Tauris, [REDACTED].

“The Timurid Empire,” in Robert Rollinger, Julian Degen, and Michael Gehler, eds., *Short-term Empires in World History*, Wiesbaden: Springer, [REDACTED].

“Ibrāhīm b. Shāhrukh,” *Encyclopedia of Islam*, vol. 3. [REDACTED].

Professor Emerita, [REDACTED] -
Professor, [REDACTED]
Associate Professor, [REDACTED]
Assistant Professor, [REDACTED]

Nomads in World History
History of Afghanistan
Medieval Islamic History, 600-1400
History of Iran
The Mongol Empire
Nationalism and Ethnic Relations in Central Asia
Men, Women and Patriarchy in the Middle East
Historiography of the life of the Prophet Muhammad and the Rise of Islam
The Great Multi-national Empires and their Legacy
The World of Islam
Religion and Law in Islamic History

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, Department of History with Center for Middle Eastern Studies;
Russian Research Center

Visiting Associate Professor, [REDACTED]
Visiting Associate Professor, [REDACTED]
Visiting Assistant Professor, [REDACTED]
Courses:

History of the Near East 1055-1517
History of Central Asia to the Russian Conquest

Professional Activities

Editorial Board, *Tahqiqat-e Tarikh-e Ejtema'i* (Iran) 1221-
Treasurer, Association for the Study of Persianate Societies, 1221-1223
Board of Advisors, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*
Advisor, series: The Early and Medieval Islamic World, I.B. Tauris
President, American Institute of Iranian Studies, [REDACTED]
Member, Scientific Committee of Central Eurasian Reader, CNRS, Paris
Board of Directors, American Research Institute in Turkey, [REDACTED]
Fellowship Committee, American Councils for International Education, [REDACTED]
Selection Committee, Hourani Prize, Middle East Studies Association, [REDACTED].
Editorial Advisory Board, Eurasian Studies
Fellowship Committee, Social Sciences, American Research Institute in Turkey, [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
Board Member, Society for Iranian Studies, [REDACTED]

“Excessive Violence as Legitimation under Mongols and Timurids,” in Robert Gleaves, ed., *Violence in Islamic Thought from the Mongols to European Imperialism*, Edinburgh University Press, [REDACTED].

“Tamerlane and the Timurids,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Asian History*, (online) [REDACTED].

“The Empire of Tamerlane as an Adaptation of the Mongol Empire: An answer to David Morgan, ‘The Empire of Tamerlane: An Unsuccessful Re-Run of the Mongol State?’” Festschrift for David Morgan, edited by Peter Jackson and Timothy May, *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, vol. 26/1-2 ([REDACTED]), pp. 281-91.

“Nomads and Regional Armies in the Middle East,” in *Nomadic Military Power in Iran and Adjacent Areas in the Islamic Period*, edited by Kurt Franz and Wolfgang Holzwarth. *Nomaden und Sesshafte* 18. Wiesbaden: Reichert, [REDACTED], pp. 1-27.

“Abd al-Razzāq Samarqandī,” *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3d edition, [REDACTED].

“Juwayni’s Historical Consciousness,” in *Ferdowsi, the Mongols and the History of Iran: Art, Literature and Culture from Early Islam to Qajar Persia. Studies in Honour of Charles Melville*, edited by Robert Hillenbrand, A.C.S. Peacock, and Firuza Abdullaeva, London: I.B. Tauris, [REDACTED], pp.114-19.

“Saray Malik Khanum”, article for *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3d edition, [REDACTED]

“The Timurid Dynasty,” article in *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, Princeton University Press, [REDACTED].

“Baysunqur b. Shāh Rukh,” article for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3d edition, [REDACTED].

“Reflections on Nomads, Agriculture and Urban Life,” in *Horizons of the World: Festschrift for Isenbike Togan*, edited by Nurten Kiliç and Evrem Bimbaş, Ithaki Publishing, Istanbul, [REDACTED], pp. 325-357.

“The Rule of the Infidels and the Post-Mongol Anarchy” in *New Cambridge History of Islam*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2010, pp. 128-68.

“Kalīl Sultān,” *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, [REDACTED].

“Timurids 1370- ca. 1450” in *Cambridge History of Inner Asia: The Chinggisid Age*, Cambridge University Press, [REDACTED], pp. 182-98.

“1405: mort de Tamerlan. La légende continue,” for *Une histoire du monde au XVe siècle (v. 1380-v. 1520)*, Éditions Fayard, [REDACTED].

“Ulugh Beg, Transoxiana and Turco-Mongolian Traditions,” in Markus Ritter, Ralph Kauz and Birgitt Hoffmann, eds., *Iran und iranisch geprägte Kulturen, Studien zum 65. Geburtstag von Bert G. Fragner, Wiesbaden*, [REDACTED].

“Johannes Schiltberger and other outside sources on the Timurids,” in Pablo Martín Asuero, Michele Bernardini, eds., *España y el Oriente islámico entre los siglos XV y XVI: Imperio Otomano, Persia y Asia central: actas del congreso Università degli Studi di Napoli “l’Orientale” Nápoles 30 de septiembre – 2 de octubre de 2004*, Istanbul, [REDACTED].

“Local Histories of Southern Iran,” in Judith Pfeiffer and Sholeh A. Quinn, eds., *History and Historiography of Post-Mongol Central Asia and the Middle East: Studies in honor of John E. Woods*, Wiesbaden, [REDACTED].

“Nomad and Settled in the Timurid Military,” in Reuven Amitai and Michal Biran, eds., *Mongols, Turks, and Others: Eurasian Nomads and the Sedentary World*, Brill, [REDACTED].

“Women in Timurid Dynastic Politics,” in Lois Beck and Guity Nashat, eds., *Women in Iran from the Rise of Islam to 1800*, University of Illinois Press, [REDACTED].

“Multi-ethnic Empires and the Formulation of Identity,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, vol 26 #1 ([REDACTED]).

“Gowharšād,” article for *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, [REDACTED].

“Tamerlane's Career and its Uses,” *Journal of World History*, vol. 13 #1 ([REDACTED]).

“Family and Ruler in Timurid Historiography,” in D. DeWeese, ed. *Studies on Central Asian History in honor of Yuri Bregel*, Bloomington, Indiana, 2001.

“Mongol History Rewritten and Relived,” in *Figures mythiques des mondes musulmans*, special issue of *Revue du monde musulman et de la Méditerranée*, [REDACTED].

“Ulugh Beg,” article for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, [REDACTED].

“Temür,” article for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, [REDACTED].

“Timurids: history,” article for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, [REDACTED].

“Temür and the Problem of a Conqueror's Legacy,” *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, April, [REDACTED].

“Military Manpower in Late Mongol and Timurid Iran,” in *Proceedings of the Third Colloquium of the Institut Français d'Études sur l'Asie Centrale*, in *Cahiers d'Asie Centrale*, [REDACTED].

“Shāhrukh,” article for *Encyclopedia of Islam*, [REDACTED].

“Village and Nomad,” article for *The Dictionary of Art*, [REDACTED].

“Empires and Multi-Ethnic Identities,” *The Thetean*, Winter, [REDACTED], pp. 2-13.
(Russel B. Swensen Memorial Lecture, Brigham Young University, February, [REDACTED].)

“The Development and Meaning of Čagatay Identity,” in Jo-Ann Gross, ed., *Muslims in Central Asia: Expressions of Identity and Change*, Duke University Press, [REDACTED].

“Clavijo,” with Margaret Dunaway, article in *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, 1991.

“Mīrkhwānd,” “Mīrānshāh,” articles for *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, [REDACTED].

“Čarkas,” article for *Encyclopaedia Iranica*, [REDACTED].

“The Legacy of Tamerlane,” *Asian Art*, II #2 ([REDACTED]).

“Tamerlane and the Symbolism of Sovereignty,” *Iranian Studies* XXI #1-2 ([REDACTED]), pp. 105-22.

“Mongols,” “Ilkhans,” “Hulagu,” “Ghazan,” “Timur,” “Timurids,” in *The Encyclopaedia of Asian History*, New York, [REDACTED].

“Central Asian Resistance to Russian Rule: Ferghana under the Russians,” *The Russian Review*, 46 ([REDACTED]).

“The Office of Darugha under Tamerlane,” *Festschrift for Prof. Frances W. Cleaves*, in *Journal of Turkish Studies*, [REDACTED].

“The Ulus Chaghatay before and after Temür's Rise to Power: The Transformation from Tribal Confederation to Army of Conquest,” *Central Asiatic Journal* XXVII #1 ([REDACTED]).

“The Clans of the Crimean Khanate, 1466-1532,” *Harvard Ukrainian Studies*, II #3 ([REDACTED]).

“Administration and the Delegation of Authority in Temür's Dominions,” *Central Asiatic Journal* XX #3 ([REDACTED]).

Languages: French, German, Russian, Persian, some Turkish.