

# **DERYA LITTLE**

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# EDUCATION:

PhD, Durham University, Durham, England, Politics, Department of Government and International Affairs, 2007-2014

PhD Dissertation Title: "U.S. Foreign Policy towards Iran in the 21st Century"

MA, Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkey, History of the U.S., 2004-2007

MA Thesis Title: "Harry Truman and International Control of the Atomic Bomb"

BS, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, International Relations, 2000-2004

## **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **BOOKS**:

- From Islam to Christ: One Woman's Path through the Riddles of God, Ignatius Press, 2017.
- Two Fallen Worlds: Lost, Independently Published, 2018 (YA Fiction).
- Two Fallen Worlds: Found, Independently Published, 2018 (YA Fiction).
- Reluctant to Confident: Becoming a Daughter, a Wife and a Mother with the Women of New Testament, (under Review).
- "The Divine Mercy Novena, A Lesson of Mercy and Justice." Book chapter in Our Friend Faustina Timeless Tales of Heavenly Inspiration, Marian Press, exp. 2019.

#### **ARTICLES:**

National Catholic Register, 2017-2018

- I Grew Up as a Muslim—But Then Rome Called
- Immigration: Human Dignity or Obedience? Maybe Both?
- My 10 Weird, Wonderful Years as a Catholic
- Do You Have Any of These 3 Signs of Acedia?
- I Can Only Imagine A Movie about Fathers, Sons and Redemption
- Compromise with Islam, Atheism and Secularism is an Illusion
- Islam, Catholicism and the Fallout from Low Standards
- A World Without Christ Leads to the Atheist Gunman
- President Oprah and the False Religion of 'A Wrinkle in Time'
- The Errors of 'The Last Jedi' and Islam Are No Match for the Mother of God

The Catholic World Report, 2016-2018

- Lepanto, the Poles, Islam, and Our Lady
- Christians continue to suffer as President Erdoğan expands reach, power
- The Fall of Constantinople on May 29, 1453: A Cautionary Tale
- Imprisonment of Christian pastor in Turkey signals President Erdogan's hard shift
- A cradle of early Christianity, Turkey is often unwelcoming to today's Christians
- Islam, ISIS, and Turkey
- Five Facts About the Coup in Turkey

Crisis Magazine, 2017-2018

- Islam, Immigration and the Decaying Christian West
- Jerusalem in the Islamic Imagination
- What Peace Really Means
- Islam, Hollywood and Choice
- Creation of Man in Islam and Christianity

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#### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

Patient-Family Liaison, West Virginia University Hospitals, Morgantown, WV, December 2010 – May 2011

Asylum Seeker Support Worker, Catholic Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, England, October 2008 – August 2009

Interpreter, ITL, Part-time, December 2007-October 2008

Managerial Assistant, Anatolian Advantage Group Export & Import, 2004-2007

Private Language Tutoring, Turkish, Part-time, 1999-2004

Interpretation and translation, English to Turkish, Turkish to English

- Simultaneous interpretation from Turkish to English at the nation wide Campus Crusade for Christ annual conference, 2006
- Simultaneous interpretation from English to Turkish for Four Square Church conferences, 2004-2005
- Interpretation and translation during business exchanges at AAG, 2004-2007

## SPEAKING AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Columbus Catholic Women's Conference, Keynote Speaker, February 2018.
- The Journey Home, EWTN, June 2018.
- St. Hugh's Parish, Carmichaels, PA, June 2018.
- St. John's University Parish, Morgantown, WV, November 2016
- Radio and Podcast Interviews, including but not limited to:

Kresta in the Afternoon
Patrick Coffin Show
Jennifer Fulwiler Show
Catholic Connection with Teresa Tomeo
Morning Glory, EWTN
Pints with Aquinas
Steve Deace Show
Gloria TV

- Guest lecturing, West Virginia University, Business Department, October 2013
- Presentation of conference papers, 2013
- Sharing Christian testimony, Churches in the US, England and Turkey
- Organizing and Speaking at youth camps, 2003-2008
- Simultaneous interpretation, English-Turkish, various Christian conferences in Turkey
- Training short-term mission groups about Turkish culture, language and Islam, 2004-2007
- Tutoring Turkish primarily to American missionaries in Turkey between 1999-2007