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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Ph.D. in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, 1993.
Pitzer College, B.A. with honors in History and Religion, 1983-1987.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS

American Centers for Oriental Research Senior CAORC Fellowship, Amman, Jordan, 2003-2004.
Senior Fulbright Research Fellowship for Jordan, Egypt, Oman, 2003-2004.
Institute for Ismaili Studies Fellowship, London, UK, June-December 2003.
American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship and Senior Islamicist-in-Residence Fellowship, Cairo, Egypt, March-September 2000.
American Institute of Maghreb Studies, Research Grant, Tunisia, Spring 2000.
Gown International Travel Grant, University of Washington, for Islamic Studies Symposium, Kyoto University, Japan, October 1999.
Faculty Collaboration Grant, Walter Chapin Simpson Center for the Humanities, University of Washington, 1998-2000.
National Resources (Title VI) Fellowship for Arabic language study, 1990-1991.
National Resources (Title VI) Fellowship for Arabic language study, 1989-1990.
Century Scholarship for graduate study, University of Chicago, 1988-1989.
National Resources (Title VI) Fellowship for Arabic language study, 1987-1988.
National Endowment for the Humanities Junior Scholar Fellowship, with Carl Ernst, Associate Professor of Religion, Pomona College, Summer 1987.
Honors received for B.A. Thesis, "The Sacred in Human History: A Comparison of Nestorian Christianity and Hekhalot Judaism." May 1987.

TEACHING AND RESEARCH

Professor of History, United States Naval Academy, 2008-Present.
Visiting Distinguished Professor of History and Politics, United States Naval Academy, 2005-2008.
Associate Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, 2001-2005.
Senior CAORC Fellow, American Centers for Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, 2003-2004.
Senior Fulbright Research Fellow, Royal Institute for Inter-faith Studies, Amman, Jordan, 2004.
Senior Fulbright Research Fellow, al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, 2004.
Senior Fulbright Research Fellow, Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, Muscat, Oman, 2004.
Visiting Associate Professor, Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Bergen, 2005.
Fellow, Institute for Ismaili Studies, London, UK, June-December 2003.
Visiting Scholar, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford University, June-December 2003.
Assistant Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization, University of Washington, 1996-2001.
Senior Islamicist-in-Residence, American Research Center in Egypt, 2000.
Visiting Scholar in the College of Shariah and Islamic Studies, Kuwait University, 1996-1997.
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and History, Pennsylvania State University, 1995-1996.
Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Vanderbilt University, 1993-1995.
Visiting Assistant Professor of Religion, Earlham College, 1992-1993.
Visiting Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, Macalester College, 1991-1992.
Instructor, Office of Continuing Education, University of Chicago, 1991.
Instructor, Oriental Institute, University of Chicago, 1990-1991.

ACADEMIC SERVICE AND CONSULTING

Director of Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, United States Naval Academy, 2005-Present.
Advisory Board, *Journal of al-Tamaddun* (Malaysia), 2008-2010.
Editorial Board, *Judaism and Islam in Medieval and Modern Times*. Ed. Michael Laskier and Yaacov Lev (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, forthcoming).
Editorial Board, *Routledge Encyclopedia of the Quran*. Ed. Oliver Leaman (London: Routledge, 2005).
Chair of Comparative Religion, University of Washington, 2001-2003.

B.A. Program Review, Department of Religion, Reed College, Portland, Oregon, September 2005.
 M.A. Program Review, Higher Education Coordinating Board, Olympia, Washington, June 2004.
 Chair, Comparative Religion Program, University of Washington, 2001-2003.
 Director, Comparative Islamic Studies Program, University of Washington, 1998-2003.
 Editor, Comparative Islamic Studies series, Continuum International Publishers and Equinox Publishers, 1997-Present.
 Editor, *Journal of Comparative Islamic Studies*, 2003-Present.
 Associate Editor, *Bulletin of Middle East Studies Association*, 2004-2007.
 Chair, Quran and Biblical Literature Consultation, Society of Biblical Literature, 2003-2006.
 Editor, Islam, *Religious Studies Review*, 1995-2003.
 Co-Chair, Relics and Territory Consultation, American Academy of Religion, 2003.
 Reviewer, Fritz Travel Grants, Graduate School, University of Washington, 2002.
 Council member, Faculty Council on Instructional Quality, University of Washington, 1998-2001.
 Juror, American Academy of Religion, Historical Studies, Book Award Committee, 1997-2000.
 Instructor, Arabic Language, K-5 grades, Captain Blakely Elementary School, Bainbridge Island, Winter and Spring Quarters 1999.

PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS

Promotion and Tenure (2001, 2002, 2004, 2004, 2004, 2005, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2007).
 Tel Aviv University (2008).
 Islamic University of Islamabad, Pakistan (2007).
 University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan (2006).
 United States Institute for Peace (2005).
 J. Paul Getty Museum (2005).
 National Endowment for the Humanities (2005).
 Middle East Studies Association (2003).
 Yale University Press (2006, 2007).
 Syracuse University Press (2006).
 State University of New York Press (1996, 1999, 2000, 2006).
 Routledge (2003, 2004).
 Edinburgh University Press (1998).
 Longmans (2003).
 Wadsworth (1996).
 Blackwell (2006)
Dumbarton Oaks Review (2008).
Teaching Theology and Religion (2004).
Journal of Arabic Literature (2006).
Medieval Encounters (2005).
Journal of Religion (2003).
History of Religions (2002, 2007).
International Journal of Middle East Studies (2000).
Islamic Law and Society (1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006).
JMEISA (2008)

LEGAL CONSULTING

Religious Discrimination, Akiyama et al v. U.S. Judo Inc. et al, Fleming Law Office, Seattle, Washington, February 1998.
 Marriage and Inheritance, Ann J. Durham, Seattle, Washington, September 1998.
 Arabic Translation, Lakewood High School, Lakewood, Washington, June 1998.
 Child Custody, Attorney General of Washington, December 1998.
 Asylum (Turkmenistan), David Merrell, Seattle, Washington, January 1999.
 Asylum (Turkey), Stock and Moeller, Anchorage, Alaska, March 1999.
 Religious Discrimination, Cook v. Cochran, Garvey, Schubert and Barer, Seattle, Washington, July 1999.
 Asylum (Kenya), Davis Wright Tremaine, Seattle, Washington, April 2001.
 Domestic Violence, Domestic Violence Unit, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, King County, Washington, May 2001.
 Arabic Translation, Bander, June 2001.
 Asylum (Tunisia), Dobrin and Hann, Seattle, Washington, January 2002.
 Asylum (Ethiopia), Carol Edwards and Associates, Seattle, Washington, August 2002.
 Asylum (Kenya), Carol Edwards and Associates, Seattle, Washington, September 2002.
 Criminal Law, MacDonald, Hoague, and Bayless, Seattle, Washington, November 2002-June 2003.
 Asylum (Ethiopia), Carol Edwards and Associations, Seattle, Washington, March 2003.

Criminal/First Amendment, Heller Ehrman White and McAuliffe, Seattle, Washington, March 2003.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, March 2003.
Immigration (Kuwait, Egypt, India), Dobrin and Hann, Seattle, Washington, October 2003.
Child Custody, Attorney General of Washington, November 2003.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, March 2004.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, November 2004.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, March 2005.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, July 2005.
Criminal/First Amendment, Attorney General of Washington, October 2005.
Criminal/First Amendment, State of Wisconsin Department of Justice, August 2007.
Criminal/First Amendment, State of Wisconsin, Department of Justice, November 2007.
Criminal/First Amendment, State of Wisconsin, Department of Justice, January 2008.

BOOKS AND EDITED VOLUMES

Mecca and Eden: Ritual, Relics, and Territory in Islam. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2006.
Prayer, Magic, and the Stars. Edited volume with Scott Noegel and Joel Walker. History of Magic Series. University Park: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2003.
Teaching Islam. Edited volume, American Academy of Religion Teaching Religions Series. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.
Prophets in the Quran: An Introduction to the Quran and Muslim Exegesis. London and New York: Continuum International Publications, 2002.
Moses in the Quran and Islamic Exegesis. Quranic Studies Series. London: Routledge/Curzon Press, 2002.
Historical Dictionary of Prophets in Islam and Judaism. With Scott Noegel. London: Scarecrow Press, 2002.
Applying the Canon in Islam: The Authorization and Maintenance of Interpretive Reasoning in Hanafi Scholarship. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1996.

JOURNALS

The Madhhab. Guest Editor, Special volume of *Islamic Law and Society* 10 (2003).
Comparative Islamic Studies, Editor, 2005-Present.
Al-Tasamah, Guest Editor, English edition, 2006.

ARTICLES

"Quran and its Study in Islam." In *Peace, Order, and Extremism: A Canadian Perspective on Moderate and Militant Islam*. Ed. James Beverley and Gordon Melton (forthcoming).
"Quran and Muslim Exegesis as a Source for the History of the Ancient Near East." In *Bridging Judaism and Islam* (Tel Aviv: Bar-Ilan University, forthcoming).
"al-Tasamah fi al-Qanun al-Islami wa Tadbiquhu" [Tolerance in Islamic Law and Practice]. *al-Tasamah* 18 (1428/2007): 225-239.
"Arab Prophets of the Quran and Bible." *Journal of Quranic Studies* 8.2 (2006): 24-57.
"Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, United States Naval Academy," *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 24 (2007): 133-142.
"Alaqaq al-Maqasid bi-l-Adillah wa al-Qawa'id: Dirasat Muqaranah" [Connection of the Goals of Islamic Law with its Indications and Foundations: Comparative Studies]. *Nadwah Tatawur al-'Ulum al-Fiqhiyyah fi Oman: al-Fiqh al-Umani wa al-Maqasid al-Shariah*. Ed. al-Hajj Sulayman b. Ibrahim Babziz al-Warijlani (Muscat: Wizarat al-Awqaf wa al-Shi'un al-Diniyyah, 2007): 245-280.
"Moses in the Quran and Islamic Exegesis." In *Blackwell Companion to the Quran*. Ed. Andrew Rippin (Oxford: Blackwell, 2006), 248-265.
"Dirasat al-Din al-Muqarin wa Usul al-Mujtama' al-Madani [Comparative Study of Religion and the Roots of Religious Pluralism]." *al-Tasamah* 8 (Winter 1425/2005): 66-75.
"Arab Prophets and the Tombs of Giants." *Bulletin of the Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies* 6.2 (2006): 39-61.
"al-Anbiya' al-'Arab wa Qubur al-Jababirah [Arab Prophets and the Tombs of Giants]." *al-Nashra* 30 (Spring 2004): 19-23.
"Touching the Penis in Islamic Law." *History of Religions* 44 (2004): 89-119.
"Relics of the Prophet Muhammad." *Islamica* 13 (April 2004): 107-112.
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"The Prophet Muhammad Dhu al-Qarnayn: His Journey to the Cities at the Ends of the Earth." *Byzantino-rossica* 2 (2003): 179-219.
"Israel and the Torah of Muhammad." In *Quran and Bible*. Ed. John Reeves. SBL series. Scholars Press, 2003.
"Food of Israel and Q 3:90." In *Food and Judaism*. Ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon. Studies in Jewish Civilization 12 (Omaha: Creighton University Press, forthcoming).

- "The 'New Torah': Some Early Islamic Views of the Quran and other Revealed Books." *Graeco-Arabica* 7-8 (1999-2000): 371-604.
- "From Dar al-Hijra to Dar al-Islam: The Islamic Utopia." In *The Concept of Territory in Islamic Law and Thought*. Ed. Yanagihashi Hiroyuki, Islamic Area Studies 2 (New York and London: Kegan Paul International, 2000), 1-36.
- "Transmission of Muslim Knowledge: Past Traditions and New Technologies." In *Proceedings of Islamic World Information Sources Symposium*. Riyadh: King Abdulaziz Public Library, 1999.
- "The land in which you have lived': Inheritance of the Promised Land in Classical Islamic Exegesis." In *"A Land Flowing With Milk and Honey": Visions of Israel from Biblical to Modern Times*. Ed. Leonard J. Greenspoon and Ronald A. Simkins. Studies in Jewish Civilization 11 (Omaha: Creighton University Press, 2001), 49-84.
- "What Can't be Left Out? The Fundamentals of Teaching the Introduction to Islam Course." In *Teaching Islam as a Religion*. Ed. Brannon Wheeler, 3-21. AAR Teaching Religions Series. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003).
- "Integrating Islamic Studies into Liberal Arts Curricula." *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 15.2 (1998): 159-166.
- "Authoritative Texts and Their Interpretations in Islam: The Study of Religion and Islamic Law." *Critical Review of Books in Religion*. Ed. Charles Prebish (Atlanta: Scholars Press, 1998): 105-120.
- "Moses or Alexander? Q 18:60-65 in Early Islamic Exegesis." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 57.3 (1998): 191-215.
- "The Jewish origins of Q 18:65-82? Reexamination of A.J. Wensinck's Theory." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 118.2 (1998): 153-171.
- "al-'Aql fi ikhtilaf al-fuqaha' 'ala takhrij ahkam al-shari'ah min usuli-ha [Reason in the Conflict of Opinion among the Jurists over Extracting the Legal Rulings of the Shariah from its Sources]." *Ashab al-Qalam* (Kuwait, 1997): 124-143.
- "Mathaf Tareq Rajab," *al-Usur al-Wusta* (December 1997).
- "Ahmad Mubarak al-Baghdadi," *al-Usur al-Wusta* (April 1997).
- "Ernest Gellner, Postmodernism, Reason and Religion." *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* (1995): 72-81.
- "Orientalist Translation and Anthropological Reading: Charles Hamilton versus Claude Levi-Strauss." *Critique* 5 (1994): 9-30.
- "Tradition in History: Imagining the Sasanian Capture of Jerusalem." *Orientalia Christiana Periodica* 57.1 (1991): 69-85.

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- "Rukn al-Din al-Amidi," "Abu Yusuf," "Animals in Islamic Law." In *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3d ed. (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Hefner, Hugh" and "Saudi Arabia." In *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars* (M.E. Sharpe, forthcoming).
- "Mecca." In *Encyclopedia of Medieval Christian Pilgrimage* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Body in Islam." In *Encyclopedia of Love in World Religions* (New York, forthcoming).
- "Prophet's Hair." In *Encyclopedia of Sacred Sites and Religious Icons* (New York: Facts on File, forthcoming).
- "Genital Contact in Islamic Law." In *The Greenwood Encyclopedia of Love, Courtship and Sexuality Through History: The Medieval Era*. Ed. William Burns (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2008), 80-81.
- "Study of Religion in Middle East and North Africa." In *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2d edition (New York: Macmillan, 2005), 13:8780-8784.
- "Ummah." In *Encyclopedia of Religion*, 2d edition (New York: Macmillan, 2005), 14:9446-9448.
- "Representations: Quran." In *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Culture* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Prophets," "Abu Hanifah," "Madhhab," and "Body." In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, ed. Richard Martin (New York: Macmillan, forthcoming).
- "Alexander," "Moses." In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Josef Meri (London: Routledge, 2006), 1:29-30, 2:517.
- "Moses." In *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, ed. Josef Meri (London: Routledge, 2006), 2:517.
- "Ad," "Adam," "Asbat," "Ayyub," "Dawud," "Dhu al-Kifl," "Dhu al-Qarnayn," "Harun," "Hud," "Ibrahim," "Idris," "Ismail," "Israiliyyat," "Jalut," "Lut," "Musa," "Nuh," "Qaf," "Salih," "Sulayman," "Tabut," "Talut," "Tubba," "Uzayr," "Yaqub," "Yajuj wa Majuj," "Yunus," "Yusuf." In *Routledge Encyclopedia of the Quran*. Ed. Oliver Leaman (London: Routledge, 2005).
- "Breaking Trusts and Contracts." In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2001), 1:256-258.
- "Consultation" (translation with Ahmad Mubarak al-Baghdadi). In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2001), 1:406-410.
- "Good Deeds." In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2003), 2:339-340.
- "Good and Evil." In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2003), 2:335-339.

- "Evil Deeds." In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2003), 2:98-99.
- "Pledge." In *Encyclopaedia of the Quran*. Ed. Jane McAuliffe (Leiden: E.J. Brill, forthcoming).
- "Iamblichus," "Nicolaus of Damascus," "Theodore of Mopsuestia," "Julius Africanus," "Quintus Curtius Rufus," "Zenobia." In *The Ancient World*. Ed. Andrew Traver, Volume one of Interdisciplinary Biographical Dictionaries Series (Westport: Greenwood Press, 2001).
- "Islam." In *Encyclopaedia of American Studies*. Ed. Thomas McCarthy and others (New York: Grolier Press, 2000).
- "Mandub," "Illah," "Intention," "Kasb," "Ghusl," "Ikhtilaf al-Fiqh," "Darura," "Asaba," "Asbab al-Nuzul," "Baligh." In *Oxford Dictionary of Islam*. Ed. John Esposito (Oxford University Press, 2003).

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- "Tombs of Giants: Islamic Material Culture in Dialogue with the Bible in Judaism and Christianity." Crossing Cultures: Conflict, Migration, convergence, Congress of the International Committee of the History of Art, University of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, January 2008.
- "Mecca in the Bible." Quran and Biblical Literature Section, Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, San Diego, November 2007.
- "Dar al-Islam and the 'Three Bodies of the Buddha': Cultural Dialogue and Exchange Between China and the Middle East." Key-note lecture, International Symposium on the Middle East: International forum on China's Middle East Policy and the Civilizations Dialogue after the Cold War, Institute for Middle East Studies, Shanghai International Studies University, November 2007.
- "Tolerance in Islamic Law and Practice." Middle East: Diversity, Variation, Interpretation. Seventh Nordic Conference on Middle Eastern Studies, Nordic Society for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Helsinki, September 2007.
- "Pluralism in the Islamic Heritage of Central Asia." International Symposium on Islamic Civilisation in Central Asia, Institute of Oriental Studies, Ministry of Education and Sciences, Republic of Kazakhstan, September 2007.
- "Muslim Use of Jewish Holy Places: The Tombs of the Prophets of Israel." Jews and Muslims in the World of Islam, International Conference, Joseph and Rebecca Meyerhof Center for Jewish Studies, University of Maryland, August 2007.
- "Ancient Mecca in Islamic Exegesis: Ignaz Goldziher and the Origins of the Islamic Sanctuary." Islam and the History of Religions: Ignaz Goldziher, Ernest Renan and Julius Wellhausen and the Study of Islam, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, May 2007.
- "Religious Extremism in Iraq." Arms Control and Security Improvements in the Middle East workshop, Loutraki, Greece, May 2007.
- "Tolerance and Pluralism in Islam and the Comparative Study of Religions." Universitas Islam Negeri (State Islamic University) in Sunan Gunung Djati, Bandung, Indonesia, November 2006.
- "The Concept of the Mahdi in the Ancient History of Religions." Mahdism Doctrine Conference, Tehran and Qum, Iran, September 2006.
- "Tolerance and the Comparative Study of Religion in Islam." World Congress of Middle East Studies, Amman, Jordan, June 2006.
- "Maqasid al-Shari'ah: Dirasah Muqaranah [Goals of Islamic Law: Comparative Study]" Tatawar 'Ulum al-Fiqh fi Oman [Development of Legal Scholarship in Oman], Ministry of Awqaf and Religious Affairs, Muscat, Oman, March 2006.
- "The Quran and Muslim-Jewish Exegesis as a Source for the Bible and Ancient Israel." Bridging the Worlds of Judaism and Islam, Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv, January 2006.
- "Historicity of the Quran in Accounts of Arab Prophets." School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, November 2005.
- "Arab Prophets Outside of the Quran." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Quran and Biblical Literature Consultation, Philadelphia, November 2005.
- "Arabian Prophets." Colloquium on the Late Antique Roots of the Quranic Concept of Prophets, Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton University, June 2004.
- "al-Kalimitan 'msgd' wa 'nsb' fi al-'Ahd al-Qadim wa al-Quran al-Karim [The Terms 'msgd' and 'nsb' in the Bible and the Quran]." Mustajadat Maydaniyah fi Haql al-Nuqush wa Kitabat al-Sharq al-Adna al-Qadim [New Findings in the Field of Inscriptions and Writings from the Ancient Near East]. College of Archaeology and Anthropology, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, April 2004.
- "Arab Prophets in the Quran and Bible." Annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature, Quran and Biblical Literature Consultation, Atlanta, November 2003.
- "The Treasure of the Ka'bah: Relics and Territory in Islam." Annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Relics and Territory Consultation, Atlanta, November 2003.
- "Moses and Other Figures in Islam." Annual meeting of the Philadelphia Seminar on Christian Origins, Atlanta, November 2003.

- "Purity and Utopia: Islamic Legal Views of Asceticism." Fourth International Islamic Legal Studies Conference, University of Murcia, Spain, May 2003.
- "Food of the Book or Food of Israel? Israelite and Jewish Food Laws in the Muslim Exegesis of Quran 9:30." Fifteenth Annual Klutznick-Harris Symposium, Creighton University, Omaha, October 2002.
- "Touching the Penis: Ritual Impurity and Contagion in Islamic Law." Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, November 2001.
- "Stereotypes in Islamic Law: Ritual as a Mechanism of Authorization." Arab Stereotyping Conference, American Lebanese University, Beirut, Lebanon, November 2001.
- "Biblical Israel and Jews in the Quran and Early Islamic Exegesis." Roundtable Participant, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Nashville, November 2000.
- Transmission of Muslim Knowledge: Past Traditions and New Technologies." Islamic World Information Sources Symposium, King Abd al-Aziz Library, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, October-November 1999.
- "The Islamic Utopia: from Dar al-Hijra to Dar al-Islam." Islamic Area Studies Symposium: Beyond the Border, University of Kyoto, Japan, October 8-10, 1999.
- "Islam on the Internet." Roundtable Participant, Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C., November 1999.
- "Three ways of making a sacred text: Some views of the Quran in classical Islamic scholarship." Comparative Religion Program Colloquium on Canons and Canonicity, University of Washington, March 1998.
- "Women in the Bible and Quran." The Thread that Binds: Woven into One Cloth...A Women's Symposium, Hadassah Women's Organization, University of Washington, May 1998.
- "Classical roots of contemporary Islamist discourse: Islam and political change." Third International Conference on Communication and Cross-cultural Understanding, Ibn Zuhr University, Agadir, Morocco, April 10, 1997.
- "What Can't be Left Out: The Essentials of Teaching the Introduction to Islam Course." Organizer and presenter on "Teaching Islam" panel at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, November 1997.
- "Local authorities, Kufans, and Hanafis: The Conflict of Opinions in al-Dabusi's Ta'sis al-nazar." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Philadelphia, March 1996.
- "Find us a king so that we might fight for God': The Islamic Concept of Divinely Sanctioned Violence in Q 2:246-251." Presented at the annual Peace Studies meeting, Richmond, Indiana, April 1996.
- "Ritual Construction of Sovereignty: Classical Islamic Theories of Territory." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Studies Society, Chicago, February 1995.
- "Moses at Jacob's well: Q 28:21-28 in Comparative Perspective." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Philadelphia, November 1995.
- "Teaching Islam as a Religion." Organizer, Chair and participant, workshop, at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C., December 1995.
- "Sex, Corpses, and Food: Comparing Judaism in the Introductory Course." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Jewish Studies Association, October 1994.
- "al-Quduri al-Usuli." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Oriental Society, Madison, March 1994.
- "Interpretation of Conflict: Pedagogic use of Hanafi Shuruh." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Chicago, November 1994.
- "Back to the Past: Islam and the Study of Religion." Presented at a Roundtable Session of the annual meeting of American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C., November 1993.
- "Dual Revelation in Sunni Islam." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, San Francisco, November 1992.
- "Another Civility: Charles Hamilton's Hidayah to Warren Hastings." Presented in the South Asia and Middle East graduate workshop, University of Chicago, Spring 1991.
- "From Socrates to Moses: Individual and Community in the Defense of the Necessity of Tradition according to the Kitab al-radd wa al-dalil fi al-din al-dhalil." Presented at the sixth annual conference of the Middle East History and Theory Ensemble, April 1991.
- "Arabian Camel (goat \neq sheep) \neq 3 Bactrian Camels/ \neq buffalo \neq cow: The Values of Islamic Animals." Presented at the twenty-fifth annual conference of the Middle East Studies Association, Washington, D.C., November 1991.
- "Reading Inside Out: Magic, Cosmologies, and Comparisons" Presented in the History and Structure of Buddhism seminar, University of Chicago, Spring 1989.
- "People of the Book: The Elchasaites and Social Identification in Late Antiquity." Presented at the Midwest Middle East Teachers' Consortium in conjunction with the fourth annual conference of the Middle East History and Theory Ensemble, May 1989.
- "Tradition in History: Imagining the Sasanian Capture of Jerusalem." Presented at the third annual conference of the Middle East History and Theory Ensemble, April 1988.

INVITED LECTURES

- "Authority in Imami Shi'i Thought." Office of Iranian Affairs, U.S. Department of State, January 2008.
- "Arab Prophets of the Bible and Quran." Georgetown University, November 2007.
- "Treasure of Ancient Mecca." Kazakh Academy of Law and Humanities, Astana, September 2007.
- "History and Politics of the Middle East." Al-Farabi Institute for International Studies, Kazakh National University, Almaty, September 2007.
- "Authoritarianism and Democratization in the Middle East and Islam." Albai Khan Kazakh University of World Languages, Almaty, September 2007.
- "New Paradigms in the Social Scientific Study of Islam" and "Arab Prophets of the Quran and Bible." Eurasian National University, Astana, September 2007.
- "History and Politics of the Middle East." Kazakh-Russian University, Astana, September 2007.
- "Martyrdom, Struggle, and Religious Extremism in Islam." United States Pacific Command and United States Pacific Fleet Command, Honolulu, Hawaii, April 2007.
- "al-Tasamoh fi al-Qanun al-Islami wa Tadbiqatu-hu" [Tolerance in Islamic Law and Practice]. Grand Mosque, Muscat, Oman, January 2007.
- "Tombs and Relics of the Prophets in the Indian Ocean Region." Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, November 2006.
- "Roots of Islamic Law." National War College, National Defense University, September 2006.
- "Giant Tombs and Relics of the Prophet Muhammad." Yarmouk University, Jordan, June 2006.
- "Arab Prophets of the Bible and Quran." University of Toronto, Canada, February 2006.
- "Hair, Nails, Swords, and Giants: Relics of Prophets in Islam." Noor Center, Toronto, Canada, February, 2006.
- "Arab Prophets of the Bible." York University, Toronto, Canada, February, 2006.
- "Islamic Myth and State Ideology." University of Oslo, Norway, May 2005.
- "The Sacred and Profane in Islamic Law and State Ideology." Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Bergen, Norway, March 2005.
- "Myth, Ritual, and State Ideology in Islam." Virginia Polytechnical Institute, February 2005.
- "Religious Myth and State Ideology in Islam." University of Oklahoma, February 2005.
- "Relics, Tombs, and Ritual in Islam." Macalester College, December 2004.
- "al-Nabuwah fi al-'Arab." Institute for Islamic Sciences, Grand Mosque, Muscat, Oman, November 2004.
- "al-Anbiya' al-'Arab wa Qubur al-Jababirah." Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan, May 2004.
- "Tombs of Arab Prophets." CAORC Senior Fellow Lecture, American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, May 2004.
- "Arab Prophets and the Tombs of Giants." Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies and Jordan Institute for Diplomacy, Amman, Jordan, April 2004.
- "Arab Prophets of the Quran and Bible." American Center of Oriental Research, Amman, Jordan, January 2004.
- "Relics of the Prophet Muhammad." University of Bristol, November 2003.
- "Treasure of the Ka'ba and the Swords of the Prophet Muhammad." School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, October 2003.
- "Islam and the Study of Islam in America." Tashkent Islam University, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, September 2003.
- "The Well Marks the Spot': Buried Treasure and the Prophet Muhammad." Comparative Religion Colloquium, University of Washington, November 2002.
- "Moses and the Torah of Muhammad." Claremont Graduate University, funded by grant from National Endowment for the Humanities, Winter 2002. "Quran" and "Islamic Law." University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Video-Conference Lectures, Fall 2000.
- "The Desert Zion: Jerusalem in Classical Islamic Tradition." Jerusalem Lecture Series, 25th Anniversary of Comparative Religion Program, University of Washington, February 2000.
- "Eating Camel and Breaking the Sabbath: The Early Islamic Exegesis of Q 3:93." Canons and Canonicity Colloquium, University of Washington, April 1999.
- "Remains of the Prophet: the Dar al-Islam in Classical and Contemporary Islamic Thought." Yale University, December 1999.
- "The Prophet Remains: Relics and Territory in Classical Islam." Syracuse University, December 1999.
- "Kuwait after the Gulf War," International Updates: Trends and Transitions in Your World, Jackson School Outreach Centers, April 1998.
- "al-'Aql fi ikhtilaf al-fuqaha' 'ala takhrij ahkam al-shari'ah min usuli-ha [Reason in the Conflict of Opinion among the Jurists over Extracting the Legal Rulings of the Shariah from its Sources]." Ashab al-Qalam Group, Hawally, Kuwait, February 1997.
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"al-Dirasat al-Islamiyah fi al-Wilayat al-Mutahidah [Islamic Studies in the United States]." University of Science and Technology, Sanaa, Yemen, May 1997.

"Surat al-Islam wa dirasatu-hu fi al-Wilayat al-Mutahidah [The image of Islam and its study in the United States]." Kuwait News Agency (KUNA), July 1997.

"Contemporary Kuwaiti Society." Arabic Language Institute of Fes, Fes, Morocco, April 1997.

"The New Torah: Canonical Status of the Qur'an and other Revealed Books in Early Islam." Arizona State University, February 1996.

"This is the Torah that God sent down to Moses:' Some Early Islamic Views of the Qur'an and other Revealed Books." University of Washington, February 1996.

"Moses or Alexander? Q 18:60-82." Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania, September 1995.

"The Ritual Polity: Territory in Classical Islamic Theory." Bard College, November 1994.

"Religion as Popular Culture: Covers, Sega, and the Simpsons." Peabody Resident Heads' Lecture Series, Vanderbilt University, March 1994.

"Cultural Diversity of Islam." Honors Program, University of Alabama at Huntsville, Huntsville, Alabama, February 1994.

"Ritual Myth and Mythical Ritual: A Comparison of Islam and Judaism." College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, March 1993.

"Graduate Work and Teaching." The Teaching Program, University of Chicago, October 1991.

"Muslim Mind." Humanities' Day, Kishwaukee College, March 1991.

CONFERENCES, SITE VISITS, PROFESSIONAL

New South Wales Police Force, Sydney, Australia, January 2008.

Centre for International Security Studies, University of Sydney, Australia, January 2008.

Centre for Muslim Minorities and Islam Policy Studies, School of Political and Social Inquiry, Monash University, Victoria, Australia, January 2008.

Finnish Naval Academy, Suomenlinna Island, Helsinki, Finland, September 2007.

Islamic Studies Faculty, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, May 2007.

Regional Security Education Program, USS Nimitz and Strike Group 11, Pacific Ocean, April 2007.

Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Division of Human Rights, Labor, and Religion, Department of State, Washington, D.C. January 2007.

"Security Improvement in the Middle East." Institute for Global Conflict and Cooperation, University of California San Diego, Near East South Asia Strategic Center, National Defense University. Antalya, Turkey. August 2006.

Naval Postgraduate School. Monterey, California. July 2006.

International and Comparative Area Studies, Stanford University. July 2006.

Defense Language Institute. Monterey, California. July 2006.

Royal Jordanian Navy. Aqabah, Jordan. June 2006.

Office of Force Transformation. Army War College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania. May 2006.

"Regional and Area Studies." Center for Advanced Operational Cultural Learning, USMC University, Quantico, Virginia. May 2006.

FEX, Twenty-Nine Palms USMC Camp. Twenty-Nine Palms, California. April 2006.

Royal Omani Navy. Muscat, Oman. March 2006.

Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, Virginia. March 2006.

National Defense University. Ft McNair, Washington, D.C. February 2006.

Near East and South Asia Strategic Center, Washington D.C. February 2006.

Africa Conference. USMC University. Quantico, Virginia. February 2006.

Israel Naval Academy. Haifa, Israel. January 2006.

United States Military Academy. West Point, New York. October 2005.

Combating Terrorism Center. USMA, New York. October 2005.

United States Air Force Academy. Colorado Springs, Colorado. September 2005.

TELEVISION AND RADIO

"Islamic Civilization in Central Asia." Canal Television, Kazakhstan, September 2007.

"Islamic Studies." Beja Bulletin, Bandung, Indonesia, November 2006.

"Mahdi and Islam." Thaqalayn Television, Iran, September 2006.

"Islamic Studies." Ministry of Islamic Guidance and Culture, Iran, September 2006.

"Prophet Muhammad." History Channel, February 2003.

"One God, Three Religions." Seattle C-Span, November 2002.

"Masadir al-ma'lumat 'an al-'alam al-Islami [Sources of Information on the Islamic World]." IQRA Television, Saudi Arabia Satellite Television, November 1999.

"Ramadan and the Gulf War." KVI Radio, AM 570, Seattle, December 1998.

"Islam wa dirasatu-hu fi al-Wilayat al-Mutahidah [Islam and Its Study in the United States]." Yemen Television, May 1997.

"Islamic Fundamentalism." WSMU television, Nashville, TN, April 1995.

"Israeli/PLO Peace Settlement." WSMU Radio, Nashville, TN, October 1993.

"Contemplative Life." Minnesota Public Radio, April 1992.

"Friday the Thirteenth." Straight to the Point, KSTP, St. Paul, MN, December 1991.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

"Democratization and Authoritarianism in the Middle East and Islam." Friday Morning Democratic Breakfast Club, Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis, October 2007.

"Culture in the Middle East." Central Middle School, November 2006.

"Islam and the Middle East." Latter-Day Saints of Washington DC, October 2006.

"Historical Foundations for Recent Trends in the Middle East." United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Annapolis, February 2006.

"Religious Authority and Political Power in Islam." United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, Washington, D.C., October 2005.

"Dirasat al-Islamiyyah wa al-Diniyya fi al-Wilayat al-Mutahidah [Islamic Studies and Religious Studies in the United States]." Jamil Shakir High School, Amman, Jordan, May 2004.

"Islamic Resurgence." Bethany Lutheran Church, Bainbridge Island, February 2003.

"Prophets in the Quran." Book Reading at Eagle Harbor Book Company, September 2002.

"Basics of Islam." Plymouth Congregational Church, Seattle, February 2002.

"One God, Three Religions." Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities, Interfaith Council, Bainbridge Island, November 2001. Televised on Bainbridge Island Broadcasting, February 2002.

"Understanding Islam." Seattle Town Hall Meeting, November 2002.

"Jonestown and NY City: Are Religious Extremists Ordinary Human Beings?" Washington State Attorney's Office, Seattle, November 2002.

"Quran and Bible." Bethany Lutheran Church, Bainbridge Island, October 1999.

"Islam and Judaism." Vashon Island Unitarians, October 1998.

"Classical Roots of Islam." American Association of University Women, Orcas Island, October, 1997. "Islam." State College Presbyterian Church, State College, PA, Winter 1996.

"Myth and Ritual." Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, November 1993.

"Islamic Fundamentalism." Westminster Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN, October 1993.

BOOK REVIEWS

Shofar (2008).

Islamic Studies (2007).

Comparative Literature Studies (2004).

Journal of Arabic Literature (1999, 2004).

Quaderni di Studi Arabi (2004).

International Journal of Middle East Studies (2000, 2003, 2004).

Journal of Religion (1992, 1995, 2003).

History of Religions (1997, 2002).

American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences (2002).

Journal of Near Eastern Studies (1999, 2000, 2002).

Middle East Studies Association Bulletin (1993, 1994, 2000).

al-Usur al-Wusta (1997).

Journal of Church and State 36.4 (1994): 860.

Journal of the American Academy of Religion (1992).

LANGUAGE RESOURCES

Arabic, Syriac, Hebrew

Reading knowledge of academic Dutch, French, German, Italian, Norwegian.

Working knowledge of North Arabic (Thamudic, Safaitic, Lihyanite, Dedanite, Taymanite, Hasaeen), other Aramaic dialects (Official, Biblical, Targumic, Talmudic, Palmyrene, Hatran), Ethiopic (Ge'ez), Classical Greek, South Arabian Epigraphic, Ugaritic, and Chinese.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

American Institute of Maghreb Studies

American Oriental Society

American Research Center in Egypt

Middle East Studies Association

Middle East Medievalists
Society of Biblical Literature

COURSES TAUGHT

University of Chicago (1990-1991): Islamic Civilization, Semitic Religions, Islamic Religion, Near Eastern Late Antiquity.
Macalester College (1991-1992): Eastern Religions, Western Religions, Islam, Sacrifice and the Study of Religion.
Earlham College (1992-1993): Humanities Core Course I and II, Islam and Political Change, State and Society in the Middle East.
Vanderbilt University (1993-1995): Eastern Religions, Western Religions, Islam, Classical Arabic, Government of Ritual, Approaches to the Study of Religion, Utopia, Seminar: Eliade and the Study of Religion.
Pennsylvania State University (1995-1996): World Religions, Islam.
University of Washington (1996-2005): Knowledge and Authority: The social use of texts in the medieval Near East, Advanced Arabic, Islam, Introduction to the Quran, Introduction to Western Religions, Prophets in Islam and Judaism, Approaches to the Study of Religion, Quran and its Interpretation, Ritual and Legal Texts, Stories of the Prophets, Quran and Bible Masorah, Scripture in Islam, Ritual and Law in Islam, Comparative Islamic Studies Seminar, Legends of Alexander the Great, Islamic Law, Holy Land in Late Antiquity and Early Islam, Islamic Cities, Syriac, North Arabic Inscriptions, Islamic Political Theories.
United States Naval Academy (2005-Present): Western Civilization to 1776, Islam and Politics, History of Religions, Islam and the Middle East, Readings in Classical Arabic.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

"Military Education for Irregular Operation in the Long War." Joint conference: Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, USNA and Center for Advanced Operational Cultural Learning, MCU, October 2007.
Medieval Colloquium, "Legends of Alexander the Great," Winter Quarter 2000.
"Prayer, Magic and the Stars" Symposium, University of Washington, March 2000.
"Interchange and Exchange in Islamic and Jewish Studies," American Academy of Religion, Nashville, November 2000.
National Endowment for the Humanities, International conference on "Authority, Communication and Islamic Societies," Cairo, Summer 2000.
Western Humanities Consortium Conference, "The Pious and the Profane," Simpson Center for the Humanities, 1998-2000.
"Interchange and Exchange in Islamic and Jewish Studies," Western Jewish Studies Association, University of Washington, March 1999.
Workshop on Integrating Islamic Studies into Liberal Arts Curricula, University of Washington, March 1998.