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**Positions Held**

- 2006 – present, Assistant Professor (tenure-track), Department of Political Science, United States Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD
- 2004-2005, Part-time Lecturer, Department of Political Science, International Islamic University Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur
- 2003-2004, Teaching Associate, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2002-2003, Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2000-2002, Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY

**Education**

2007            **Ph.D.**, Department of Political Science, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, NY, USA. *Major Fields:* Comparative Politics, International Relations

*Dissertation Title:* “The Role of Ideas in Contemporary Islamic Revival: The Case of Malaysia, 1969-1982”  
(*Advisor:* Prof. Margaret Peg Hermann)

2002            **M.A. (Political Science)**, Syracuse University, NY, USA

2001            **M.A. (Islamic Civilization)**, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

*M.A. Thesis:* “The Majority Principle and Its Application in Decision-Making Processes: An Exploration Into Islamic Legal and Political Thought” (Thesis Supervisor: Prof. Muddathir Abdel-Rahim)

2000            **B.A. in Human Sciences (Political Science)**, International Islamic University Malaysia (ranked 1<sup>st</sup> among 116 students)

1998            **B.A. in Islamic Revealed Knowledge (Qur’an and Sunnah Studies)**, International Islamic University Malaysia

### **Other Educational Experience**

“Intercultural Citizenship: The South-East European Context,” Summer University Course, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, August 2001

“The Balkans Controversial Paradigm: Democracy and/or/vs. Multiculturalism,” Summer School, Institute for Strengthening Democracy, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2001

Pre-Sessional Program (Arabic Language), Center for Language and Pre-Admission Development (CELPAD), International Islamic University Malaysia, 1994-1995

Attended Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Zagreb, Croatia, 1991-1993

### **Languages**

Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian (native), English (fluent), Arabic (fluent), Malay (advanced)

### **Courses**

#### **US Naval Academy (2006-present)**

Middle Eastern Politics

Southeast Asia: Politics & Islam

Politics of Islamic Revivalism (capstone seminar)

American Government and Constitutional Development

#### **International Islamic University Malaysia (2004-2005)**

International Organizations

Issues in Malaysian Politics

#### **Syracuse University (2003-2004)**

Global Community

Politics of Islamic Revivalism

### **Publications**

#### **a) Articles in Refereed Journals**

“How to Study Social Phenomena in Muslim Societies?: Ideas, Islamic Revivalism, and Political Science,” *IKIM Journal of Islam and International Affairs* (Malaysia) 2.1 (2006): 41-68.

“The Majority Principle in Islamic Legal and Political Thought,” *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 15.2 (April 2004): 237-256.

“Humanitarian Intervention in International and Islamic Law,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 20.1 (Winter 2003): 88-106.

“Hanafi Biographical Dictionaries: A Survey,” *Intellectual Discourse* 9.1 (2001): 47-66.

## **b) Chapters in Books and Monographs**

“Društveno-politička kretanja u modernom islamskom svijetu,” [Socio-political trends in modern Muslim world, in Bosnian language] in *Atlas Islamskoga Svijeta* [Atlas of the Muslim world], ed. Dževad Hodžić (Sarajevo: Udruženje Ilmijje islamske zajednice u BiH, 2004): 772-778 (published by the Association of Muslim Scholars in Bosnia and Herzegovina).

“Promoting Democracy Top-Down: The Role of International Factors in Promoting Democracy and Civil Society in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” in eds. Christophe Solioz and Svebor Dizdarevic, *Ownership Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina: Contributions on the International Dimensions of Democratization in the Balkans* (Baden-Baden, Germany: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2003): 120-128. (Originally published in Christophe Solioz and Svebor Dizdarevic, eds., *Ownership Process in Bosnia and Herzegovina*. Sarajevo, 2001: 105-117).

“Human Rights and Justice in Islam: A Path Toward Reconciliation,” in *World Community: Religion and Human Rights, A Conversation at Bellagio, July 2002 – Theoretical Perspectives and Case Studies*, ed. Danielle Celermajer (New York, NY: Center for the Study of Human Rights of Columbia University, 2003): 126-136.

## **c) Book Reviews**

Featured Book Reviews - “Post-Islamism: The Failure of Political Islam?” Review of Olivier Roy, *Globalized Islam: The Search for a New Ummah*, in *International Studies Review* 7 (October 2005), 433-436.

*The New Politics of Islam: Pan-Islamic Foreign Policy in a World of States*, Naveed S. Sheikh, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37 (2005): 621-22.

## **d) Other Publications**

“Democracy and the Majority Principle in Islamic Legal-Political Thought,” *The Message International* (Jamaica, NY) 27.4/5 (April/May 2002): 23-4 and 35.

“The Majority Principle in Islamic Legal and Political Thought,” Published in Conference Proceedings from the Second Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, 72-90 (online). (URL: [http://www.islam-democracy.org/documents/pdf/CSID\\_2001\\_proceedings.pdf/](http://www.islam-democracy.org/documents/pdf/CSID_2001_proceedings.pdf/)).

“Emergence of Western Philosophy and Sciences: Socio-Political and Cultural Context,” *Al-Hikmah*, No.18 (2001): 64-67.

## **Research Grants and Fellowships**

- Naval Academy Research Council (NARC), Summer Intersessional Grant 2007. Funded two months of field research in Malaysia for project titled, “Islamic Capitalism: Globalization and Religion Among Malaysian Muslims.”
- Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship, Graduate School of Syracuse University, 2004-2005. Funded field research in Malaysia for my doctoral dissertation.
- Creative Grant, Summer 2004, Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

- Perryman Award, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2003 and 2006. Funded preliminary field research in Malaysia and provided supplemental research funding.
- Roscoe Martin Grant, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, Spring 2003.
- Goekjian Fellow, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, 2002-2003. Funded proposal development for my dissertation project.
- Global Supplementary Grant - Network Scholarships 2001, Open Society Institute, New York.
- Summer University Fellowship, Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, 2001.

### Conference Papers

- “Ending Modernity the Islamic Way: Islamic Revival as Development,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Montreal, Canada, November 17-20, 2007.
- “Cultural Transformations and “Islamic Capitalism” in Malaysia, 1971-present,” presented at the Annual Conference of the Association for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Culture (ASREC), Tampa, Florida, November 1-4, 2007.
- “Transnational Islamic Activism, Ideas Diffusion, and Malaysian Islamic Revival,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association (NEPSA), Boston, MA, November 9-11, 2006.
- “Constructing Identities through Islamic Education: A Comparative Approach,” (with Khuram Hussain), paper presented at the 35<sup>th</sup> AMSS Annual Conference, Hartford Seminary, Hartford, CT, October 28, 2006.
- “Human Rights and Justice in Islam: A Path toward Reconciliation,” paper presented at the Bellagio Conference on “Rights, Religion, and Societal Reconstruction,” held in Bellagio, Italy, July 1-5, 2002, and organized by the Center for the Study of Human Rights, Columbia University.
- “Humanitarian Intervention in International and Islamic Law,” paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists (AMSS), held at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, October 26-28, 2001.
- “Promoting Democracy ‘Top-Down’: The Role of International Factors in Promoting Civil Society and Democracy in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” paper presented at the Annual International Seminar, *Democracy and Human Rights in Multiethnic Societies*, Institute for Strengthening Democracy, Konjic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, July 2-6, 2001.
- “The Majority Principle and Its Application in Decision-Making Processes: Islamic Legal and Political Thought,” paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 7, 2001.
- “International Workshop on Mutual Understanding and Conflict Resolution,” Official Interpreter. Jointly organized by the Department of National Unity, Ministry of National Unity and Social Development, Malaysia, and the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF), Kuala Lumpur, August 27-29, 1998.

- “Forum for Reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina,” Official Interpreter. Organized by the Institute of Strategic and International Studies (ISIS), Malaysia. Genting Highlands, Malaysia, August 23-26, 1998.

### **Invited Talks and Conference Participation**

- Invited Participant, Conference on “Islam and the History of Religions: The Legacies of Ignaz Goldziher, Ernest Renan, and Julius Wellhausen,” held at the Central European University, Budapest, Hungary, May 10-13, 2007.
- “The Roots of Factionalism and Insurgency in Iraq,” presented at the workshop “Military Trends in the Middle East,” held in Loutraki, Greece, May 6-9, 2007; organized by the Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC), University of California – San Diego, and the Near East South Asia Council (NESA).
- “Islamic Revivalism in Southeastern Europe: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina,” invited talk delivered at the Center for Eurasian, Russian, and East European Studies (CERES), Georgetown University, Washington, DC, February 1, 2007.
- “Religion and Politics in Islam,” an invited talk given at the workshop “Religion and Politics in the United States and Around the World,” Silver Bay Association, Lake George, NY, August 9, 2006.

### **Academic Advising**

- Advised honors students on various projects, including political leadership in Iran, economic development and terrorism in the Middle East

### **Committee Work**

- Search Committee, Center for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, US Naval Academy, Spring 2007.

### **Scholarships and Awards**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place, Best Paper in Islamic Political Science, Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia (IKIM), 2006
- Perryman Award, Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs, Maxwell School, Syracuse University, 2003 and 2006
- Teaching Associate, Maxwell School of Syracuse University, 2003-2004
- Teaching Associate, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2002-2003
- Teaching Assistantship, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2000-2002
- Biederstedt Award 2002, Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University – “This award is given to the student who contributes most to enhance religious life on campus in its interfaith dimensions.”

- Best Paper Award, Winner, International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization (ISTAC), Malaysia, 1999 [for paper titled *Hanafi Biographical Dictionaries: A Survey*]
- ISTAC/IQRA Scholarship for M.A. in Islamic Civilization at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilization, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1998-2001
- Full Scholarship for B.A. in Islamic Revealed Knowledge, International Islamic University Malaysia, 1994-1998

### **Extra-Curricular Activities and Community Work**

- Faculty-rep for Muslim midshipmen (with Rabbi Daniela Kolodny and Prof. Brannon Wheeler), US Naval Academy, 2006-present
- Undergraduate Students' Committee, Political Science Graduate Students Association (PSGSA), Department of Political Science, Syracuse University, 2002-2003
- Sub-Committee on Diversity, Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University, 2001/2002
- Graduate Student Organization Senator, Political Science Graduate Students Association (PSGSA), Syracuse University, 2001/2002
- Education Committee, Muslim Students Association, Syracuse University, 2001-2003
- Middle East Inter-Faith Experience, Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University, 2001-2003
- Editorial Board, *Maxwell Review* [Journal of Graduate Students], Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Spring 2001-Spring 2002
- Vice-President I, International Students Society, International Islamic University Malaysia, 1996/97
- Work with Bosnian children in various refugee camps in Zagreb, Croatia, 1993-1994

### **Membership in Professional Associations**

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- Middle East Studies Association (MESA)
- Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (Washington, DC)
- Association for Asian Studies (AAS)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)
- Center for Advanced Studies, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**References**

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