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### **EDUCATION**

Ph. D. University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations,  
August 2002 (with honors)  
M.A. University of Chicago, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations, 1998  
B.A. Yale University, Near Eastern Languages & Civilizations and Political  
Science (double major), 1995  
Certificate of Advanced Arabic: Yemen Language Center, San'a', Republic of Yemen,  
Spring 1994 and Fall 1995

### **EMPLOYMENT**

Associate Professor, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of  
Arizona, July 2011-present  
Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Arizona, July  
2012-August 2015  
Interim/Acting Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of  
Arizona, July 2011-July 2012  
Associate Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies and Religious Studies Program,  
University of Arizona, August 2010- July 2011  
Assistant Professor, Department of Near Eastern Studies and Religious Studies Program,  
University of Arizona, August 2004- August 2010  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History and Archaeology, American University  
of Beirut, October 2003-January 2004  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Mount Holyoke College, 2002-2003

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Monograph:**

*Constructive Critics, Hadith Literature, and the Articulation of Sunni Islam: The Legacy of  
the Generation of Ibn Sa'd, Ibn Ma'in, and Ibn Hanbal, Islamic History  
and Civilization: Studies and Texts, vol. 51. Leiden: Brill, 2004. (423 pages)*

**Book under contract:**

*Tafsir al-Tabari: Selections in Translation*. An annotated translation commissioned by the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute of Islamic Thought, Amman, Jordan for inclusion in the Great Commentaries of the Holy Qur'an series, published by Islamic Texts Society.

**Articles and Book Chapters:**

- “Al-Hakim al-Naysaburi and the Companions of the Prophet: An Original Sunni Voice in the Shi‘i Century,” in *The Heritage of Arabo-Islamic Learning: Studies in Honor of Kadi*. Edited by Maurice Pomeranz and Aram Shahin. Boston: Brill, 2015. Pp. 236-249.
- “Is the Qur’an Wise? Is God the Outward? Two Exegetical Debates Lost in English Translations of the Qur’an,” in *Arabic and Islamic Studies in Honor of Dr. Adel Sulaiman Gamal*. Edited by Mamoud al-Gibali. Cairo: Al-Adab, 2014. Pp. 541-566.
- “Perhaps You Only Kissed Her?: A Contrapuntal Reading of the Penalties for Illicit Sex in the Sunni *Hadith* Literature,” *Journal of Religious Ethics*, 39:3 (2011): 399-415.
- “Principles of Traditionist Jurisprudence Reconsidered,” *The Muslim World*, 100.1 (2010): 145-56.
- “Justifying Gender Inequality in the Shafi‘i Law School: Two Case Studies of Muslim Legal Reasoning,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 129.2 (2009): 237-58.
- “Where are the Legal *Hadith*? A Study of the *Musannaf* of Ibn Abi Shayba,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 15.3 (2008): 283-314.
- “Divorce, *Hadith*-scholar Style: From al-Darimi to al-Tirmidhi,” *Journal of Islamic Studies*, 19.3 (2008): 325-68.
- “Major Topics of the *Hadith*,” *Religion Compass*, 2 (2008): 10.1111/j.1749-8171.2007.00058.x (Blackwell).
- “Abu Bakr Ibn al-Mundhir, Amputation, and the Art of *Ijtihad*,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 39.3 (2007): 351-68.
- “The Legal Principles of Muhammad b. Isma‘il al-Bukhari and their relationship to Classical Salafi Islam,” *Islamic Law and Society*, 13.3 (2006): 289-324.

**Entries for *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, Brill:**

- “Forty Traditions”  
“Ibn al-Mundhir”  
“Ibn Khuzayma”  
“Ibn ‘Abd al-Barr”  
“Ibn Abi Shayba”

**Other encyclopedia articles and book reviews:**

- “Lonely Modernist Muslims,” Los Angeles Review of Books, February 6, 2016.  
(<https://lareviewofbooks.org/review/lonely-modernist-muslims>)
- Review of Ahmed El Shamsy, *The Canonization of Islamic Law* (2013), *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* (February 2016).
- Review of Jonathan Brown, *Misquoting Muhammad* (2014), in *Journal of Shi‘a Islamic Studies*, Vol. 8, No. 2 (Spring 2015): 245-249.

## Encyclopedia articles and book reviews (continued)

- “The Anxiety of Misquotation,” *Los Angeles Review of Books*, February 28, 2015.  
<https://lareviewofbooks.org/review/anxiety-misquotation>
- “Diya,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*, edited by Jonathan Brown (2013).
- Film review of *Le Coran, aux origines du Livre* [The Koran: Back to the Origins of the Book], a film by Bruno Ulmer, ARTE France (2009), in *Review of Middle East Studies*, 46.1 (2012), 93-4.
- “Companions of the Prophet,” *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering, Princeton University Press, 2012, 109-110. (1000 words)
- Book review of Ibn al-Salah, *An Introduction to the Science of the Hadith*, translated by Eerik Dickinson (2005), *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 70:1 (2011): 168-9.
- Book review of *An Anthology of Qur’anic Commentaries, Volume I: On the Nature of the Divine*, edited by Feras Hamza et. al. (2008), *Journal of Shi’a Islamic Studies*, 3.1 (2010): 116-9.
- “Sunnism, Sunni,” *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*, originally edited by Erwin Fahlbusch [et al.]; translator and English-language editor, Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans; Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2008), 5:232-6. (3000 words)
- “Sunna,” *The Encyclopedia of Christianity*, originally edited by Erwin Fahlbusch [et al.]; translator and English-language editor, Geoffrey W. Bromiley (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Wm. B. Eerdmans; Leiden, Netherlands: Brill, 2008), 5:231-2. (500 words)
- Book review of Herbert Berg (editor), *Method and Theory in the Study of Islamic Origins* (2003), *Middle East Studies Bulletin*, 40.1 (2006): 93-4.
- Book review of Brannon M. Wheeler (editor), *Teaching Islam* (2003), *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 65.3 (2006): 209-10.
- “Prayer,” *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Josef W. Meri (New York: Routledge, 2005), 636-7. (800 words).
- “Theology,” *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Josef W. Meri (New York: Routledge, 2005), 808-9. (1000 words).
- Book review of Peter Hennigan, *The Birth of a Legal Institution: The Formation of the Waqf in Third-Century A.H. Hanafi Legal Discourse* (2004), *Middle East Studies Bulletin*, 38.2 (2004): 228-30.
- Book review of Eerik Dickinson, *The Development of Sunnite Hadith Criticism: The Taqdim of Ibn Abi Hatim al-Razi (240/854-327/938)* (2001), *Middle East Studies Bulletin* 38.1 (2004): 80-1.
- Book review of Abdalhaqq Bewley and Aisha Bewley (translators), *The Noble Qur’an: A New Rendering of Its Meaning in English* (1999), *Journal of Near Eastern Studies*, 62.2 (2003): 112-4.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

- Editorial Board, *Islamic Law and Society*, Brill, 2012-present
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean’s Award for Excellence in Lower Division Teaching, University of Arizona, April 2010
- Commission to translate a portion of al-Tabari’s Qur’an commentary, The Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought, Amman, Jordan, 2007-11

### **Fellowships and Honors (Continued)**

Grant to present a paper at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association, covering travel, lodging, and registration fees, ILEX Foundation, Boston, MA, November, 2008

Junior Professional Development Leave, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona, Fall 2007

Whiting Fellow, Mrs. Giles Whiting Foundation, 2001-02

American Institute for Iranian Studies, Summer Persian Studies Program in Tehran, 1998

Tuition and Stipend, University of Chicago, 1996-2000

### **ACADEMIC PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

“Ibn Hanbal’s Reconstruction of ‘Abd Allah b. ‘Amr’s *Sahifa*: A Preliminary Assessment,” Islam at 250: A Conference in Memory of Dr. G.H.A. Juynboll, University of Leiden, Dec. 3-5, 2015. (invited)

“Is Baghdad a Mediterranean City?” Mediterranean Passages: An Interdisciplinary Symposium, SUNY Brockport, April 24, 2015. (invited)

“‘You are divorced if/when/every time you wish:’ The Power of Arabic Particles in Classical Islamic Law,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver CO, November 18-20, 2012.

“Disciplinary Specialization among the Companions and Successors: Evidence from the *Musannaf* of Ibn Abi Shayba and al-Tabari’s Qur’an Commentary,” 221<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the American Oriental Society, Chicago, IL, March 14, 2011.

*Al-Misbah al-munir fi idah ‘ilm al-tafsir* (“The Shining Lamp for Clarifying the Discipline of Qur’anic Commentary”), Arabic Lecture Series, University of Arizona, February 18, 2010.

“Defining Sunnism: The Contributions of Abu Dawud and Ibn Maja,” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 22-25, 2008.

“Perhaps You Only Kissed Her?” Muhammad’s Attitude toward Sexual Crimes in Sunni Hadith Literature,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, Nov. 1-3, 2008.

“Who are the Traditionists and What are their Principles? Evidence from the *Musannaf* of Ibn Abi Shayba,” Joseph Schacht Revisited Workshop, Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, April 5, 2008 (invited).

“Where are all the Legal Hadiths? An Examination of Ibn Abi Shayba’s *Musannaf*,” American Academy of Religion, & Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov. 17-20, 2007.

“Legal Jihad: The Modern Relevance of Classical *Ahkam* al-Qur’an Commentaries,” American Academy of Religion/Western Region Annual Meeting, Claremont, CA, March 11-13, 2006.

“Al-Bukhari’s Legal Theory: An early model of Salafi Islam,” American Academy of Religion & Society of Biblical Literature Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 19-22, 2005.

“The Dynamics of Authority in Islam: Imams, Ikhtilaf, and Isnad,” public lecture, University of Chicago Divinity School, April 27, 2004.

### **Academic Papers and Presentations (continued)**

“Alternative Methodologies: The Legal Hermeneutics of *Hadith* Scholars, Compilers of Books on *Ikhtilaf al-fuqaha*’ (Disagreements of the Jurists), & Khaled Abou El Fadl,” Critical Islamic Reflections Conference, Yale Law School, April 24, 2004.

“The View from the Center: A New Interpretation of the role of *hadith* scholars in the development of early Islam,” public lecture, Harvard University, November 25, 2003.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE**

Search Committee Member, Middle East Environmental Studies Assistant Professor Search, College of SBS, 2015-16

Member, Board of Directors, University of Spiritual Healing and Sufism, Pope Valley, CA, July 2015-present

Acting Director of Graduate Studies, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, August 2014-June 2015

Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, July 2012-August 2015

Acting Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Jan 2012- July 2012

Interim Director, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, July 2011-Dec. 31 2011

Co-Editor, Islam Section, *Religion Compass*, Blackwell Publishing, July 2010-July 2012

Interim Acting Head, Department of Near Eastern Studies, July 3-August 12, 2006

Co-chair, Islamic Studies Section, American Academy of Religion/Western Region, March 2006-2009

Dr. Shirin Ebadi Course Committee, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, January-March 2006

Director of Graduate Studies and Graduate Advisor, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, May 2005-July 2007

Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, 2004-July 2007; August 2008-2013; 2014-15

Dean’s Advisory Committee, College of Humanities, University of Arizona, 2008-2009

Curriculum Committee, Religious Studies Program, University of Arizona, 2006-8

Faculty Advisor, Muslim Students Association, University of Arizona, Fall 2005- present

Faculty Advisor, Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization, University of Arizona, Fall 2004-8

Occasional reviewer of submissions to SUNY Press, Cambridge University Press, Oneworld, *Islamic Law and Society*, and *IJMES*

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **GRADUATE COURSES**

Advanced Islamic Studies (Arabic Biographical Dictionaries; Legal Normative Pluralism)

Qur’anic Studies/ Modern Approaches to the Qur’an

Shi’ism

Islamic Mysticism

Middle East Studies: Approaches, Themes, and Controversies (MENAS core class)

Independent Study: “Sufi *tafsir*”

## **COMBINED GRADUATE/UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

Islamic Mysticism

Islamic Law and Society

## **UNDERGRADUATE COURSES**

The Religion of Islam

A History of the Middle East, 600-1453

Islamic Thought

Honors College Senior Project: "The Controversy over the Nature of the Qur'an"

## **Ph.D. DISSERTATIONS SUPERVISED**

"We're Not in Kufa Anymore: The Construction of Late Hanafism in the Early Modern Ottoman Empire, 16th - 19th Centuries CE," Dr. Samy Ayoub, August 2014.

"Identity and Authority: Changes in the Process of Debates over the Islamic Marriage Contract among Contemporary Muslim Arab Intellectuals," Dr. Nayel Badareen, May 2014.

## **M.A. THESES SUPERVISED**

"Recontextualizing Early Sufi Figures: Rabi'a al-'Adawiyya and Dhu'n-Nun," Nelle Cook, May 2015.

"From Islamism to Centrist Islam: The Life and Political Activism of Jamil Mansur," Ahmed O. Meiloud, August 2011

"Repentance as a Legal Concept," Ahmad Hemeidah, May 2011

"Human Rights or Human Wrongs? Islamist Use of Apostasy in Egypt and the Sudan," Rachael Eggebeen, May 2011

"A Critical Analysis of the Islamic Discourse of Interfaith Dialogue," Laura Provencher, August 2010

"Marriage and Divorce in Morocco and Iran," Donna Hess, December 2009 (Departmental Paper)

"Blurring the Line: Martyrdom and Suicide in Islam," Jayme Taylor, May 2009 (Departmental Paper)

"The Doctrine of International Law and Prisoners of War," Kathy Rakel, August 2008 (Departmental Paper)

"Lady of the Women of the Worlds: Exploring Shi'i Piety and Identity through a consideration of Fatima al-Zahra," Ruth Rowe, May 2008

"The Geographical Distribution of *Hadith* Transmission Centers: An Analysis of Ibn Hajar's *Taqrib al-tahdhib*," Sarah Kistler, May 2006

"Hasan al-Banna and Sayyid Qutb: Contemporaries in Social Justice and Economic Reform (1906-49)," Tuve Floden, May 2006

"The History of the Siege of San'a': 1967-68," Gregory Johnsen, April 2006

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH** (selected venues)

- “Mind, Body, and Spirit in Islam,” United Methodist Church, Paradise Valley, AZ, January 13, 2016
- “Working with Muslim Families,” Arizona American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy Fall Conference, Tucson, AZ, October 23, 2015
- “Introduction to Islam,” United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ, September 20, 2015
- “Understanding Islam: A Two-Week Sunday Morning Adult Education Class,” St. Mark’s Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ, January 26 and February 2, 2014
- “Introduction to Islam today,” Lutheran Church, Tucson, AZ, June 2, 2013
- “Sunnis and Shi’a,” Oro Valley Library, March 28, 2013
- “The God Connect: A Taste of Islamic and Jewish Mysticism,” Temple Emanu-el Adult Education Academy, Tucson, AZ. Three classes co-taught with Rabbi Samuel Cohon, October 18, Oct. 25, and Nov. 8, 2012
- “Marriage and Divorce in Islam,” presentation to the Arizona Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Tucson, AZ, Jan. 20, 2012
- “Islam and Christianity,” Trinity Presbyterian Church, Tucson, AZ, Jan. 11, 2012
- Keynote Speaker, Fundraising Dinner for the Islamic Studies Program at the University of Detroit Mercy, held at the Islamic House of Wisdom, Dearborn Heights, MI, December 10, 2011
- “The Religion of Islam,” a 20-hour non-credit course offered by the Humanities Seminars Program, College of Humanities, University of Arizona, Sept. 2011-Dec. 2011 (90 students enrolled)
- “Introduction to Islam,” Lutheran Church of the Foothills, Tucson, AZ, Sept. 25 and Oct. 2, 2011
- “Looking Past Stereotypes: Islam and the Media,” Panelist, Society of Professional Journalists, Western Regional Conference, University of San Francisco, CA, May 1, 2010
- “Remembering Karbala’,” Shi’i Muslim Students Association, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, February 4, 2010
- “The Basics of Islam,” St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ, November 15, 2009
- “Ethical Issues Through the Prism of Various Religious Traditions,” Panelist representing Islam, Pima County Medical Foundation Evening Speaker Series, September 8, 2009
- “Jesus in the Qur’an,” Humanities Week, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, April 6, 2009
- “Islam: Past & Present,” Institute for Learning in Retirement, Sun City Vistoso, Oro Valley, AZ, January 10, 2008 (attendance: 75)
- “Islamic Mysticism,” panelist for the series, Conversations Across Religious Traditions, sponsored by the Office of the President and the Office of the Dean of Humanities, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, November 7, 2007 (attendance: 150)
- “Diverse Traditions, Shared Values,” Foundation for Inter-Cultural Dialogue, Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner, Tucson, AZ, September 29, 2007 (attendance: 300)
- “Rebuttal to the film *Islam: What the West Needs to Know*,” Saddlebrook Retirement Community, Oro Valley, Arizona, April 19, 2007 (attendance: 500)
- “Islam, Christianity, and Judaism: Reflections on Fundamentalism, Orthodoxy, and Community,” University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, February 5, 2007. Presentation and discussion with Rabbi Tom Locheim and Jason Caywood of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church (attendance: 150)
- “Islamic History in Thirty Minutes,” a presentation to 80 students from Rincon High School held at the Islamic Center of Tucson, December 12, 2006.

**Public Presentations** (continued)

“What is Islam?” a presentation to 20 high school students held at the Islamic Center of Tucson, November 14, 2006.

“Abraham: First Jew or First Muslim?” A Panel Discussion with Reuven Firestone, Rabbi Albert T. Bilgray Lectureship, Temple Emanu-El, Tucson, AZ, November 5, 2005

“Muslim views of themselves and Christians: Theological and historical perspectives,” Religion in a Time of War course at St. Mark’s United Methodist Church, Tucson, AZ, October 16, 2005

**LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Arabic and French