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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Ph.D. with distinction in Arabic and Islamic Studies, Oriental Studies Dept., 1991.

M.A. thesis: "The Autobiography of Ni`mat Allah al-Jaza'iri."

Ph. D. dissertation: "Twelver Shi`ism and Its Struggle with Sunni Consensus."

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Center for Arabic Studies Abroad, American University, Cairo, Egypt, 1984-85.

Advanced studies in Arabic, Islamic history, paleography.

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

B.A. *magna cum laude* in Near Eastern Studies, 1984.

B.A. thesis: "Three Wise Men: The Safawi Religious Institution 1576-1629."

EXPERIENCE

Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Department, Emory University

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Associate Professor, 1997-present.

Department Chair, 2000-2004.

Winship Distinguished Research Professorship, 2005-2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

1. *Islamic Legal Orthodoxy: Twelver Shi`ite Responses to the Sunni Legal System*. Salt Lake City: Utah University Press, 1998.

Reviews:

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4. *Arabic Literature before al-Muwaylibi*. Ed. Devin J. Stewart and Shawkat M. Toorawa. Special issue of *Middle Eastern Literatures*, 11.2 (2008).

5. *Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Associate editors Patricia Crone, Wadad al-Qadi, Muhammad Qasim Zaman and Devin Stewart, chief editor Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.

6. *Vitality and Dynamism: Interstitial Dialogues of Language, Politics, and Religion in Morocco's Literary Tradition*. Ed. Kirstin Ruth Bratt, Youness M. Elbousty, and Devin J. Stewart. Leiden: Leiden University Press, 2014.

Translations:

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Nations." Pp. 50-54 in *Modernist Islam 1840-1940: A Sourcebook*. Ed. Charles Kurzman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

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38. "The *Maqamat* of Ahmad b. Abi Bakr al-Razi al-Hanafi and the Ideology of the Counter-Crusade in Twelfth-Century Syria." *Middle Eastern Literatures* 11.2 (2008): 211-32.
39. "Ibn al-Nadim's Isma`ili Contacts." *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, Series 3, 19.1 (2008): 21-40.
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43. "Three Polemic Exchanges at the Safavid Court." Pp. 397-415 in *Le Shi'isme Imamite Quarante Ans Après: Hommage à Etan Kohlberg*. Ed. Mohammad Ali Amir-Moezzi, Meir Bar-Asher, and Simon Hopkins. Paris: Sorbonne, 2009.
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45. "A Brief History of Scholarship on Baha' al-Din al-`Amili." Pp. xi-xxviii in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran: The Career and Thought of Shaykh Baba' al-Din Al-Amili*. Preface, Translation, and Notes by Devin J. Stewart. Edited by Muhammad Kazim Rahmati. Qum, Iran: Academy of Islamic Sciences and Culture, 2009.
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48. "Emendations of the Legal Section in the *Fihrist* of Ibn al-Nadim." Pp. 211-43 in *Abbasid Studies: Occasional Papers of the School of Abbasid Studies, Leuven June-July 2004*. Ed. John Nawas. Leuven: Peeters, 2010.
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23. Review of Sabine Schmidtke. *Theologie, Philosophie und Mystik im Zwölferschiitischen Islam des 9./15. Jahrhunderts. Die Gedankenweltendes Ibn Abi Jumbur al-Absa'i (um 838/1434-35-nach 906/1501)*. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2000. *MESA Bulletin* 35 (2001): 73-74.
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27. Review of Bernard G. Weiss. *The Spirit of Islamic Law*. Athens, Georgia: The University of Georgia Press, 1998. *Islamic Law and Society* 8 (2001): 147-49.
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30. Review of Mirza Abu l-Fadl Gulpaygani. *The Brilliant Proof*. Los Angeles: Kalimat Press, 1998. *MESA Bulletin* 36 (2002): 63-64.
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37. Review of *Literary Structures of Religious Meaning in the Qur'an*. Ed. Issa J. Boullata. Richmond, Surrey: Curzon Press, 2000. *Journal of Arabic Literature* 34 (2003): 282-84.
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44. Review of Brannon M. Wheeler. *Moses in the Quran and Islamic Exegesis*. London: Routledge Curzon, 2002. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 37 (2005): 115-17.

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48. Review of Rula Jurdi Abisaab. *Converting Persia: Religion and Power in the Safavid Empire*. London: I. B. Tauris, 2004. *Journal of Iranian Studies* 39 (2006): 271-75.

49. Review of Michael Chamberlain, *Knowledge and Social Practice in Medieval Damascus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1994), *Comparative Education Review* 50.3 (2006): 531-33.

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51. Review of Liyakat N. Takim, *The Heirs of the Prophet: Charisma and Religious Authority in Shi'ite Islam* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2006). *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 25.3 (2008): 131-33.

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54. Review of Ahmad Atif Ahmad, *Structural Interrelations of Theory and Practice in Islamic Law: A Study of Six Works of Medieval Islamic Jurisprudence* (Leiden: Brill, 2006). *Islamic Law and Society* 15 (2008): 408-23.

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57. Review of *Handbook for Arabic Language Teaching Professionals in the 21st Century*, Kassem M. Wahba, Zeinab A. Taha, and Liz England (Mahwah, New Jersey: Lawrence Earlbaum Associates, 2006). *al-`Arabiyya*.

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61. Review of Kathryn Miller. *Guardians of Islam*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 133.4 (2013): 728-31.

63. Review of Kecia Ali. *Imam Shafi'i: Scholar and Saint*. Oxford: Oneworld Press, 2011. *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 46 (2014): 434-37.

64. Review of Robert Gleave. *Scripturalist Islam*. Leiden: Brill, 2009. *Orientalische Literatur-Zeitung* 110.2 (2015) 148-150.

65. Review of Ahmed El Shamsy. *The Canonization of Islamic Law*. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* (forthcoming).

66. Review of Angelika Neuwirth, *Scripture, Poetry and the Making of a Community*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2014. *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*. (forthcoming)

67. Review of *Early Islam: A Historical-Critical Reconstruction on the Basis of Contemporary Sources*. Ed. Karl-Heinz Ohlig. Amherst, New York: Prometheus Books, 2013. Review of Middle East Studies. (forthcoming)

68. Review of Andrew J. Newman. *Twelver Shiism: Unity and Diversity in the Life of Islam, 632 to 1722*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2013. *Journal of Islamic Studies*. (forthcoming)

69. Review of Navid Kermani. *God Is Beautiful: The Aesthetic Experience of the Quran*. Trans. Tony Crawford. Cambridge, England: Polity Press, 2015. *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (forthcoming)

Conference Papers:

“Typology, Punishment Stories, and the Sermon within a Sermon in the Qur’an.”
Conference on Typology, Freie Universität, Berlin.

“The Rescripts for al-Shaykh al-Mufid and the Authority of the Jurists.” Shiism Symposium,
University of Chicago, March, 2015.

“Anomalous Rhymes in the Qur’an and Their Implications.” International Qur’anic Studies
Association Conference, San Diego, November, 2014.

“The Greek Material in the *Fihrist* of Ibn al-Nadim.” Abbasid Studies Conference, Istanbul,
August, 2014.

“Taqiyah and Tawriyah, or the Art of Ambiguity.” Shiism Workshop, University of
Chicago, April, 2014.

“Women Scholars and Legal Education: The Case of `A’ishah al-Ba`uniyyah (d. 922/1516).”
Female Religious Authority in Shiite Islam, Princeton University, March, 2014.

“A Reassessment of the Theories of David Heinrich Müller on the Strophes in the Qur’an.”
SOAS, London, November, 2013.

“Translating the Divine Epithets in the Qur’an.” IQSA conference, Baltimore, November
2013.

“The Textual Tradition of Ibn al-Nadim’s *Fihrist*” ISIM, Istanbul, July, 2013.

“Preserving the Family Legacy: The Autobiography of `Ali al-`Amili (d. 1692).” Studying
Shiite Islam: Prospects and Challenges.” Chicago University, March 2013.

“The Surah as Sermon: Generic Considerations.” Qur’anic Studies Today Conference.
Chicago University, November, 2012.

“The Scholar-Martyrs of the Twelver Shiism and Shiite Identity.” University of Exeter,
England. Conference on Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Classical Islamic Thought,
September, 2012.

“Rhythmical Anxiety and the Literary Use of the Qur’an in Ibn al-Jawzi’s Maqamat.” The
Qur’an and Literature. Institute for Ismaili Studies, London. April 2012.

“The Layout of Ibn al-Nadim’s *Fihrist*.” American Oriental Society. Boston, March 2012.

“Ibn al-Athir’s Critique of al-Zamakhshari: Rhyme and Hysteron Proteron.” The Qur’an:
Text, Society, and Culture. School of Oriental and African Studies, London. November,
2011.

"Morisco Taqiyah and the Islamic Discipline of Dissimulation." Michigan Medieval and Early Modern Seminar: Christian-Muslim Interaction. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Nov. 4, 2011.

"The Hagiography of "the Second Martyr," Zayn al-Din al-Amili (d. 965/1558)." Invited lecture. Chicago University, May 2011.

"Comparative Notes on Morisco Taqiyah." Hypocrisy and Dissimulation in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam Conference, Chicago University, May, 2011.

"Speech Genres and the Analysis of Arabic Dialects," *al-Jil al-Jadid* Conference on Arabic Studies, University of Texas at Austin, February, 2011.

"Arab Humor." National Flagship Arabic Program, University of Texas at Austin, February, 2011.

"Cognate Substitution and Lexicography of the Qur'an" Institute for Ismaili Studies, Atlanta, October, 2010.

"Biblical Criticism and the Qur'an." Society for Biblical Literature, Atlanta, November, 2010.

"Al-Zamakhshari's Exegesis and the Neglect of Rhyme in Analysis of the Qur'an." Conference on Tafsir. Institute of Ismaili Studies, London. October, 2009.

"Anomalies in the Qur'an and Conjectural Emendation," Colloquium on the History of the Text of the Qur'an, Stanford Humanities Center, July 30-31, 2009.

"The Qur'an in Light of Greek Oracular Texts," The Qur'an in Historical Context, Notre Dame University, April 19-21, 2009.

"Form Criticism and the Qur'an: An Interpretation of *Surat al-Kawthar*." American Academy of Religion, Chicago, October 2008.

"Biography and Authority in the Islamic Legal Schools." School of Abbasid Studies, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England. July, 2008

"Avicenna's Theory of Prophecy and the Divine Sanction of Islamic Legal Experts' Interpretive Aptitude." Institute for the History of Philosophy. Emory University, June, 2008.

"Notes on Competing Religious Authorities in Eleventh-Century Islam." Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts. April, 2008.

"The Social Functions of Polemical Treatises in the Islamic Religious Sciences." MESAS Department Research Conference, Emory University, February 17, 2008.

"God's Poetic License: Three Medieval Analyses of End-Rhyme in the Qur'an." American Academy of Religion, San Diego, November, 2007.

"The Making of the Story of Shu`ayb: A Critique of Wansbrough's Theory of Variant Traditions in the Qur'an." Qur'an Conference, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, November, 2007.

"Morisco *Taqiyah*," Conference on Hybridity in al-Andalus, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 2007.

"The Making of Erpenius' Grammar of Arabic." European Studies Seminar, Emory University, October, 2007.

"God's Poetic License: Medieval Analyses of End-Rhyme in the Qur'an." American Oriental Society, Seattle, March 19, 2006.

"Colorin colorado, Cide Hamete Benengeli, and other Puzzles: Recent Research on the Arabic Influence on Spanish" Arabic Linguistic Society, University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, Keynote Address. March 3, 2006

"Morisco Dissimulation and the Art of Ambiguity," European Studies Colloquium, Emory University, March 6, 2006

"Cognate Paronomasia in the Qur'an." The Qur'an: Text, Interpretation and Translation, Centre of Islamic Studies, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, November 10-12, 2005.

"*A`udhu bi'llah min qawli 'ana'*: Linguistic Prophylaxis and the Presentation of Self in Arabic." Conference: The Portrayal of Self in Modern Middle East, Groningen University, Holland, May 12-14, 2005.

"An Evaluation of Qur'anic Emendations Proposed in Medieval and Modern Scholarship." Towards a New Reading of the Qur'an?, Notre Dame, April 2-4, 2005.

"Al-Sayrafi's Manual of Jurisprudence, *Kitab al-dala'il wa'l-a`lam `ala usul al-abkam*." American Oriental Society, Philadelphia, March 18-21, 2005.

"Comparative Clitic Reduction." North American Conference on Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Philadelphia, March 18-21, 2005.

"Hebrew/Aramaic in the Qur'an." ICIS conference: "Re-Placing Cultures," Emory University, January 28, 2005.

"Emendations of the Legal Section of Ibn al-Nadim's *Fihrist*," School of Abbasid Studies, Leuven, Belgium, June 2004.

"Word Play in Arabic." Plenary lecture. American Oriental Society, San Diego, March 2004.

"The Urgency of Philology." Text and Context: Recent Research in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies conference, Emory University, February 15-16, 2004.

"al-Mas`udi's Lost Manual of Legal Theory." Text and Context: Recent Research in Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies conference, Emory University, February 15-16, 2004.

"Observations on Luxenberg's Recent Work, *Die Syro-Aramäische Lesart des Qur'ans*." South Eastern Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, Valle Crucis, North Carolina, October, 2003.

"The Legal Theory of al-Muzani." American Research Center in Egypt, Emory University, April 24-26, 2003.

"Theoretical Prolegomena in the Islamic Sciences." American Oriental Society, Nashville, April 4-7, 2003.

"Ibn Dawud al-Isbahani's Work on the Theory of Love, *Kitab al-zabrah*." Marriage and the Family conference, Emory Law School, Atlanta, March 27, 2003.

"al-Tabari's *Bayan `an usul al-ahkam* and the Early History of *Usul al-fiqh*" School of Abbasid Studies Conference, University of Cambridge, July, 2002.

"The Analysis of Rhyme in the Qur'an: Ibn al-Sa'igh al-Hanafi's treatise *Ihkam al-ray fi ahkam al-ay*." Middle Eastern Studies Association, November, 2001. [I was unable to attend but the paper was on display]

"A Religio-Political Interpretation of al-Hanafi's *Maqamat*." American Oriental Society, Houston, March, 2002.

"Paronomastic Prayers in the Qur'an." South Eastern Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, Atlanta, March, 2002.

"Documents and Dissimulation." Conference on Marginal Identities in Medieval Islamic Society, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, Madrid, October, 2001.

"The Defense of Egyptian Vernacular by Yusuf al-Maghribi (d. 1019/1611), with reference to the Cases of French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese." RRAALL symposium, University of Pennsylvania, May, 2001.

"Professional Literary Mendicancy and the Writings of Badi' al-Zaman al-Hamadhani." American Oriental Society, Toronto, March, 2001.

"Close Encounters with the Twelfth Imam: Imam-Sighting Accounts and al-Hamadhani's *Maqamat*." "Esoteric Knowledge and the Social Imaginary," Symposium on Medieval Islamicate Culture, New York University, February 2001.

"Moralizing *Maqamat*." British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, Cambridge, England, July, 2000.

"The Formation of the Twelver *Madhhab*." IIIrd International Schacht Conference on Islamic Law, Boston, May, 2000.

"Ironic Antiphrasis and Sectarian Polemic in al-Hamadhani's *Maqamat*." American Oriental Society, Portland, March, 2000.

"The Jurisprudence of Muhammad b. Da'ud al-Zahiri." Conference on Islamic Legal Theory, Salt Lake City, September, 1999.

"Notes on the Early History of the *Usul al-fiqh* Genre." American Oriental Society, Baltimore, March, 1999.

"Rationalism and Assimilation in the Jurisprudence of al-Shahid al-Thani and the Rise of the Twelver *Akbbari* School." Conference on Safavid Iran, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, May, 1998.

"Investigating Speech Genres in Moroccan Arabic." Social Science Research Council Middle East conference, Tunisia, March, 1998.

"The Divisibility of *Ijtihad*: Specialization and the Islamic Doctorate of Law." American Oriental Society, Miami, April, 1997.

"Preposterous Boasts and the Ideology of Ingenuity in Egyptian Arabic." Eleventh Annual Symposium on Arabic Linguistics, Atlanta, February, 1997.

"Corpus and Character in al-Hamadhani's *Maqamat*." Middle East Studies Association, Providence, Rhode Island, November 1996.

"al-Hamadhani's *Maqamat* and Shi'i Theories of the Occultation." North Carolina Islamic Studies Seminar, October, 1995.

"The Shafi'i Tradition of the Twelver Shiites." American Oriental Society, Salt Lake City, March, 1995.

"Taqiyyah in Oral Confessions, or the Art of Ambiguity." Middle East Studies Association, Phoenix, November 1994.

"al-Hamadhani's *Maqamat* and Shi'i Theories of the Occultation." American Academy of Religion, Chicago, November 1994.

Istikhdam an-nusus al-adabiyyah fi tatwir mabarar al-kitabah (in Arabic: "The Use of Literary Texts in Developing Writing Skills"), Association of American Teachers of Arabic, Phoenix, November 1994.

"Specialization and the Islamic Doctorate of Law." Medieval Academy of America, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 1994.

"You *Can* Take It With You: Capitalism and the Islamic Autobiography." Middle East Studies Association, Raleigh, November, 1993.

"The Position of Marjī` al-Taqlid: A Comparison between the Twelver Shi`i and Sunni Legal Establishments." Shi`i Islam: Faith, Experience and Worldview Conference, Temple University-University of Pennsylvania, September, 1993.

"Paronomastic Curses in Egyptian Arabic." North American Conference for Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Raleigh, April, 1993.

"Authority and Orthodoxy in Islam." American Oriental Society, Raleigh, April, 1993.

"Al-Hamadhani's 'Anti-Lectures': the *Maqamat* as Parody." Middle Eastern Literary Seminar, St. Louis, April, 1993.

"Addenda and Corrigenda to *A Dictionary of Egyptian Arabic*." Middle East Studies Association, Portland, October, 1992.

"A Shi`i Survival in Egyptian Vernacular: *Ahmad ya `Umar*." North American Conference for Afro-Asiatic Linguistics, Boston, April, 1992.

"Taqiyyah: the Case of Baha' al-Din al-`Amili." Middle East Studies Association, Washington D.C., November, 1991.

"*al-Fawa'id al-madaniyyah* and the *Akbbari* Movement." Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November, 1990.

Lectures:

Florida State University, March 2010. Arab Humor and Nationalism.

Georgetown, December 2004

Harvard Law School

Harvard University, Middle East Center, October 2004

Amherst

Middlebury

Yale, October 2004

"al-Shi'ah fi al-tarikh al-islami," (in Arabic: "Shiites in Islamic History") Arabic School, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, June 20, 1994.

"Ayna al-Iskandariyyah? aw dawr al-tashayyufi fi Maqamat al-Hamadhani," (in Arabic: "Where is Alexandria? or the Role of Shifism in al-Hamadhani's Maqamat") Near Eastern Studies Department, Princeton University, April 29, 1994.

"Arabic Impoliteness Formulae," Asian and Middle Eastern Studies Dept., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, October 7, 1993.

"al-Sultah al-diniyyah fi 'l-islam," (in Arabic: "Religious Authority in Islam") Arabic School, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, July 13, 1993.

"Juha wa 'l-isti`bat aw al-mantiq al-mudadd," (in Arabic: "Juha and the Art of Playing Dumb, or Anti-Logic") Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, July 12, 1993.

SERVICE

Service to the Department:

NEJLL Dept. search committee for chair position, 1991-92.
NEJLL Dept. search committee for Hebrew position, 1992-93.
NEJLL Dept. search committee for Arabic position, 1993-94.
Chair, NEJLL Dept. summer school committee, 1993-94.
Chair, NEJLL Dept. curriculum committee, 1993-94.
Advised NEJLL majors, 1995.
Coordinated department honors program 1992-95, 1998-2004.
Chair MESAS Department, 2000-2004.
Chair, Lectures and Activities Committee, 2006-present.
Established and organized regular biennial department research conferences, 2004, 2006, 2008.
B.A. Honors' Theses supervised:
1992--Adam Silverman, on the "mysterious abbreviations" in the Qur'an.
1993--Saadia Lakhani, on relations between Sunni and Ismā'īlī Muslims in the Atlanta region's Pakistani community.
1997--Fakiha Khan, on the development of the institutions of mahr and wilayah in Islamic law.
2002-3--Reem Marto, on the theme of Palestine in Egyptian popular music.
Sofia Panjwani, on education in Pakistan
2008 Julia Johnson, on a sixteenth-century dictionary of Egyptian Arabic dialect.
"The Maqamah as a Parodic Form," lecture for NEJLL faculty seminar, May, 1993.
1996--Served on dissertation committee of Bahira Sherif, anthropology Dept., University of Pennsylvania, completed fall, 1996. Title: "Unveiling the Islamic Family: Concepts of Family and Gender Among Middle Class Muslim Egyptians."
Advisor: Dr. Sandra Barnes.

Service to the University:

Executive Council of the Fox Humanities Center, 2004-present.
Graduate School Fulbright Committee, 2005-present
Panel member for grant workshops, 2007, 2008
FAME leader and freshman advisor, 1991-1994, 1999-2008.
Humanities Council, 2000-2004.
Faculty advisor, Emory delegation to Model Arab League, Savannah, Georgia, April 1991.
Performed in French play directed by Dr. Tomlinson (French)--Camus' Révolte dans les Asturides, March 1991.
Center for Language, Literature and Culture executive committee, fall 1992, 1993-94, fall 1994.
In-house Merit Scholarships selection committee, spring 1994.
Writing-Across-the-Curriculum program, 1993-94.

Organized visit of Bahira Sherif (University of Pennsylvania) to give lecture "The Changing Family in Modern Egypt," March, 1991.

Organized visit of Dr. Kamal Abd el-Malek (McGill) to lecture on the image of the foreigner in modern Egyptian literature and popular portrayals of the Prophet in Egyptian ballads, Spring 1992.

Organized visit of Dr. Shiva Balaghi (University of Michigan) to give lecture "Censor and Poet in the Shah's Iran," on April 18, 1994, as part of the CLLC's lecture series on censorship.

Organized, with Dr. Kristen Brustad, Islamic panels for the American Research Center in Egypt conference hosted by Emory University, Atlanta, April 1995.

Called prospective students for admission as part of the Faculty Calling Program, March-April, 1995.

Chaired panel at the Forces of Change conference organized by the NEJLL department and the Carter Center, Spring 1995.

Gave Middle Eastern drum and dance program for the Spice House International Dorm, spring 1995.

Performed Middle Eastern music with Dr. Alaa Gheeth (Emory Hospital) for International Festival, spring 1995.

Interviewed on Orientalism (in Arabic) for radio broadcast, as part of the Voice of America's Arabic program, October, 1995.

Participated in Workshops on Foreign Language Teaching, Emory, 1991, 1993, 1994.

"Using Video Materials to Teach Communicative Functions in Arabic," lecture and video presentation given at Workshop on Foreign Language Teaching, Emory University, February 16, 1991.

"Introduction to Islam," lecture given for Life Enrichment Program, Oak Grove Methodist Church, Decatur, Georgia, January 24, 1991.

"Introduction to Islam," lecture for community group at Epiphany Episcopal Church, Decatur, Georgia, February 10, 1991.

"Introduction to Islam," lecture for youth group at First Methodist Church, Decatur, Georgia, April 14, 1991.

"Authority in Islam," lecture for Colloquium on Canon and Authority, Religion department, Emory University, Dec. 3, 1991.

"Talk Like an Egyptian: Popular Rhetorical Strategies in Spoken Egyptian Arabic," lecture for Majors in Near Eastern Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, October 8, 1991.

"Islam and Islamic Ethics," Piedmont College, Piedmont, Georgia, March 6, 1991.

"The Gulf Crisis and the Media," lecture for Emory Waging Peace, Emory University, Atlanta, December 4, 1990.

"The Making of an Ayatollah," lecture for Majors in Near Eastern Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, October 21, 1990.

"Arabic Literature as a World Literature," lecture, Kennesaw State College, Kennesaw, Georgia, September 14, 1990.

Service to the Profession:

Serve as outside referee for *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, *Islamic Law and Society*, *Iranian Studies*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *Journal of Arabic Literature, and Language*, 1993-present.

Outside examiner for Center for Arabic Study Abroad program, American University in Cairo, 1992.

Arabic examiner for colleges and universities in the Southeastern region (1993-present):
Perimeter College, Dunwoody, Georgia.
North Georgia State, Dahlonega, Georgia.
Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama.
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Chaired panel at the American Oriental Society, April, 1993.
Organized a panel on the Arabic autobiographical tradition ("Critical Approaches to the Arabic Autobiographical Tradition" and another panel on medieval Shiite history ("Sectarian Issues in Medieval Islam") for the Middle East Studies Association conference, November 1994.
Respondent for panel on the relationship between the teaching of culture and teaching Arabic as a foreign language, Middle East Studies Association conference, December 1995.
Outside examiner for Arabic programs at Alabama University (Tuscaloosa) and University of South Alabama (Mobile), 1993-present.
Evaluated fellowship proposals for the National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1996, 1997.
Served on Fellowship Selection Committee, American Research Center in Egypt, 1997.

EDITORIAL

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FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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Center For Arabic Studies Abroad (III) Fellowship, American University in Cairo, 1992
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American Association of Teachers of Arabic Translation Prize, 1987.
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