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Academic Positions

August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017— Director of Graduate Studies, Islamic Civilizations Studies Ph.D. Program, Emory University.

August 1, 2011 to July 31, 2016— Chair, Department of Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies, Emory University.

July 1, 2006 to Present— Asa Griggs Candler Professor of Middle East and Islamic Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

January 2004 to July 2006— Chair of Studies Program of Religious Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

July 2000 to July 2006— Director of King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

July 2000 to July 2006— Professor of History, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Fall 1999 and Spring 2000— Acting Director of the Duke University Graduate Program in Religion

July 1998 to September 2000— Associate Professor of Religion, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

September 1991 to June 1998— Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, Duke University (*1993-1994 Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Religion*, see p. 6)

September 1990 to June 1991— Assistant Professor of Religion, Department of Religion, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia

January 1989 to July 1990 — Visiting Assistant Professor in Islam, Department of Religion, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

Linguistic Ability

Classical Arabic: Fluent Reading Knowledge and excellent speaking knowledge (Published Translator)

Moroccan Dialectical Arabic: Near-Native Fluency (FSI Level 4+)

French: Excellent Reading Knowledge/Translation Ability

Spanish: Excellent Reading Knowledge/Translation Ability

Persian: Qualified at Ph.D. level for dissertation research, 1982

Berber (Tamazight-n-Ait Ndir): Some Speaking Ability

Education

B.A. with Highest Honors in Anthropology, University of California Berkeley (1974)

Ph.D. in Islamic Studies, University of California, Los Angeles (1989); Dissertation title: *Mirrors of Prophethood: The Evolving Image of the Spiritual Master in the Western Maghrib from the Origins of Sufism to the End of the Sixteenth Century* (winner of 1990 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Humanities)

Books in Print

1. *Do Jews, Christians, and Muslims Worship the Same God?* By Baruch Levine, Jacob Neusner, Bruce Chilton, and Vincent J. Cornell (Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 2012)

Nominated for 2015 Grawemeyer Award, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

2. *Voices of Islam*, Edited by Vincent J. Cornell (Westport, Connecticut and London: Praeger, 2007), 5 volumes

This comprehensive introduction to Islamic religion, thought, life, and civilization includes chapters by nearly 50 authors, including many of the premier scholars of Islamic Studies. Volume titles and editors: Volume 1 *Voices of Tradition* (Vincent J. Cornell); Volume 2 *Voices of the Spirit* (Vincent J. Cornell); Volume 3, *Voices of Life: Family, Home, and Society* (Virginia Gray Henry Blakemore); Volume 4 *Voices of Art, Beauty, and Science* (Vincent J. Cornell); Volume 5 *Voices of Change* (Omid Safi).

Chapters written: “Voices of Islam,” set introduction for *Voices of Islam*; “Islam, Tradition, and Traditionalism,” Introduction to volume 1 *Voices of Tradition*; “Voices

of the Spirit: Introduction to volume 2 *Voices of the Spirit*; “Beauty, Culture, and Creativity in Islam,” Introduction to volume 4, *Voices of Art, Beauty, and Science*, for the set *Voices of Islam*.

“This wonderful collection of essays weaves together a brilliant tapestry of historical and modern Muslim experiences . . . The essays humanize Muslims in a way that few other works have in recent memory. Highly recommended.” —*Choice*, August 2007

“This serious study of Islam leaves few stones unturned. This is a valuable reference work that needs to be turned to again and again.” —*American Reference Books Annual*, 2008

“The uniqueness of this set is that the over fifty authors represented are all prominent Muslims who come from different geographical regions and from different scholarly backgrounds.... Because of its uniqueness I think this would be a valuable set for many libraries to include in their collections.” —*Catholic Library World*, September 2007

“An outstanding and well detailed exploration which deserves a premiere spot in any serious collection contending to hold Islamic studies titles.” —*Midwest Book Review California Bookwatch*, April 2007

3. *Realm of the Saint: Power and Authority in Moroccan Sufism* (Austin, Texas: University of Texas Press, 1998), xliv + 398 pp.

This is the first study of Muslim sainthood utilizing the methodology of the sociology of sainthood. It is also the first detailed historical study of the Moroccan Sufi tradition. The work traces the development of sainthood as a socio-religious institution in Moroccan Sufism from its inception through the evolution of the “Muhammadan” paradigm in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries C. E. Reviewed as “the most significant study of the Sufi tradition in Islam to have appeared in the last two decades . . . It equals in scope and significance Peter Brown’s *The Cult of the Saints: Its Rise and Function in Latin Christianity*.”

4. *The Way of Abu Madyan: Doctrinal and Poetic Works of Abu Madyan Shu’ayb ibn al-Husayn al-Ansari (ca. 509/1115-16— 594/1198)* (Cambridge: The Islamic Texts Society, 1996), x + 190 pp.

The first detailed study of a highly influential Sufi of the western Islamic mystical tradition. The work consists of a critical analysis of the importance of Abū Madyan to Maghribi Sufism as well as the first Arabic edition and English translation of texts from European and North African manuscript collections. Reviewed in *Muslim World Book Review* as “a lucid and rigorous scholarly work. Our hope is that new works of this kind will follow.”

5. *The Book of the Glory of the Black Race: al-Jahiz's Kitab Fakh'r as-Sudan 'ala al-Bidan* (Waddington, New York: The Phyllis Preston Collection, 1981), 65 pp.

This is a translation of a short treatise on the virtues of the blacks over the whites by the premier Arabic literary figure of the ninth century C. E. The work is now in its third edition (1991).

Articles and Chapters in Print

1. "Islam," in Alon Goshen-Gottstein, ed., *The Crisis of the Holy: Challenges and Transformations in World Religions* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2014), 125-150
2. "Islam: Epistemological Crisis, Theological Hostility, and the Problem of Difference," in Alon Goshen-Gottstein, ed., *The Religious Other: Hostility, Hospitality, and the Hope of Human Flourishing* (Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2014), 69-98
3. "Abduh and Afghani on Destiny and Fate," in John Renard, ed., *Islamic Theological Themes: A Primary Source Reader* (Oakland, California: University of California Press, 2014), 358-367
4. "Applying the Lessons: Ideals Versus Realities of Happiness from Medieval Islam to the 'Founding Fathers,'" *Journal of Law and Religion*, vol. 29 (1), February 2014, 92-108
5. "Tradition and History in Islam: Primitivism in Islamic Thought and Scripture," in David Marshall, ed., *Tradition and Modernity: Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2013), 7-23
6. "Muhammad 'Abduh: A Sufi-Inspired Modernist?" and Translations of Muhammad 'Abduh Texts, in David Marshall, ed., *Tradition and Modernity: Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2013), 97-114
7. "Islam and Human Diversity: Vernacular Religion Confronts the Categories of Race and Culture," in Michael Ipgrave and David Marshall eds., *Humanity: Texts and Contexts, Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2011), 33-40
8. "Reasons Public and Divine: Shari'a Fundamentalism, Liberal Democracy, and the Epistemological Crisis of Islam," in Carl W. Ernst and Richard C. Martin Editors, *Rethinking Islamic Studies: From Orientalism to Cosmopolitanism* (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 2010), 23-51
9. "Religious Orthodoxy and Religious Rights in Medieval Islam: A Reality Check on the Road to Religious Toleration," in Michael Ipgrave, ed., *Justice and Rights: Christian and Muslim Perspectives* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press, 2009), 51-62

10. "Die Krise des Heiligen: Islam," in Maria Reis Habito and Alon Goshen-Gottstein, *Die Krise des Heiligen* (St. Ottilien, Germany: EOS Verlag, 2008), 175-212
11. "Between Theology and the Law: Reconsidering the Islamic View of Democracy and Rights, in Bernard Berendsen editor, *Democracy and Development* (Amsterdam: KIT Publishers, 2008), 199-224
12. "Islam: Theologies of Difference and Ideologies of Intolerance in Islam," in Jacob Neusner and Bruce D. Chilton editors, *Religious Tolerance in World Religions*, (West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania: Templeton Foundation Press, 2008), 274-296
13. "Tradition and the Past: Impediments or Boons to Envisioning the Future of Islam?" *Currents in Theology and Mission* 35:2 (April, 2008), 100-109
14. "The All-Comprehensive Circle (*al-Ihata*): Soul, Intellect, and the Oneness of Existence in the Doctrine of Ibn Sab'in," in Ayman Shihadeh editor, *Sufism and Theology* (Edinburgh, U.K.: Edinburgh University Press, 2007), pp. 31-48.
15. "Evil, Virtue, and Islamic Moral Theology: Rethinking the Good in a Globalized World," in Jerald D. Gort, Henry Jansen, and Hendrik M. Vroom editors, *Probing the Depths of Evil and Good: Multireligious Views and Case Studies* (Amsterdam and New York: Editions Rodopi, 2007), pp. 281-304.
16. "Introduction: Questioning Religion, Problematizing Violence, Affirming Life," in Karikottuchira K. Kuriakose, Editor, *Religion, Terrorism, and Globalization, Nonviolence: A New Agenda* (New York: Nova Science Publishers Inc., 2006), pp. 1-12.
17. "In the Shadow of Deuteronomy: Approaches to Interest and Usury in Judaism and Christianity," revised and reprinted in Abdulkader Thomas Editor, *Interest in Islamic Economics: Understanding riba* (London and New York: Routledge, 2006), pp. 13-25.
18. "Qur'an: Its Role in Muslim Practice and Life" revision and rewrite of an earlier article by Mahmoud Ayoub, for the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Ed. Lindsay Jones, Vol. 11, 2nd Edition (New York: Macmillan Reference of Thompson Gale, 2005), pp. 7570-7574.
19. "God in Islam," original article for the *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Ed. Lindsay Jones, Vol. 5, 2nd Edition (New York: Macmillan Reference of Thompson Gale, 2005), pp. 3560-3567.
20. Introduction to Imam Birgivi, *The Path of Muhammad: A Book on Islamic Morals and Ethics*, interpreted by Shaykh Tosun Bayrak al-Jerrahi al-Halveti (Bloomington, Indiana: World Wisdom Books, 2005), pp. xiii-xv.
21. "Ibn Battuta's Opportunism: the Networks and Loyalties of a Medieval Muslim Scholar," in miriam cooke and Bruce B. Lawrence Eds. *Muslim Networks from Hajj to Hip Hop* (Chapel Hill and London: University of North Carolina Press, 2005), pp. 31-50.
22. "Practical Sufism: An Akbarian Foundation for a Liberal Theology of Difference," *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society*, volume 36, 2004, pp. 59-84. Reprinted in *The Journal of Islamic Law and Culture* volume 9, Issue 2, Fall/Winter 2004, pp. 103-126; and *Sophia*, vol. 15, no. 2, Winter 2010.

23. "Listening to God through the Qur'an," in Michael Ipgrave, Ed. *Scriptures in Dialogue: Christians and Muslims Studying the Bible and the Qur'an Together* (London: Church House Publishing [Archbishop's Council, Church of England], 2004), pp. 36-42.
24. "A Muslim to Muslims: Reflections after September 11," in Stanley Hauerwas and Frank Lentricchia, Eds. *Dissent from the Homeland: Essays after September 11* (Durham, N.C. and London: Duke University Press, 2003), pp. 83-94. Originally published in *The South Atlantic Quarterly*, 101:2, Spring 2002, pp. 325-336.
25. "Religion and Philosophy" chapter for textbook *World Eras Volume 2: The Rise and Spread of Islam 622-1500*, Susan L. Douglass, ed. (Farmington Hills, Michigan: The Gale Group/Manly Inc., 2002), pp. 324-399.
26. "Identité religieuse et ambiguïté culturelle dans une société islamique: les Andalous et les 'uluj au Maroc, 1492-1600," in *L'identité: choix ou combat?* Jamil Chaker, Ed. (Tunis: Faculté des Sciences humaines et sociales, Université de Tunis, 2002), pp. 93-109.
27. "Fruit of the Tree of Knowledge: The Relationship between Faith and Practice in Islam," chapter in John L. Esposito, ed., *The Oxford History of Islam* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1999), pp. 63-105.
28. "*Faqih* versus *Faqir* in Marinid Morocco: Epistemological Dimensions of a Polemic," in Frederick de Jong and Bernd Radtke, Eds. *Islamic Mysticism Contested: Thirteen Centuries of Controversies and Polemics* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1999), pp. 207-224.
29. "Islam" and "Muslims," articles in the new edition of *The World Book Encyclopedia* (Chicago, IL: World Book Publishing, 1999), vol. 10, 463-466 and vol. 13, pp. 964-971.
30. "The Way of the Axial Intellect: The Islamic Hermetism of Ibn Sab'in," *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society*, vol. 23, 1997, pp. 41-79.
31. "Living by the Word of God in Islam" and "Where is Scriptural Truth in Islam?" in Hendrik M. Vroom and Jerald D. Goort eds, *Holy Scriptures in Judaism, Christianity and Islam: Hermeneutics, Values and Society [Currents of Encounter*, vol. 12] (Amsterdam and Atlanta: Rodopi, 1997), pp. 20-26 and pp. 69-76.
32. "The Sovereignty of the Imamate (*siyadat al-imama*) of the Jazüliyya-Ghazwaniyya: A Sufi Alternative to Sharifism?" *al-Qantara* (Madrid), vol. 17, fasc. 2, 1996, pp. 429-451.
33. Hayy in the Land of Absal: Ibn Tufayl and Sufism in the Western Maghrib during the Muwahhid Era," in Lawrence I. Conrad, ed., *The World of Ibn Tufayl: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Hayy ibn Yaqzan* (Leiden: E. J. Brill, 1996), pp. 133-164.
34. "Qur'an as Scripture," "Sultan," "Jizyah," and "Amir 'Abd al-Qadir," in *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, John Esposito, ed., (New York: Oxford University Press, 1995), (vol. 1) pp. 3-4, (vol. 2) pp. 377-378, (vol. 3) pp. 387-394, (vol. 4) pp. 135-136.
35. "*Tawhid*: The Recognition of the One in Islam," *Concilium, Revue Internationale de Théologie*, 1994 (3), pp. 61-66.

36. "Towards Cooperation among People of Different World Religions: Muslim/Non-Muslim Cooperation— Perspectives from Islamic History and Religious Studies," in *Towards a Positive Islamic World-View: Malaysian and American Perceptions*, Dr. Abdol Munir Yaacob and Ahmad Faiz Abdul Rahman, Eds. (Kuala Lumpur: Institute of Islamic Understanding Malaysia [IKIM], 1994), pp. 87-102.
37. "Islam" updates, *The World Book Encyclopedia Yearbook*, 1994-1999 (Chicago: World Book Publishing), each article is 500 words in length.
38. "Mystical Doctrine and Political Action in Moroccan Sufism: The Role of the Exemplar in the *Tariqa al-Jazuliyya*," *al-Qantara* (Madrid), vol. XIII, fasc. 1, 1992, pp. 201-231.
39. "Jihad: Islam's Struggle for Truth," *Gnosis*, no. 21, fall 1991, pp. 18-23.
40. "In the Shadow of Deuteronomy: Approaches to Interest and Usury in Judaism and Christianity," *al-Nahda*, (10), 1-2, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1991, pp. 39-43.
41. "Socioeconomic Dimensions of *Reconquista* and *Jihad* in Morocco: Portuguese Dukkala and the Sa'did Sus, 1450-1557," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (22), 4, 1990, pp. 379-418.
42. "Ribat Tīt-n-Fitr and the Origins of Moroccan Maraboutism," *Islamic Studies* (27), 1, Islamabad, Pakistan, spring, 1408/1988, pp. 23-36.
43. "Understanding Is the Mother of Ability: Responsibility and Action in the Doctrine of Ibn Tumart," *Studia Islamica*, Paris, Fasc. LXVI, 1987, pp. 71-103.
44. '*Ilm al-Qur'an* in al-Andalus: The *Tafsir Muharrar* in the Works of Three Authors," *JUSUR: The UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 2, 1986, pp. 63-81.
45. "The Logic of Analogy and the Role of the Sufi Shaykh in Post-Marinid Morocco," *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (15), 1, 1983, pp. 67-93.

Works in Press

1. "'Translating' Sainthood in Islamic Hagiography," in Vincent J. Cornell and Bruce B. Lawrence, eds., *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Islamic Spirituality* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, forthcoming)
2. "The Terrible Logic of Natural Law: The Cosmic Shari'a in Sayyid Qutb's *Ma'alim fi-t-Tariq* and the *Rasa'il* of the Brethren of Purity," under review for *The Journal of Law and Religion*

Works in Progress

The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Islamic Spirituality, with Bruce Lawrence, signed contract with Wiley-Blackwell Publishers, Oxford, U.K. All 30 submissions received and edited. Manuscript in final stages of preparation for submission to publisher at end of 2017.

Islam and Democracy: A Critical Analysis, a genealogical study of the problem of democracy in Islam.

The Shared Revelation: Ibn Sab'in and the Problem of Islamic Hermetism, monograph project on one of the most controversial figures of western Islamic Sufism and advocate of "perennial philosophy" (*al-hikma al-qadima*). Oxford University Press has expressed a strong interest in this project.

Book Reviews

1. Robert Launay, *Beyond the Stream: Islam and Society in A West African Town*, for *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* (28), 1, July 1994.
2. Pierre Guichard, *Les Musulmans de Valence et la reconquête (XIÉ—XIIIÉ siècles)*, for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (25), 3, August, 1993.
3. H. T. Norris, *Süfi Mystics of the Niger Desert: Sidi Maçmüd and the Hermits of Air*, for *Journal of Islamic Studies*, Oxford (4), 1, January, 1993.
4. R. S. O'Fahey, *Enigmatic Saint: Ahmad Ibn Idris and the Idrisi Tradition*, for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (25), 1, February 1993.
5. Jamil M. Abun-Nasr, *A History of the Maghrib in the Islamic Period*, for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* (21), 4, November 1989.
6. H.T. Norris, *The Berbers in Arabic Literature*, for *JUSÛR: The UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, vol. 2, 1986.

Grants, Fellowships, Awards, and Honors

Summer 2014 – Nominee with Baruch Levine, Jacob Neusner, and Bruce Chilton for the Grawenmeyer Award in Religion for the book, *Do Jews, Christians, and Muslims Worship the Same God?*

June 2010- Received \$2,000.00 Fund for Innovative Teaching grant for the course, "Sources of the Self: Philosophical and Religious Perspectives," Center for Faculty Development and Education, Emory University

September 2004- Named 2005 Alexander Robertson Fellow and Lecturer, University of Glasgow, Glasgow Scotland (in residence March 2005).

March 2004- Third Annual Al-Ghazali Lecturer, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

Fall 2003— \$190,514.00 grant from U.S. State Department, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, for the project, "Educational Partnerships Program for Tunisia:

Development of Graduate Programs in Public Administration and Public Policy for the University of Tunis I.” Principal investigator of project with Dr. Donald Kelley, director of the Fulbright Institute for International Relations and Dr. Todd Shields, chair of the department of Political Science of the University of Arkansas.

Fall 2003— \$100,000.00 grant from the Association Liaison Office for University Cooperation and Development, U.S. State Department, for the project, “Development of Strategic Partnership for the Development and Delivery of Executive Education Programs and Undergraduate Core Curriculum Revisions for the Central University of Tunisia at Sousse.” I was co-principal investigator of project with Dr. Joseph Ziegler, Walton College of Business of the University of Arkansas.

2002— \$60,000.00 grant from the US Department of Education for the project, “St. Petersburg, A Window on the Russia(s).” Dr. Donald Kelley, Director of the Fulbright Institute for International Relations at the University of Arkansas is co-principal investigator for this grant. The grant will fund a month-long workshop of faculty from the University of Arkansas, Bard College, and St. Petersburg State University held in summer 2003.

2000— \$21, 734.76 grant from Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion, for “Two Year Pilot Project for Directed Program of Pedagogical Training.” Grant to be administered in academic years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002 through Duke Graduate Program in Religion.

1999— \$194,675.00 grant (with the American Research Center in Egypt) from U.S. Information Agency (USIA), to direct the 1999 graduate-level overseas summer program, “Cairo: City of Islam.”

1998— Nominated for Alumni Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award, Duke University.

1996— \$1,250.00 travel grant from Center for International Studies, Duke University, to attend roundtable conference, “El Poder Sagrado en el Islam,” Madrid, Spain.

1994— \$163,883.00 grant (with the American Research Center in Egypt) from U.S. Information Agency Near and Middle East Research and Training Act (USIA-NMRTA), to direct the 1995 graduate-level overseas summer program, “Cairo: City of Islam.”

1994 — \$2,000.00 development grant from Comparative Area Studies, Duke University, for graduate course, “Sainthood in Comparative Perspective.”

1994 — \$2,385.00 grant from Academic Research Council, Duke University, for preliminary work on translation of Ibn al-‘Arif’s *Miftah as-sa’ada wa tahqiq tariq al-irada*.

1994 — \$2,500.00 grant from American Institute of Maghrib Studies (AIMS), for translation of Ibn Ibn al-‘Arif’s *Miftah as-sa’ada wa tahqiq tariq al-irada*.

1993-1994— Andrew W. Mellon Assistant Professor of Religion (awarded for excellence in teaching and research), Duke University.

1993— Council for International Exchange of Scholars (Fulbright-Hayes) fellowship for lecturing and research in Malaysia. Fellowship at invitation of Tan Sri Dato' Sarji Bin Abdul Hamid, Chairman of the Institute for Islamic Understanding and Chief Secretary to the Government of Malaysia.

1990 — Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in the Humanities, Middle East Studies Association of North America (This award is given in recognition for the dissertation judged best in the field of Middle East Studies for the previous year.)

Lectures, Conferences, and Seminar Papers

a. Classical Islamic Studies and Historiography

April 16, 2016- “The Terrible Logic of Natural Law: The Cosmic Shari‘a in Sayyid Qutb’s *Ma‘alim fi-t-Tariq* and the *Rasa’il* of the Brethren of Purity,” keynote address for the spring 2016 conference of Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee.

November 23, 2013- “*The Venture of Islam* (University of Chicago Press, 1974) — 40 Years On — Do We Need New Paradigms for the Study of Islamicate Civilizations?” Panel presentation for the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland

November 21, 2011- “Fictions of Factual Representations in Sufi Hagiography,” presentation for panel, “Sufism after the Linguistic Turn,” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California

October 29, 2010- Co-leader with Dr. Ahmet Karamustafa (Washington University of St. Louis) for the Historiography panel in the workshop, “Rethinking Islamic Studies,” Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia

October 27, 2010- “God Taught Adam the Names of All Things: The Mysticism of the Word in Medieval Islam,” public lecture delivered at the Carlos Museum of Art, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

September 17-19, 2010- Discussant on Historiography for the conference, “The Future of Coptic Studies: Theories, Methods, Topics,” Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

February 12, 2009- “The Jazuliyya Sufi Order and *Dala'il al-Khayrat*,” paper delivered for the symposium, “North African Sufism in World Context,” Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, California.

October 6, 2008- “Religious Difference in 14th Century Granada: A Jewish-Muslim Encounter on Predestination,” paper delivered for the Department of Near Eastern Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

February 17, 2008- “Ibn Lubb and the Jew: A Polemical Dialogue about Predestination from 14th-Century Granada,” paper delivered at Third Biennial MESAS Conference: “Polemics,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

November 20, 2005- “Multiconfessionalism and Monotheism in Medieval Islam,” paper presented for Comparative Theology Section, American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 13, 2005- “On Science and Islam,” lecture given for the workshop, “Faith to Faith,” St. Mungo Museum of Religious Life and Art, Glasgow, Scotland.

March 11, 2005- Panel chair and discussion leader, “New Directions in the Study of Theology and Sufism,” with Hermann Landolt (McGill University and Institute of Ismaili Studies) and Wilferd Madelung (Oxford University and Institute of Ismaili Studies), for “Sufism and Theology Conference,” the University of Glasgow, Glasgow Scotland.

March 11, 2005- “The Circle of Knowledge (*al-Ihata*): Epistemology and Divine Creativity in the Doctrine of Ibn Sab'in,” paper presented at the “Sufism and Theology Conference,” the University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland.

December 25, 2004- “A Muslim Exemplar of Justice and Mercy: Abu Madyan al-Ghawth,” invited lecture for program, “Dinner and Discourse with Islamic Scholars,” hosted by Zainul Abidin Rashid, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Government of Singapore, The Grassroots Club, Singapore.

November 23, 2003- “Franz Rosenthal and the Historiography of Islam,” paper delivered for the panel, “The Legacy of Franz Rosenthal for Islamic Studies,” 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia.

November 24, 2002- “The All-Comprehensive Circle: Soul, Intellect, and Imagination in Ibn Sab'in,” paper delivered for the 2002 American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Toronto, Canada.

June 26, 2002- “Islamic Studies in the Twenty-First Century (Historiography),” paper delivered at the international workshop, “Universities of Arkansas and St. Petersburg MEST/Oriental Studies Summer Workshop: Middle East Studies in Russia and the USA.” St. Petersburg State University, St. Petersburg, Russia

May 24-26, 2002- Organized and conducted the major international conference

“*Convivencia* and Lost Paradises: Visions of al-Andalus in Spanish-Language and Islamic Literatures,” Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco. Conference co-sponsored by King Fahd Center, Al-Akhawayn University, Center for the Study of al-Andalus and Dialogue Between Civilizations, Rabat, Morocco.

May 24, 2002- “Recalling al-Andalus: Which Convivencia, Whose Paradise?” paper presented for the conference, “*Convivencia* and Lost Paradises: Visions of al-Andalus in Spanish-Language and Islamic Literatures,” Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco.

October 12, 2001- Participated in a round-table seminar on Islamic sainthood, Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan. My book, *Realm of the Saint*, was featured in the seminar.

October 7, 2001- “People’s Saints or Saints of the People? Urban and Rural Models of ‘Popular Sainthood’ in the Western Maghrib,” paper delivered at the International Symposium, “The Dynamism of Muslim Societies,” The Kazusa Arc, Tokyo, Japan.

March 10, 2001- “How to Get Hated by Your Fellow Muslims: The Misadventures of a 13th Century Hermetist from al-Andalus,” paper delivered at the Spring meeting of the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina.

February 5, 2001- “Islamic Studies after Orientalism,” invited lecture delivered at the G. E. Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California Los Angeles.

November 18, 2000- Discussant for refereed panel, “Taking the Quran to Heart: Sufi Approaches to the Quran,” 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee.

November 18, 2000- Organized and chaired refereed the panel, “New Light on al-Sulami: Recent Manuscript Discoveries in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, and Central Asia,” 2000 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Nashville, Tennessee.

July 3, 2000- “The Concept of Personality in Sufism,” invited lecture delivered at the combined conference, “Time and Space in Islam/ Man: His Rights and Responsibilities in Islam,” Ameer Khusro Society of America, The Islamic Heritage Foundation, and the University of Chicago, Villa Park, Illinois.

April 29, 2000- "From 'Dragnet' to 'The X-Files' and 'Star Trek': A Critical Assessment of the Modern Historiography of Islam," keynote address delivered at The 15th Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

February 18, 2000- “Ecce Hermes: Philosophy, Mysticism, and the Islamic Underground in al-Andalus,” paper delivered at “Conference on Islamic Theology and Ethics,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

November 20, 1999- Discussant for panel, "Sufi Realizations: Doctrine and Context," 33rd Annual Meeting, Middle East Studies Association of North America, Washington, D.C.

May 8, 1999- Co-organizer and discussant for panel, "Indigenous Identifications" at the conference, "Crossings: Mediterraneanizing the Politics of Location, History, and Knowledge," Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

February 6, 1999- "Slavery in Islam," lecture delivered at "Comparative Slavery Symposium," University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

November 23, 1998- "Imagining Our World: Metageography, Global History, and Secondary Education," keynote address delivered at Conference on World History Standards, California State University, Fullerton, California.

November 6, 1998- "The Poetry of the Soul: Interpreting Sufi Literature," lecture delivered for the workshop, "Interpreting the Islamic Tradition," Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia.

October 30, 1998- Discussant for panel, "Oceans as Contested Space," for the conference, "Oceans Connect: Mapping a New Global Scholarship." Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

October, 6, 1998- "New Methods in the Study of Muslim Sainthood," lecture delivered at faculty colloquium, Department of Religion, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

March 17, 1998- "Identité religieuse et Ambiguïté culturelle dans une Société islamique: les Andalous et les *'Ulujj* au Maroc, 1492-1600," paper delivered at the conference, "L'Identité: Choix ou Combat?" Faculté des Sciences humaines et sociales, Université de Tunis I, Tunis, Tunisia.

November 23, 1997- I organized and chaired the panel, "Women's Issues in Islamic Law," thirty-first annual meeting, Middle East Studies Association, San Francisco, California.

July 26, 1997- "His Character was the Qur'an: The Ethical Imperative and the Essence of the Muhammadan Sunna," paper delivered at the Naqshbandiyya Foundation Fourth International Milad-un-Nabi Conference, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle.

February 28, 1997- Debate on Islamic legal reform with Prof. Abdullahi A. Naim, School of Law and Departments of Religion and Middle East Studies, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

February 27, 1997- "Ibn Sab'in, an Islamic Hermetist," paper delivered at Religion Dept. faculty colloquium, University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

February 1, 1997- Commentator at the Sawyer/Mellon conference, "Indigenous Reactions to Foreign Domination," Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

August 10, 1996- "Qur'anic Guidance and Prophetic Inheritance in the Jazüliyya Sufi Order," paper delivered at the Third International Milad-un-Nabi Conference, University of Illinois Chicago Circle, Chicago, Illinois.

June 13, 1996- "The 'Sovereignty of the Imamate' (*siyadat al-imama*) of the Jazüliyya-Ghazwaniyya: A Sufi Response to Sharifism?" paper delivered at the roundtable workshop, "Poder Sagrado en el Islam," Instituto de Filologia, Seccion de Estudios Arabes, Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas, Madrid, Spain.

March 31, 1996- "Compassion in the Way of Abü Madyan," paper delivered at the thirteenth annual symposium, The Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford University, United Kingdom.

December 9, 1995- Organized and chaired panel, "The Tariqa Muhammadiyya from Morocco to India," and presented paper, "at-Tariqa al-Muhammadiyya: The Prophetic Legacy in Moroccan Sufism," at the twenty-ninth annual meeting, Middle East Studies Association, Washington DC.

October 28, 1995- "Was There a Practical Side to Ibn Sab'in?" paper delivered at the ninth annual USA symposium, The Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, University of California, Berkeley.

May 6, 1995- "Faqirism", Sufism, and the Fuqaha' in Marinid Morocco," paper delivered at conference, "Sufism and Its Opponents, an International Symposium," Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands.

October 16, 1993- "When Judges Create Saints: Making a Case for the *Walî Allah* in Muslim Society," paper delivered at South East Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, Valle Crucis, North Carolina.

November 24, 1992- "Sufi Texts in Translation: The Works of Abü Madyan (d. 1198)," paper delivered at the American Academy of Religion annual conference, San Francisco, California.

November 5, 1992- "Reconquest Culture: Iberians and Italians in Moroccan Social Life, 1492-1600," paper delivered at the conference, "Circa 1492: The Impact of the *Reconquista* on Muslims and Jews," University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.

August 17, 1992- "Alternative Spaces of Worship in North African Islam," presentation delivered at "Spaces of Worship" workshop, Institute of Ismaili Studies, London.

March 30, 1992- "Was Abu'l-Hasan ash-Shadhili a Rifa'i Sufi? Evidence from Ibn Wafa's *Shajarat al-Irshad*," paper delivered at 202nd meeting of the American Oriental Society, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

March 26, 1992- "Islamic Activism in North Africa," lecture delivered for Global Forum Series, Center for International Studies, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

November 9, 1991- "Mirrors of Prophethood in the Tariqa Muhammadiyya: Ibn 'Arabi's Legacy in Reformist North African Sufism," paper delivered at the Fifth Annual USA Symposium of the Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society, University of California, Berkeley, California.

August 11, 1991- "Development and Techniques of Classical Qur'anic Exegesis (*Tafsir al-Qur'an*)" and "Toward a *Tafsir* for the Fifteenth Century, A.H.," lectures delivered at Seminar on '*Ulim al-Qur'an*, The Islamic Foundation, Villa Park, IL.

October 20, 1989- "The Image of *Allah* in Pre-Islamic and Islamic Arabia," lecture given at Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois.

February 23, 1989— "A Sociological Methodology for the Study of Islamic Sainthood In the Maghrib," lecture given for the Program of African Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois.

November 1988— "Images of Sufism in Maliki Legal Discourse," paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Los Angeles, California.

October 5, 1987— "Hayy in the Land of Absal: Ibn Tufayl and the Maghribi Sufi Tradition During the Muwahhid Era," paper presented at the symposium, "The World of Ibn Tufayl," The Wellcome Institute for the History of Medicine, London.

November 23, 1986— "The Metaphysician Engagé: Shaykh 'Abdallah al-Habti and Social Reform in Sixteenth-Century Morocco," paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference in Boston, Massachusetts.

October 30, 1986— "Patrons, Scholars, Ascetics and Shaykhs: Sufis of the Western Maghrib Prior to 1200 A.D.," lecture delivered at the Center For Middle Eastern Studies, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

April 28-29, 1986— Participant in Dissertation Research Seminar, Committee For the Comparative Study of Muslim Societies, Social Science Research Council, New York, New York.

February 19, 1986— "The Mystery of the Muhammadan Essence in Islam," lecture delivered for the Program in Religious Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois.

November 1985— "The Sa'diyan State and the World-System: Administrative and Social Change in Morocco Prior to 1603," paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

November 1984— "The Banü Amghar of Tit-n-Fitr: Morocco's First Marabouts?" paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, San Francisco, California.

November, 1980- "The Prism of Sanctity: A Reexamination of the Role of the *Wali Allah* in Sixteenth-Century Morocco," paper presented at the Middle East Studies Association annual conference, Washington, D.C.

b. Islamic Philosophy and Theology, Islam and Democracy, Islam in America, Culture Criticism, Interfaith Relations, and Comparative Projects

February 15, 2016- "Reason and Revelation: A Conversation on Natural Law in Four Religions," participated with David Novak, Matthew Levering, and Donald R. Davis in 2016 Harold J. Berman Lecture, Center for the Study of Law and Religion, Emory University Law School, Atlanta, Georgia.

October 20, 2012- "Blasphemy in Islam," panel discussion with Carl W. Ernst and John Alden Williams at Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SERMEISS), Valle Crucis Conference Center, Valle Crucis North Carolina

June 24-26, 2012- First planning session for Elijah Interfaith Institute Templeton Foundation Planning Grant project, "Saints as Religious Geniuses," Center for World Religions, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts

September 22, 2011- "Jefferson and Jasmines: Islam and Democracy after the Arab Spring," keynote address for the 33rd annual Mid-America Conference on History, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

April 28, 2011- "The Transformation of Consciousness in Islamic Traditions of Contemplation: *Dhikr* and *Tawhid* as an Emergent Experience," paper for the symposium, "Neuroscience and Religious Contemplation," Lubar Institute for the Study of Abrahamic Religions and Center for Investigating Healthy Minds, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

January 26, 2011- Discussant for Faculty Response Forum on *Humanities: Tradition and Invention*, on the topic of "Globalization versus Translation Across Traditions," Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University

October 29, 2010- Discussant for the workshop, "Women, Interfaith, and Peacemaking," Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, Georgia

October 18, 2010- “The Pursuit of Happiness between Islam and the Founding Fathers,” response paper to the keynote lecture, “Happiness and the Pursuit of Happiness in the Islamic Perspective,” by Dr. Seyyed Hossein Nasr at “The Pursuit of Happiness Conference,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

May 26, 2010- “Muhammad ‘Abduh,” paper delivered at the 9th Annual Building Bridges Seminar, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

May 25, 2010- “Tradition and History: Primitivism and the Search for Authenticity in Islam,” keynote paper delivered for the 9th Annual Building Bridges Seminar, hosted by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

November 8, 2009- “The Ethiopian’s Dilemma: Islam, Difference, and the Problem of Pluralism,” paper delivered at the American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

October 15, 2009- “We Put the ‘No’ in Innovation: Islam and the Dilemma of Modernity,” keynote lecture delivered at the conference, “Religion and the Challenges of Modernity,” Sylvia and Richard Kaufman Interfaith Institute Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan

October 3, 2009- “Dilemmas of Difference: Pitfalls of Muslim Identity Politics in America,” lecture delivered for the Middle East Symposium, Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkston, Georgia

November 2, 2008- “Constitutionalism, Shari’a Exceptionalism, and the Problem of Divided Loyalties,” paper given at the launching reception for VISOR, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

November 1, 2008- “The Three Messiahs of Islam,” presentation given at the panel, “Messianism and Monotheism,” Studies in Comparative Theology: Comparative Monotheism Group, American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

October 31, 2008- “Toward a Muslim Theology of World Religions,” presentation given at the “Pre-AAR Meeting on Interreligious Dialogue,” sponsored by VISOR, Vrije Universiteit Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society, Amsterdam, and Center for Christian-Muslim Engagement, Luthern School of Theology, in Chicago, Illinois

April 7, 2008- “Dialogues in the Vernacular: A Pragmatic Approach to Muslim-Non-Muslim Relations,” Sixth Annual Victor Danner Lecture, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

March 3, 2008- “Irony and Ideology in Islamic Extremism: Pseudo-Repetition, Mimesis and the Cosmic Shari’a in Sayyid Qutb’s *Ma’alim fi al-Tariq*” paper delivered for the international conference, “The Wrathful

God: Religious Extremism in Comparative Perspective,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

March 3-5, 2008- Organized and held the international conference, “The Wrathful God: Religious Extremism in Comparative Perspective,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

December 2-5, 2007- Participated in the Sixth Building Bridges Seminar convened by The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, National University of Singapore, Singapore.

July 17-19, 2007- participated in the workshop, “Educating for Religious Freedom and Mutual Respect: An Inaugural Leadership Conference to Consider Study about World Religions within Faith Communities,” convened by the Institute on Religion and Civic Values (IRCV) and the First Amendment Center, Loyola Marmount University, Los Angeles, California

June 19, 2007- co-presented with Anwar Ibrahim (former Vice Prime-Minister of Malaysia) opening lectures on “Islam in the Public Domain,” Policy Makers Workshop, Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations, The Hague, the Netherlands

June 19, 2007- consultant for the workshop, “Religion and Development,” CORDAID (Catholic Relief Organization), The Hague, the Netherlands

June 18, 2007, presented with Anwar Ibrahim (former Vice Prime-Minister of Malaysia), the lecture, “Democracy and Islam: the Answer of the West,” for the seminar, “Between Islam and the West,” sponsored by the Society for International Development (SID) and the Center for Islamic Theology (CIT), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

June 18, 2007- participated with Anwar Ibrahim (former Vice Prime-Minister of Malaysia) as a discussant in the seminar, “Shariah, State, and Society,” for the conference, “Islam: Religion, Person, Community, Society, and Democracy,” Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Amsterdam, the Netherlands

May 27-31, 2007- Organized and led the international conference, “Toward A Muslim Theology of World Religions,” Al-Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco. This was the first conference in a three-year project funded by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and co-sponsored by the Elijah Interfaith Institute of Jerusalem and the Al Khoei Foundation of London. As Project Director, I was responsible for laying out the overall theme of the conference and presenting the papers, “Law and Rights” and “Sovereignty and Loyalty.”

April 25, 2007- “Theologies of Difference and Ideologies of Intolerance in Islam: Vernacular Religion on the Fault Lines of Scripture and Practice,” paper delivered for the conference, “Public Policy and Politics of Religious Tolerance,” Institute of Advanced Theology, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, New York

November 17, 2006- Respondent and Discussant for the Religion and Media Workshop, “The Muhammad Cartoon Controversy: Perspectives on Media, Religion, Law, and Culture,” annual meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, Washington, D.C.

October 24, 2006- “Islam and Power: From Threat to Creativity,” keynote address given for the 2006 Triennial Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, “Religion and Power: The Power to Create, the Power to Destroy,” Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

October 13, 2006- discussant for the panel, “Community and the Law” for the conference, “Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations from India and the USA,” Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

September 22, 2006- “Tradition and the Past: Impediments or Advantages for Envisioning the Future of Islam?” Keynote address given for the conference “Christians and Muslims Together: Owning Our Pasts— Visioning the Future,” Center of Christian-Muslim Engagement for Peace and Justice, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.

March 29, 2006- “Religious Orthodoxy and Religious Rights in Medieval Islam: A Reality-Check on the Road to Toleration,” paper delivered at the Fifth Building Bridges Seminar convened by The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, and hosted by John J. DeGioia, President of Georgetown University, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

March 26-27, 2006- I presided over the first meeting of the Muslim Scholars Presidium for a Theology of the Other in Islam, sponsored by the Rockefeller Brothers’ Foundation, Elijah Interfaith Institute, and King Fahd Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, Alexandria, Virginia.

February 28, 2006- “Resources for a Theology of the Other in Islam,” plenary presentation and introduction to *Hevruta* (study) session, for the conference, “Beyond Tolerance: the Religious Problem of Ruling the Other Part II,” Shalom Hartman Institute, Bernard and Barbro Osher Center for Religious Pluralism, Jerusalem, Israel.

November 21, 2005- “Master Narratives and the Future of Islam in the West,” invited respondent to plenary address by David Martin, London School of Economics (“Master Narratives and the Future of Christianity”), American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

September 23, 2005- “Islam and the Challenge of Open Societies,” invited lecture for Georgia Perimeter College, Clarkson Campus, Atlanta, Georgia.

April 2, 2005- invited respondent for the paper, “Studying the Western Other, Understanding the Islamic Self,” for the conference. “Studying the Other, Understanding

the Self: Scripture, Reason, and the Contemporary Islam-West Encounter,” Hartford Seminary, Hartford Connecticut.

March 18, 2005- “Evil, Virtue, and the New Islamic Morality: Rethinking the Good after 9/11,” plenary paper delivered at the international conference, “Religion and Evil,” Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Tropenmuseum, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

March 3, 2005- “Allah Has Decreed Mercy upon Himself: Towards a Qur’an-Based Ethic of Religious Tolerance,” 2005 Alexander Robertson Lecture, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, Scotland.

February 16, 2005- “Building an Islamic Theology of Pluralism: Foundation Stones from Pre-modern Sources.” *Hevrutah* presentation for the conference, “Beyond Tolerance: The Religious Problem of Ruling the Other,” Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem, Israel.

December 28, 2004- “Islam and Liberal Pluralism,” invited public lecture, The Muslim Converts’ Association of Singapore (Darul Arqam Singapore), Sultan Mosque Auditorium, Singapore.

December 22, 2004- “Sufism and Civil Society: Voluntary Associations and Civic Values in Premodern Islam,” paper given at International Conference of Islamic Scholars: “Islam and Civil Society in the 21st Century, A Path to Transformation,” Jakarta, Indonesia. Conference sponsored by Syarif Hidayutallah State Islamic University, Nahdatul Ulema, Haqqani Foundation Indonesia, and World Organization for Research, Development, and Education.

December 5-8, 2004- “The Crisis of Traditionalism in Islam” and “The Boundaries of Theological Tolerance in Islam,” workshop papers presented for second meeting of Scriptural Reasoning Research Group, Center of Theological Inquiry Princeton, New Jersey.

November 21, 2004- “Teaching and Learning in the Qur’an,” paper presented for the workshop, “Learning and Teaching in the Abrahamic Traditions,” Scriptural Reasoning Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion and Society of Biblical Literature, San Antonio, Texas.

November 20, 2004- presided over the panel, “Discourses of Early Sufism,” Islamic Mysticism Group, Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion, San Antonio, Texas.

November 10, 2004- participant in panel discussion of religious scholars of Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Native American religions, on subject of “Traditions of Tolerance and Exclusivity in World Religions,” *Faith and Cooperation* conference, 2004 Festival of Faiths, Cathedral Heritage Foundation, Louisville, Kentucky.

October 27, 2004- participant in panel discussion, “After Iraq: American Security at Home and Abroad,” University of Arkansas School of Law.

September 20, 2004- “Universal Rights and Muslim Obligations: Towards a Moral Philosophy of Islamic Liberalism,” paper delivered at conference, *Interfaith Perspectives on Universality and Justice: Textual Precepts and Practices*, sponsored by The Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University and The Canadian Sikh Council, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

July 8, 2004- panel participant of daylong workshop on “The Crisis of the Holy,” co-sponsored by The Elijah Interfaith Institute and the King Fahd Center, World Parliament of Religions, Barcelona, Spain.

July 9, 2004- participant in panel discussion on “The Crisis of the Holy,” World Parliament of Religions, Barcelona, Spain

June 29- July 7, 2004- participant in think-tank meeting and workshop for the project, “The Crisis of the Holy,” sponsored by the Elijah Interfaith Academy, King Fahd Center, and McGill University Faculty of Religious Studies.

May 13-16, 2004- Participant in the first meeting of the project, “Scriptural Reasoning Research Group,” Center for Theological Inquiry, Princeton, New Jersey

April 20, 2004- Participant in the Muhammad Ali Center Round Table, “Islamic Life in the United States,” University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky

March 29–April 1, 2004- Participant and discussant for the “Third Building Bridges Seminar: A Meeting of Muslim and Christian Scholars,” convened by The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, and hosted by John J. DeGioia, President of Georgetown University, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

March 13, 2004- Keynote speaker at Averroes Academy, 5th Annual Fundraising Dinner Chicago, Illinois

March 11, 2004- “Islam and the Open Society: Reviving the Religious Sciences of Islam in the Post- 9/11 Age,” Third Annual Al-Ghazali Lecture, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois.

December 15, 2003- “Islam: Theological Hostility and the Problem of Difference,” paper delivered for the Elijah Interfaith Academy Meeting of Board of World Religious Leaders, Seville, Spain.

December 14, 2003- “*Convivencia* Then and Now: Lessons and Limits for Contemporary Interfaith Relations,” keynote address delivered at Elijah Interfaith Academy Meeting of Board of World Religious Leaders, Seville, Spain.

November 9, 2003- “Building an Akbarian Tradition for the New Millennium: Toward a New Theology of Difference,” paper delivered at the symposium, “The Unity of Existence: Ibn ‘Arabi and His School,” The Ojai Retreat, Ojai California.

April 7-9, 2003- “Listening to God Through the Qur’an,” keynote lecture and commentaries on Qur’an 2:62, 3:1-7, and 3:113-115, for “Second Building Bridges Seminar,” hosted by His Highness the Emir of the State of Qatar and convened by Dr. Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury, Doha, Qatar.

December 14, 2002- Participant in the colloquium, “Emerging Perspectives on American Islam: Indigenous Scholars Colloquium,” Council on Islamic Education, Newport Beach, California.

August 9, 2002- “Where Did Islam Go Wrong? Religion, Nationalism, and the Purity of Knowledge” lecture delivered for the Program of Religion, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua, New York.

July 24, 2002- “Islamic Territorialism: Thoughts for a Post-9/11 World Islam,” paper delivered at the conference, “Religion, Territoriality and Peace: An Inter-religious Conference,” Konrad Adenauer Conference Center, Mishkenot Sha’ananim, Jerusalem, Israel.

July 15-21, 2002- “The Hajj to Mecca in Comparative Perspective,” “The Sanctity of the Mosque,” and “Why Are There No Temples in Islam?” lectures delivered for 2002 Summer Workshop for Israeli Educators, Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, Safad and Jerusalem, Israel.

May 13-14, 2002- Hosted international seminar, “Religion and Human Potential,” Mount Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Seminar co-sponsored by the King Fahd Center, the Elijah School for the Study of Wisdom in World Religions, the Faculty of Religious Studies, McGill University, and the Abraham Fund.

May 13, 2002- “Islamic Humanism and the Actualization of Human Potential,” paper presented for the international seminar, “Religion and Human Potential,” Mount Sequoyah Assembly, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

April 19, 2002- “What is Authentic Islam? Debating Diversity and Extremism,” lecture delivered for the Middle East Studies Program, Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

March 18, 2002- “Islam and the West: Clash of Civilizations or Dialogue within Civilization?” Invited lecture for Banners Distinguished Lecture series, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

January 17-18, 2002- Invited participant in “Building Bridges: Overcoming Obstacles in Christian-Muslim Relations,” seminar hosted by The Most Reverend and Right Honorable Dr. George Cary, Archbishop of Canterbury and co-hosted by His Royal

Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, held at Lambeth Palace, London, U.K. Personal invitations were received from the Archbishop of Canterbury and Prime Minister Tony Blair.

July 7, 2001- "Ethic of Service in Islam," keynote address delivered at 2001 Milad-un-Nabi program and celebration, His Highness Prince Aga Khan Shiahi Imami Ismaili Council for Canada, Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto, Canada.

May 12, 2000- "American Islam in the 21st Century," paper delivered at conference, "Becoming American: Immigration and Religious Life in the United States," Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding: History and International Affairs, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

February 7, 2000- Discussant at seminar, "Islamic Responses to Europe in South and Southeast Asia: Colonial Confrontation and Post-Colonial Transformation," National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

November 6, 1999- Board of Directors and planning meeting for MAPS (Muslims in the American Public Square) project, Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

July 12-24, 1998- Taught workshop courses on comparative religion (Islam, Christianity, and Judaism) and Islamic influences on Western civilization for secondary and junior college teachers at Dar al-Islam Teachers' Institute, Abiquiu, New Mexico.

May 1, 1998- Participant in first meeting of "Muslim Intellectuals Forum," Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

October 21, 1997- Participant in "Muslim/Greek Orthodox Interfaith Dialogue," sponsored by the Georgetown University Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America, Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

May 31- June 1, 1997- Participated in medium-range planning workshop and advised Virginia education and legislative officials on religious pluralism in Social Studies education, Dar al-Islam and Council on Islamic Education, Fairfax, Virginia.

November 6, 1995- "Living by the Word of God in Islam" and "Where is Scriptural Truth in Islam?" plenary address and workshop paper delivered at the conference, "Holy Scriptures, Values, and Society," Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

March 25, 1995- "Strange Encounters of the Fourth Kind: Islam as Alien and Predator," paper delivered at Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

January 21, 1995- "Making Islam Part of World History," lecture delivered for Canadian Muslim Education and Research Institute and Ministry of Education, Province of Ontario, Toronto, Canada.

January 20, 1995- "Intellect and Faith," lecture presented for Prince Aga Khan Shiah Imami Ismaili Council for Ontario, Toronto, Canada.

October 2, 1994- "Viewing and Presenting Islam and Muslims," and "Finding Valid Structures for Presenting Muslim History," papers presented at World History Conference: "Strategies and Structures for Presenting World History," Buena Park, California.

September 29, 1994- "Islam in the West: Challenges of History, Epistemology, and Global Culture," paper delivered at Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur, for World Islam Civilization Festival Malaysia, 1994.

October 14, 1993- "The Truth of Abraham in Islam," paper delivered at symposium, "Sharing the Faith of Abraham: Christian, Jewish, and Muslim Traditions," Interfaith Partnership of Metropolitan St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri.

September 1, 1993- "The Concept of Revelation in the Qur'an," lecture delivered at the Second Parliament of the World's Religions, Chicago, Illinois.

August 25, 1993- "American Shu'ubiyya: Convert Reactions to Immigrant Islam," lecture delivered at Faculty of Revealed Knowledge and Human Sciences, International Islamic University, Petaling Jaya, Malaysia.

August 20, 1993- "Muslim/Non-Muslim Cooperation: Perspectives from Islamic History and Religious Studies," paper delivered at seminar on "Islam and Its World View: An American Perception," hosted by Institut Kefahaman Islam Malaysia (IKIM), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

May 15, 1993- Participant in round table, "Islamic Resurgence: Challenges, Directions, and Future Perspectives," World and Islam Studies Enterprise and University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida.

April 26, 1993- Participant in filmed conference, "Islam and America: A Seminar on Mutual Tolerance and Understanding," United States Information Agency, Washington, D.C.

February 22, 1993- "The Regulation of Interest and Usury in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam," lecture given to Mid-Atlantic Conference of Reform Rabbis, Durham, North Carolina.

October 4, 1992- Delivered presentations on "Jihad" and "Islam and the Abrahamic Traditions" for "Islam in Textbooks: A Dialogue Between Textbook Publishers and Muslim Scholars," Council of Islamic Education, Buena Park, California.

September 12, 1992- "The Celebration of the *Mawlid an-Nabi* in North Africa," lecture delivered at program on "Islam and Its Cultural Diversity," Prince Aga Khan Shiah Imami Ismaili Council for Ontario, Toronto, Canada.

December 20, 1991- "The History of Conversion to Islam in America," lecture delivered to a joint session of the Departments of English and Islamic Studies, Qadi 'Ayyad University, Marrakesh, Morocco.

December 21, 1990- "Islam and the Challenge of Modernism," lecture delivered at the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Jakarta, Indonesia.

December 15-19, 1990- Invited guest and observer, 42nd Muktamar (Congress) of the Muhammadiyah, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

December 14, 1990- "Islamic Development in America," lecture delivered at IAIN (State University of the Islamic Religion) Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

March 17, 1990- "In the Shadow of Deuteronomy: Approaches to Interest and Usury in Judaism and Christianity," paper delivered at Second International Conference on Islamic Economics, Eric Williams Medical Sciences Complex, Mount Hope, Republic of Trinidad and Tobago.

September 4 & 7, 1988— "Conversion To Islam In North America," lecture delivered for Radio-Television Malaysia, Kuching, Sarawak, and for the Technological University of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur.

September 3, 1988— "Islamic Development In America: Immigrant- Convert Relations at the Crossroads," paper delivered at symposium on "Islam and Development", RISEAP, Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

September 1, 1988— "Islam and the Crisis of Spirituality In America," lecture delivered at the opening session of the Fifth General Assembly for RISEAP (Regional Islamic Da'wah Council for Southeast Asia and the Pacific), Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia.

Media Relations

September 26, 2012- Interviewed by Audrey Galex of Atlanta Interfaith Broadcasters on the film, "The Innocence of Muslims" and the depiction of the Prophet Muhammad in the French satirical weekly, *Charlie Hebédomaine*.

October 27, 2011- Interviewed by Keith Johnson of *The Wall Street Journal* on the Libyan revolution and prospects for democracy in Libya

August 25, 2011- Interviewed by Hilary Bentman of *The Intelligencer*, Doylestown, PA, on experiences of Muslims in America since 9/11. The interview appeared in an article commemorating the tenth anniversary of the 9-11-01 attacks.

December 8, 2009- Interviewed by Michel Arseneault of Radio France International on the attack by the Somalia Shebab on the Sufi shrine of Sheikh Hasan Moalem

November 22, 2009- “Anxiety over a Lilburn Mosque,” interview with Rosalind Bentley featured in “Sunday Conversation” series of Metro section, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Atlanta, Georgia

October 16, 2007- Interviewed by WSB-TV2 Atlanta on “The US Constitution and the Shariah”

February 2006- “The Face of the Prophet,” hour-long interview on the Prophet Muhammad cartoon controversy, hosted by Krista Tippet, for the NPR program, “Speaking of Faith,” Minnesota Public Radio.

September 30, 2004- “Violence and Crisis in Islam,” hour-long interview hosted by Krista Tippet, for the NPR program, “Speaking of Faith,” Minnesota Public Radio.

August 30, 2003- Interviewed on the assassination of Ayatollah Muhammad Baqir al-Hakim and the political situation in Iraq by Todd Feinberg, Boston, MA for the syndicated radio program, “Todd Talk.”

2002- Consultant for the Kikim Media/KQED production, “Muhammad: Legacy of A Prophet,” Michael Schwarz, Executive Producer. Program aired on December 18, 2002.

September 1, 2002- Interviewed and featured in the article, “Mideast Studies Pinched: UA Program Wrestles with Tighter Budget,” *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*.

(I was interviewed numerous times by television, radio, and print media in the three months following September 11, 2001. These interviews were too numerous to mention in a curriculum vitae.)

September 20, 2001- Interviewed as main source of information for the article, “‘Un choque de civilizaciones’ dio lugar a los ataques, opinan expertos,” Rui Ferreira, *El Nuevo Herald* (*Miami Herald* Spanish edition), Miami, Florida.

June 7, 2000- Chapter on the relationship between faith and practice in Islam highlighted in review of John L. Esposito, Ed., *The Oxford History of Islam*. Review by Karen Armstrong, *The London Times*.

November 18, 1999- Interviewed by Christopher S. Wren of the *New York Times* on the crash of Egypt Air flight 990.

October 15, 1997- Participant in panel interview on “Atonement” for WUNC radio program, “The State of Things” with Linda Belans.

April 7-11, 1997- Expert on Islam and participant in Discovery Channel Online program, "Journey to the Center of the Earth: One Man on a Bike Heads for the Dead Sea," with Jim Malusa.

February 18, 1997- Interviewed by Waveny Ann Moore of *St. Petersburg Times* on Warith Deen Muhammad and Islam in America.

April 29, 1996- Interviewed on Islam and Islam in America by Public Radio International (Wisconsin Public Radio) for the program, "To the Best of Our Knowledge."

January 11 and 15, 1996- Interviewed by Diane Sahetka of the *Charlotte Observer*, on Islam in the U. S.

January 9, 1996- Interviewed by Voice of America on "Islam in America" with Prof. John Esposito of Georgetown University and Prof. Abdulaziz Sachedina of the University of Virginia.

March 15, 1995- Interviewed by Voice of America for series, "Islam on Campus."

February 16, 1994- Interviewed by Ken Brown of the *New York Times*, on Islamic finance.

September 22, 1992- Participant in USIA teleconference on "Islam in America" to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia with Prof. Mahmoud Ayoub of Temple University.

July 28, 1992- Participant in USIA teleconference on "Islam in America" to Islamabad, Pakistan with Imam W. Deen Muhammad.

July 27, 1992- Participant in USIA teleconference on "Islam in America" to Dakka, Bangladesh with Imam W. Deen Muhammad.

April, 1992- Participant and Interviewer (with Bruce Lawrence and C. Eric Lincoln), "A Conversation with Imam (W. Deen) Muhammad," Duke University Living History Program (interview available on video)

December 25, 1990- Interviewed by the *Indonesia Times* on the 42nd Muktamar of the Muhammadiyah and the development of Islam in the U. S

December 24, 1990- Interviewed by the *Jakarta Post* on the development of Islamic organizations in the U. S

February 1989- Interviewed by Northwestern University cable television on Salman Rushdie's *The Satanic Verses*

October, 1988- Interviewed by KPFK, Los Angeles for National Public Radio on "Islamic Revivalism in Algeria."

Present Academic Interests

Since September 2001, I have turned toward the projects of studying the genealogies of Islamic modernist reform and Islamic extremism, and developing an Islamic theology and Islamic moral philosophy for the twenty-first century. I continue to have an active academic interest in the social and intellectual history of Islam in the North Africa and Spain; Islam and social change in Southeast Asia; the comparative study of sanctity and sainthood; Sufism; Islamic law and Islamic legal methodology; Qur'anic exegetical methodology; Islamic ethics; and critical theory. I am also deeply committed to major projects in the fields of interfaith relations and comparative theology.

Professional Societies

American Academy of Religion (Co-Chair of Islamic Mysticism Section, 2004-2009, Executive Committee Member, Study of Islam Section, 2014-17)
Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (Board Member 2008-2011)
Middle East Studies Association
Muhyiddin Ibn 'Arabi Society
American Association of University Professors

Honorary Associations

Phi Beta Kappa- Alpha California Chapter

Service to Emory University

Elected Representative of Emory College, Faculty Council (2014-17)

Elected Representative of Emory College, Faculty Senate (2014-17)

Member for the Humanities Graduate Executive Committee, Laney Graduate School (2014-16)

Executive Committee Member, Bill and Carol Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry

Member, Humanities Council (2013-14)

Service to the Profession

External reviewer for Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO Dutch Research Council) of the multi-year research proposal, "Shattering the Laws: A Reevaluation of Antinomian Traditions in Islam." Leiden University (report submitted October 5, 2016)

External reviewer for proposed University of Georgia Ph.D. program in Religion (report submitted September 16, 2016)

Member of External Review Committee for the Qatar Faculty of Islamic Studies, Qatar Foundation, Doha, Qatar (visit May 27-June 8, 2012; report submitted July 8, 2012)

Advisory Board Member, VU Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society (VISOR), Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (2008-2013)

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Sufi Studies*

Associate Editor, *Journal of Islamic Law and Culture*

Editorial Board member, *The Muslim World*

Solicited by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation to recommend a nominee for the MacArthur Fellowship

Member of External Review Committee for the department of Near East Studies, University of Michigan (November, 2003)

Member of 15-Year External Review Committee for Gustav E. Von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, UCLA (November, 2001)

Consultant to Committee on Academic Accreditation, Ministry of Higher Education, United Arab Emirates. Assigned to Review Islamic History and Civilization department of the University of Sharjah and new master's degree program in Islamic History and Civilization (December, 2001)

1984 to 1986- Founding Editor-in-Chief of *JUSUR: The UCLA Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. This journal is the first Near Eastern Center-sponsored professional journal to be published in the United States.

Institutional Board Member, American Institute of Maghrib Studies, 1993-1996 and 2002-2005

Board Member, Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar (SERMEISS), 1994-1997, 2001-2003, and 2007-2011.

Reviewed tenure files of faculty members at Northwestern University, Wayne State University, Oklahoma State University, George Mason University, Indiana University, Temple University, University of North Carolina, Charlotte, Arizona State University, Notre Dame University, and American University in Cairo

Prepublication book reviewer for Northwestern University Press, University of California Press, Indiana University Press, Routledge & Company, State

University of New York Press, Oxford University Press, and University of North Carolina Press

Community Service

August 2011- Selected as Member, Our Shared Future Opinion Leaders Network, The British Council

June- October 2010- Advisor on Islamic affairs for City of Lilburn, Georgia: Advised attorney for the city on Shiite Islam and prepared study of Shiite positions on cemeteries, burials, and location of cemeteries near mosques for Court-ordered mediation.

May- October 2009- Expert witness for Federal Court case, “United States vs. Ahmed” (solicitation of terrorism case), Atlanta, Georgia

January— July 2001- Expert witness on Islamic law of war for Federal Court case, “United States vs. Khalfan Khamis Muhammad” (Tanzania US embassy bombing trial), New York, NY.

October 1997- Expert witness on Islamic law of divorce for Superior Court case, “Basta vs. Darwish,” Greensboro, NC.

March-August, 1997- Expert witness and consultant for Law Department, City of New York, in Federal Court Case, “Shadeed al-Ameen vs. NYPD.” This case was won by the City of New York largely on the basis of my testimony.

November 1996- May 1997- Expert witness and consultant in Federal Court case, “Salem vs. Wal-Mart.” Case settled out of court.

1989-1990- Adviser on Islam for State Attorney’s office, Chicago, Illinois