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*EDUCATION*

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**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."

Dissertation awarded annual Malcolm H. Kerr prize for best dissertation in Middle Eastern Studies, humanities division.

**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*

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**Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies Department, Emory University**

Assistant Professor, 1990-1997.

Associate Professor, 1997-2017.

Professor, 2017-present.

Department Chair, 2000-2004.

Winship Distinguished Research Professorship, 2005-2008.

Department Chair, 2016-present.

*COURSES TAUGHT 2010-Present*

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[on leave Fall 2013 and Spring 2014]

*Undergraduate classes*

MESAS 315/REL 315 The Qur'an: Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Summer 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016.

MESAS 355/Linguistics 385 The Great Decipherments: Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Spring 2015

MESAS 300 Beyond Borders: Imagining the Middle East and South Asia: Spring 2016

MESAS 370 Arabic dialectology Fall 2015

MESAS 414/REL 414 Shiite Islam: Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2015, Spring 2017

MESAS 415/REL 415 Great Books of the Islamic World: Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2016

MESAS 495R Honors Seminar: Fall 2010-Spring 2011; Fall 2011-Spring 2012; Fall 2012-Spring 2013; Fall 2014-Spring 2015; Fall 2015-Spring 2016.

*Graduate classes:*

ARAB 710 Pre-modern Arabic Philology: Spring 2010

MESAS 570 Introduction to Islamic Studies: Spring 2013

ICIVS 510 Islamic Civilizations Research Methods: Fall 2014

ICIVS 770 *Premodern Biographical Texts* Fall 2015

*DISSERTATIONS AND THESES*

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**Doctoral Dissertations:**

**West and South Asian Religions/GDR:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. R. Kevin Jaques. *A Muslim History of Islamic Law: Ibn Qadi Shubbah's Tabaqat al-fuqaha' al-Shafi'iyah (The Generations of the Shafi'i Jurists)*. 2001.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. David Vishanoff. *Early Islamic Hermeneutics: Language, Speech, and Meaning in Preclassical Legal Theory*. 2004.

Chair of Dissertation Committee. Jocelyn Hendrickson. *The Islamic Obligation to Emigrate: al-Wansharisi's Asna al-Matajir Reconsidered*. 2009.

Chair of Dissertation Committee. Abbas Barzegar. *Remembering Community: Historical Narrative in the Formation of Sunni Islam*. 2010.

Chair of Dissertation Committee. Robert H. Moore. *The Role of the Madrasah and the Structure of Islamic Legal Education in Mamluk Egypt (1250-1517)*. 2010.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Nathan Charles Hofer. *Sufism, State, and Society in Ayyubid and Early Mamluk Egypt, 1173-1309*. 2011.

Chair of Dissertation Committee. Muhammad Musaad Abdelaziz. *A New Approach to Islamism: The Example of the Muslim Brotherhood Group in Egypt*. 2012.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Philip C. Dorroll. *Modern by Tradition: Abu Mansur al-Maturidi and the New Turkish Theology*. 2013.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Mohamad Abdun Nasir, *Islamic Law and Social Change: The Religious Court and the Dissolution of Marriage Among Muslims in Lombok, Indonesia*. 2014.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Lee Ann Bambach. *That Ye Judge With Justice: Faith-Based Arbitration by Muslims in an American Context*. 2015.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Adam benShea. *Talking with Prophets: Applying Socio-Rhetorical Interpretation to Prophetic Dialogue in the Qur'an*. 2016.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Tiffany Ann Hodge, *The Rules of God': The Practice of Religion and Law in Rural Bangladesb*. 2016.

**Anthropology:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Maurita N. Poole. "*Brown Skin is Half of Beauty*": *Representations of Beauty and the Construction of Race in Contemporary Cairo*. 2011. (Adviser: David Nugent)

**History:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Craig A. Perry. *The Daily Life of Slaves and the Global Reach of Slavery in Medieval Egypt, 969-1250 CE*. 2014.

**Philosophy:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Ahmed Abdel-Meguid. *The Hermeneutics of Religious Imagination and Human Nature in Kant and Ibn al-`Arabi*. 2011.

**Spanish and Portuguese:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Anjela M. Cannarrelli Peck, *Caving Subjects, Wonderful Monsters: Convivencia after 1492*. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, 2007.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Maria del Mar Rosa-Rodriguez, *Religiosidades en Tránsito: el simulacro aljamiado en el siglo XVI español*. Department of Spanish and Portuguese, 2009.

**Current Doctoral Advisees:**

Anthony Byrd, WSAR program, adviser.

Yusuf Unal, Islamic Civilizations program, adviser.

Riza Yildirim, WSAR program, adviser.

Hamilton Cook, ICIVS, reader.

Isaac Foster, ICIVS, reader.

Rahimjon Abdugafurov, reader.

**Doctoral Dissertations outside Emory:**

**University of Pennsylvania:**

**Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Bahira Sherif.** Unveiling the Islamic Family: Concepts of Family and Gender Among Middle Class Muslim Egyptians. Anthropology, 1996. Chair of Dissertation Committee: Sandra Barnes.

**Sorbonne, Paris:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Denis Hermann. *L'Ecole Shaykhi de l' Islam chiite*. 2009. Chair of Dissertation Committee: Denise Aigle.

**School of Oriental and African Studies, London University:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Hany Raswan, *Paronomasia and Comparative Rhetoric in Ancient Egyptian and Arabic*. Centre for Cultural, Literary and Postcolonial Studies, 2016. Chair of Dissertation Committee: Stephen Quirke.

**Yale University:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Jonathan Endelmann, *Nationalism in the Ottoman Empire, 19th-20th centuries*. Sociology Department, Current, 2016-17. Chair of Dissertation Committee: Julia Adams.

**Master's Theses:**

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Rafael Carr. *Exploring Revolutionary Islamic Fundamentalism: A Study of the Thoughts and Writings of Sayyid Qutb and Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini*. History, 2004.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Noa David. *The Book of Job (1–10): A Linguistic Analysis of a Sharḥ*. Jewish Studies, 2005. Chair of Dissertation Committee Beny Hary.

**Undergraduate Honors' Theses in Near Eastern Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, Middle Eastern and South Asian Studies:**

Thesis Adviser. Adam Silverman, *The Secret of the Qur'an: The Abbreviated Letters*. 1992.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Dianne Beth Laskin, *From Westernization to Emigration: A Comparative Study of the Jews of Iraq and Morocco*. 1992.

Thesis Adviser. Saadia Taufiq Lakhany. *Khojas and Their Sunni Neighbors on the Indian Subcontinent*. 1993.

Thesis Adviser. Jonathan Samuel Goodman. *The U.S. Role in Arab-Israeli Negotiations, 1973-75*. 1994.

Thesis Adviser. Fakiha Khan, *From Divine World to Earthly Practice: the Institutions of Mahr and Wilāyah in Islamic Law*. 1997.

Thesis Adviser. Erika Reff, *Islamist Participation in the Political Sphere: Algeria, 1988-1992, Jordan 1989-1999*. 1999.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Amy Watve, *Why They But Lost Their Tongues: Power and Narrative Voice in the Stories of Zakaria Tamer*. 2000.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Nathan Fonder, *Arab Nationalism or Arab Fascism?: The Fascist Influence on Interwar Egypt and the Regime of Gamal Abdel Nasser*. 2001.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Sarah Yerkes, *The Role of Yitzhak Rabin in the Oslo Accords*. 2001.

Thesis Adviser. Felipe Duque, *From Taqiyya to Hikmat: Babi and Baha'I Identity Management and Responses to Stigmatization*. 2002.

Thesis Adviser. Reem Marto, *Egyptian Musical Expressions of Solidarity with Palestinians: A Study in Popular Culture and Politics*. 2003.

Thesis Adviser. Sofia Panjwani, *Pakistan: Experiments with Educational Policy*. 2003.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Melanie Clouser, *Kan Juha Wabid al-Nabar: Society and Identity in Oral and Written Moroccan Juha Tales*. 2004.

Thesis Adviser. Albar Asif Sheikh. *The Politics of Military Hegemony in Pakistan: Causes and Consequences for Stability and Democracy*. 2006.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Joshua Langer, *The Esther Phenomenon: A Historical and Historiographical Analysis of the Cairene Purim with an Edition, Translation and Analysis of the Cairene Purim Scroll*. 2007.

Co-Thesis Adviser (with Benjamin Hary). Julia Johnson, *Yusuf al-Maghribi's "Expunging the Sin from the Speech of the Egyptian People": Embracing Innovation in 17<sup>th</sup>-Century Cairene Linguistics*. 2008.

Thesis Adviser. Benjamin Decker. *Imad Mughniyeh: The Man behind the Rise of Islamic Terrorism*. 2009.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. David Fox. *The Legacies of Hasan al-Banna, Hasan al-Hudaybi and Seyyid Qutb in the Contemporary Egyptian Muslim Brotherhood*. 2009.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Benjamin Braun, *Teaching Ideology by Way of Language: The Ideological Basis of Israel's Ulpan*. 2009.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Brittany Burns. *Of Martyrs and Concubines: Al-Sakhawi's Kitab al-Nisa*. 2009.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Daniel Charles, *Abba Eban and the Making of a Peace Treaty*. 2009.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Afeef Nessouli, *The Assassination of Rafiq al-Hariri and Lebanese Politics*. 2009.

Thesis Adviser. Jaclyn Blumenfeld. *Conscription and the Marginalization of Military Values in Modern Israeli Society (1982-2010)*. 2010.

Thesis Adviser. Jonathan Endelman. *Nothing Else to Wear: Jordanian Bedouin under the British Mandate and Hashemite State*. 2010.

Thesis Adviser. Shehnaz Haqqani. *Muslim Televangelists and the Construction of Religious Authority in the Modern World: The Case of Zakir Naik*. 2011.

Thesis Adviser. Alexis Kellert. *Curriculum and Certification: Elements of Structure in Islamic Education as Reflected in al-Sakhawi's Biographical Dictionary*. 2011.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Nazish Haqqani. *Religio-Cultural Concepts and Bangladeshi Women's Decisions to Seek Biomedical Care during Childbirth*. 2011.

Thesis Adviser. Carol Ross. *Unveiling Identity: Discovering Abd al-Qadir b. Shaykh b. Abd Allah al-Aydarus in al-Nur al-Safir al-Akhhbar al-Qarn al-Ashir*. 2012.

Reader/Member of Dissertation Committee. Medhini Kumar. *Evaluating the Muslim Brotherhood's Compatibility with Democracy: An Examination of the Ideologies of Hasan al-Banna, Seyyid Qutb and Essam el-Erian*. 2012.

Thesis Adviser. Nour El-Kebbi. *Qat Chens, Diwanis and Coffeehouses: Civic Traditions in Yemen, Kuwait and Egypt*. 2013.

Thesis Adviser. Deborah Schlein. *The Talent and the Intellect: The Qayna's Application of Skill in the Umayyad and Abbasid Royal Courts*. 2013.

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee. Cynthia Vint. *The Effects of Anglo-Muhammadan Law on the Indian Muslim Family Estate*. 2013.

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee. Kathryn Cyr. *Politics, the Press and the PKK: Representations of the Kurdish Issue in Turkish Media*. 2015.

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee. Kate Moran. *The Work of Her Hands: Marital Contracts, Long-Distance Marriage, and Jewish Women's Exercise of Economic Agency in Medieval Egypt*. 2015.

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee, Alexandra Buettner. *From Niya to the Ballot Box: An Examination of Feminism in Post-Colonial Morocco*. 2017.

### **Other Undergraduate Honors Theses:**

#### **Religion:**

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee. Sahil Khawar Gilani. *Succession to Muhammad and its Sectarian Ramifications*. 2014. Thesis Adviser: James Hoesterey.

#### **Spanish and Portuguese:**

Reader/Member of Thesis Committee. Lauren Shapiro. *Coherencia y contradicción: economía, derecho y la coexistencia de judíos y cristianos en Castilla-León*. 2004. Thesis Adviser: Hazel Gold.

#### **Note:**

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Over the years, I have also served as a Reader/Member of Thesis Committee for one honors thesis in psychology, one in economics, and two in French, but I have not been able to retrieve the details from my own memory or those of my colleagues. In all of these cases, I was asked to substitute for another Reader/Member of Thesis Committee who was for some reason unable to complete the task.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

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

Reviews:

Maribel Fierro "Nuevas Perspectivas sobre la formación del derecho islámico," *Al-Qantara, Revista de Estudios Árabes* (Madrid) 21 (2000): 511-23.

Wilferd Madelung, *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 120 (2000): 111-14.

Robert Gleave, *Islamic Law and Society* 7 (2000): 102-4.

Brannon Wheeler, *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 35 (2003): 151-52.

Saiyad Nizamuddin Ahmad, *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 37.1 (2003): 138-39.

Sabine Schmidtke, *Iranian Studies* 37.1 (2004): 123-26.

2. *Interpreting the Self: Autobiography in the Arabic Literary Tradition*. Ed. Dwight F. Reynolds. University of California Press, 2001. Co-authored text (pp. 1-103) and translated the autobiography of Yusuf al-Bahrani (d. 1772 C.E.) (pp. 216-23).

2a. Arabic Translation of Chapter One in *Al-Karmel* 76-77 (2003): 89-106.

Reviews:

Issa Boullata, *al-jadid* 7 (2001): 23.

Geert Jan Van Gelder, *Journal of Islamic Studies* 13 (2002): 187-190.

Thomas Philipp, *The MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies* 2 (2002),  
<http://web.mit.edu/cis/www/mitejmes/>

Samah Selim, *Biography* 25 (2002): 687-690.

Wen-Chin Ouyang, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 65.3 (2002): 574-76.

3. *Disagreements of the Jurists: A Manual of Islamic Legal Theory*. New York: New York University Press, 2015.

Reviews:

Mohammed Hocine Benkheira, *Speculum* 91.2 (2016): 453-54.

### Edited Works:

1. *Law and Education in Medieval Islam. Studies in Memory of Professor George Makdisi*. Ed. Joseph Lowry, Devin Stewart, and Shawkat Toorawa. E.J.W. Gibb Memorial Trust, 2004.

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

3. *Essays in Arabic Literary Biography, II: 1350-1850*. Ed. Joseph E. Lowry and Devin J. Stewart. Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz, 2009.
4. *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran: The Career and Thought of Shaykh Baba' al-Din Al-Amili*. Preface, Translations, and Notes by Devin J. Stewart. Edited by Muhammad Kazim Rahmati. Qum, Iran: Academy of Islamic Sciences and Culture, 2009.
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.
7. *Female Religious Authority in Shi'ite Islam*. Ed. Mirjam Künkler and Devin J. Stewart. Edinburgh Press. (forthcoming).

#### **Works in Progress:**

*Legal Hermeneutics and Religious Authority: Episodes in the History of Shi'ite Jurisprudence*.

I have a contract for the publication of this monograph with the Institute of Ismaili Studies in cooperation with Oxford University Press.

*Rhyme and Rhythm in the Qur'an*.

*Speech Genres in the Qur'an*.

*Parody and Religious Polemics in the Genre of Maqamat*.

*al-Tabari the Jurist*.

#### **Translations:**

Primary Documents on Islam in Spain and the Reconquista selected and translated by Devin Stewart: 1) Poem addressed to the Ottoman Sultan (1501); 2) *Fatwa* for the Moriscos of Granada (1504); 3) Inquisition against a Morisco of Valencia, Don Cosme Abenamir (1556-67). [www.nyu.edu/gsas/program/neareast/andalusia/](http://www.nyu.edu/gsas/program/neareast/andalusia/)

Muhammad Abduh, "Laws Should Change in Accordance with the Conditions of Nations." Pp. 50-54 in *Modernist Islam 1840-1940: A Sourcebook*. Ed. Charles Kurzman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

#### **Radio:**

Five texts—in German—presenting analyses of five Qur'anic passages (Q 5:114; 7:180; 9:122; 20:12; 85:21-22) for the program "Der Koran Erklärt" (the Qur'an Explained) on Deutschlandfunk (German national radio), under the direction of Thorsten Gerald



Schneiders. These aired or will air in 2016 and 2017. One has been published: "Die wohlverwahrte Tafel (Q 85:21-22)." Pp. 22-24 in *Koran erklärt: Ein Beitrag zur Aufklärung*, ed. Willi Steul, with assistance of Sebastian Engelbrecht and Thorsten Gerald Schneiders (Berlin: Suhrkamp Verlag, 2017).

### Articles, Book Chapters, Review Articles:

[\* = peer review, whether for a journal or a collected volume]

- 1.\* "The Humor of the Scholars: The Autobiography of Ni`mat Allah al-Jaza'iri." *Iranian Studies* 22.2-3 (1989): 47-81.
  
- 2a.\* "Saj` in the Qur'an: Prosody and Structure." *Journal of Arabic Literature* 21 (1990): 101-39.
- 2b. Arabic translation and commentary by Mohammed El-Bereiri in *Fusul* (Cairo) 12.3 (1993): 7-37.
- 2c. Reprinted Pp. 213-67 in Andrew Rippin, ed. *The Qur'an: Style and Contents. The Formation of the Classical Islamic World*, vol. 24. Brookfield, Vermont: Ashgate Variorum Press, 2000.
- 2d. Excerpt published in Jane McAuliffe, *The Qur'an. Norton Critical Editions* (New York: W.W. Norton and Company, 2017), 529-33.
  
- 3a.\* "A Biographical Notice on Baha' al-Din al-`Amili (d. 1030/1621)." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 111 (1991): 563-71.
- 3b. Persian translation by Muhammad Kazim Rahmati, published in Iran.
- 3c. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
  
- 4.\* "The Disputed Etymology of Spanish Res." *Romanische Forschungen* 104 (1992): 425-35.
  
5. "A Contribution to the Lexicography of Egyptian Arabic." *Zeitschrift für arabische Linguistik* 28 (1994): 36-86.
  
- 6.\* "From Basrah to Baris: or, Is There an Arabic Text in This Class? Julia Kristeva on Arabic Linguistic Theory." *Edebiyat* 5 (1994): 315-23.
  
- 7.\* "Arabic -inn Compounds: The Origins of Egyptian 'agrann, 'ikminn, 'i`zinn." *Al-`Arabiyya* 27 (1994): 17-25.
  
- 8a.\* "Taqiyyah as Performance: the Travels of Baha' al-Din al-`Amili in the Ottoman Empire (991-93/1583-85)." *Princeton Papers in Near Eastern Studies* 4 (1996): 1-70.
- 8b. Reprinted in Stewart, et al. *Law and Society in Islam*, pp. 1-70. Princeton, New Jersey: Markus Wiener Publishers, 1996.
- 8c. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
  
- 9a.\* "Notes on the Migration of `Amili Scholars to Safavid Iran." *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 55 (1996): 81-103.
- 9b. Persian translation by Muhammad Kazim Rahmati.
- 9c. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.

10. "Root-echo Responses in Egyptian Arabic Politeness Formulae." Pp. 157-80 in *Understanding Arabic: Essays in Contemporary Arabic Linguistics in Honor of El-Said Badawi*. Ed. Alaa Elgibali. Cairo: American University Press, 1996.
- 11a.\* "The First *Shaykh al-Islam* of the Safavid Capital Qazvin." *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 116 (1996): 387-405.
- 11b. Persian translation by Muhammad Kazim Rahmati: "Nokhostin Shaykh al-Islam-i Qazvin, pay-takht-i Safaviyah: Tahlil-i az Risalah-yi *al-'Iqd al-busayni*." *Majallah-yi a'ineh-ye Pazhubesh* 68 (2001): 173-93.
- 11c. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
- 12.\* "Popular Shi'ism in Medieval Egypt: Vestiges of Islamic Sectarian Polemics in Egyptian Arabic." *Studia Islamica* 84 (1996): 35-66.
- 13a.\* "Capital, Accumulation, and the Islamic Academic Biography." *Edebiyat* 7 (1997): 139-56.
- 13b. Persian translation by Hamid Bagheri.
- 14a.\* "Husayn b. `Abd al-Samad al-`Amili's Treatise for Sultan Suleiman and the Shi'i Shafi'i Legal Tradition." *Islamic Law and Society* 4 (1997): 156-99.
- 14b. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
- 15.\* "Cide Hamete Benengeli, Narrator of Don Quijote." *Medieval Encounters* 3 (1997): 111-27.
- 16.\* "Impoliteness Formulae: The Cognate Curse in Egyptian Arabic." *Journal of Semitic Studies* 42 (1997): 327-60.
- 17.\* "Clitic Reduction in the Formation of Modal Prefixes in the Post-Classical Arabic Dialects and Classical Arabic *Sa-/Sanfa*." *Arabica* 45 (1998): 104-28.
- 18a.\* "The Lost Biography of Baha' al-Din al-`Amili and the Reign of Shah Isma'il II in Safavid Historiography." *Iranian Studies* 31 (1998): 177-205.
- 18b. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
19. "Colour Terms in Egyptian Arabic." Pp. 105-20 in *The Language of Colour in the Mediterranean: An Anthology on Linguistic and Ethnographic Aspects of Colour Terms*. Ed. Alexander Borg. Stockholm: Almqvist & Wiksell International, 1999.
- 20a. "Ibn Zaydun." Pp. 306-17 in *Cambridge History of Arabic Literature: The Literature of Al-Andalus*. Ed. Maria Rosa Menocal, Raymond P. Scheindlin, and Michael Sells. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2000.
- 20b. Reprinted in *Classical and Medieval Literature Criticism*, Volume 89. Gale, 2007.
21. "Understanding the Koran in English: Notes on Translation, Form, and Prophetic Typology." Pp. 31-48 in *Diversity in Language: Contrastive Studies in English and Arabic Theoretical and Applied Linguistics*. Ed. Zeinab Ibrahim, Nagwa Kasabgy, and Sabiha Aydelott. Cairo: American University in Cairo Press, 2000.

- 22.\* "The Portrayal of an Academic Rivalry: Najaf and Qum in the Writings and Speeches of Khomeini, 1964-78." Pp. 216-29 in *The Most Learned of the Shi'a: The Institution of the Marja' Taqlid*. Ed. Linda S. Walbridge. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2001.
- 23.\* "Islamic Juridical Hierarchies and the Office of *Marja' al-Taqlid*." Pp. 137-57 in *Shi'ite Heritage: Essays on Classical and Modern Traditions*. Ed. and Trans. L. Clarke. Binghamton, N.Y.: Global Publications, 2001.
- 24a.\* "Muhammad b. Da'ud al-Zahiri's Manual of Jurisprudence, *al-Wusul ila ma'rifat al-usul*." Pp. 99-158 in *Studies in Islamic Legal Theory*. Ed. Bernard Weiss. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2002.
- 24b. Reprinted in *The Formation of the Classical Islamic World*. Ed. Wael B. Hallaq. Hampshire, U.K.: Ashgate Publishing, 2004.
25. "Documents and Dissimulation: Notes on the Performance of Taqiyya." Pp. 569-98 in *Identidades Marginales. Estudios Onomásticos-Biográficos de al-Andalus, XIII*. Ed. Cristina de la Puente. Madrid: Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, 2003.
- 26a.\* "The Genesis of the Akhbari Revival." Pp. 169-193 in *Safavid Iran and Her Neighbors*. Ed. Michel Mazzaoui. Salt Lake City: University of Utah Press, 2003.
- 26b. Reprinted in *Law in Transmission The `Amili Role in the Development of Shia Law*. Qum: Academy of Sciences and Culture, 2009.
27. "Professional Literary Mendicancy in the *Letters* and *Maqamat* of Badi` al-Zaman al-Hamadhani." Pp. 39-47 in *Writers and Rulers: Perspectives on Their Relationship from Abbasid to Safavid Times*. Ed. Beatrice Gruendler and Louise Marlowe. Wiesbaden: Reichert Verlag, 2004.
- 28a.\* "Muhammad b. Jarir al-Tabari's *al-Bayan `an usul al-ahkam* and the Genre of *Usul al-Fiqh* in Ninth-Century Baghdad." Pp. 321-49 in *Abbasid Studies: Occasional Papers of the School of Abbasid Studies, Cambridge 6-10 July 2002. Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 135*. Ed. James Montgomery. Leuven: Peeters, 2004.
- 28b. Reprinted in Gavin Picken (ed.). *Islamic Law: Critical Concepts in Islamic Studies*, 4 vols. Article no. 26 [with original pagination] in Vol. II: *The Genesis of Legal Theory and the Schools of Law*. London: Routledge, 2009.
- 29a. "The Doctorate of Islamic Law in Mamluk Egypt and Syria." Pp. 45-90 in *Law and Education in Medieval Islam*. Ed. Joseph Lowry, Devin Stewart, and Shawkat Toorawa. Cambridge: E.J.W. Gibb Memorial Trust, 2004.
30. "The *Maqama*." Pp. 145-58 in *Cambridge History of Arabic Literature: The Post-Classical Period*. Ed. Roger Allen and D.S. Richards. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2005.
31. "Scholarship on the *Fihrist* of Ibn al-Nadim: The Work of Valeriy V. Polosin." *al-`Usur al-wusta: The Bulletin of Middle East Medievalists* 18.1 (April 2006): 8-13.

- 32.\* "The Identity of 'the Mufti of Oran': Abu al-`Abbas Ahmad b. Abi Jum`ah al-Maghrawi al-Wahrani (d. 917/1511)." *Al-Qantara: Revista de Estudios Árabes* 27.2 (2006): 265-301.
- 33a.\* "An Episode in the `Amili Migration to Safavid Iran: The Travel Account of Husayn b. `Abd al-Samad al-`Amili." *Journal of Iranian Studies* 39 (2006): 481-509.  
 33b. Reprinted in *At the Nexus of Traditions in Safavid Iran*.
- 34.\* "The Structure of the *Fihrist*: Ibn al-Nadim as a Historian of Islamic Law and Theology." *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 39 (2007): 369-87.
- 35.\* "Recounting God's Blessings: Linguistic Prophylaxis and Self-Representation in Arabic Autobiography." In *Studies Presented to Roger Allen on the occasion of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday and commemorating 40 years of distinguished service to Arabic studies*. Ed. Shawkat M. Toorawa. Special issue of *al-Arabiyya: Journal of the American Association of Teachers of Arabic* 40-41 (2007-2008): 197-219.
- 36a.\* "Notes on Medieval and Modern Emendations of the Qur'an." Pp. 225-48 in *The Qur'an in Its Historical Context*. Ed. Gabriel Said Reynolds. London: Routledge, 2008.  
 36b. Arabic translation by Sa`d Allah al-Sa`di as "Mulahazat hawl ta`dil al-Qur'an fi al-qurun al-wusta wa'l-`asr al-hadith," pp. 331-62 in Gabriel Said Reynolds (ed.). *al-Qur'an fi mubithi al-tarikhi*. Trans. Sa`d Allah al-Sa`di. Freiburg: Al-Kamel Verlag, 2012.
- 37.\* "The Students' Representative in the Law Colleges of Fourteenth-Century Damascus." *Islamic Law and Society* 15.2 (2008): 185-218.
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“Sunni Jurisprudence and the Work of al-Qadi al-Nu’man, *Ikhtilaf Usul al-Madhabib*.” Intellectual Interactions in the Islamic World: The Ismaili Thread. Institute of Ismaili Studies, London, October, 2016.

“al-Tabari on Poetic License in the Qur’an,” Theology Meets Philology conference, Freie Universität, Berlin, September, 2016.

“Investigating the Question of Composite Surahs.” Qur’anic Studies Workshop: Structural Dividers in Qur’anic Material, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, June, 2016.

“The Inaugural Ceremony (*Ijlas*) in the *Madrasabs* of Fifteenth-Century Cairo.” American Oriental Society, Boston, March, 2016.

“Anomalies and Emendations of the Qur’an.” American Oriental Society, Boston, March, 2016.

“Hadith Reports Presenting Ordered Lists of Sources of the Law and the Early History of Islamic Jurisprudence.” Conference on the Reformulation of Islamic Law. Istanbul University, Istanbul, February, 2016.

“Cognate Taunts and Retorts in the Qur’an.” International Qur’anic Studies Association, Atlanta, November, 2015.

“Typology, Punishment Stories, and the Sermon within a Sermon in the Qur’an.” Conference on Typology, Freie Universität, Berlin, July, 2015.

“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.

“Taqiyyah 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.

"Taqiyah 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 *Akbhari* Movement." Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, November, 1990.

#### OVERVIEW OF SERVICE

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Department Chair, Fall 2000- Spring 2004, Fall 2016-present

DGS of WSAR Program, 2010-11

DGS of the ICIVS program, 2014-15, 2015-16

FAME instructor 1991-1994, 1999-2004, 2005-2008.

Humanities Council member, 2000-2004

Executive Committee of the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry: 2004-2005, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2010-2011, 2014-2015, 2015-2016.

TATTO 2007-12, 2014-15. I have taught sessions on syllabi, diversity, engaging students, and the role of teaching in job applications.

Graduate Fulbright Committee member: 2005-6, 2006-7, 2007-8, 2008-9, 2009-10, 2010-11, 2014-15, and 2015-16.

Chair of Graduate Fulbright Committee: 2011-12 and 2012-13

Taught three Outreach courses for the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry in 2007, 2010, and 2015

Taught four courses for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute [earlier the Emory Lifelong Learning Institute] on a volunteer basis, 2000-2004.

**Reviews for Tenure:**

Stanford University  
Barnard College  
Yale University  
University of Chicago  
William and Mary  
Amherst College  
Smith College  
New York University  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
Georgetown University  
Emmanuel College  
University of Texas at Houston  
Georgia Tech  
Quaid-i Azam University, Pakistan.  
Bar-Ilan University, Israel

**Reviews for Promotion to Full Professor:**

University of Cambridge  
University of Oxford

EDITORIAL

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Serve on editorial board of *Hikmat* (Philosophy and Islamic Studies Journal), Quaid-i A`zam University, Lahore, Pakistan.

Serve on editorial board of *The Journal of the Faculty of Divinity*, Marmara University, Istanbul, Turkey.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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DAAD Fellowship, summer 2016.  
PERS grant, Emory University, summer 2016.  
Emory University Research Center Grant, summer 2015.  
Fellowship at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry, Emory University, 2013-14.  
Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, fall 2004.  
Emory University Research Center grant, summer 2000.  
Social Science Research Council Grant for research in Morocco, 1997-98.

National Humanities Center Fellowship, Research Triangle Park, NC, 1995-96.  
American Research Center in Egypt Fellowship, Cairo, Egypt, 1996.  
Emory University Research Center grant, summer 1993.  
Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award, granted by the Middle East Studies Association for  
best dissertation in Middle East Studies, humanities division, 1992.  
Center For Arabic Studies Abroad (III) Fellowship, American University in Cairo, 1992  
University of Pennsylvania Research Fellowship, 1989-90.  
American Association of Teachers of Arabic Translation Prize, 1987.  
Annenberg Graduate Fellowship, 1985-89.  
National Graduate (Javits) Fellowship, 1986.  
Center for Arabic Studies Abroad Fellowship, American University in Cairo, 1984-85.

### *MEMBERSHIPS*

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American Association of Teachers of Arabic, American Oriental Society, Middle East  
Studies Association, RRALL (Radical Reassessment of Arabic Language and Literature).

### *RESEARCH LANGUAGES*

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Arabic, Persian, Italian, French, German, Spanish.