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EDUCATION

- 2001 Emory University, Ph.D., Graduate Division of Religion, Program for West and South Asian Religions. Dissertation: *A Muslim History of Islamic Law: Ibn Qāḍī Shuhbah's Ṭabaqāt al-Shāfi'īyah*. Gordon Newby Dissertation Advisor.
- 1997 Arizona State University, M.A., Religious Studies
- 1992 Arizona State University, B.A., Political Science

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2007-Present.

Director, Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2009-Present.

Director, Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2007-2009.

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2001-2007.

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2001-Present.

Adjunct Faculty, India Studies Program. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2001-Present.

Adjunct Faculty, Individualized Majors Program. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana. 2002-2007.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion. Emory University. Atlanta, Georgia. 2000-2001.

Adjunct Instructor, Department of Religion and Philosophy. Morehouse College. Atlanta, Georgia. 2000.

BOOKS

Authority, Conflict, and the Transmission of Diversity in Medieval Islamic Law. Leiden: Brill, 2006.

Ibn Ḥajar al-ʿAsqalānī (773-852/1372-1449). Makers of Islamic Civilization Series. Publication of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2010.

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Murder in Damascus: The Consequences of Competition among Medieval Muslim Religious Elites,” *Mamluk Studies Review*, 2016.

“Muḥammad’s Mission and the *Dīn* of Ibrāhīm according to Ibn Ishāq.” In *Varieties of Religious Invention*. Edited by Patrick Gray. Oxford University Press, 2015.

“The Gestation of Arabic Biography,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Hadith Studies*, Mustafa Shah ed. (Oxford: the University Press) (under contract).

“Belief” In *Critical Terms in the Study of Islam*, 53-71. Edited by Jamal Elias. Oxford: One World, 2010.

“The Contestation and Resolution of Inter and Intra-School Conflicts through Biography.” In *Plurality and Pluralism in Muslim Contexts*. 107-33. Edited by Zulfikar Hirji. I. B. Tauris, 2010.

“The Other al-Rabī’: Biographical Traditions and the Development of the Early Shāfi’ī Authority,” *Islamic Law and Society* 14, no. 2 (July, 2007): 143-79.

“Arabic Islamic Prosopography: The *Ṭabaqāt* Genre.” In *Approaches and Applications in Prosopography: a Handbook*. Prosopographica et Genealogica. Edited by Katherine Keats-Rohan, vol. 15, 387-413. Oxford: Occasional Publications of the Unit for Prosopographical Research, 2007.

“Sajarah leluhur: Hindu Cosmology and the Construction of Javanese Muslim Genealogical Authority.” *Journal of Islamic Studies* 17, no. 2 (2006): 129-56.

“Fazlur Rahman: Prophecy, the Qur’ān, and Islamic Reform.” *Studies in Contemporary Islam* 4, no. 2 (2002): 47-69.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

“Ibn Qādī Shuhba, Abū Bakr b. Aḥmad.” In *The Encyclopedia of Islam*. 3rd Edition. Edited by Susan Spector. Leiden: Brill, (in revisions).

“Yūsuf al-Qaradāwī.” In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd Edition. Edited by Richard Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2015.

“Visiting” (vol. 5, 148-49). In *Encyclopedia of the Qur’ān*. Edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe. New York: Brill, 2007.

“Islamic Society of North America” (vol. 1, 366-67) “Ibn Khaldun” (vol. 1, 335-36), “Islamicate Society” (vol. 1, 364-65), “Ahl al-Hadith” (vol. 1, 27), “Religious Beliefs” (vol. 2, 583-84), and “Traditionalism” (vol. 2, 694-95). In *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. Edited by Richard Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2004.

with Donna L. Meigs-Jaques, “Conversion to Islam.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Culture*. Edited by Gary Laderman and Luis Leon. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, 2003, p. 135-38.

“Islamic Organizations in the United States.” In *Encyclopedia of Religion and American Cultures*. Edited by Gary Laderman and Luis Leon. Santa Barbara:

ABC-CLIO, 2003, p. 138-41.

“Pact of ‘Umar” (241), “Shubha” (293), “Sariqah” (279), “Muhsan” (212-13), Muqasamah” (215). In *Oxford Dictionary of Islam*. Edited by John Esposito. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

“Islamic Law and American Responses to the Terror Attacks of Sept. 11.” *Bill of Particulars*, Indiana University School of Law (Spring 2002): 23-28.

“Genealogy and Power in Popular Javanese Islamic Thought.” In *Suvannabhumi: The Journal of the Southeast Asian Studies Program of Arizona State University*. (Spring, 1997): 3-5.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

The Religious Landscape in 1st Century Muslim Thought: Muḥammad b. Ishāq’s Biography of Muḥammad. (in process).

A Critical Reconstruction of Ibn Ishāq’s Sirāt Rasūl Allāh Based on 48 Original Transmissions.

TRANSLATIONS IN PROGRESS

The Generations by Muslim b. al-Ḥajjāj: A Translation of His Ṭabaqāt with a Critical Introduction.

A Critical Analysis and Translation of Abū Ishāq al-Shīrāzī’s Ṭabaqāt al-fuqahā’.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

“A Reconstruction of Abū Ya yā al-Sājī’s Biography of al-Shāfi’ī.”

“*Nafaqa* and the *Munāfiqūn*: What were the Hypocrites?.”

“Models for and Models of Moral Value in Abu Ishāq al-Shīrāzī’s *Ṭabaqāt al-fuqahā’*.”

“Between One and Eighteen: Khadījah and Her Children in the Biographies of Muḥammad.”

CONFERENCES AND INVITED PAPERS

Principle Organizer, *Workshop on Holistic Approaches to the Study of Early Islam and the Late Antique World*. Indiana University. April 15-17, 2016.

“The *Munāfiqūn*, the *Hanīfiyah*, and the Boundaries of Monotheism in Ibn Ishāq’s *Sīrat Rasūl Allāh*.” *Workshop on Holistic Approaches to the Study of Early Islam and the Late Antique World*. Indiana University. April 16, 2016.

“The Study of Religion: The Case of Islam.” *The Study of Islam and Contemporary Muslim Societies* conference. Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, University of Oxford, UK, October 18-19, 2014.

“The Fragile Prophet: Ibn Ishaq and the Making of Muhammad.” *American Academy of Religion* conference. Chicago, Illinois, November, 18, 2012.

“Abū Ishāq al-Shīrāzī and the Construction of Judicial Authority in his *Ṭabaqāt al-fuqahā’*.” Smith College, April 19, 2008.

“Competition among the Intellectual Elites in 15th Century Damascus: The Case of Najm al-Dīn Ibn Hījī, Ibn Kishk, and Ibn Naqīb al-Ashrāf.” *American Oriental Society* conference. San Antonio, Texas, March 16, 2007.

Respondent, “Islamist Discourse and Issues” panel. *American Academy of Religion* conference. Washington D.C., November 18, 2006.

“Revelation in the Islamic Tradition: The Qur’ān and its Interpreters.” *World Cultures and Literatures Series*. Evansville University, Evansville Indiana, October 14, 2005.

“Arabic Islamic Prosopography: The *Ṭabaqāt* Genre.” *Prosopography: Approaches and Applications Conference*. Jesus College, Oxford University, UK, July 18, 2005.

“Reflections on Islam in America.” *Europaeum Summer Conference on Islam in Europe*. Oxford University, UK, June 17, 2005.

“The Murder of Najm al-Dīn Ibn Hījī: The Relationship between Political and Judicial Authority in Early Circassian Mamlūk Syria.” *The Oxford Society for Law and Religion*. Oxford University, May 26, 2005.

“Medieval Muslim Rhetorical Arguments for the Decline of Islamic law: Prosopography, Plague, and Death from the East.” *International Medievalist Congress*. Leeds, UK, July 12-14, 2004.

“Yūsuf al-Qaradāwī: Islamic Liberation, Suicide Bombings, and New Methods of Islamic Jurisprudence.” 2003 *Middle East and Central Asia Politics, Economics, and Society Conference*. University of Utah, October 2003.

“Islamic Legal Interpretations and Responses to the September 11 Attacks.” *The Middle Eastern Studies Association* conference. Washington D.C., November 2002.

“Fazlur Rahman: Prophecy, the Qur’ān, and the Reform of Islamic Thought.” *The Midwestern Conference on Asian Affairs*. September 24, 2002.

“How to Read *Ṭabaqāt*: Their Structure, Purposes, and Modes of Argumentation.” *The American Oriental Society*. Houston Texas, March 2002.

“Islamic Law and Terrorism.” DePauw University, January 8, 2002.

Moderator, “Political Conflict and Religious Rivalries.” *Religion, Identity and Reconciliation Conference*. Atlanta Georgia, March 2001.

“*Serat Sajarah Leluhur*: The Use of Hindu Symbols to Make Muslim Theological Arguments.” *Southeastern Regional American Academy of Religion* Conference. Chapel Hill North Carolina, April 1999.

“The Wali Songo as Models for Islamic Studies in Indonesia: The Importance of Authority for Innovation and Change.” *International Seminar on Islamic Studies in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations*. Pattani Thailand, June 1998. (Paper accepted but unable to attend).

“The Americanization of Islam: A Comparison Between Three Styles of Muslim Sermons in America.” *Southeastern Regional American Academy of Religion* Conference. Knoxville Tennessee, May 1998.

“The Importance of Lineage in Contemporary Javanese Islam.” *The American Academy of Religion Conference*. San Francisco California, November 1997.

“Sacred Genealogies: The Development of Islamic Notions of Descent and Their Applications in Javanese Islam.” *Reflecting on the Old and the New in Modern Indonesia: A National Indonesian Studies Conference*. Tempe Arizona, June 1997.

“A Reconsideration of Islamic thought: The Philosophy of Fazlur Rahman.” *Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America Conference*. Washington, D.C., December 1995.

“Learning Strategies for First Year Language Students.” *Conference of teachers of Southeast Asian Linguistics*. Madison Wisconsin, July 1995.

LECTURES PRESENTED

“US Outreach to the Muslim World after 9/11.” *Seeing America through Foreign Eyes*. Indiana University, September 12, 2011.

“Abraham in the Muslim Tradition.” *The Children of Abraham: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam Pre and Post 911*. Temple Beth Shalom, September 11, 2005.

“Inter-Faith Relations and a Dialogue of Tolerance: The Perspective of Islamic Law.” Bloomington Muslim Dialogue Group, United Nations Tolerance Day Celebration, November 17, 2003.

“Muslim Legal Justifications for Suicide Bombing and Possible Ramifications for Muslim-Hindu Violence.” India Studies Program, Indiana University, November 7, 2002.

“Islamic Reaction to the September 11, 2001 Attacks.” *September 11: How the World Saw it*. Dean’s Forum, Indiana University, September 13, 2002.

“Ibn Qādī Shuhbah and the Decline of Shāfi‘ī Jurisprudence: The Centrality of Prescriptive Law in the Development of the *Madhhab*.” Graduate Division of Religion Graduate Lecture Series, Emory University. May 2000.

“Sacred Genealogies: The Development of Islamic Notions of Descent and Their Applications in Javanese Islam.” Lecture for the Department of Religion, Emory University. May 1997.

“Sacred Genealogies and Notions of Authority in Java.” Lecture for the Program for Southeast Asian Studies at Arizona State University, *Brown Bag Lecture Series*. February 1997.

GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, New Frontiers Grant for The Workshop on Holistic Approaches to the Study of Early Islam and the Late Antique World. 2016.

Title VI Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (FLAS-only). Institutional Grants for the Islamic Studies Program. 2014-2018 (applied but did not receive).

Title VI Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship (FLAS-only).
Institutional Grants for the Islamic Studies Program. 2010-2014.

219th Battlefield Surveillance Brigade Training Grant. 2010-2011.

The Bin Laden Visiting Research Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies,
Oxford University, 2008-2009. (Declined).

National Endowment for the Humanities grant issued by the American Research
Center in Egypt, July-December, 2005. (Declined).

Al-Mutawa Visiting Research Fellowship, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies,
Oxford University, October 2004-July 2005.

Grant, Office of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University,
2004-2005.

Research Grant, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, 2005.

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University, 2003.

Research Grant, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, Indiana University, 2002.

Summer Faculty Fellowship, Indiana University, 2002.

Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Merit Fellowship, Emory University, 1997-
2001.

Dissertation Research Grant, Emory University, 2000.

Fulbright Grant, Research in Indonesian Islamic Legal History, 1999-2000.
(Declined).

Culpeper Center for Teaching Curriculum, Emory University, 1999.

AWARDS

The Trustee's Teaching Award, Department of Religious Studies, Indiana
University. April, 2006.

OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Participant, "Summative Conference of the Graduate Program Teaching
Initiative." Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion,
March 23-25, 2014.

Participant, "Bi-annual Conference for Ph.D. and Th.D. Granting Institutions."
Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning Theology and Religion, October 5-7,
2006.

Contributor, "al-Farooq Masjid," "Masjid of Atlanta," *Pluralism Project*, Harvard
University, 1999-2000.

Proposed and organized panel: "Hindu and Islamic Theologies in Contact: The
Theological and Cosmological Basis for Hindu Muslim Conflict and
Cooperation," Southeastern Regional American Academy of Religion
Conference. April 1999, Chapel Hill North Carolina.

Project Coordinator, Emory Social Rhetorical Project, Emory University, 1998.

Wrote index for *John William Nevin: American Theologian*, by Richard Wentz, 1996.

Wrote index for *Islamic Studies: A History of Religions Approach*, by Richard C. Martin, 1995.

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Bahasa Indonesia, Javanese, Bahasa Jawi, Russian, French, German

SPECIALIZATIONS

Islam, Muslim Biographical Traditions, Islamic Law, Islamic Legal History, Islam in Southeast Asia, Methods in the Academic Study of Religion.

COURSES TAUGHT

The Rise of ISIS, Indiana University, Fall 2016.

Religious Hermeneutics, Indiana University, Spring 2014, 2017.

The Life and Legacy of Muhammad, Indiana University. Spring 2004, 2006, 2010, Fall 2014.

Introduction to Islam, Indiana University. Fall 2001, 2002, 2003, Summer 2004, Fall 2005, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2016.

Knowing the Will of God in Islam (Theology), Indiana University. Fall 2005, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013.

Knowing the Will of God in Islam (Law), Indiana University. Spring 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2007, Spring 2012.

Prophets, Gods, and Demons: Islam in Southeast Asia. Spring, 2007.

Religions of the West, Indiana University. Spring 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2017.

Critical Issues in the Study of Hadith, Indiana University. Spring, 2009.

Methods of Comparative Religions, Indiana University. Spring, 2008.

Jihad: The Struggle for Islam, Indiana University. Spring 2003.

Islam in America, Indiana University. Fall, 2002.

(Mis)representing Islam, Indiana University. Fall 2001.

Introduction to Islam, Emory University. Spring 2000, 2001.

Introduction to Religion, Morehouse College. Fall 2000.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Faculty Mentor, 2010-2011, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, 2014-2015.

Chair, Contemporary Islam Search Committee, 2012-2013.

Departmental Salary and Review Committee, 2003-2004; 2005-2006; 2007-2008, 2012-2013, 2016-2017.

Departmental Tenure Committee, 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2015-2016.

Departmental Graduate Committee, 2002-2003; 2003-2004; 2008-2010, 2013-2014.

Departmental Undergraduate Committee, 2001-2002, 2014-2015.

Community and Engagement Committee, 2010-2012.

Participated in various Undergraduate Religious Studies Association (URSA) events, 2001-2014.

Director of Graduate Studies, 2006.

Search Committee Member, Islam in Africa Search Committee, 2003-2004.

COLLEGE SERVICE

Director, Islamic Studies Program, Indiana University, 2007 to 2015.

Search Committee Member, School of Global and International Studies Dean Search. 2012-2013.

Graduate Committee Member, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures. 2011-2014.

Executive Committee Member, Southeast Asian Studies Program, 2014-Present. President of the Executive Committee, 2014 to Present.

Executive Committee Member, Summer Language Workshop, Indiana University, 2012-2015.

Executive Committee Member, Inner Asian and Uralic National Resource Center, Indiana University. 2011-2015.

Executive Committee Member, International Studies Program, Indiana University. 2008-2013.

President, Internal Advisory Board, International Studies Program, Indiana University. 2009-2010.

Residence Fellow, Wright Quad, Indiana University. 2003-2004.

Community and Engagement Committee, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, Indiana University. 2011-2012.

Executive Committee Member, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, Indiana University. 2002-2003.

Curriculum Committee Member, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures Department, Indiana University. 2002-2003, 2003-2004.

Mentor, Faculty and Staff for Student Excellence (FASE) program, Indiana University. 2001-2002.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Member, President's Strategic Languages and Cultures Taskforce, Indiana University, 2008-2009.

Advisory Board member, Pan-Asian Studies Institute, Indiana University, 2009-2010.

Steering Committee Member of Area Studies Conference Planning Committee, Indiana University. 2008-2009.

Committee Member, Chancellor's National Emergency Forum Committee. Indiana University. 2001-2003.

Offered Continuing Education Courses, Indiana University: *Comparative Religions* (October, 2007), *Conflicting Interpretations of Islam* (February, 2006), *An Introduction to Islam* (November, 2003), and *The Many Faces of Islamic Revivalism* (February, 2002).

Offered "Mini University" Courses, Division of Continuing Education, Indiana University: *The Phenomena of Suicide Bombing* (June, 2007), *Jihad and Islam* (June, 2003) and *The Rise of Islamic Revivalism* (June, 2002).

Organized "Muhammad Cartoon Controversy" Panel, February, 2006.

Conducted seminars at Universitas Negara Padang, Padang, West Sumatra on "Teaching Religious Pluralism." On behalf of the Indiana University School of Education (USAID Grant). Spring 2004.

Presented talks on over 15 panels and University related forums, 2001-2004.

Organized "Islam and America" Panels, September and October, 2001.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

9/11 Related Activities (September 2001-June 2004): made over 20 public presentations to local groups on Islam, Islam and the history of Islamic revivalism, and Islamic Law; and gave testimony to the US Commission on Civil Rights, Mid-West Division; advised the US Department of the Interior on the Flight 93 memorial.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Gave over 70 interviews to reporters from the United States, Canada, and Europe. Media outlets include: The Dallas Morning News, The Baltimore Sun, The Atlanta Constitution, Cox News Service, Knight Ridder/Tribune News Service, Indianapolis Star, The Herald Times, The Chicago Tribune, Ascribe News Wire, Newhouse News Service, The National Catholic Reporter, *Noon Edition* WFIU, The Danish National Radio Service, Radio Netherlands, Voice of America South Asia Service, Voice of America's *Talk to America*, and Newsweek.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities, Critical Manuscript and Translations Grants Competition, 2017.

Steering Committee Member. Religion in the Medieval Mediterranean Working

Group. American Academy of Religion. 2009-2014.

Wrote peer reviews for: The Journal of Islamic Studies; The Journal of Teaching Theology and Religion; Journal of the American Oriental Society; University of Chicago Press; University of Arkansas Press; Liturgical Press; Amal Press; Blackwell Press; Cambridge University Press.

Peer Reviewer of MS Proposals for: Thomson Publishing; Blackwell Publishing; Rutledge Press.

External Tenure Reviewer, Boston University, 2012; Georgia State University, 2016; Colgate University, 2016.

Book reviews: The Journal of Islamic Studies; The American Historical Review.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Academy of Religion

Middle Eastern Studies Association of North America

American Oriental Society

International Medieval Congress

Middle East Medievalists Association

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