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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, December 2013*

Dissertation: “‘Abd Allāh b. al-Mubārak Between *Hadīth*, *Jihād*, and *Zuhd*: An Expression of Early Sunni Identity in the Formative Period.”

- Major: Islamic Thought
- Minor: History of the Modern Middle East

### **University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**

*Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies, June 2003*

Master Thesis: “The Educational Reform of Sultan Abdülhamid II: A Study of its Impact on the Ottoman Governorate of Greater Syria.”

### **Wayne State University, Detroit, MI**

*Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, August 2000*

### **Stanford Hospital and Clinics, Stanford, CA**

*Clinical Pastoral Education, Summer 2014*

## **POSITIONS HELD**

### **2018—Present** American Islamic College

*Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies*

- Director, Master of Divinity in Islamic Studies and Muslim Chaplaincy Program

### **2013—2018** Hartford Seminary

*Assistant Professor of Islamic Scriptures and Law*

- Co-Director, Islamic Chaplaincy Program
- Associate Editor, Muslim World
- Core Faculty member of the Macdonald Center for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Monographs:**

- *The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunnī Scholasticism: Abdallāh b. al-Mubārak and the Formation of Sunni Identity in the Second Islamic Century*, Leiden: Brill, 2016.

### Articles:

- “A Comparison Between the Concepts of Freewill, *Qadar*, and *Kasb* in Ḥasan al-Baṣrī’s Epistle to ‘Abd al-Malik: An Analysis of the Letter’s Theological Discourse,” *Muslim World*, Vol. 104/1-2, January-April 2014.
- *Muslim World*, Guest Editor in a April 2018 special volume entitled: “The Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching Islamic Studies in Theological Seminaries.”
- “Fulfilling the Need for Muslim Chaplains,” in *Spotlight for Theological Education* Special Issue on “Teaching Islamic Studies in Theological Seminaries” in American Academy of Religion’s Religious Studies News.
- “125 Years of Islamic Studies at Hartford Seminary,” *Muslim World*, Vol. 108/2, April 2018.
- “The Praiseworthy” in the Routledge Companion to the Qur’an (forthcoming).
- “Women in Hadith Transmission,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in Islam* (forthcoming).

### Encyclopedia Entries:

- “Aṣl and Far’,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law*.
- “Zinā,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law*.
- “Zuhd,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law*.
- “Mahr,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- “Dhikr,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- “Khirqā,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- “Khanqa,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- “Qibla,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*
- “Hartford Seminary” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam* section on Islam and Christianity (forthcoming)
- “‘Abdallāh b. al-Mubārak” *Encyclopedia of Islam 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (forthcoming)
- “Mālik b. Dīnār” *Encyclopedia of Islam 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (forthcoming)

### Book Reviews:

- Review: *The Canonization of Islamic Law: A Social and Intellectual History* by Ahmed El Shamsy

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

**Researcher:** Georgetown University Educational Outreach Project, (January 2019-December 2019).

**Visiting Scholar:** MUIS Academy (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore), (January, 2018)

**Visiting Scholar:** Turkish Centre for Islamic Studies in Istanbul, ISAM, (January-April, 2017).

**Sabbatical Travel Grant to India:** Research Grant on Muslim-Hindu Relations, (March 2017).

**Pillars Fund:** Grant Recipient (Educational Programming), (2017).

**Pillars Fund:** Grant Recipient (Educational Programming), (2016).

## **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

- “Organizations that Are Community Leaders and Allies,”** (Chicago Theological Seminary); Chicago, August 18, 2018.
- Interview on Malaysian Television,** Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; August 7, 2018.
- “Spiritual Care: Importance of Muslim Chaplains,”** (Pantai Hospital), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; August 1, 2018.
- “Taşköprizade’s Commentary on the Spiritual Ethics of ‘Aḍuḍ al-Dīn al-Ījī,”** (University of Putra Malaysia); Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; July 30, 2018.
- “What is Muslim Chaplaincy?”** (Hospital Pakar al-Islam), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; July 29, 2018.
- K-12 Teacher’s Institute at Dar al-Islam,** (Instructor of Islamic Studies), New Mexico, July 9-17, 2018.
- Interview for CNN’s “25 Influential American Muslims:”**  
<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2018/05/us/influential-muslims/> aired on May 4, 2018.
- Public Talk: “Islam and Diversity: Faith Communities of the Future,”** (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore); January 20, 2018.
- “The Challenges of Female Scholarship in Islamic Studies,”** (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore); January 19, 2018 (Main Speaker).
- Closing Dialogue: Certificate for Islam in Context,** (Harmony Center) Singapore; January 17, 2018 (Main Speaker).
- MUIS Academy (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore), “Asatizah Masterclass: Harnessing Traditions for Contemporary Challenges: Reading Islamic Law in the Formative Period,”** Singapore; January 16, 2018 (Guest Lecturer).
- Weekend Intensive: al-Ghazālī’s Marvels of the Heart,** IIIT, November 2-4, 2017 (Teacher).
- Book Talk: “The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunni Scholasticism,”** Turkish Center for Islamic Studies in Istanbul (ISAM), March 2, 2017.
- International Islamic Manuscript Workshop,** Istanbul Center for Islamic Studies; January 23-February 4, 2016 (Participant).
- MAS-ICNA Interfaith Symposium,** Chicago; December 27, 2016. (Main Speaker/Panelist)
- 2016 Forum for Peace in Muslim Societies,** Abu Dhabi, UAE, December 18-19, 2016. (Participant)
- Book Talk: “The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunni Scholasticism,”** Hartford Seminary, December 5, 2016.
- Book Talk: “The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunni Scholasticism,”** International Institute of Islamic Thought, Fairfax, Virginia; November 8, 2016.
- Hartford Seminary Travel Seminar to Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia,** October 8-22, 2016. (Faculty Representative)
- Professional Development Workshop for American Muslim Leaders,** Institute for Social Policy and Understanding; September 5, 2016. (Participant)

**“The Muslim Chaplaincy Program at Hartford Seminary,”** Islamic Society of North America Conference, Chicago; September 3, 2016. (Panelist)

**“Training Interfaith Leaders at Hartford Seminary”** Interfaith Youth Core, Chicago; September 2, 2016. (Speaker)

**Program in Advanced Classical Islamic Text Study in Istanbul for Academic Scholars of Islam,** *August 1-26, 2016.*

**2-Day Islamic Studies Pre-Tenure Faculty Enrichment Workshop,** (Participant) International Institute of Islamic Thought, Fairfax, Virginia; *May 25-6, 2016.*

**Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Relations Conference,** Georgetown University, Washington D.C., *May 6-10, 2016.*

**Comparative Scriptural Studies among the Abrahamic Traditions,** (Panelist) Union Theological Seminary, New York, December 5, 2015.

**“Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching Islamic Studies in Theological Seminaries,”** (Panelist) American Academy of Religion Conference, Atlanta Georgia, November, 2015.

**Program in Advanced Classical Islamic Text Study in Istanbul for Academic Scholars of Islam,** (Program Director), *August 10-25, 2015.*

**“Early Islam on Constitutions and Pluralism,”** (Respondent) IIIT, Herndon, VA; *June 8, 2015.*

**Shinnyo-en Buddhist Foundation Lantern Floating Festival** (Hartford Seminary Faculty Representative), Honolulu, Hawaii; *May 24-27, 2015.*

**Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Conference,** Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar; *May 3-6, 2015.*

**“How Can Different Religions Work Together to Ensure Rights of Minorities?”** Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran; *April 25, 2015.*

**“The Role of the Believers in Confronting Extremism,”** Islamic Culture and Relations Organization, Tehran, Iran; *April 12, 2015.*

**Hartford Seminary Travel Seminary to Iran,** April 4-27, 2015 (Faculty Representative/Presenter)

**“Drawing Lessons from Islamic Spirituality for Chaplain Spiritual Care,”** American Muslim Chaplain’s Association Conference, New Haven, Connecticut; *March 7, 2015.*

**“Muslim Women’s Voices: Looking Back to Look Ahead,”** Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut; *February 9, 2015.*

**“Reasons for Differences Among the Four Sunni Schools of Islamic Law,”** International Institute of Islamic Thought, Fairfax, Virginia; *January 27, 2015.*

**“Islamic Higher Education: Professionalizing Leadership, Service, and Activism,”** Islamic Society of North America Convention, Detroit, Michigan; *September 1, 2014.*

**Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Conference,** Georgetown University, Washington D.C., *May 2014.*

**“The Nascent Genre of Early Sufi Literature: The *Kutub al-Zuhd* as Books of Islamic Piety,”** 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago, Illinois; *May 4-5, 2013.* (Presenter).

- “A Fifth Century Vision of Sunni Orthodoxy: ‘Abd al-Qāhir al-Baghdadī’s Encounter with Early Islamic Sects and his Description of the *Ahl al-Sunna wa al-Jama‘a* in *Farq bayn al-Firaq*,”** McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council Graduate Symposium 2013 in Montreal, Canada; *May 3-4, 2013*. (Presenter).
- “The Transmission and Production of Scholarship in the Islamic Sciences by Women in the Twentieth Century: Shifts in Historical Paradigms and Modifications in Presentation,”** 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual University of California Santa Barbara Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference in California, Santa Barbara, *March 8-10, 2013*. (Presenter)
- “Reviving Classical Islamic Scholarship in Post-Colonial Syria: the Intellectual Contribution of Women Scholars in the late Twentieth Century,”** 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Duke-University of North Carolina Islamic Studies Conference in Durham, North Carolina; *February 15-17, 2013*. (Presenter)
- “Freewill, Determination, and *Kasb* in the Epistle of Ḥasan al-Baṣrī,”** Middle East History and Theory Annual Conference for the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois; *May 4-6, 2012*. (Presenter)
- 2010-2011 Middle East History And Theory Workshop at the University of Chicago** (*Annual Conference Organizer*)

#### **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) Eastern Connecticut University, Willimantic, CT; *November 29, 2016*.
- Pillars Fund Leadership Summit,** Chicago; *September 2, 2016*. (Participant)
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) Cathedral of Saint Joseph, Hartford, CT, *April 28, 2016*.
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) First Church UCC, Windsor, CT, *March 1, 2016*.
- What is the Meaning of “Caliphate”?** WNPR “Where We Live” Radio Show, February 12, 2016.
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) First Church UCC, Middletown, CT, *January 28, 2016*.
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) Temple Sinai, Newington, CT, *November 15, 2015*.
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) First Church of Christ Congregational, New Britain, CT, *November 12, 2015*.
- Islamic Society of North America’s Statement on the Inclusion of Women** (Signatory, co-writer, presentation participant), ISNA Convention in Chicago, September 5, 2015.
- International Institute of Islamic Thought Summer Intensive** (Instructor), Herndon, Virginia; *May 29-June 10, 2015*.
- “Honest Conversations with Muslim Neighbors,”** (Panelist) Kol Haverim Synagogue, Glastonbury, CT, *April 28, 2015*.
- “Discussion with Graeme Wood about his *Atlantic* article: “What ISIS Really Wants,”** WNPR “Where We Live” Radio Show, *March 20, 2015*.

**Annual Multi-Faith Community Prayer,** College of the Holy Cross, *January 20, 2015.*

**“ISIS: Its Roots, Its Influence, and How It’s Viewed by the Muslim World,”** Hartford Seminary, *December 11, 2015.*

**“Muslim-Christian Dialogue: Living Out Our Faiths,”** St.Patrick-St. Anthony Church, *December 9, 2014.*

**“Muslim Patient Care,”** St. Francis Hospital Pastoral Care, *December 9, 2014.*

**“Sunni and Shi’a Dialogue” Seabury Home Care, November 17, 2014.**

**“Muslim Women’s Voices,”** WNPR “Where We Live” Radio Show, *October 7, 2014.*

**“Women in Islamic Scripture,”** Muslim Coalition of Connecticut, *April 14, 2014.*

**“Community Discussion on the Oral Transmission of the Qur’an,”** Hartford Public Library, *November 20, 2013.*

**“Overview of Islamic History,”** Asylum Hill Congregational Church, *October 30, 2013.*

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Academy of Religion
- Middle East Studies Association
- Zaytuna College Board of Trustees
- Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding
- American Academy of Religion: Steering Committee on Interreligious Education

#### **LANGUAGES**

- Arabic (reading, writing, spoken)
- Turkish (reading, writing, spoken)
- French (reading, spoken)
- Ottoman (reading)
- Persian (reading)
- German (reading)