

FERYAL SALEM, PhD
640 W. Irving Park Rd.
Chicago, IL 60613
fsalem@aicusa.edu
(773) 281-4700 ext. 216

EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies
American Islamic College (2018–Present)

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

Assistant Professor of Islamic Scriptures and Law
Hartford Seminary (2013–2018)

- 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

EDUCATION

University of Chicago

Doctor of Philosophy in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations

Dissertation: “‘Abd Allāh b. al-Mubārak Between *Ḥadīth*, *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

Master of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies

Master’s 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

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs

- *The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunnī Scholasticism: ‘Abdallāh b. al-Mubārak and the Formation of Sunnī Identity in the Second Islamic Century*, Leiden: Brill, 2016.
- *The Isagoge: al-Abharī’s Introduction to Logic (translation and commentary)*, Chicago Press, (forthcoming).

Articles and Book Chapters

- “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* 104, nos. 1–2 (January–April 2014): 198–219.
- *Muslim World*, Guest Editor in a special volume entitled “The Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching Islamic Studies in Theological Seminaries,” (April 2018).
- “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*: 11–12.
- “125 Years of Islamic Studies at Hartford Seminary,” *Muslim World* 108, no. 2 (April 2018): 254–288.
- “A Muslim Response to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America’s (ELCA) Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment,” in *Dialog* (2019): 1–2.
- “The Praiseworthy,” in the *Routledge Companion to the Qur’an* (forthcoming).
- “Women in Hadith Transmission,” in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of Women in Islam*, ed. Asma Afsaruddin (forthcoming).
- “Paradigm Shifts and Transformative Scholarship: The Expansion of Women’s Scholarly Works in Damascus in the late Twentieth Century,” in the *Routledge Companion to Islam and Gender*, ed. Justine Howe (forthcoming).
- “Hadith,” in the *Routledge Companion to Islamic Ritual and Practice*, ed. Oliver Leaman (forthcoming).

Encyclopedia Entries

- “*Aṣl* and *Far’*,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law* (forthcoming).
- “*Zinā*,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law* (forthcoming).
- “*Zuhd*,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islamic Law* (forthcoming).
- “*Mahr*,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. 2 vols. Edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- “*Dhikr*,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. 2 vols. Edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- “*Khirqā*,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. 2 vols. Edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- “*Khanqa*,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. 2 vols. Edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- “*Qibla*,” *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*. 2nd ed. 2 vols. Edited by Richard C. Martin. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2016.
- “Hartford Seminary,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam* section on Islam and Christianity (forthcoming)
- “‘Abdallāh b. al-Mubārak” *Encyclopedia of Islam 3rd Edition* (forthcoming)
- “Mālik b. Dīnār” *Encyclopedia of Islam 3rd Edition* (forthcoming)

Book Reviews

- *The Canonization of Islamic Law: A Social and Intellectual History* by Ahmed El Shamsy, *Muslim World* 107, no. 3 (July 2017).

- *What is Islam? The Importance of Being Islamic* by Shahab Ahmed, *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (forthcoming).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Scholar: Georgetown University Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Christian-Muslim Understanding (ACMCU), “Train the Trainers” Program for Curriculum Design and Outreach (January 2019–present)

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

Scholar-in-Residence: 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 (Islamic Chaplaincy Program Educational Programming) (2017).

Pillars Fund: Grant Recipient (Islamic Chaplaincy Program Educational Programming) (2016).

International Institute of Islamic Thought: Monograph Publication Grant (2015)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Pedagogies of Interreligious Studies Workshop,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego; November 25, 2019 (facilitator/speaker)

“Decolonizing and Resetting the Interfaith Table,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego; November 25, 2019 (presider)

“Muslim and Jewish Perspectives on Diversity and Inclusion,” Reconstructionist Rabbinical College, Philadelphia; October 30, 2019 (speaker)

“Christian-Muslim Engagement in Chicago: Past, Present, Future” (Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago); September 20, 2019 (keynote speaker).

“Foundational Principles of Islamic Ethics Found in the Legal Maxims” (*Qawā'id al-fiqhiyya*), Georgetown University, Washington, DC; July 25, 2019 (speaker).

K-12 Teacher’s Institute at Dar al-Islam, Abiquiu, New Mexico; July 10–17, 2019 (instructor of Islamic studies).

“Centering Women in Interpretations of Islamic Scriptures in Light of Sunni and Shia Jurisprudence,” Family and Gender Research Center, Qom, Iran; June 10, 2019 (keynote speaker).

Book Talk: “The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunni Scholasticism,” Diyanet Center of America, Maryland; April 26, 2019 (speaker).

“Images of Jesus in the Bible and the Qur’an,” (Muslim-Presbyterian Dialogue Series) Chicago Islamic Organizations of Greater Chicago (CIOGC), Chicago; March 8, 2019 (speaker).

Book Talk: “The Emergence of Early Sufi Piety and Sunni Scholasticism,” American Islamic College, Chicago; February 12, 2019 (speaker).

Leadership of Visit to Bedford Hills Women’s Correctional Facility and Sing-Sing Maximum Security Prisons with Delegates from Singapore, New York; February 7, 2019.

“Aspects of Training and Practice of Islamic Chaplaincy in the United States,” (presentation to visiting members of Singapore parliament and Muslim Religious Council of Singapore), Chicago; February 4, 2019 (speaker).

Introduction to Islam Presentation for “Shoulder to Shoulder Campaign” and “Center for Christian-Muslim Engagement at Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago,” sponsored weekend educational retreat, Chicago suburbs; February 2, 2019 (speaker).

Muslim University Chaplains trip through Turkey; December 22–January 2, 2019 (participant, facilitator, speaker).

“Images of Mary in the Bible and the Qur’an” (Community Presbyterian Church), Downers Grove, IL; December 6, 2018 (speaker).

“Organizations that Are Community Leaders and Allies” (Chicago Theological Seminary), Chicago; August 18, 2018 (panelist).

Interview on Malaysian Television, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; August 7, 2018.

“Spiritual Care: Importance of Muslim Chaplains” (Pantai Hospital), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; August 1, 2018 (keynote speaker).

“Taşköprüzade’s Commentary on the Spiritual Ethics of ‘Aḍḍ al-Dīn al-Ījī” (University of Putra Malaysia), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; July 30, 2018 (speaker).

“What is Muslim Chaplaincy?” (Hospital Pakar al-Islam), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; July 29, 2018 (speaker).

K-12 Teacher’s Institute at Dar al-Islam, Abiquiu, New Mexico; July 9–17, 2018 (instructor of Islamic Studies).

Interview for CNN’s “25 Influential American Muslims”
<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2018/05/us/influential-muslims/> aired May 4, 2018.

Public Talk: “Islam and Diversity: Faith Communities of the Future” (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore); January 20, 2018 (keynote speaker).

“The Challenges of Female Scholarship in Islamic Studies” (Muslim Religious Council of Singapore); January 19, 2018 (speaker).

Closing Dialogue: Certificate for Islam in Context (Harmony Center) Singapore; January 17, 2018 (keynote 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, International Institute of Islamic Thought, Fairfax, VA; 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; 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 (participant).

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

Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Relations Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; May 6–10, 2016 (participant).

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

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

Program in Advanced Classical Islamic Text Study in Istanbul for Academic Scholars of Islam; August 10–25, 2015 (program director).

“Early Islam on Constitutions and Pluralism” International Institute of Islamic Thought, Herndon, VA; June 8, 2015 (panelist).

Shinnyo-en Buddhist Foundation Lantern Floating Festival (Hartford Seminary faculty representative), Honolulu; May 24–27, 2015 (faculty leader).

Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Conference, Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar; May 3–6, 2015 (role).

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

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

Hartford Seminary Travel Seminary to Iran; April 4–27, 2015 (faculty representative).

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

“Muslim Women’s Voices: Looking Back to Look Ahead,” Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT; February 9, 2015 (speaker).

- “Reasons for Differences Among the Four Sunni Schools of Islamic Law,” International Institute of Islamic Thought, Fairfax, VA; January 27, 2015 (speaker).
- “Islamic Higher Education: Professionalizing Leadership, Service, and Activism,” Islamic Society of North America Convention, Detroit; September 1, 2014 (speaker).
- Building Bridges Muslim-Christian Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, DC; May 2014 (participant).
- “The Nascent Genre of Early Sufi Literature: The *Kutub al-Zuhd* as Books of Islamic Piety,” 28th Annual Middle East History and Theory Conference, Chicago; May 4–5, 2013 (presenter).
- “A Fifth Century Vision of Sunni Orthodoxy: ‘Abd al-Qāhir al-Baghdādī’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; 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,” 3rd Annual University of California Santa Barbara Islamic Studies Graduate Student Conference in California, Santa Barbara; March 8–10, 2013 (presenter).
- “Classical Islamic Scholarship in Post-Colonial Syria: The Intellectual Contribution of Women Scholars in the late Twentieth Century,” 10th Annual Duke University of North Carolina Islamic Studies Conference in Durham, NC; 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, Chicago; May 4–6, 2012 (presenter).
- 2010–2011 Middle East History and Theory Workshop at the University of Chicago (annual conference organizer).

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- Muslim-Jewish Women’s Joint Memorial Service at Auschwitz II (co-leader); July 2, 2019.
- Sisterhood of Salaam-Shalom, Summer Trip to Berlin and Poland; June 26–July 4, 2019.
- Interfaith Roundtable with Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, Chicago; August 26, 2018.
- Interview on Malaysian Television, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; August 7, 2018.
- “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, VA; 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
- Co-Chair, Steering Committee on Interreligious Education: American Academy of Religion

LANGUAGES

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

COURSES TAUGHT

- Women and Gender in Islam
- Foundations of Qur'anic Studies: History, Form, and Application of Islam's Holy Scripture
- Hadith Methodology
- Introduction to Islamic Law
- Muslim Devotional Law for Chaplains and Muslim Leaders
- Readings in Sufi Texts
- Interfaith Dialogue in a World of Difference
- Islamic Spirituality and Ethics
- Central Themes in Muslim Chaplaincy and Interfaith Leadership
- Themes in Critical Theory and Islamic Thought