

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, Illinois
Ph.D. in Islamic Thought, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations,
2001-August 2006 with honors
Minor: Modern Middle East History

CENTER FOR ARABIC STUDY ABROAD (CASA), Cairo, Egypt
Certificate in Arabic language, June 2000-June 2001

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington, DC
Bachelor of Arts in History, *magna cum laude*, May 2000
Minor in Russian Language
Phi Beta Kappa awarded junior year (May 1999)
Completed Certificate in Islam and Muslim-Christian Understanding

LANGUAGES:

Arabic
Persian
Turkish (beginner)
Latin
Epigraphic South Arabian (reading knowledge)
French
German (reading knowledge)

EMPLOYMENT - ACADEMIC:

2010 - GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Washington DC
Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Chair of Islamic Civilization, Associate Professor, School of Foreign Service
2015- Director, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding
2013-15 Associate Director, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Muslim Christian Understanding
2006-10 UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington
Assistant Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization

EDITORIAL POSITIONS

2009- OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ISLAM & LAW
Editor in Chief

- 2008-09 OXFORD ONLINE ISLAMIC STUDIES BIBLIOGRAPHY
Advisory Editor
- 2005-08 OXFORD ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD
Advisory Editor

PUBLICATIONS:

MONOGRAPHS:

Misquoting Muhammad: The Challenges and Choices of Interpreting the Prophet's Legacy. Oxford: Oneworld, 2014.

*Named [one of the top books](#) on religion in 2014 by *The Independent*

Very Short Introduction: Muhammad. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011 (Very Short Introductions series).

*Selected as one of twenty-five books for the National Endowment of the Humanities [Bridging Cultures: Muslim Journeys Bookshelf](#)

Hadith: Muhammad's Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World. Oxford: Oneworld, 2009 (Foundations of Islam series).

The Canonization of al-Bukhari and Muslim: the Formation and Function of the Sunni Hadith Canon. Leiden: Brill, 2007.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS:

"Reaching into the Obscure Past: The Islamic Legal Heritage and Legal Reform in the Modern Period," in *Reclaiming Islamic Tradition: Modern Interpretations of the Classical Heritage*, ed. Elisebeth Kendell and Ahmad Khan (Edinburgh U. Press, forthcoming 2016).

"A Segment of the Genealogy of Sunni Hadith Criticism: The Mysterious Relationship between al-Khatib al-Baghdadi and al-Hakim al-Naysaburi," in *The Heritage of Arabo-Islamic Learning*, ed. Maurice Pomerantz and Aram Shahin, 249-57. Leiden: Brill, 2015.

"Islam Easy to Understand or Not?: Salafis, the Democratization of Interpretation and the Need for the Ulama," *Journal of Islamic Studies* 26, no. 2 (2015): 117-44.

"Scripture in Modern Islam," in *Islam in the Modern World*, ed. Jeff Kenney and Ebrahim Moosa, 13-34. Routledge, 2013.

"Faithful Dissenters: Skepticism about the Miracles of Saints in Sunni Islam," *Journal of Sufi Studies* 1, no. 2 (2012), 123-68.

"Scholars and Charlatans on the Baghdad-Khurasan Circuit from the Ninth to the Eleventh Centuries," in *The Lineaments of Islam*, ed. Paul Cobb, 85-96 (Leiden: Brill, 2012).

"The Rules of Matn Criticism: There Are No Rules," *Islamic Law and Society* 19, no. 4 (2012): 356-396.

"The Canonization of Ibn Majah: Authenticity vs. Utility in the Formation of the Sunni Hadith Canon," *Revue des mondes musulmans et de la Méditerranée*, special issue on "Écriture de l'histoire et processus de canonisation dans le monde musulman des premiers siècles de l'islam. Hommage à Alfred-Louis de Prémare," 129, July (2011): 169-81.

"Is the Devil in the Details?: Tension between Comprehensiveness and Minimalism in the Shariah," *Journal of Religious Ethics* 39, no. 3 (2011): 458-72.

- “Even if it’s not True it’s True: Using Unreliable Hadiths in Sunni Islam,” *Islamic Law and Society* 18 (2011): 1-52.
- “Did the Prophet Say It or Not?: the Literal, Historical and Effective Truth of Hadiths in Sunni Islam,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society*, 129, no. 2 (2009): 1-27.
- “Crossing Sectarian Boundaries in the 4th/10th Century: Ibn ‘Uqda, a Man for All Seasons,” *al-‘Usur al-Wusta* 20, no. 2 (2008): 55-58.
- “How We Know early Hadith Critics Did *Matn* Criticism and Why It’s So Hard to Find,” *Islamic Law and Society* 15 (2008): 143-84.
- “New Data on the Delateralization of *Dād* and its Merger with *Zā*’ in Classical Arabic: Contributions from Old South Arabian and the Earliest Islamic Texts on Dad / Za’ Minimal Pairs,” *Journal of Semitic Studies* 52, no. 2 (2007): 335-368.
- “Critical Rigor vs. Juridical Pragmatism: How Legal Theorists and Hadith Scholars Approached the Backgrowth of *Isnads*,” *Islamic Law and Society* 14, no.1 (2007): 1-41.
- “The Last Days of al-Ghazzali and the Tripartite Division of Sufi World: Abu Hamid al-Ghazzali’s Letter to the Seljuq Vizier and Commentary.” *The Muslim World* 96, no. 1 (2006): 89-113.
- “Criticism of the Proto-Hadith Canon: al-Daraqutni’s Adjustment of al-Bukhari and Muslim’s *Sabibs*.” *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies* 15/1 (2004): 1-37.
- “The Social Context of Pre-Islamic Poetry: Poetic Imagery and Social Reality in the *Murallaqat*.” *Arab Studies Quarterly* 25/3 (2003): 29-50.

NON-PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Formalism vs. Realism and the Dynamism of Mulla Khusraw,” in *Uluslararası Molla Hüseyin Sempozyumu (Proceedings on International Conference on Molla Khusrev)*, ed. Tevfik Yücedoğru et al., 395-408. Bursa, Turkey: Bursa Büyükşehir Belediyesi, 2013.
- “Salafis and Sufis in Egypt,” *Carnegie Papers: Middle East*, Dec. 2011.
- “Between Faith and Reason in Our Western/Muslim Reading of the Past,” in *Faith and Reason: Islamic Perspectives* (forthcoming).

BOOK REVIEWS

- “Review of *The Encyclopedia of Canonical Hadith*,” *Journal of Islamic Studies* 19, n. 3 (2008): 391-97.

BLOGS AND WEB PIECES

- “The Rise and Fall of the Salafi al-Nour Party in Egypt,” *Jadaliyya*, 11/13/13

ACADEMIC PAPERS AND INVITED LECTURES

- 2016 “Misquoting Muhammad,” Cambridge Muslim College, Cambridge, UK, 5/5/16
- 2016 “Hadith Studies: The State of the Field,” Oxford University Faculty of Oriental Studies, Oxford, 5/5/16

- 2016 “Misconceptions about the Shariah,” University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, 4/15/16
- 2016 Sunni-Shiite Dialogue, George Washington University, 4/7/16
- 2016 “The Message of Peace, Spread by the Sword?,” University of Maine, Bangor, Bangor MN, 4/1/16
- 2016 “Is there Justice Outside of God’s Law: Making Sense of the Boundaries of the Shariah,” Annual MAS Abdel Haleem Honorary Lecture, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 2/29/16
- 2016 “Islamophobia from the Islamic Perspective,” Vanderbilt University, 2/14/16
- 2016 “Cartoons and Lampoons: Defining the Boundaries of Political Satire and Prophetic Love,” University of Florida, Gainesville 1/14/16
- 2015 Keynote speech, ISNA Seerah Conference, San Fransisco, 12/12/15
- 2015 “Freedom of Speech in Islam and the West,” 2nd Annual Siddiqi Lecture in Islamic Studies, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 10/27/15
- 2015 “The Mechanics of Legal Reform in the Pre-Modern and Modern Periods,” conference on Reform of Islamic Law, University of Tübingen, Germany, 10/9-10/15
- 2015 Invited participant, Islamic Law and Society Workshop, New York University, New York, 5/14-15/15
- 2015 Invited participant, Building Bridges: Muslim Christian Understanding, SFS Q, Doha, Qatar, 5/4-7/15
- 2015 Invited participant, Islam and International Order Workshop, George Washington U., 4/29-30/15
- 2015 “Keynote Address: State of the Field on the Study of Hadith (in Arabic),” Center for Islamic Theology, University of Munster, Germany, 4/17-19/15
- 2015 “Shariah Law & the Modern World: A Talk on Islamic Justice,” George Mason University, 3/25/15
- 2015 “Judges & Fatwas: Ulama as Ethical Selectors,” Center for Islamic Law and Ethics Annual Conference, Brussels, 3/14-15/15
- 2015 “Religious Dimensions of the Israeli-Palestinian Issue,” Middle East Dialogue 2015, Policy Studies Organization, Washington DC, 2/26/15
- 2015 Invited panelist, “ISIS and US Foreign Policy,” Georgetown U. SFS International Relations Club, 3/25/15
- 2014 “Islam’s Scripture, Legal Interpretation and Social Praxis regarding Polygamy and Slavery,” RELMIN Conference: Religious Minorities and Cohabitations in the Middle Ages, Nantes, France, 11/20-22/14
- 2014 Invited participant, Islamic Law and Society Workshop, New York University, New York, 5/15-16/14
- 2014 “Human Sin, Divine Forgiveness and Human Reconciliation in Islam,” Annual Building Bridges Lecture, Georgetown University, 4/27/14
- 2014 Invited respondent to PhD presentation, Divinity School, University of Chicago, 4/18/14
- 2014 “Salafism & Modern Islamic Thought,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC, 1/30/14

- 2014 “Ulama Reactions to the Egyptian Coup,” Project on Middle East Democracy, George Washington U., 1/23/14
- 2013 “The Study of Hadith between Muslim and Western Scholarship,” University of Vienna, Austria, 12/16/13
- 2013 “Salafism, the Ulama and the Democratization of Interpretation,” conference on Salafism: Its Past, Present and Future, Foundation for Research in Islamic Sciences, Istanbul, 11/8-10/13
- 2013 “Islamism and Liberalism as Surrogates,” conference on God’s Century: Assessing the "Clash" of Secular & Religious Trends in the Middle East and North Africa, Georgetown U., 10/24/13
- 2013 Respondent, “Diversity and Debate in Hadith Scholarship,” Panel at Middle East Studies Association Annual conference, New Orleans, 10/12/13
- 2013 “Trends in Modern Islamic Thought,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC, 9/18/13
- 2013 “Can a Text be Infected with Violence?: The Case of Quran 4:24,” Paper at Fourth LIVIT (Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought, University of Exeter 9/2-3/13
- 2013 “The Future of Political Islam in Egypt Post Morsi,” Middle East Institute/SAIS, Washington DC 8/5/13
- 2013 “Contextualizing Salafism,” Foreign Service Institute, Washington DC 6/5/13
- 2013 “Misquoting Muhammad,” University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 5/14/13
- 2013 “Texts and Commentaries: *Ma’qulat* and *Manqulat* Traditions in Islam,” invited workshop at University of California, Berkeley, 5/11-12/13
- 2013 “Common Sense is not so Common,” University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 4/29/13
- 2013 “An Introduction to the Study of Hadith,” University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 4/27-28/13
- 2013 “Celebrity Evangelists in Islam and American Christianity,” with James Wellman, Georgetown University, 4/3/13
- 2013 “Sunni and Shiite Islam,” Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, 4/5/13
- 2013 Keynote address, conference on The Aftermath of the Arab Spring, University of North Texas, Denton, TX, 3/23/13
- 2013 “A Mercy to All the Worlds: How Muslims Have Viewed the Prophet Muhammad Over the Centuries,” John Carroll University, Cleveland, OH, 3/21/13
- 2013 “Faith in Liberty - Exploring the Principle of Religious Freedom from a Muslim Perspective,” American University, Washington DC, 2/25/13
- 2013 “Islam and Other Religions: Myth and Reality,” Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, 2/27/13
- 2013 “Religion and Politics in Revolutionary Egypt,” Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, 5/8/13
- 2013 “The Quest for Knowledge in the Modern Muslim World,” Foreign Service Institute, 1/30/13
- 2013 “Islam and the Modern Middle East,” class at National Defense University, Washington DC, 1/14/13

- 2012 Three-Day Seminar on Hadith, Graduate Theological Program, University of Patterborn, Patterborn, Germany, 11/14-17/12
- 2012 Courses on Hadith and Western Historical Critical Method, King Khaled University, Abha, Saudi Arabia, 11/21-26/12
- 2012 “Sufis on Hadith and Hadith Scholars on Sufism,” Yale Arabic Colloquium, Yale University, 10/9/12
- 2012 “Writing about the Prophet *or* The Historian, the Believer and the Good Citizen,” Middle East Colloquium, University of Maryland, 10/8/12
- 2012 “The Quest for Knowledge in the Modern Muslim World,” Foreign Service Institute, 9/18/12
- 2012 “The Quest for Knowledge in the Modern Muslim World,” Foreign Service Institute, 6/8/12
- 2012 “Ideals and Realities for Better or for Worse in the History of Religious Minorities in Islamic Civilization,” Symposium on Religious Freedom and the Rights of Minorities in Islam, Georgetown University, 5/14/12
- 2012 Invited presenter, ‘Packaging Legal Traditions: Responsa’ workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, 5/6/12
- 2012 Invited discussant, ‘Islamic Law and Society Workshop’, New York University, 5/10-11/12
- 2012 “How Do You Know You’ve Met a Muslim?: Unity and Diversity in the Muslim World,” University of Washington, Seattle, 5/8/12
- 2012 “Salafi Transformation from Quietism to Parliamentary Giant,” invited conference on Islam and the New Middle East, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 3/29-30/12
- 2012 “Boundaries of the Law: Ahkam as a Formative Category for the Muslim Critical Worldview,” 2nd Annual UCSB Islamist Studies Conference, Santa Barbara, 2/17-19/12
- 2012 “Islam and the Rule of Law as a Motivator for the Egyptian Revolution,” The Impact of the Arab Spring throughout the Middle East and North Africa, American University School of Law, 2/14/12
- 2012 “The Rules of Historical-Scriptural Criticism: There Are No Rules,” panel on ‘The Shifting Visions of Community and Politics in the Early Abbasid Period,’ American Historical Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL 1/7/12
- 2011 “Western Historical Critical Method and the Hadith Criticism of Mahmud Abu Rayya,” Conference in Honor of GHA Juynboll, University of Leiden, Netherlands 12/15-16/11
- 2011 Invited presenter, ‘What Egyptian Elections Reveal about Politics and Religion in the Middle East,’ closed-door colloquium at Brookings Institute, DC 12/12/11
- 2011 “Misquoting Muhammad: When to Believe Miracles,” Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada, 12/9/11
- 2011 “Miracles in Our Present Day: A 20th-Century Scholar Negotiating Saints and Miracles in Modern Egypt and Syria,” panel on ‘Twentieth-Century Muslim Thinkers in Conversation with Tradition,’ Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference, Washington DC, 12/1/11
- 2011 Invited participant, ‘International Symposium on Molla Khusrev,’ Bursa, Turkey, 11/19-20/11

- 2011 Invited participant, 'The Mediterranean Microcosm between the West and the Arab-Muslim World,' World Bank and Istituto Affari Internazionali, Paris 11/3-4/11
- 2011 'Post Revolutionary Egypt: New Trends in Islam,' Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 10/6/11
- 2011 Invited participant, 'Judaism and Islam in America: The Interpretation of Law and Scripture,' Hartford Seminary, Harford MA 9/19-20/11
- 2011 'The Role of Islam in the New Egypt,' Georgetown University, 9/14/11
- 2011 Intensive Course on Hadith, taught at University of Johannesburg and University of Cape Town, South Africa, 7/22-31/11
- 2011 'Approaches to Islamic Law and Society,' invited workshop at New York University, 5/12-13,11.
- 2011 'Packaging Legal Traditions,' invited workshop at Yale University, 5/8/11
- 2011 "Portrayal of the Prophet Muhammad: Controversy and Misunderstanding," University of Chicago, 4/20/11
- 2011 "Political Quietism and Non-Violence in Salafi Thought," conference on 'Contemporary Muslim Thinkers on Good Governance, Harvard University, 4/17/11
- 2011 "Utility vs. Authenticity in the Legal Canon: The Peculiar Case of the *Sunan* of Ibn Majah," University of Pennsylvania, 3/22/11.
- 2011 "Muslim, Jews and Modernity," Inaugural Noel King Memorial Lecture, University of California at Santa Cruz, 3/8/11.
- 2011 "Abiding Stereotypes about the Prophet Muhammad in the Medieval and Modern West," George Mason University, Fairfax VA 2/15/11
- 2011 "The Shariah and its Sources," Foreign Service Institute, US Dept. of State, 1/25/11
- 2011 "Critical Methods of Muslim Historians," Faculty Seminar, US Naval Academy, 1/24/11
- 2011 "What Really Happened?: The Complex Question of Historical Criticism in the Islamic Tradition," York University, Toronto, 1/17/11
- 2010 Workshop and Islam and Judaism in America, Jewish Theological Seminary of America, New York 10/27-8/10
- 2010 Conference on "Rethinking the Shariah: Who Speaks for Islamic Law?," organizer, Georgetown University, 10/7/2010
- 2010 Conference on "The Contours of Late Sunni Traditionalism," co-organizer, Duke University, 4/28/10
- 2010 "Images of Muhammad," Willamette University, Salem OR 3/30/10.
- 2010 "Even if It's not True It's True: the Role of Forged Material in the Islamic Tradition," University of Chicago, 2/2/10
- 2010 "Tradition Trumping Text in Christianity and Islam: Eusebius, al-Tirmidhi and Shaykh Ali Gomaa," Georgetown University, 1/21/10

- 2009 “Lying about the Prophet of God: Forgery and its Manipulation in the Islamic Tradition,” Princeton University, 10/12/09
- 2009 “Female Circumcision and the Shariah in the Egyptian High Administrative Court,” invited presentation at workshop on Islamic Law in the Courts: Judicial Interpretations of Shariah in Modern Muslim States, University of Washington, 6/5-6/09
- 2009 “Consensus and the Amman Declaration,” invited presentation at workshop on Islam and International Humanitarian Law, Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism, Syracuse University, 4/17/09
- 2009 “A Man for All Seasons: Ibn ‘Uqda and Bridging the Sunni/Shiite Divide in the Tenth Century,” **American Oriental Society Annual Conference** 3/14/09
- 2009 “Scholars and Charlatans on the Baghdad-Khurasan Circuit from the Ninth to the Eleventh Centuries,” **American Historical Association**, 1/3/09
- 2008 “Islam and Sexuality: Beyond the Headlines,” Centennial Lecture Series for University of Washington Alumni Association, 11/5/08
- 2008- “The Hadith Master of Our Age: Ahmad al-Ghumari (d. 1960), the Influential Salafi, Shiite, Sufi, Sunni Muslim,” panel on ‘Makers of “Traditional” Islam: Identifying a Phenomenon through its Architects,’ **American Academy of Religion** Annual Conference, 11/3/08 (panel organizer)
- 2008 “Is the Devil in the Details?: Tension between Minimalism and Comprehensiveness in Islamic Law,” panel on ‘A Disobedient Prophet?: Tensions between the Quran and Prophetic Precedent in Islam,’ **American Academy of Religion** Annual Conference, 11/1/08
- 2008 “When Shariah Meets Reality: Give Fatwas in Egypt Today,” invited paper at conference ‘Is There a Role for Shariah in Modern States,’ Georgetown University, 10/23/08
- 2008 “Spokesmen of the Shariah: Working as a Mufti in Egypt Today,” University of Arizona, 10/20/08
- 2008 “Plus ça change...: The New Old Debate on Science and Hadith,” Critical Islamic Reflections Conference, Yale University 4/12/08
- 2008 “Critical Rigor vs. Juridical Pragmatism,” Joseph Schacht Revisited Workshop, Harvard University, 4/4-5/08
- 2008 “Martyrdom in Islam,” Annual Eid Speech at the University of Chicago, 2/1/08
- 2008 “Muhammad and the Origins of Islam in the West,” lecture at Eastern Washington University, Spokane WA, 1/08.
- 2008 “The Roles of Muhammad in Islamic Civilization,” lecture at Eastern Washington University, Spokane, WA, 1/08
- 2008 “Lying for the Prophet of God: Questions of Forgery in the Islamic Tradition,” lecture at Duke University, 1/08
- 2007 Respondent, for panel ‘What do Hadith Do?: the Functions of Hadith in Islamic Civilization,’ **American Academy of Religion** Annual Conference, 11/07
- 2007 “Even If It’s Not True It’s True: Historical Truth in the Western and Islamic Traditions,” lecture at the University of British Columbia 11/26/07

- 2007 “Tear Down Those Quotation Marks: Canons in the Islamic Tradition,” lecture at the University of British Columbia, 11/25/07
- 2007 “Early *Matn* Criticism,” invited paper at Conference on ‘Religious Texts in Islam: Authority, Reception and Use,’ Martin Luther University, Halle, Germany 6/8-9/07
- 2007 “Central Asian Contributions to Hadith Scholarship in the Classical and Early Modern Periods,” 2nd International Conference on Issues of Comparative Religious Studies in Central Asia, University of Washington 4/15/07
- 2007 “Islamic Scholarship Defined by Islamic Disciplines: *Fiqh* and *Hadith*,” panel on The Muslim World on the Eve of the Modern Era: Reframing Islamic History, **American Historical Association**, 1/6/07
- 2006 “The *Tarikh Baghdad* in the History of Sunni Hadith Criticism, or, Did Al-Khatib Not Like Al-Hakim Al-Naysaburi?” panel on *Ta'rikh Baghdad* and the Formation of the Islamic Intellectual Traditions, **Middle East Studies Association** Annual Conference 11/19/06
- 2006 “Gathering the Threads: An Excursion into the History of the Hadith Science,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology 11/18/06
- 2006 “How We Know Early Hadith Critics Did *Matn* Criticism,” Georgetown University 10/06.
- 2006 “A New Look at the Hadith Criticism of Muhammad b. Ismail al-Bukhari,” Issues of Comparative Religious Studies in Central Asia, Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2005 “Iconoclasm and Institutional Security: Muhammad Nasir al-Din al-Albani and Criticism of the Canonical Hadith Collections,” on Critical Approaches to Salafi Islam Panel, **American Academy of Religions**, 11/21/05
- 2005 “Imam al-Haramayn al-Juwayni: Unsung Architect of the Shafi'i/Ash'ari Tradition,” presented at the 2nd Early Islamic Historical Traditions Conference, Chicago, IL, 11/13/05
- 2005 “The Canonization of al-Bukhari and Muslim,” Bilim va Sanat Wakfi, Istanbul, 9/13/2005
- 2005 “The Hadith Tradition in the Abbasid Period: a Cult of Authenticity,” presented at the Early Islamic Historical Traditions Conference, Chicago IL, 4/9-10/2005
- 2004 “The Development of Hadith and Islamic Law,” lecture at American University in Cairo, Cairo 4/28/2004

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2016 “[Monday’s Attack on Medina ‘An Attack on the Soul of the Muslim World’](#),” on All Things Considered, NPR, 7/5/16
- 2016 Cited in Ben Hubbard, “[ISIS Uses Ramadan as Calling for New Terrorist Attacks](#),” New York Times, 7/3/16
- 2016 Cited in Asa Fitch and Karen Leigh, “[Islam’s Punitive Line on Homosexuality](#),” Wall Street Journal, 6/14/16
- 2016 “Islamophobia and the Presidential Election,” ICNA-MAAS Annual Convention, Baltimore, 5/28/16

- 2016 “History of the Oral and Written Transmission of the Quran,” ICNA-MAAS Annual Convention, Baltimore, 5/28/16
- 2016 “The Role of Custom in Islamic Law,” ISBCC, Boston, 4/29/16
- 2016 “Islam & Violence,” Fairfax Country Interfaith Communities for Dialogue, Fairfax VA, 4/3/16
- 2016 “Misquoting Muhammad,” Pearls of the Quran Conference, Reston, VA, 3/26/16
- 2016 “Misquoting Muhammad,” Harvard University Islamic Society, Cambridge, MA, 3/24/16
- 2016 “Syrian Refugee Crisis,” University of Virginia MSA, Charlottesville, VA, 3/19/16
- 2016 “Challenges of Islamophobia,” Muslim Community Center East Bay, Pleasanton, CA, 3/13/16
- 2016 “Islam and Justice Issues,” Ebrahim College, London, 2/28/16
- 2016 “Justice and Law in the Islamic Tradition,” Diyanet Center of America, Lanham, MD, 2/20/16
- 2016 “Beyond the Two Migrations: Islam in the New World,” Risala Foundation lecture, Houston, TX 2/13/16
- 2016 “Women and Mosque Access,” conference on Empowering Women in Sacred Spaces, Villanova University, 2/6/16
- 2016 “Islam and ISIS,” Glencoe Union Church, Glencoe, IL, 1/31/16
- 2015 [“Interfaith Round Table: A Conversation on Theology,”](#) on *All Things Considered*, NPR, 12/20/15
- 2015 [“How Islamic is ISIS Really?,”](#) on *Here and Now*, NPR, 11/19/15.
- 2015 “How to Understand the Prophet’s Speech,” Almadina Institute Annual Pearls of the Quran conference, Washington DC, 4/5/15
- 2015 “Misquoting Muhammad & Understanding the Shariah,” Virginia Tech. Muslim Students Association, Blacksburg, VA, 3/27/15
- 2015 “Misquoting Muhammad & Understanding the Shariah,” University of Richmond Muslim Students Association, Richmond, VA, 3/26/15
- 2015 “Islamophobia in the US,” SUNY Stony Brook Muslim Students Association, 3/24/15
- 2015 “Misquoting Muhammad,” American University Muslim Students Association, 3/23/15
- 2015 “Muslims as Engaged Citizens,” University of Virginia Muslim Students Association, Charlottesville, 3/21/15
- 2015 “Perspectives on Seven Faith Traditions: Islam,” Smithsonian Associates, Washintgon DC, 1/22/15
- 2014 “Lessons on Hadiths from al-Nawawi,” Muslim Students Association, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, 4/12/14
- 2014 “The Legacy of the Prophet,” Faith Unity Islamic Center, Bensalem PA, 3/39/14
- 2014 “Misquoting Muhammad,” talk at Islamic Center in Orlando, Orlando FL, 1/31/14

- 2013 “Egypt’s Islamic Salafi Party Walks Political Tightrope” NPR News, 12/14/13
- 2013 “What’s the Matter with Kansas?: Hadith and the Shariah in the Modern World,” Risala Foundation, Houston, TX, 9/27-28/13
- 2013 “Book Talk on Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction,” Lakewood Public Library, Cleveland, OH, 10/4/13
- 2013 “Islam’s Answers to Universal Questions,” Smithsonian Associates, Washington DC, 9/26/13
- 2013 “Book Talk on Muhammad: A Very Short Introduction,” DC Public Library, Benning Rd. NE, 5/23/13
- 2012 Invited Panelist, ‘Challenges Ahead for Egypt,’ Middle East Institute Annual Convention, 11/14/12
- 2012 ‘Interpreting Scripture in the Modern Day,’ Islamic Society of Nevada, Las Vegas, 10/28/12
- 2012 ‘One Prophet, Many Paths: Major Debates in Islamic Law,’ Princeton University Religious Life program, Princeton NJ 10/19/12
- 2012 Invited speech, Cambridge Muslim College, Cambridge, UK, 9/30/12
- 2012 ‘Hadith and the Development of the Western Historical Critical Method,’ day-long course at Islamic Circles, London 9/29/12
- 2012 ‘Voice of America Urdu’ interview on Free Speech/Hate Speech 9/20
- 2012 ‘Engaging the Quran and Hadith for Our Times,’ talk at Fawakih Summer Arabic Program, Herndon VA, 7/29/12
- 2012 “Introducing Muhammad to the West” and “Shariah: Questions and Answers”, University of Missouri, Colombia, MO, 4/28/12
- 2012 Invited participant, ‘Special Briefing for Congress member on the Muslim Brotherhood,’ Council of Foreign Relations, 4/27/12
- 2012 “Is America Under Siege?”, panel on religion in the US, Buxton Initiative, Washington DC 4/21
- 2011 Interview with AP’s Adam Goldman on FBI surveillance of Muslims
- 2011 “Human Rights and the Arab Spring,” Amnesty International, Washington DC, 8/16
- 2011 Interview on Hadith: Muhammad’s Legacy in the Medieval and Modern World as part of Islam and Authors Series, Islamic Cultural Center of Northern California, Oakland CA, 4/16/11
- 2011 “What are the Humanities and What Do They Mean to Muslims Today,” Zaytuna Institute, Berkeley CA 4/15/11
- 2011 “The Radical Islam Hearings,” guest on The Platform, Voice of America Urdu Service, 3/14/11
- 2011 “A Brief History of Hadith Collection and Criticism,” MCA Islamic Center, San Jose CA 1/29/11
- 2011 “Islam in the West,” MCA Islamic Center, San Jose CA 1/28/11
- 2010 “Modern Perspectives on the Shariah,’ at Workshop on the Shariah for Secondary School Teachers, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, 10/29/10

- 2010 Interview on al-Arabiyya program “Akher al-usbu” on Quran Burning, 9/9/10
- 2010 Panel “Faithful to the Earth: An Interfaith Dialogue on Sustainability,” Seattle University, 4/21/10
- 2010 “Images of the Prophet in the West,” Meridian Foundation, Istanbul 4/10-11/10
- 2010 “Introduction to the Shariah,” Seattle University, Seattle 1/27/10.
- 2008 Taught 2-day course on Hadith and the Development of the Western Historical Critical Method, Maghrib Institute, Houston 8/13-14/08.
- 2008 “Navigating the Debates over Hadith in the Modern World,” ALIM Program, Detroit 7/31/08.
- 2008 Taught 12-hour course of the Islamic Hadith tradition, ALIM Program, Detroit 7/30-31/08.
- 2008 “The Importance of Knowledge in Islam,” Islamic Center of Greater Detroit, 5/3/08.
- 2007 “Faces of Islam: Sunni and Shiite Islam,” World Affairs Council lecture, 5/30/07.
- 2007 “Differences between Shiites and Sunni” KBCS Radio 2/22/07
http://www.bcc.ctc.edu/kbcs/downloads/One_World_Report/OWR_20070222/OWR_20070222_Shia_Sunni_JD.mp3
- 2004 “De-Mystifying the Middle East,” lecture at Moraine Valley School, Chicago IL. 10/29/2004.
- 2004 “The Religion of Islam,” lecture at St. Xavier College, Chicago IL. 5/27/2004.
- 2002 “Islam and 9/11,” lecture at St. Albans School, Washington DC 9/11/2002.

FELLOWSHIPS:

- 2012 SFS Summer Research Grant for Project: ‘Solomonic Justice and Modern Rue of Law: Investigating the Salafi Success in Egypt’s Parliamentary Elections’
- 2011 SFS Summer Research Grant for Project: ‘Fallen Saints or Surviving Institutions?: Egypt’s State Affiliated Religious Scholars after the Revolution’
- 2010 University of Washington Royalties Research Fellowship, “Marketing Links to the Past: A Case Study of Modern Islamic Educational Institutions in Modern Malaysia.”
- 2009 American Academy of Religion Collective Research Grant (with Ebrahim Moosa, Duke U.), awarded to organize conference on ‘Contours of Late Sunni Traditionalism’, Duke U. April 2010.
- 2007 Simpson Center for Humanities (University of Washington) Society of Scholars Fellowship: awarded for research and discourse on monograph project ‘Lying about the Prophet of God: Forgery, its Manipulation and Unmasking in Islamic Civilization.’
- 2007 American Institute for Yemeni Studies Research Grant: awarded for manuscript research in San’a, summer 2007 for project “Exploring the Horizons of Sunni Thought in the 18th Century: The Innovative Scholarship of Muhammad b. Isma’il al-San’ani”
- 2006 CASA II (Center for Arabic Study Abroad) Fellowship (awarded for Spring 2006)
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