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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Sept. 2014 – present (on leave Sept. 2016 – Jul. 2017)
University of Jordan, School of International Studies

Lecturer in Interfaith Studies and World Religions, Jan. 2017– Jul. 2017
University of Wales: Trinity Saint David

Visiting Scholar, Sept. 2016 – Dec. 2016
Columbia University, Middle East Institute

Visiting Assistant Professor, Sept. 2013 – Aug. 2014
University of Jordan, School of International Studies

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Oxford, 2013

Oriental Studies. Concentration: Modern Islamic Thought
Thesis: “Through the Eyes of Justice: A Comparative Study of Liberationist and Women’s Readings of the Qur’an”
Supervisors: Dr. Christopher Rowland and Dr. James McDougall

Master of Arts, University of Toronto, 2008

Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations
Concentrations: Arabic, Persian and Islamic Thought
Grade Point Average: 4.0 / 4.0

Master of Arts, Simon Fraser University (Vancouver, Canada), 2007

History. Concentration: Middle Eastern and Islamic History
Thesis: “Reconceptualizing the Contemporary ‘Ulama: Al-Azhar, Lay Islam and the Egyptian State in the Late Twentieth Century”
Supervisor: Dr. Paul Sedra
Grade Point Average: 4.1 / 4.3

Bachelor of Arts (Honors), Simon Fraser University, 2005

History. Concentration: Middle Eastern and Islamic History
Major Grade Point Average: 3.9 / 4.3

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Qur'an of the Oppressed: Liberation Theology and Gender Justice in Islam. Oxford: Oxford University Press, Hardback 2017 / Paperback 2018.

Journal Article

“Beyond “Us” and “Them”: Islamic Liturgy and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism” *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* (in press)

Chapters in Edited Volumes

“The Politics of Paradigms: Liberation and Difference in Islam and Christianity.” In *Post-Christian Interreligious Liberation Theology*, edited by Hussam S. Timani and Loye Sekihata Ashton. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, in press.

“Toward a Genuine Congregation: The Form of the Muslim Friday Prayer, Revisited.” In *Only One is Holy: Liturgy in Postcolonial Perspectives*, edited by Cláudio Carvalhaes. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015.

“İslami Kurtuluş Teologisi” [Islamic Liberation Theology]. In *Kurtuluş Teologisi* [Liberation Theology], edited by Christopher Rowland and translated into Turkish by M. Fatih Karakaya and Sevinç Altınçekiç. Istanbul: Ayrıntı, 2011. (Turkish edition of the *Cambridge Companion to Liberation Theology*, edited by Christopher Rowland. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.)

Encyclopedia Entries

“Justice”, “Solidarity” and “Tyranny”, in *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, edited by Gerhard Böwering. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012.

Book Reviews

Review of Hamid Dabashi, *Islamic Liberation Theology: Resisting the Empire* (London: Routledge, 2009) in *Practical Theology* 3 (2010): 395-396.

Review of Edward E. Curtis IV, *Muslims in America: A Short History* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2009) in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 27 (2010): 103-106.

SELECT CONFERENCES, INVITED LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

“Settler Colonialism, Hermeneutics, and the Qur’an: The Case of Canaan.” *Resisting Empire and Militarization: The Sacredness of Seas, Lands, and Lives*. Seoul, South Korea, October 2018.

Invited Workshop Participant, *Teaching in the Field of Humanitarianism and Forced Migration: What do Postgraduate Students need to know?* Jointly held by University of Bath and University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, April 2018.

“I will Hug my Neighbor but not my Sister: The Need for *Intra-Faith* Engagement in Islam.” *The Future of Inter-Faith Studies*, Lampeter, United Kingdom, July 2017.

“Mainstreaming Marginal Methods: Social Justice, the Qur’an, and (Auto-) Hermeneutics.” Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies, Chester, United Kingdom, April 2017.

“Qur’an of the Oppressed: Liberation Theology and Gender Justice in Islam.” Sijal Institute for Arabic Language and Culture, Amman, Jordan, March 2017.

“Islam and Postcolonialism” and “Postcolonial Liturgy: Muslim Perspectives.” Guest lectures in the course “Liturgy and Postcolonialism”, taught by Cláudio Carvalhaes, Union Theological Seminary, New York, United States, October 2016.

Invited Workshop Participant, *Men in Charge? Rethinking Authority in Muslim Legal Tradition*. School of Oriental and African Studies, London, United Kingdom, March 2015.

“Women and Modern Approaches to the Qur’an.” Guest lecture in the International Faculty Development Seminar for US Professors, Amman, Jordan, August 2014.

“Through the Eyes of Justice: The Qur’an, Interpretation and Liberation Theology.” Council for British Research in the Levant, Amman, Jordan, October 2013.

“Qur’anic Hermeneutics of Liberation.” *Politics, Islamism, and the Middle East*. University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, February 2013.

“Scripture and the Identity of the Oppressed: Liberationist Readings of the Qur’an.” Fourth Annual West Asia–North Africa (WANA) Forum, Amman, Jordan, May 2012.

“Tafsir and Praxis: Exploring the Qur’anic Hermeneutic of Farid Esack.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, San Francisco, United States, November 2011.

“Rethinking Religion: Islamic Liberation Theology.” *Crossroads through Time: The Middle East and Europe*, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan, February 2011.

“Islam and Liberation Theology.” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain, July 2010.

Discussant, “Religious Hermeneutics of the Qur’an and Related Texts,” World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Barcelona, Spain, 2010.

COURSES TAUGHT

Instructor, University of Jordan, School of International Studies

* The following are graduate courses taught in English

“Islam and Human Rights” (Spring 2015 & Spring 2016)

“World Religions and Human Rights” (Fall 2014)

“Islam in America” (Spring 2014)

“America and the Arab World” (Fall 2013)

“Research Methods” (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2018)

“Theories of Human Rights” (Fall 2013, Fall 2015; Fall 2017 to Fall 2018)

“Theories of Development” (Fall 2014 to Spring 2016; Fall 2017 to Fall 2018)

“Politics of Human Rights” (Spring 2014)

“Human Rights Monitoring Systems” (Spring 2014)

Instructor, University of Wales: Trinity Saint David

“Political Islam” (Undergraduate course; Spring 2017)

Instructor, University of Oxford (Exeter College and St. Hugh’s College)

“Politics of the Middle East” (Undergraduate course; Spring 2010)

Teaching Assistant, Simon Fraser University, Department of History

“Religion and Politics in Modern Iran,” taught by Dr. Derryl MacLean
(Undergraduate course; Fall 2005)

GRADUATE SUPERVISION

University of Jordan, School of International Studies

* The following are master’s theses in which I am/was the principal supervisor

Aya Ali. “Religious Pluralism in the Qur’an: Being with the Other,” defended May 2018.

Husni Abumelhim. "Human Rights Abuse by the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS)," defended March 2017.

Wesam Wekhyan. "Justice within Islamic Academia: A Comparative Study of the South African Feminist Sa'diyya Shaikh and the Black American Theologian Sherman Jackson," defended August 2016.

Ayesha al-Omary. "Women's Agency in Justice-Based Approaches to Islam: The Interpretations of Asma Barlas and Kecia Ali," defended August 2016.

Rita Mohammad Adel. "Gender Perception in Islamic Textbooks: Jordanian Schools as a Case Study (2007-2012)," defended May 2016.

Laila Meloelain, "The Death Penalty, Islam and Human Rights Norms in Jordan," defended January 2016.

Eman Alqaisi. "Women's Rights, Islam and Cultural Relativism: The Case of Contemporary Jordan," defended March 2015.

Aya Bdair. "Religion and the Global Justice Debate: An Islamic Perspective," in progress.

Ibrahim al-Amaren. "The Challenges of Implementing International Humanitarian Law in Armed Conflicts: Contemporary Syria as a Case Study," defended May 2016.

Nada Abu Sbeih. "Working Women of Jordan: Gender, Rights, and Empowerment," in progress.

Rami Inkheili. "Development and Social Inclusion: The Marginalization of the *Dom* (Gypsies) in Contemporary Jordan," in progress.

Shareefah Qatarneh. "The Impact of the Qualified Industrial Zones (QIZs) in Jordan," in progress.

SECOND MARKING

University of Wales: Trinity Saint David

* The following are master's theses in which I was the internal ("second") examiner

Hasan Selim. "The Role of Sufism in Addressing Radical Extremism in the United Kingdom," examined June 2017.

Michael P. Thomas. "'Tell them you are my sister': Abraham's Treatment of Sarah (Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18) and the Question of 'Moral Ambiguity'," examined April 2017.

Khalid S. Al-Nasser. "The Sunni-Shia Intrafaith Issue in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia," examined March 2017.

Rehana Rafiq. "The First Educational Movement and the Contribution of Muslim Women during the Era of Prophet Muhammad (570-632)," examined February 2017.

AWARDS

Doctoral Fellowship (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2009)

Overseas Research Scholarship (Clarendon Fund, University of Oxford, 2009)

Research Student Award (British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, 2009)

Near and Middle Eastern Studies Grant (Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford, 2009)

Kathleen Coburn Graduate Admissions Award (Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto, 2007)

Canadian Graduate Scholarship, Masters' (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, 2005)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

University of Texas Press, Fall 2017
Reviewer of book manuscript

Lexington Books, Fall 2017
Reviewer of book manuscript

University of Jordan, School of International Studies, 2014-2017
Member, Graduate Studies Committee

University of Wales: Trinity Saint David, Summer 2017
Principal organizer of a conference – entitled "The Future of Inter-Faith Studies" – held July 12-13 in Lampeter, United Kingdom

University of Jordan, School of International Studies, Fall 2015
Member, Admissions Committee

University of Jordan, School of International Studies, Spring 2015
Member, Faculty Search Committee

American Academy of Religion, 2012-14
Steering Committee Member, Liberation Theologies Group

American Academy of Religion, 2013-14
Principal organizer of a senior panel – entitled “Islamic Liberation Theology and Decolonization” – for the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Diego

University of Jordan, School of International Studies, Spring 2014
Member, Curriculum Review Committee

New Middle Eastern Studies, British Society for Middle Eastern Studies, 2013
Reviewer of article manuscript

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
British Association for Islamic Studies
Middle East Studies Association of North America

LANGUAGES

Arabic (Reading: advanced in modern standard and classical;
Speaking: fluent in Jordanian/Palestinian dialect)
German (Elementary level)
Urdu (Listening: Native comprehension)

-- REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST --