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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Lecturer in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Sept. 2019 – present
University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity

Assistant Professor, Sept. 2014 – Aug. 2019 (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

Master of Arts, Simon Fraser University, 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”

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

History. Concentration: Middle Eastern and Islamic History

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Islam and Native American Suffering: Indigenising Islamic Liberation Theology
(under contract with Oxford University Press)

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

Reviewed by:

Janet M. Powers, *Religion* 48:4 (2018): 709-12.

Mehmet Ciftci, *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 29:4 (2018): 526-28.

Nella van den Brandt, *Religion and Gender* 9 (2019): 144-46.

Christopher P. Clohessy, *Islamochristiana* 44 (2018): 463-4.

Franz V. Greifenhagen, *Reading Religion* (August 2017)

Journal Articles

Co-authored with Sara Ababneh, "Reclaiming Khadija's and Muhammad's Marriage as an Islamic Paradigm: Towards a New History of the Muslim Present" *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion* (forthcoming)

"Beyond 'Us' and 'Them': Islamic Liturgy and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism" *Studies in Interreligious Dialogue* 28:2 (2018), 49-68.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

"The Qur'an, the Bible, and the Indigenous Peoples of Canaan: An Anti-Colonial Muslim Reading." In *Resistance to Empire and Militarization: Reclaiming the Sacred*, ed. Jude Lal Fernando. Sheffield: Equinox Publishing, 2020.

"The Politics of Paradigms: Liberation and Difference in Islam and Christianity." In *Post-Christian Interreligious Liberation Theology*, eds. Hussam S. Timani and Loye Sekihata Ashton. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2019.

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

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

Encyclopedia Entries

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

Book Reviews

Scott Kugle, *Homosexuality in Islam: Critical Reflection on Gay, Lesbian and Transgender Muslims* (Oxford: Oneworld, 2010) in *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* 28 (2011): 141-143.

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

Edward Curtis, *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, WORKSHOPS, & INVITED LECTURES

“The Prophet and Khadija: Partners in Marriage,” webinar co-presented with Sara Ababneh. Musawah, Kuala Lumpur / Amman, February 2021.

“Islam and Liberation Theology.” Mahfil Ali: Shi‘a Ithna ‘Ashari Community of Middlesex (public lecture virtually delivered), January 2021.

“Israelites, Canaanites, and Liberation Theologies: A Qur’anic Intervention in a De/Colonial Debate.” American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting (virtually delivered), December 2020.

“Reading the Qur’an in Solidarity with Indigenous Rights.” Centre for Comparative Muslim Studies, Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, July 2020.

“Islam, Native Americans, and the Conquest of Canaan: A Qur’anic Reading.” Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland, May 2020. (Paper delivered virtually due to Covid-19)

“Towards an Egalitarian Islamic Masculinity: Prophet Muhammad, Khadijah, and the Politics of (Patriarchal) Memory.” British Association for Islamic Studies Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, April 2020. (Paper accepted; Meeting postponed due to Covid-19)

Panel Organizer, “Building Egalitarian Ethics and Jurisprudence of Marriage: A Musawah Panel.” British Association for Islamic Studies Annual Meeting, London, United Kingdom, April 2020. (Panel accepted; Meeting postponed due to Covid-19)

“Reading the Qur’an through the Lens of Indigenous Rights: Canaanites, Israelites, and the Biblical Legacy.” Public lecture hosted by the Global Islamic Studies Centre, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States, November 2019.

“Feminist Hermeneutics of the Qur’an.” Guest lecture in the course “Reading the Qur’an,” taught by Dr. Karla Mallette, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, United States, November 2019.

“Reclaiming Khadija as Paradigm: Muslim Marriage, Gender Relations, and Muhammadi Masculinity.” *Building Egalitarian Ethics and Jurisprudence of Muslim Marriage*. Workshop hosted by Musawah. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 2019.

“The Qur’an, Indigenous Rights, and the Land of Canaan: An Anti-Colonial Muslim Reading.” Public lecture jointly hosted by the British Institute in Amman and the University of Bath, Amman, Jordan, January 2019.

“Settler Colonialism, Hermeneutics, and the Qur’an: The Case of Canaan.” *Resisting Empire and Militarization: The Sacredness of Seas, Lands, and Lives*. Hosted by Council for World Mission (CWM). 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*. Hosted by University of Wales: Trinity Saint David. 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.” Public lecture hosted by 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity

“Pioneers of Political Islam” (Undergraduate course, Spring 2021)

“Political Islam: Key Thinkers and their Contexts” (Postgraduate course, Spring 2021)

“God of the Oppressed: Liberation Theologies in Christianity and Islam” (Undergraduate course, Autumn 2020)

“The Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations” (Postgraduate course co-taught with Dr Joshua Ralston, Autumn 2020)

“Christian-Muslim Relations: Diatribe, Discourse, and Dialogue” (Undergraduate course, Spring 2020)

“Topics in Christian-Muslim Relations” (Postgraduate course, Spring 2020)

“Theology that Liberates: From Latin American to Queer Theology” (Undergraduate course, Fall 2019)

“Liberation Theology in Context” (Postgraduate course, Fall 2019)

Instructor, University of Wales: Trinity Saint David

“Political Islam” (Undergraduate course; Spring 2017)

“Islamic Law in the Contemporary World” (Online graduate course offered in the distance learning M.A. in Islamic Studies, Fall 2017)

“Perspectives on Islamic Sources” (Online graduate course offered in the distance learning M.A. in Islamic Studies, Fall 2017)

Instructor, University of Jordan, School of International Studies

* The following are postgraduate courses taught in English

“Qualitative Research Methods” (Spring 2015 to Spring 2016, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

“Theories of Human Rights” (Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Fall 2017 to Spring 2019)

“Theories of Development” (Fall 2014 to Spring 2016; Fall 2017 to Spring 2019)

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

“World Religions and Human Rights” (Fall 2014)

“Islam in America” (Spring 2014)

“Politics of Human Rights” (Spring 2014)

“Human Rights Monitoring Systems” (Spring 2014)

“America and the Arab World” (Fall 2013)

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)

DOCTORAL EXAMINATIONS

University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity

Internal examiner for Yusuf Çelik, “Contemporary Philosophical Perspectives in Turkey on the Understanding and Interpretation of the Qur’an.” Defended September 2020. Supervisor: Dr Joshua Ralston.

Internal examiner for Josef Linnhoff, “‘Associating’ with God in Islamic Thought: A Comparative Study of Muslim Interpretations of *Shirk*.” Defended November 2019. Supervisor: Professor Mona Siddiqui.

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)

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity, Autumn 2019-present
Programme Director, MSc in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations

University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity, Autumn 2019-present
Member, Graduate Studies Committee

University of Edinburgh, School of Divinity, Autumn 2019-present
Member, Equality and Diversity Committee

University of Edinburgh, Spring 2020-present
Steering Group Member, Race.ed (a staff-run race and decolonial studies network)

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Bloomsbury Press, Summer 2020
Reviewer of book proposal

Religions, January 2020
Reviewer of article manuscript

Sociology of Islam (peer-reviewed journal published by Brill), Spring 2019 – present
Editorial Board Member (Associate Editor)

T&T Clark / Bloomsbury Press, Fall 2018
Reviewer of book proposal

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

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

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

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 --