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EDUCATION

- 2002 Ph.D.: University of Chicago, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, "The Depiction of Mu'awiya in the Early Islamic Sources"
- 1987 M.A.: University of Utah, Middle East Center, "Muhammad and the Three Jewish Tribes of Medina"
- 1985 B.A.: Boston University, Department of Religion

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT:

- 2010- Associate Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University
- 2003-10 Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University
- 2001, 03 Adjunct Professor, Department of Religious Studies, DePaul University
- 2002 Adjunct Professor, Religious Studies Department, St. Xavier University

COURSES TAUGHT:

- REL.116: *The Islamic Experience.*
- REL.116: *The Islamic Experience: ONLINE.*
- REL.203: *Religious World in Comparative Perspective.*
- REL.217: *Islam in Global Contexts.*
- REL.222: *Contemporary Moral Issues: Bioethics in Islam.*
- REL.263: *Religion and Politics in the Middle East.*
- REL.265: *Reform Movements Within Islam.*
- REL.271: *The Qur'an and Its Interpreters.*
- REL.295: *Sectarian Movements in Islam.*
- REL.340: *Inquires in World Religions.*
- HST.141: *History of the Muslim World I.*
- HST.142: *History of the Muslim World II.*
- HST.320: *Topics in World History.*
- IWS.191: *Introduction to Islamic World Studies I.*
- IWS.192: *Introduction to Islamic World Studies II.*
- IWS. 278: *Introduction to the Hadith.*
- IWS. 345: *Islamic Philosophy.*
- ISP.101: *Muhammad and the Arabs.*
- LSP. 112: *The Idea of Evil in Religion and Popular Culture.*
- HON.301: *The Idea of God in Judaism, Christianity and Islam.*

HON. 102: *The Historical Muhammad.*

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS:

2014 URAP Fall.
2013-14 Undergraduate Research Assistant Program (URAP) Winter and Spring.
2013 Denied the 2014 Faculty Summer Research Grant.

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:

Books

2009 *The Historians' Mu'awiya: The Depiction of Mu'awiya in the Early Islamic Sources.* (Saarbrucken: VDM, Verlag Dr. Muller).

Peer Reviewed Articles

2013 Co-authored with Abdulhadi Alajmi, Ph.D. "Umayyad Ideology and the Recurrence of the Past." *Anaquel de Estudios Arabes* Vol. 24 (2013), 7-21.
2010 "When Did Mu'awiya Become Caliph?" *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* Vol. 69:1, (April 2010), 31-43.
2009 "How to Frame History." *Arabica* Vol. 56, (2009), 381-399.
2007 "The Historiography of an Execution: The Killing of Hujr b. 'Adi." *Journal of Islamic Studies* Vol. 19:1 (2007), 1-35.

Solicited Articles

2006 "Review of Islam in World Religions Textbooks." In *Religious Studies Review* Vol. 3, pp. 20-23.

Encyclopedia Entries

2014 "The Rashidun" "Umar" "Uthman," in *Muhammad in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God* published by ABC-CLIO. (2014)
2014 "Safavid Dynasty" "Buyids" "Fatimid Dynasty" "Faruqi, Isma'il Raji al" "Ibn Hazm (994-1064)" "Ibn Qayyim al-Jawziyah" "Mahdi, al-Sadiq al-" "Mamluk State" "Seljuk Dynasty" "Umayyad Caliphate" "Kishk, Muhammad Jalal" Entries for the [Oxford] *Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics* (2014).
2012 "Mu'awiya (602-80)," In *The Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2012).
2010 "Amr b. al-'As." In *Encyclopaedia of Islam* 3rd Edition (Brill Academic Publishers; Leiden, The Netherlands).
2009 "Abu Sufyan." In *Encyclopaedia of Islam* 3rd Edition (Brill Academic Publishers: Leiden, The Netherlands). Vol. 2, pp. 41-42.

- 2009 “Abbad b. Ziyad b. Abih.” In *Encyclopaedia of Islam* 3rd Edition (Brill Academic Publishers; Leiden, The Netherlands). Vol. 2, pp. 1-2.
- 2009 “Mu’awiya.’ In the *Oxford Encyclopedia of The Islamic World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2009).
- 2009 “The Umayyad Dynasty.” In the *Oxford Encyclopedia of The Islamic World* (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2009).

Book Reviews

- 2008 Richard A. Gabriel, *Muhammad: Islam’s First Great General* (Norman: Univ. of Oklahoma Press., 2007) for *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* Vol. 39, Autumn 2008.
- 2007 Khaled M. Abou El-Fadl, *Conference of the Books: The Search for Beauty in Islam* (Maryland Univ. Press. of America, 2001) for *The Journal of Islamic Law and Culture* Vol. 10, Spring 2007.
- 2005 Saleh Said Agha, *The Revolution Which Toppled the Umayyads: Neither Arab nor Abbasid* (Leiden: E.J Brill, 2003) for *International Journal of Middle East Studies* Vol. 37, February 2005.

SCHOLARLY PAPERS PRESENTED:

- 2010 “When Did ‘Uthman become an Umayyad?” The Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (San Diego, CA, November 20, 2010)
- 2010 “More than just a compiler of *akhbār*: Al-Balādhurī’s reliability and critical eye in the cases of Mu’āwiya’s conquest of Cyprus and Mu’āwiya’s execution of Ḥujr.” Orient Institute Beirut International Conference: Historiography in its Arabic Age (Cairo, Egypt, 2/27/2010-3/1/2010).
- 2009 “Did Mu’āwiya appoint his son Yazīd?” The Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (Boston, MA, November 22, 2009)
- 2009 Part of CIE panel entitled, “Understanding Religious Experience” (April 30, 2009).
- 2009 “Māl Allāh or Māl al-Muslimīn: Whose Money Is It and Does It Really Matter?” The American Oriental Society Annual Conference (Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 14, 2009).
- 2005 “Muslim Religious Texts on Jerusalem” in the *Perspective on Jerusalem* panel discussion at DePaul University (February 21, 2005).
- 2004 “Religion and Politics in the Middle East.” Univ. of Chicago Center for International Studies, Regional Perspectives on Globalization and Human Rights: A Workshop for Educators. Lecture on Religion and Politics in the Middle East (July 1, 2004).
- 2004 “The Killing of Hujr.” The Islamic Thought and Science Institute, Early Islamic Civilizations (Villa Park, Illinois, May 15, 2004).
- 1998 “Umar II as Mahdi.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, Illinois, December 5, 1998).

OTHER PARTICIPATION IN SCHOLARLY MEETINGS:

- 2011 Planning Committee and Panel Organizers for *Islam in America Conference* 9-23-2011/9-25-2011 at DePaul University.
- 2011 A Symposium: "Christians, Jews, and Zoroastrians in the Umayyad State." 6-17-2011 to 6-18 20011. I was a commentator on one of the papers presented.
- 2010 "Muslim Cosmopolitanism: Interpreting Islam" I was the Moderator and Discussant at the 39th AMSS Annual Conference entitled: *Cosmopolitan Islam: Globalization, Transnationalism and Muslim Diasporas* at DePaul University
- 2003 "Early Islamic Historiography." Chaired a Panel at the Middle East History and Theory Conference at the Univ. of Chicago.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- 1993-2010 Research Consultant for *al-Hayat* (Arabic Daily, U.K.) This encompasses the research of all the Washington based Think Tanks that produce work on the modern Middle East and/or Islam. This has entailed reading these articles, analyzing them, and writing a summary and sending it every week to *al-Hayat*.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

- 2007 Nominated for the Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2007 DePaul University Senior Celebration for Outstanding Dedication to the Class of 2007.
- 2007 University Ministry, Muslim Student Life, and UMMA Spring Banquet.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Middle East Studies Association of North America
American Academy of Religion
American Oriental Society

SERVICE:

University:

- 2015-17 Chair, Religious Dimensions Domain Committee
- 2011-14 Faculty Council
- 2009-10 Faculty Advisor for Students for Peace and International Development.
- 2009-10 Member of the Cultural Center Advisory Board
- 2008-17 Religious Dimensions Domain Committee.
- 2007 Faculty Host for the Spring President's Book Club. Vali Nasr, *The Shia Revival: How Conflicts within Islam will Shape the Future*.
- 2003-07 Fulbright Committee

2003-04 Faculty Advisor for The Muslim Students Association (UMMA)
2003-04 Faculty Advisor for Project ALF Revival

College:

2015-16 Director, Islamic World Studies Program
2013-16 College Committee on Curriculum and Programs.
2006-07 “Islam: Image and Reality.” Town Hall Meetings: September 23, 2006
and February 28, 2007.
2006-07 Curriculum and Assessment Committee: Curriculum; Strategy;
Chaplaincy Program.
2003-14 Islamic World Studies Advisory Board Committee

Department:

2014- Chair of Religious Studies Department
2012-14 Chair of Personnel Committee
2011-12 Personnel Committee
2010-11 Chair of the Public Relations Committee
2010-11 Student Relations Committee
2009-10 Chair of Curriculum, Teaching, Assessment, and MA Committee
2009 MA Committee
2006 Search Committee on Inter Religious Dialogue
2004- Library Committee
2003-04 Curriculum and Assessment Committee

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY:

Editorial Boards; Scholarly Reviews for Foundations, Journals and Publishing Houses:

2015 *Albert Hourani Book Award for the Middle East Studies Association.*
2010 Senior Editor of *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics.*
2009 Review of article for the *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*
(AJISS).
2008 Review of article for the AAR Journal.
2007 Review of book proposal entitled, “Anthology Reader on Religion and
Politics.” For Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.
2006 Review of manuscript entitled, “Understanding the Qur’an: A Study of
Selected Passages.” For Longman Publishers.
2003- *Journal of Islamic Law and Culture* (Chicago, DePaul University,
editorial board)

Service to Professional Organizations:

2016 On a panel at the University of Chicago’s Divinity School entitled, The
Art of Teaching. 10-7-2016
2015 Member of the 2015 Albert Hourani Book Award Committee for MESA
2004 Outside Examiner for Ph.D. Candidate at Durham University (Durham,
U.K.).

Service Projects to the Larger Community:

- 2017 Lecture to Dar al-Qasim, "How a Prophetic *ḥadīth* sheds light on modern scholarship." 2-18-2017
- 2012 Lecture to Council for Spiritual and Ethical Education (CSEE) at the AAR, Chicago, 11-16-2012. My talk was entitled, "The teaching of Islam in light of its Demonization."
- 2012 Lecture to The Choices Program, Brown University: *The United States in Afghanistan: History and Civic Engagement in the Classroom* June 20-22, 2012. My talk was entitled: "Teaching About Islam: What Do Our Students Need to Know?" 6-22-12.
- 2011 Interviewed by Radio DePaul on the Egyptian Crisis 3-1-2011.
- 2011 Interviewed on *Robert Frazer's One on One* "U.S. Foreign Policy and the Country of Egypt." 2-26-2011
- 2011 *Webnar* on Egypt with Tom Tresser 2-25-2011
- 2011 Response to Questions by Michael Corio for the DePaulia 2-16-2011 on Egypt.
- 2011 Phone Interview on the Egyptian Revolution with Rob Hart on WGN Radio: 1-29-2011 and 2-12-2011.
- 2010 Opening remarks and Introduction of the Council General of Bosnia and Herzegovina the Honorable Eldin Kajevic for a lecture to DePaul University's Students For Peace and International Development (May 26, 2010).
- 2009 Lecture, "Historical and Contemporary Realities of Christian and Muslim Minorities" *Muslims in Multi-Religious World* for Sound Vision Foundation (November 15, 2009).
- 2009 Lecture, "Umar II' For UMMA (October 28, 2009).
- 2009 Lecture, "The Study of Islam in the West" For UMMA (May 20, 2009).
- 2007 Interview for *Time Out Chicago* Magazine on Religious Rituals (November 26, 2007).
- 2007 Two interviews at Radio Islam 1450. A.M (March 21, 2007; March 28, 2007).
- 2007 Lecture, "The Qur'an and the Arabian Nights." at St. Francis University.
- 2006 Lecture, "The Translation Movement During the 'Abbasids," at the University of Illinois at Chicago (March 29, 2006).
- 2006 Panel Discussion, "The Danish Cartoon Controversy." At the Art Institute of Chicago (March 15, 2006).
- 2005 Panel Discussion, Arab Heritage Month (November, 2005).
- 2005 Interview for *U.S. News and World Report: Special Report on Women in the Bible*.
- 2005 Two interviews at Radio Islam 1450. A.M (November 14, 2005; April 30th 2005).
- 2004 Panel Discussion, "Can Spirituality Be A Force For Peace And Understanding In The World Today?" Discussion on Diversity, Tolerance, and Religious Pluralism (October 28, 2004).
- 2004 Translating and consulting for Scholars at Risk/Scholar Rescue Fund on a threatening letter.
- 2004 Consultation with Professor Aminah McCloud on legal cases regarding Arab immigrants.
- 2002 Review of the Movie Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet.

- 2002 On a Panel discussion at the University of Chicago for the Movie Muhammad: Legacy of Prophet.
- 2002 Review of the script of a movie on the Prophet Muhammad for Professor Fred Donner for the Biography Channel.

CURRENT RESEARCH and PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

1. Working on modern Islamic movements.