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EDUCATION

- 2007 **PhD**, Islamic Studies, Department of Religion, Duke University, NC.
Dissertation title: “Sexual Violence in Mālikī Legal Ideology:
From Discursive Foundations to Classical Articulation”
- 2000 **MA**, Religion, Duke University. Major area: Islamic Studies (Islamic law).
Minor areas: Comparative Religions; Womens & Gender Studies.
- 1992 **BA**, Loyola University of Chicago, IL.
Majors: Philosophy and Communication (Journalism)

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2015 – present **Associate Professor**, Islamic Studies, Department of Middle Eastern Studies,
University of Texas at Austin.
- 2018 – present **Graduate Advisor**, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin.
- 2016 - present **Provost Teaching Fellow**, University of Texas at Austin.*
- 2016 – present **Editorial Board Member**, *The Modern Muslim World*, Gorgias Press
- Current Affiliations at University of Texas at Austin:** Center for Middle Eastern
Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Center for Women’s and Gender Studies,
Jefferson Center in Core Texts and Ideas.
- Spr 2002 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, CA.
- 1999 - 2004 Lecturer, Department of Religious Studies, St. Mary’s College of California, CA.

PUBLICATIONS

I) Books

Sexual Violation in Islamic Law: Substance, Evidence and Procedure. Cambridge University Press (2015). Winner of
the American Historical Association’s James Henry Breasted Prize for 2016.

* “Teaching the University” Canvas Curriculum.

II) Journal Articles and Essays

Article in progress: "Muslims and Literature in North America." 75% complete.

Article in progress: "Why Polygamy is Superior to Monogamy: al-Mahdī al-Wazzānī's Response to Early Islamic Feminism." 90% complete.

Essay: "The Value of the Liberal Arts" in *Life & Letters* (September 2022), published by the University of Texas College of Liberal Arts.

Essay: "Islamic Feminism between Islam and Islamophobia." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)* 14:1 (March 2018).

Article: "Rape as a Variant of Fornication (*Zinā*) in Islamic Law: An Examination of the Early Legal Reports." *Journal of Law and Religion*, 28.2: 441-466 (2013).

Article: "Sex, Marriage, and Eroticism in Contemporary Islamic Advice Literature." *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)* 9.1: 54-80 (2013).

Article: "The *Hijāb* at Cross-Purposes: Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature." *Comparative Islamic Studies* 5.1: 131-176 (2009).

III) Book Chapters

"Competing Approaches to Rape in Islamic Law." In *Feminism, Law, and Religion*. Eds. Marie A. Failinger, Elizabeth R. Schiltz, and Susan J. Stabile (Ashgate Press, 2013: 327-341).

"The Exclusion of Women's Testimony in the *Hudūd*: Toward a Rethinking." In *A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Work and Life of Amina Wadud*. Eds. Kecia Ali, Juliane Hammer, and Laury Silvers (48HrBooks, 2012: 135-147). (Peer-reviewed).

IV) Encyclopedia Articles & Annotated Bibliographies

"Religious Holidays and Festivals." *Encyclopedia of the Muslim World*, 2nd edition. Ed. Richard Martin. (Charles Scribner's Sons, 2016).

"Marriage." *Oxford Bibliographies: Islamic Studies*, Oxford University Press, 37 pp. (2014).

"Rape." In *The [Oxford] Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*. *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t349/e0075> (published April 2013, 4 pp.).

V) Book Reviews

Women as Imams: Classical Islamic Sources and Modern Debates on Leading Prayer. Simonetta Calderini. London: I. B. Tauris, 2021. Submitted and under review at the *Journal of Law and Religion*: June 2023.

Guardians of God: Inside the Religious Mind of the Pakistani Taliban. Mona Kanwal Sheikh. *Journal of Religion and Violence*, 7:2 (2019).

- Sexuality in Muslim Contexts: Restrictions and Resistance*, Eds. Anissa Helie and Homa Hoodfar. *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)*, 10.2: 163-166 (2014).
- The Perfect Guide to the Sciences of the Qur'an*, Volume 1, by Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭī. Trs. Hamid Algar, Michael Schub and Ayman Abdel Haleem. *Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES)* 22.1: 186-189 (2013).
- The Islamic Marriage Contract: Case Studies in Islamic Family Law*. Eds. Asifa Quraishi and Frank E. Vogel. *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130.3: 471-472 (2010).
- Muslim Women in Law and Society. Annotated translation of al-Ṭābir al-Ḥaddād's Imra'tunāfi'l-sharī'a wa'l-mujtama', with an introduction*, by Ronak Husni and Daniel L. Newman. *Journal of Islamic Studies* 20.1: 134-136 (2009).
- The Ulama in Contemporary Islam: Custodians of Change*, by Muhammad Qasim Zaman. *The Journal of Religion*, 84.3: 492-495 (2004).
- Infants, Parents and Wet Nurses: Medieval Islamic Views on Breastfeeding and Their Social Implications*, by Avner Giladi. *The Journal of Islamic Studies*, 13.2: 244-248 (2002).
- Chapters on Marriage and Divorce: Responses of Ibn Hanbal and Ibn Rabwayh*, by Susan Spector, and *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers*, by Judith Tucker. *The Journal of Law and Religion*, 15.1-2: 547-554 (2001).

VI) Public Scholarship

“The Pinocchio Within Us.” *Renovatio: The Journal of Zaytuna College*. Dec 2017.

FELLOWSHIPS / GRANTS / AWARDS / HONORS

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|-------------|---|
| Spring 2023 | Recipient, Civil Discourse and Disagreement Award, University of Texas College of Liberal Arts, to modify “Introduction to Islam” to teach skills and strategies for improved civil discourse and debate. |
| Spring 2023 | Recipient, Outstanding Graduate Adviser Award, The Graduate School, University of Texas at Austin. |
| Fall 2022 | Recipient, Faculty Research Award, from the College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin. |
| Nov 2021 | Honorable Mention, Middle Eastern Studies Undergraduate Education Award. Equivalent to 2 nd Place, for excellent in undergraduate teaching. Awarded by the Middle Eastern Studies Association. |
| June 2020 | Applicant, Co-Principal Investigator, Internal Competition for Doris Duke Charitable Foundation Building Bridges 2020 Grants Program. Project title: “Bound for Bimare” videogame. (Not selected). |
| May 2020 | Finalist, UT Austin Internal Competition Nominee and Principal Investigator Applicant, Whiting Public Engagement Seed Grant competition, 2021-22 cycle. Project title: Mobile UT. |

- May 2019 Recipient, UT Austin *Alcalde* “Texas 10” nomination. The Texas 10 is an annual list of top professors nominated by UT alumni. Sponsored by Texas Exes.
- AY 2017-18 Course Development Grant, Thomas Jefferson Center for Core Texts and Ideas. To develop an Ethics & Leadership flag component for my Qur’an course.
- Fall 2017 Individual Applicant, Scholarly Editions and Translations Grant, NEH, with Ellen McLarney of Duke University. For an annotated translation of Bint al-Shati’s *Tafsir al-Bayani*, with companion essays. (Not awarded.)
- Fall 2017 College Research Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin. For translation of Bint al-Shati’s *Tafsir al-Bayani*.
- Fall 2016 James Henry Breasted Prize for 2016, American Historical Association. For *Sexual Violation in Islamic Law* (2015).
- Fall 2016 *Sexual Violation in Islamic Law* selected as noteworthy “New Book in Islamic Studies.”
- Fall 2016 UT-Quest Maurine McElroy Excellence Award, for excellence in adult education for UT-Quest participants.
- Spr 2016 Provost’s Teaching Fellowship. Project: “Teaching the University” to be implemented from Fall 2016-Spring 2018. Years active: 2016-2020.
- Fall 2011 Applicant, American Fellowship – Research Publication Grant. Project: Sexual violation in classical Islamic studies. American Association of University Women. (Not awarded.)
- Sum 2010 Summer Research Award. Project: Sexual violation in classical Islamic law. College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Fall 2010 Project: Islamic law program development. Awarded by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, The University of Texas at Austin [Title VI National Resource Center].
- Fall 2009 College Research Fellowship. Project: Veiling and marriage in Islamic advice literature. College of Liberal Arts, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Spr-Sum 1999 Social Science Research Council Pre-Dissertation Fellowship in the Near and Middle East (SSRC-MERTA). Cairo, Egypt, and Rabat, Morocco.
- Spr-Sum 1998 Washington University Program in Advanced Arabic and Islamic Studies. Fez, Morocco.

PRESENTATIONS

I) Academic Presentations (refereed)

- Dec 2022 “Muslim American Fiction: Trends, Themes, and the Construction of Religion.” Annual Conference, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). Denver, CO. December 3, 2022.

- Mar 2020 "Women and Gender in Qur'anic Stories." Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion Southwest Region / Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (SWCRS), 2020. Dallas, TX.
- Nov 2019 "Women and Gender in the Qur'an: a Narrative Ethics Approach." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association. New Orleans, LA.
- Mar 2019 "An Ethics-Oriented Pedagogy of the Qur'an for the College Classroom." Annual Conference, American Academy of Religion Southwest Region, 2019. Irving, TX.
- Oct 2014 "When Pluralism Isn't Enough: Women and Islamic Law." Bochum Conference on Pluralism and Religion. Center for Religious Studies at Ruhr University. Bochum, Germany.
- Mar 2014 "Competing Approaches to Rape in Islamic Law." Conference on Feminism, Law, and Religion. Murphy Institute, University of St. Thomas. St. Paul, MN.
- Oct 2013 "Interrogating Gender Differentiation in Islamic Discourse: The Case of Interfaith Marriage." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). New Orleans, LA.
- Nov 2012 "Monetary Awards for Rape Victims in Islamic Law: a Vindication of Rights or a Compensation for Adultery?" Panel: "Perspectives on Female Agency in Classical Fiqh." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). Denver, CO.
- Mar 2012 "The Definition of Rape as 'Coercive Fornication' in Classical Islamic Law." Panel: "Rape." Annual Conference, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities (ASLCH). Texas Wesleyan School of Law. Fort Worth, TX.
- Feb 2011 "Women's Religious Leadership in Islam/Muslim Communities." Conference: Changing Roles? Women in Traditional Jewish and Muslim Communities. Humanities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Nov 2010 "Sexual violence in Islamic law: Where did these laws come from, anyway?" Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). San Diego, CA.
- Nov 2009 "Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). Boston, MA.
- Apr 2009 "Aesthetic Dimensions in Classical Islamic Law." Conference: Beauty in the Worlds of Islam. UT Austin. Austin, TX.
- Nov 2008 "Identifying the Victim: God vs. the Woman in Islamic Rape Law." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). Washington, D.C.
- Nov 2008 Panelist: "Reflections on Tafsir and Islamic Hermeneutics." Annual Meeting, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA). Washington, D.C.
- May 2008 "Substance, Discipline and Writing in Islamic Studies Courses." Panel: "Difficult Dialogues: Inducting Students into a New Disciplinary Language." Annual Meeting, International Writing Across the Curriculums Conference (IWACC). Austin, TX.

- Apr 2007 “The Rights of God versus the Rights of Persons: A Zero-Sum Game?” Symposium: Re-Imagining Muslim Ethics. Duke University. Durham, NC.
- Sep 2005 “The Islamic Roots of Pluralism.” Annual Conference, Islamic Society of North America. Chicago, IL.

II) Invited Academic Lectures

- Mar 2021 “Women and Gender Ethics in Qur’anic Narratives.” Islamic Studies Center, Middle East Studies Center, and the Department of African and Middle Eastern Studies (AMES), Duke University, NC. March 18, 2021.
- Sep 2018 “Jurists and Their Pasts: Lessons from Islamic Sex Crimes Law.” Conference: Uses of the Past: Present Perfect, Imperfect Present (USPPIP). University of Exeter, U.K.
- Jul 2018 “An Ethics-Oriented Pedagogy of the Qur’an.” Summer Institute. International Institute of Islamic Thought. Herndon, VA.
- Apr 2017 “Islamic Feminism between Islam and Islamophobia.” Conference in Honor of miriam cooke. Duke University. Durham, NC.
- Mar 2017 Panelist, “Teaching Queer Things.” Conference, Southwest Commission on Religious Studies/American Academy of Religion. Fort Worth, TX.
- Nov 2016 Panelist, Roundtable Discussion: “Is the Qur’an a Violent Text?” Annual Meeting, American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX.
- Mar 2015 “The Globalization of Muslim Women’s Voices.” Loyola University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Mar 2012 "Sex, Eroticism, and Marriage in Contemporary Islamic Advice Literature." University of Illinois at Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Mar 2011 “Is there an Islamic Feminism: How Muslim Women are Working for Change in the World Today.” Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies, John Carroll University. University Heights, OH.
- Oct 2010 Workshop Participant: Constructing Muslim 'Feminist' Ethics: Gendered Power Relations in the Qur’an and the Prophetic Example. Ali Vural Ak Center for Islamic Studies, George Mason University. Fairfax, VA.
- Mar 2010 “The Notion of the Erotic in Contemporary Islamic Advice Literature.” Symposium for Gender, History and Sexuality. Department of History, UT Austin. Austin, TX.
- Aug 2009 “Arabic across the religious disciplines.” Zaytuna Summer Arabic Intensive. Zaytuna College. Berkeley, CA.
- Apr 2009 “The Hijāb at Cross-Purposes: Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature.” Middle Eastern Studies Luncheon Series. UT Austin. Austin, TX.

- Feb 2008 “The Problematic Notion of Sexuality in the Islamic Tradition.” Lecture Series: Confronting Patriarchy in Muslim Societies. Stanford University. Stanford, CA.
- Oct 2005 “Religious Pluralism at the Founding of Islam and Today.” Council on Foreign Relations, Stephen M. Kellen Term Member Program. Washington, D.C.
- Feb 2005 “Sexual Hierarchy in Islamic Legal Epistemology and its Implications for Proving Rape.” Department of Middle Eastern Studies, UT Austin. Austin, TX.
- Mar 2004 “Sexual Coercion in Islamic Law: Outlines of a Discourse.” Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT Austin. Austin, TX.
- Mar 2004 “Why the Shariah Seems to Fail Women.” Women in Islam Week. University of California, Santa Cruz. Santa Cruz, CA.
- Mar 2003 “Muslim Women and Intellectual Activism.” Panel: “Religious Pluralism in the 21st Century: Muslim Identities in the Diaspora.” Graduate Theological Union. Berkeley, CA.
- Dec 2003 “Islam and the Rule of Law.” Stanford University Law School. Stanford, CA.
- Nov 2003 “Violence Against Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective.” Panel Presentation. International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women. St. Mary’s College of California. Moraga, CA.

III) Teaching Lectures and Public Presentations

- Oct 2022 Public Lecture: “Ethics in Islam.” St. David’s Episcopal Church, Austin, TX. Sunday October 16, 2022.
- Sep 2022 Lecture: “Sexual Violence in Islamic Law.” TOWER Fellows Program Distinguished Speakers Series, University of Texas at Austin. September 27, 2022.
- Oct 2021 Public Presentation: “Justice in Islam.” Series: “Faiths in Conversation.” Interfaith Council of Thanks-Giving Square, Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum, and Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology. October 11, 2021.
- Apr 2021 Undergraduate Lecture: “Prophets in Islam.” Dr. Na’ama Pat-El’s course “Prophecy”, UT Austin. April 29, 2021.
- Apr 2021 Panel Presentation: “Antisemitism Today.” Series: Creating Possibility, Disallowing Hatred. Holocaust Museum Houston. April 5, 2021.
- Mar 2021 Panel Presentation: “Antisemitism and the Far Right in America.” Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, UT Austin.
- Jan 2020 Public Lecture: “Ethical Principles of the Qur’an & Teaching Against Islamophobia.” Texas Exes Lunchtime Lectures. Austin, TX.
- Jun 2019 Lecture: “Ethical Principles of the Qur’an.” Lakeway Men’s Breakfast Club. Lakeway, TX.

- Jan 2019 Teaching Lectures: “Introduction to Traditional Islam: Sunnism, Shi‘ism, and Sharia” and “Islam in Modernity: Modernism/Liberalism.” Course: Islam in the World Today. UT Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Austin, TX.
- Winter 2019 Course Organizer, “Islam in the World Today.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Dec 2018 Undergraduate Lecture: Academic Dishonesty/Plagiarism from an ethics perspective. Dean Marc Music’s undergraduate course “Liberal Arts Honors colloquium.”
- Dec 2018 Training Lecture and Lead Instructor: “Islamic and Human Rights.” UT Hemispheres program with Austin Community College Faculty Learning Community. Austin, TX.
- Oct 2018 Teaching Lectures: “Examining the Claim: Islam and Muslims are Violent” and “Examining the Claim: Muslims Use Taqiyya to Engage in a Stealth Jihad.” Course: “Islamophobia: Concepts, Case Studies, and Tools for Analysis.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Fall 2018 Course Organizer, “Islamophobia: Concepts, Case Studies, and Tools for Analysis.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Oct 2018 Training Lectures and Lead Instructor: “Teaching about Islam and Muslims in the Public Classroom,” “Using a Religious Studies Approach to Teach about Religions of the Middle East,” and “Islamic Feminism.” Teacher Training Workshop, UT Austin, with Qatar Foundation International (QFI).
- Feb 2018 Undergraduate Lecture: “Ethics in the Qur’an.” Core Texts and Ideas Lunchtime Seminar. Jefferson Center for Core Texts and Ideas. UT Austin.
- Oct 2017 Teaching Lectures: “Women in Muslim Societies” and “Sharia as an Ethical System.” Course: Islam in the World Today. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Oct 2017 Course Organizer: “Islam in the World Today.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Mar 2017 Panel Presentation, "Constitutional Limits on Executive Power." Center for Middle Eastern Studies / Islamic Studies. University of Texas at Austin. Austin, TX. (My role: panelist.)
- Apr 2017 Teaching Lectures: “Introductory Lecture” and “The Story of Adam, Eve, and the Serpent in the Qur’an and the Bible.” Course: Prophet Stories in Comparative Perspective. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Spring 2017 Course Organizer: Prophet Stories in Comparative Perspective. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Jan 2017 Training Lecture and Lead Instructor: “Islam, Social Justice, and Human Rights.” UT Hemispheres program with Austin Community College Faculty Learning Community. Austin, TX.

- Nov 2016 Teaching Lectures: “Introductory Lecture: Introduction to Islam” and Closing Panel Discussion. Course: “Islam in the World Today.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Fall 2016 Course Organizer: “Islam in the World Today.” Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UT Austin (UT-OLLI).
- Sep 2016 Undergraduate Lecture: "Shariah in the World Today." Course: Gateway to the Middle East.
- May 2016 Public Lecture, “Reflections on Islam by a Muslim Woman Scholar.” Worship Service, San Gabriel Unitarian Universalist Fellowship.
- Nov 2015 Undergraduate Lecture: “Worship in Islam.” Course: Gateway to the Middle East.
- Sep 2015 Undergraduate Lecture: “Transmission of Knowledge in the Islamic Tradition.” Course: Gateway to the Middle East.
- Apr 2015 Teaching Lecture: “Introduction to Islamic Law.” NOVA Program, University of Texas at Austin. Course Title: “Everyday Life in the Middle East.” Austin, TX.
- Feb 2015 Panel Presentation, “Faculty Interfaith Panel.” Hindu Students’ Association.
- Oct 2014 Public Lecture: “Domestic Violence in Islam.” Muslims Students’ Association, Friday Halaqa.
- April 2014 Discussant: Graduate student conference, “Remixing Religion: New Models for Religious Synthesis.” Religious Studies Department. April 4-6, 2014, University of Texas at Austin.
- Sep 2013 Panel Presentation: “Chasing Ghosts: The Myth of Sharia Law.” Religion Newswriters Association, Annual Conference. Austin, TX.
- Apr 2012 Teaching Lecture: “Islam and Feminism.” University of Texas LAMP Spring Seminar on the Middle East.
- Nov 2011 Training Lectures: “Islamic Sects in Afghanistan” and “Introduction to Islamic Law.” Leadership Development and Education for the Sustain Peace Program (LDESP). Camp Mabry. Austin, TX.
- Oct 2011 Lecture: “Veiling and Unveiling Post-9/11.” UGS 302, Debates on Democracy in America, taught by Prof. Gretchen Ritter.
- Sep 2011 Roundtable discussion, “September 11th Ten Years Later: The Impact on Muslims At Home and Abroad.” Department of Religion, Southwestern University. Georgetown, TX.
- Apr 2011 Undergraduate Lecture: “Is there an Islamic Feminism? How Muslim Women are Working for Change in the World Today.” Texas State University, Muslim Student Association. San Marcos, TX.
- Feb 2011 Undergraduate Book Discussion: “Ibn Ṭufayl’s Hayy ibn Yaqzan.” Jefferson Center in Core Texts and Ideas.

- Oct 2010 Public Lecture: "Trends in Islamic Feminism." University United Methodist Church. Austin, TX.
- May 2010 Teaching Lecture: "Key Themes in the Study of Islam." SAGE adult education series, "World Religions in Comparative Perspective."
- Mar 2010 Panel Discussion: Screening of "Quest for Honor." Documentary Center, Department of Radio-Television-Film.
- Feb 2010 Conversation: "Studying Islam as a Muslim at the University." Muslim Students' Association, Friday Halaqa.
- Feb 2010 Undergraduate Lecture: "The Significance of Affliction in Islamic Theology." Soup and Substance (student discussion group). St. Edward's University. Austin, TX.
- Feb 2010 Teaching Lecture: "The Core Beliefs of Islam." Study Program: "Encountering the Worlds of Islam." High Pointe Baptist Church. Austin, TX.
- Jan 2010 Teaching Lecture: "An Interscriptural Reading of the Adam and Eve Story in the Bible and the Qur'an." United Universalist Fellowship of Austin. Austin, TX.
- Dec 2009 Book Discussion: *No God But God*, by Reza Aslan. University Christian Church Reading Group. Austin, TX.
- Nov 2009 Undergraduate Lecture: "The Qur'an." Course: Scriptures of the World as Literature, taught by Prof. John Bugbee.
- Nov 2008 Undergraduate Lecture: "The Qur'an." Course: Scriptures of the World as Literature, taught by Prof. John Bugbee.
- Oct 2008 Public Lecture: "Muslim perspectives on armed conflict." Panel: "The Morality of Armed Conflict." University Christian Church Forum panel series, "Religion in Public Life." Austin, TX.
- Jun 2008 Training Lecture: "Women in Moroccan Law." Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Abroad Orientation.
- Spr 2008 Teaching Course: "Introduction to the Qur'an." Odyssey Program (UT Informal Classes), University of Texas at Austin.
- Apr 2008 Film Discussion: "Jihad for Love: Homosexual relationships in Islamic religion and law." Southwestern University. Georgetown, TX.
- Mar 2008 Undergraduate Lecture: "The Hijab (veiling) and Sexuality in American Islam." Difficult Dialogues (Ford Foundation program), taught by Prof. Denise Spellberg.
- Feb 2008 Undergraduate Lecture: "Introduction to the Field of Islamic Law." MES 381 Middle East Studies: Approaches and Methods, taught by Prof. Ian Manners.

- Feb 2008 Training Lecture: "Islamic Law and the Iraqi Constitution." Iraq Culture and Governance Seminar, Center for Middle Eastern Studies.
- Jan 2008 Teaching Lecture: "Intro to Islam" and "Women in Islam." MBA Arabian Gulf Global Connections Program.
- Jan 2008 Undergraduate Book Discussion: "E. A. Abbott's Flatland as Religious Allegory." Ransom Reading Group, Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Sep 2007 Teaching Lecture: "The Expansion of Islam from 632 CE until Today, and Muslim Contributions to World Civilization." Course: Encountering the World of Islam.
- Sep 2007 Undergraduate Book Discussion: "Prophecy in Ursula Le Guin's Earthsea Trilogy and in Mary Stewart's The Crystal Cave." Voltaire's Coffees Reading Group, Plan II Honors Program. UT Austin.
- Jun 2007 Lecture: "Gender and Power in Islamic History." Conference: "Restoring Women to World Studies." Center for Middle Eastern Studies.
- Apr 2007 Panel Presentation: "What is Heaven Like, and Who Gets to Go? (Three Perspectives)." University Interfaith Council, Interfaith Dialogue and Panel Discussion. University Presbyterian Church. Austin, TX.
- Mar 2007 Lecture: "Women in the Shariah." Muslim Students' Association.
- Mar 2007 Lecture: "Stealing or Sinning? The Concept of Rape in Classical Islamic Law." Religious Studies Student Committee.
- Mar 2007 Lecture: "Do American Muslim Women Represent America?" Difficult Dialogues (Ford Foundation program), taught by Prof. Denise Spellberg.
- Feb 2007 Lecture: "Islamic Law as an Academic Discipline: Current Issues." MES 381 Middle East Studies: Methods and Approaches, taught by Prof. Ian Manners.
- Mar 2006 Lecture: "Jewish and Islamic Law in Comparison." Mediterranean Crossroads Seminar.
- Mar 2006 Lecture: "The Debate Concerning Woman-Led Prayer in Islam." Religious Studies Student Association/Muslim Students' Association.

IV) Other Academic Participation

- Summer 2020 External Examiner, Doctor Defense of Julie Lowe , PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations. Dissertation title: *"Legal Conceptions of Sexual Violation in Late Islamic Law and Modern Jordan."*
- May 2016 Chair, Session: "Engaging Others." 2016 Enoch Graduate Seminar, University of Texas at Austin.

Mar 2016 Chair, Session: “Communities of Interpretation between Qur’an, Sunnah, and Imam.”
Conference, Communities of the Qur’an. Rice University. Houston, TX.

TEACHING

I) Undergraduate Courses (with associated flags and designations[†])

ISL 310 – Introduction to Islam – GC, CEHET
ISL 340 – The Qur’an – GC & E
ISL 340 – Islamic Law - W
ISL 340 – Islamic Theology - W
ISL 340 – Classical Islamic Studies - W
ISL 340 – Religions of the Middle East – GC
MEL 301 – Gateway to the Middle East (MES major foundational course) - GC & W
MEL 323 – Engaging the Middle East (MES major capstone course) - W & II
UGS 303 – Stories from the Muslim West (Signature course) – CD, W, and E
ARA 130D - Arabic Grammar I through Arabic Grammar IV, Readings in Islamic Legal Texts

II) Graduate Courses

Islamic Studies: Interdisciplinary Introduction
Qur’anic Exegesis
Islamic Feminism

III) Individual Instruction/Conference Courses, Graduate Level

Arabic Readings in Classical Islamic Texts
French Readings in Islamic Feminism

IV) Informal (Non-Degree) Courses for UT Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

Islam in the World Today. (Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Winter 2018)
Prophet Stories in Comparative Scriptures. (Spring 2017)
Islamophobia: Concepts, Case Studies, and Tools for Analysis. (Spring 2017, Fall 2018)

V) Pedagogical Innovations and Initiatives

2017 – 2019 “Teaching the University” Canvas Curriculum
AY 2019 – 2020 Graduate Workshop on Muslim-Inclusive Pedagogy
2019 – present CMES Workshops for MA Students

ADVISING & MENTORING

I) Doctoral Committees (with year of graduation)

2022-present Reem Shaikh (member)
2021-present Joseph Kotinsky (member)
2020 Bruce Boville (supervisor)
2019 Jamila Davey, Comparative Literature (co-supervisor, w/Elizabeth Richmond-Garza)

[†] GC = Global Cultures, EL = Ethics and Leadership, W = Writing, II = Independent Inquiry, CD = Cultural Diversity in the US.

2018	Shehnaz Haqqani, MELC/Islamic Studies (supervisor)
2018	Ahmed Siddiqui, Government (member)
2015	Nida Kazim, School of Information (exam member only)
2015	Sharon Silzell, History (member)
2016	Hadi Hosaini, History (member)
2013	Maryam Kashani, Anthropology (member)
2012	Cory Jorgensen, Arabic Language and Literature (member)
2011	Banafsheh Madaninejad, Comparative Literature (member)

Masters Theses & Reports (Supervisor or Co-Supervisor)

2024	Asma Siddiqui, Middle Eastern Studies
2023	Attia Omara, Middle Eastern Studies
2022	Whitne Moussan, Middle Eastern Studies
2022	Andrea Toomey (co-supervisor, with Faegheh Shirazi)
2021	Emily King, Middle Eastern Studies
2020	Rachel Brooks, Middle Eastern Studies
2020	Destiny Mundy, Middle Eastern Studies
2019	Yasser Fazagha, Middle Eastern Studies (co-supervisor, with Faegheh Shirazi)
discont'd	Fahad Tasleem, Middle Eastern Studies
2018	Tori Pell, Middle Eastern Studies
2016	Sophia Golvach, Middle Eastern Studies and Law
2017	Rabea Benhalim, MELC/Islamic Studies – with intent to continue to doctorate
2016	Bruce Boville, MELC/Islamic Studies – with intent to continue to doctorate
2016	Saffiya Latif, Middle Eastern Studies
2015	Okan Dogan, Middle Eastern Studies
2013	Shehnaz Haqqani, MELC/Islamic Studies – continued to doctorate
2009	Christopher Lord, Middle Eastern Studies
2009	Kristy Blumeyer-Martinez, Middle Eastern Studies
2009	Anne Womer, Middle Eastern Studies
2009	Joseph Shaw, Middle Eastern Studies and Public Affairs
2008	Martha Jenks, Middle Eastern Studies
2007	Mark Riniker, Middle Eastern Studies
2007	Sarah Florer, Middle Eastern Studies and Law
2007	Blake Arnoult, Middle Eastern Studies
2007	Mansoor Bharmal, Middle Eastern Studies and Law

Master's Theses (Reader)

2023	Allyson Layman, Middle Eastern Studies
2021	Rabea Benhalim (supervisor then reader, with Kamran Aghaie)
2014	Emily Hawthorne, Middle Eastern Studies
2009	Tone Lund, Middle Eastern Studies
2007	Katelyn Downing, Middle Eastern Studies

Undergraduate Theses (Supervisor)

2021	Anum Aslam, Islamic Studies
2019	Sarah Ahmed, Middle Eastern Studies. Winner of the Liberal Arts Honors Outstanding Thesis Award for the Humanities for 2019.
2019	Danielle Ayana D'Aguilar, Plan II & Islamic Studies
2015	Katherine Parker, Middle Eastern Studies

2013	Katy Hammill, Middle Eastern Studies
2013	Brad Burnett, Islamic Studies
2012	Ramon Mejia, Religious Studies (did not complete)
2012	Heba Dafashi, Plan II Honors
2010	Emily Hawthorne, Plan II Honors (winner, Co-Op Mitchell Award)
2010	Imaad Khan, Religious Studies
2009	Saba Syed, Liberal Arts Honors

Undergraduate Theses (Reader)

2019	Mollie Becker, IRG (MES concentration)
2018	Rund Khayat, MES and Plan II
2015	Sami Halabi, Middle Eastern Studies and International Relations/Global Studies
2012	Arron Watkins, Religious Studies
2010	Sara Haji, Journalism and Plan II Honors
2009	Teresa Asma, Business and Plan II Honors (nominee, Co-Op Mitchell Award)
2008	Jennifer Nation, French and Plan II Honors (winner, Dean's Distinguished Graduates Award)

Other Student Research Supervision/Mentoring

Spr 2021	Erin Kelleher, MA. Short Course, "Being Muslim in America," for UT Division of Diversity and Community Engagement.
Spr 2021	Avery Davis, BA. Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP), on "Muslim American Literature."
2019 – 20	Brooke Reaves, BA. Provost Teaching Fellowship project.
Spr 2019	Jane Walters, BA. Research Supervisor, Undergraduate Research Experience (UGS 310).
2017	Jorge Burmicky, MA, Higher Education. Research Supervisor, Provost Teaching project.
2016 – 2019	Coordinator, UT-OLLI Seminars in Islamic Studies. Mentored graduate students to develop lectures for various Islam-related series.

SERVICE

To the Department of & Center for Middle Eastern Studies

Co-Coordinator, Jews in the World of Islam series	2019 – present
Graduate Advisor, Center for Middle Eastern Studies	2018 – present
Member, Hiring Committee, Cluster in Media/Disinformation	2019 – 2020
Member, Hiring Committee, Arabic & Francophone Literatures	2019 – 2020
Co-coordinator, Middle Eastern Studies Faculty Forum	2019 – 2020
Coordinator, Department/Center Islamic Studies Program	2015 – present
Coordinator, Islamic Studies Colloquium	2015 – 2020, 2023 – present
Coordinator, Islamic Studies Book Club	2013 – 2020, 2022 – present
Co-Chair, Departmental Assessment Committee	2015 – present
Member, Curriculum Committee	2012 – 2023
DMES Graduate Studies Committee	2007 – present
CMES FLAS Committee	2013 – 2014
DMES Executive Committee	2012 – 2014 and 2015 – present
DMES Admissions Committees for Islamic Studies	2007 – 2009, 2014 – present

To the University of Texas at Austin & the College of Liberal Arts

Founder & Discussant, COLA Book Club	Spring 2023
Graduate Assembly (Admin. Comm., 2018-20; Acad. Comm., 2020-21)	2018 – present
Jefferson Center in Core Texts & Ideas (JCCTI) Steering Committee	2017 – present
Founder & (Co-)Organizer, Sustaining Democracy, for JCCTI	2020 – present
COLA Curriculum Design Committee	2018 – 2019
Recipient/Participant, Provost's Teaching Fellowship program	2016 – 2020
Co-Chair, COLA Islamic Studies Initiative	2015 – 2018 (ext to 2020)
Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Religious Studies	2014 – present
Faculty Affiliate, Women and Gender Studies Program	2014 – present
Faculty Mentor, Fatima Jinnah Women's University Visiting Scholars Program. South Asian Institute, UT Austin.	Fall 2013
Instructor & Advisor, Aga Khan Institute/Muslim History and Cultures program	2009 – 2013
Humanities Subcommittee, Co-Op/Mitchell Undergraduate Awards Committee	2008 – 2012

To the Profession

Summer 2020	External Examiner, Doctoral Defense of Julie Lowe, PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations. Dissertation title: " <i>Legal Conceptions of Sexual Violation in Late Islamic Law and Modern Jordan.</i> "
2016 – present	Member, Series Editorial Board, <i>Modern Muslim World</i> , Gorgias Press
2015 – 2020	Book Review Editor, <i>Journal of Law and Religion</i> , Cambridge University Press
Spr 2013	Member, Program Committee, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)
2004 – present	Peer Reviewer for the following journals: • <i>Islamic Law and Society</i> • <i>Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies</i> • <i>Journal of Law and Religion</i> • <i>International Feminist Journal of Politics</i> • <i>Journal of Middle East Women's Studies</i> (JMEWS) • <i>Journal of Curriculum Theorizing</i> • <i>Feminist Formations</i> • <i>Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion</i> • <i>Humanities</i> • <i>Mizan: Jnl of Interdisciplinary Approaches to Muslim Societies & Civilizations</i> • <i>Political Theology</i> (20-21) • <i>International Journal of Human Rights</i> (22-23)
2004 – present	Peer Reviewer for the following presses: Oxford University Press • Wiley-Blackwell Press • Columbia University Press (20-21)

Professional Affiliations

Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA): 1997 - 1999, 2001, 2004, 2008 - 2010, 2012 - present
Association for the Study of Law, Culture, and the Humanities (ASCLH): 2011 – 2012
American Academy of Religion: 2016 – present.

Media Appearances & Public Engagement

Dec 2015	Television Interview, "Misconceptions about Islam and Muslims," on <i>Good Day</i> , Fox7 News, Austin, TX.
Dec 2015	Interview, "It's Like Holding Your Breath': Muslim Campus Leaders Describe a Charged Moment." <i>Chronicle of Higher Education</i> , Dec. 18, 2015.
July 2013	Interview, "Views on Texas abortion legislation, regulation differ among religions." <i>The Daily Texan</i> , July 8, 2013.

- Nov 2011 Radio Interview & Panel. Topic: “Out-conversion and apostasy laws in Islam.” KUT, Austin, TX.
- Nov 2010 Webcast Panelist, “Office Hours,” with Prof. Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University, NC. Topic: “Contemporary debates on interpreting the Qur’an.”
- Aug 2010 Radio Panelist, *Idea Lounge*, KOOP, Austin. Topic: “Anti-Baha’i policies in Iran and the Muslim world.”
- Aug 2009 Radio Interview, *RadioIslam*, WCEV, Chicago. Topic: “Marriage and relationships among American Muslims, challenges and solutions.”

LANGUAGES

Arabic, Classical - High
Arabic, Modern Standard - High
Arabic, Colloquial - Intermediate
Urdu, spoken – Native; Urdu, written - Intermediate
French - High
German - Basic