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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Near Eastern Studies with a minor in American Law, School of Middle Eastern & North African Studies and James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, 2014
- MSc. Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK, 2009
- B.A. Islamic Law and Theology, Al-Azhar University, Cairo, Egypt, 2006

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer University of Texas at Austin, 2015-Present
- Postdoctoral Faculty Fellow University of California, Santa Barbara, 2014-2015
- Co-Lecturer Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University, Spring 2014
- Lecturer School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, University of Arizona, Fall 2013
- Fellow National Center for Judicial and Legal Studies, Alexandria, Egypt, 2013-2014

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“We’re Not in Kūfa Anymore:” The Construction of Late Ḥanafism in The Early Modern Ottoman Empire, 16th – 19th centuries CE (proposing to presses this fall)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“If Abu Ḥanīfa Were Here: Authority, Continuity, and Revision in Ḥanafī Jurisprudence.” *Law and Religion* (Under review)

“The Sulṭān Says: State Authority in The Late Ḥanafī Tradition.” *Islamic Law and Society* (Forthcoming Spring 2016).

“Transmutations of Sharī‘a: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th - 20th Century Egypt.” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (Forthcoming 2015).

“Neither Desiring It, Nor Transgressing Its Limits: Necessity and Ethical Hierarchy in Islamic Law,” *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences* (Forthcoming 2015).

“The Mecelle: Sharī‘a, and Ottoman State: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th – 20th Century CE.” *The Journal of the Ottoman and Turkish Studies Association* 2:1 (2015): 121-146.

“Territorial Jurisprudence: Political Boundaries & Legal Jurisdiction.” *Contemporary Islamic Studies*, vol. 2 (March 2012): 4-33.

“Shura, Democracy & Shuracracy: The Islamist Dilemma.” *Edinburgh Middle East Report*, (2008): 12-14.

Translations

On The Modern Islamic Question: The Modern Legal State Between Sharī‘a and Positive Law in Egypt. Yale University Press (Under review).

Articles under preparation

The Ethics of Egg Freezing: Islamic Law on Contemporary Fertility Technologies

Eat Pork and Live: Islamic Legal Discourse on Necessitous Circumstances

Book Reviews

“The Fatigue of Sharī‘a.” *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 35:2 (2015): 111-3.

“The Ashgate Research Companion to Islamic Law.” *Review of Middle East Studies* (2015).

“Islamic law on peasant usufruct in Ottoman Syria: 17th to early 19th century.” *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (Spring 2016).

AWARDS

2015 Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award, Middle Eastern Studies Association

2015 Margaret T. Getman Service to Students Award Nominee, University of California, Santa Barbara

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENAS) Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 2012-2013 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (SBSRI), University of Arizona Dissertation Grant
- 2012-2013 Open Society Foundation, Global Supplementary Grant Fellow
- 2012 Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Student Travel Grant
- 2012 University of Arizona, Graduate College Fellowship
- 2011 University of Arizona, Graduate College Fellowship
- 2010 Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Student Travel Grant
- 2009 The Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Student Travel Grant
- 2009 Department of Near Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Student Travel Grant
- 2009 University of Arizona, Graduate College Fellowship
- 2008-2009 School of Literatures, Languages & Cultures Award, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK (declined)
- 2007-2009 The British Council of Egypt, British Chevening Scholarship

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 2015 “Necessity and Ethical Hierarchy in Islamic Law.” International Society for Islamic Legal Studies, Islamic Law and Ethics, Leiden University, Leiden, The Netherlands, November 6-8.
- 2015 “Legal Modernity and Islamic Law: *Mecelle* and Positive Legislation.” The Institute for Global Law and Policy, Islamic Law and Empire, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, June 1-2.
- 2014 “What is Ottoman Ḥanafism? Rethinking the ‘State-Madhhab’ Paradigm.” The International Conference of Ottoman Scholarship from Sahn-ı Seman to Darülfünün: Scholars, Institutions and Intellectual Products I: From the Conquest of Istanbul to the Establishment of the Suleymaniye Medreses. Istanbul University Faculty of Theology, Istanbul, Turkey, December 19-21.
- 2014 “Rethinking Premodern Legal Authority in the 20th Century Egypt.” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 22-25.
- 2014 “Legal Authority and State Power: Critical Notes on Early Modern Hanafi Jurisprudence.” The Institute for Global Law and Policy, Heterodox Approaches to Islamic Law and Policy, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, June 2.
- 2014 “Neither Desiring It, Nor Transgressing Its Limits: Necessitous Circumstances in Islamic Law.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics, Seattle, Washington, January 9-12.

- 2013 “If Abū Ḥanīfa Were Here: Authority, Continuity, and Revision in Ḥanafī Jurisprudence in the late 19th century CE.” Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans, LA, October 10-13.
- 2013 “The *Mecelle*: *Sharī‘a*, State, and Modernity: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in the 19th-20th Centuries CE.” Association of Muslim Social Scientists 42nd Annual Conference, Department of Near Eastern Studies & Program of Near Eastern Studies, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, September 28.
- 2012 “The Egyptian Inheritance Statute: The Irrelevance of Territoriality?” The VII International Society for Islamic Legal Studies Conference, Ankara, Turkey, May 29-June 1.
- 2012 “Universal Legal Maxims” Second Annual Graduate Student Islamic Studies Conference at the University of California, Santa Barbara, CA, February 17-19.
- 2010 “Jurisprudence for Muslim Minorities: Theory and Practice.” 10th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, March 31-April 2.
- 2008 “Shura, Democracy & Shuracracy: The Islamist Dilemma.” Annual British Society for Middle Eastern Studies Graduate Conference, London School of Economics, London, UK, September 8-9.

Panels Organized

- 2015 Leader, “Ferguson in the Middle East: Black Freedom and Revolution in the Muslim World,” Summer Faculty Reading Seminar, Benedictine University, Lisle, IL, July 28-30.
- 2015 Organizer, “State Craft and Law-Making in Imperial and Post-Imperial Muslim Polities,” Institute for Global Law and Policy, Islamic Law and Empire, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA, June 1-2.
- 2014 Organizer, “Transmutations of the Sharī‘a: Fashioning and Refashioning of Islamic Law in 19th - 20th Century Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 22-25.
- 2012 Co-organizer and panel chair, “Perspectives on Female Agency in Classical Fiqh.” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 17-20.

Panel Chair

- 2015 Panel chair, "Late Ottoman Invocations of Politics, Education, and Science," Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2015 Panel chair, "Patterns of Household Formation: Gender, Family, Law," Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2013 Panel chair and participant, Western Consortium Middle East Language Workshop, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson, March 29-31.

DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2015 "Rethinking Legal Authority and State Power: The Case of Early Modern Islamic Jurisprudence," Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, May 1.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Instructor of Record

Comparative Muslim Texts, Fall 2016
Modern Islamic Political Thought, Spring 2016
Rule of Law in Muslim Societies, Spring 2016
Comparative Middle East Law, Spring 2016 (graduate seminar)
Introduction to Islam, Fall 2015
Islamic Ethics, Fall 2015
Late Ottoman State & Society, Fall 2015 (graduate seminar)

University of California, Santa Barbara, Instructor of Record

Introduction to Islamic Law, Fall 2014
Islam and Modernity, Winter 2015
Vocabularies of Islamic Ethics, Spring 2015
Arabic Qur'ān (3rd year Arabic), Spring 2015 (senior undergraduate/graduate seminar)

University of Arizona, Instructor of Record

Islamic Civilization, Fall 2013
History of the Middle East (online), Summer 2013 & 2010
Elementary Arabic II, Spring 2013
The Religion of Islam (online), Summer 2012, 2011, 2010; Spring 2012; Winter 2011 & 2010
Intermediate Arabic I, Fall 2009

University of Arizona, Teaching Assistant

The Religion of Islam, Fall 2011 & 2010, Spring 2011 & 2010

University of Edinburgh, Graduate Tutor

Islamic History, Fall 2008

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Summer 2013	Research Assistant for Everett K. Rowson, New York University
2011-2013	Research Assistant for Scott C. Lucas, University of Arizona
Summer 2010	Project Assistant for the Middle East Studies Association
Fall 2008	Visiting Scholar, Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World, University of Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2015-2016	Coordinator, Islamic Studies Graduate Student Colloquium Series, The University of Texas at Austin
2013	Founder and Coordinator, School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Graduate Colloquium Series, University of Arizona
2011	Conference chair and organizer, Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies, Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization, University of Arizona

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2015	Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP) Workshop, Harvard Law School, Doha, Qatar, January 2-11.
2013	Project GO ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) Familiarization & Implications Workshop for Arabic, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, April 14-15.
2013	Western Consortium Middle East Language Workshop, Engaging Language & Culture Through Innovative Technologies, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, March 29-31.
2012	Moral Foundations of the Law Seminar, Center on Religion and the Constitution, The Witherspoon Institute, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, August 5-11.

2008 Teaching Arabic to Adults: A Communicative Approach, The Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland, September 8-12.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

2006-2007 Researcher and editor for Media International Co., Cairo, Egypt.

LANGUAGES

Arabic: native speaker

English: near-native fluency

German: proficient reading knowledge

Modern Turkish: intermediate reading, writing, and speaking knowledge

Ottoman Turkish: intermediate reading and writing knowledge

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics

International Society for Islamic Legal Studies

American Academy of Religion

Middle East Studies Associations

The Law and Society Association