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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Religious Studies (Islamic Studies); University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Chapel Hill NC. May 2018. Dissertation title: “The Science of the Breath in Persianate India.”

M.T.S. with concentration in “Religion and Society”; Harvard Divinity School; Cambridge, MA. June 2005.

B.A. in Religious Studies and Classics; Macalester College; St. Paul, MN. May 2003.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Fall 2010-Spring 2013, Instructor of Arabic, Department of Asian Languages & Civilizations, University of Colorado at Boulder; Boulder, CO

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT COLORADO SPRINGS; Colorado Springs, CO

Lecturer

Fall 2018-present, Department of Philosophy

World Religions (online)

Islamic Philosophy (online)

FRONT RANGE COMMUNITY COLLEGE; Westminster, CO

Adjunct Instructor

Fall 2019-present; Spring 2007 – Summer 2010

Arabic Language I & II

Conversational Arabic I & II

Comparative Religions

History of Islamic Civilization

Humanities: The Modern World (online)

World Mythology

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA – CHAPEL HILL; Chapel Hill, NC

Teaching Fellow (courses my own)

Fall 2016-Spring 2018

Mysticism

Muhammad and the Qur'an

Modern Muslim Literature

Teaching Assistant

Fall 2014-Spring 2016

Religion in America
Intro to Islamic Civilization

Graduate Research Consultant (mentoring undergraduates writing research papers)

Fall 2014-Spring 2017

Gender Theory and Study of Religion

Islam and Islamic Art in South Asia

Sufism

Modern Muslim Literature

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER; Boulder, CO

Fall 2010 – Spring 2013, Department of Asian Languages and Civilizations

Instructor of Arabic

Elementary Arabic I & II

Intermediate Arabic I & II

Advanced Arabic I & II

Media Arabic

NAROPA UNIVERSITY; Boulder, CO

Spring 2008-Spring 2013, Department of Religious Studies

Adjunct Instructor

Contemplative Islam (alternated between undergraduate- and graduate-level seminar)

BOULDER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – LIFELONG LEARNING; Boulder, CO

Spring 2006 – Spring 2009

Instructor

“Arabic for Everyone” (designed original syllabus for 8-week adult education course)

NAROPA UNIVERSITY; Boulder, CO

Spring 2006, School of Extended Studies

Adjunct Instructor

Introduction to Islam (designed original syllabus for 8-week adult education course)

PUBLICATIONS

2020 – co-authored with Carl W. Ernst. *Breathtaking Insights: Indian and Sufi Breath Practices from the Kāmarūpancāśikā to Hazrat Inayat Khan*, Richmond, Virginia, Suluk Press. Forthcoming.

2020 - “Bodies in Translation: Esoteric Conceptions of the Muslim Body in Early-modern South Asia.”

In *Subtle Bodies, Spatial Bodies: Transformational Embodiment in Religion*, George Pati and

Katherine C. Zubko, eds. New York: SUNY Press, under peer review.

2014 - “Translating the Qur’an with Purpose: The Case of Laleh Bakhtiyar,” in *Culguage in/of*

Translation from Arabic, Said Faiq Ovidi Carbonell and Ali Almannā (eds), Sayyab Books. Sayyab

Translation Studies Series #6.

BOOKNOTES

2019 – Anand Vivek Taneja. *Jinnealogy: Time, Islam, and Ecological Thought in the Medieval Ruins of Delhi*. Religious Studies Review (in-press).

2019 – Audrey Truschke. *Aurangzeb: The Life and Legacy of India’s Most Controversial King*.

Religious Studies Review (in-press).

2019 – Maryam D. Ekhtiar. *How to Read Islamic Calligraphy*. AAR Reading Religion. Review available at <http://readingreligion.org/books/how-read-islamic-calligraphy>.

2018 – Iza R. Hussin. *The Politics of Islamic Law: Local Elites, Colonial Authority, and the Making of the Muslim State*. Religious Studies Review 44, No. 3 (September), 345-345.

2017 - Andreas Görke and Johanna Pink (eds). *Tafsīr and Islamic Intellectual History: Exploring the Boundaries of a Genre*. Religious Studies Review 43, No. 1 (March), 71-72.

2017 - Ma'mar Ibn Rāshid (ed. and trans. Sean W. Anthony). *The Expeditions: An Early Biography of Muḥammad*. Religious Studies Review 43, No. 1 (March), 72-73.

POPULAR PRESS

2019 - "Muslims Have Been Here For Centuries," *Boulder Daily Camera*, Boulder CO. Sunday, August 4. Print version page B12, online: <http://boulderdailycamera.co.newsmemory.com/?publink=1f189a06b>.

2017 - "Breathing with Others: Science of the Breath in Early-modern South Asia," *The Maydan*, December 21, <https://www.themaydan.com/2017/12/breathing-others-science-breath-early-modern-south-asia/>

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES

2019 – "Why Supporting *Star Wars* Helps the Empire, not the Resistance." Co-presentation with Chad Federwitz. Denver Pop Culture Con. May 31-June 2, Denver, CO.

2019 – "The Jedi Religion: Sufi, Daoist, and Buddhist Themes and the Jedi Order." Co-presentation with Thomas DeZauche and Chad Federwitz. Denver Pop Culture Con. May 31-June 2, Denver, CO.

2018 – "Bodies in Translation: Esoteric Conceptions of the Muslim Body in Early-modern South Asia." Conference presentation. American Academy of Religion, November 17-20, Denver, CO.

2018 – "Philosophical Implications for Classifying *ilm-i dam* as 'Science.'" Conference presentation. Perso-Indica conference, February 1-2, Bonn, Germany.

2017 – "Mughal Indology in the Ain-i Akbari: Abu'l Fazl and Esoteric Divination Practices." Conference presentation. American Academy of Religion, November 18-21, Boston, MA.

2017 – "The Power of the Breath in Persianate India." Conference presentation. American Academy of Religion, November 18-21, Boston, MA.

2017 – "A Hindu *bismillah*? A Clash of Categories in Two Indo-Persian MSS." Conference presentation. Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 3-5, Raleigh, NC.

2016 – "Do Sufi Occultists Dream of Electric Sheep? Magical Constructions of Authenticity in a Nineteenth-Century Persian Manuscript." Conference presentation. American Academy of Religion, November 19-22, San Antonio, TX.

2015 – "'Finding Fortune in the Breath of the Master': Situating Sufism and Yogic Exchanges in a Nineteenth-Century Persian Manuscript." Conference presentation. American Academy of Religion, November 21-24, Atlanta, GA.

2015 – "'His injustice guides all kinds of justice': Discerning Rumi's Theory of Justice in the *Masnavi*." Conference presentation. Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, March 6-8, Nashville, TN.

2015 – "Study Day on Persian Poetry, Calligraphy, and Painting." Workshop participant. Freer Gallery of Art and Arthur M. Sackler Gallery. January 26, Washington, DC.

2012 – "Translating the Qur'an with Purpose: The Case of Laleh Bakhtiar." Conference presentation.

American Academy of Religion Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region. March 9-10, Provo, UT.
2010 – “Translating Religion: Pitfalls and Perils.” Conference presentation. American Translators Association, October 28, Denver, CO.
2008 – ““Do We Want to Talk to these Muslims?”: Investigating the Acceptance of Gülen Inspire Organizations by non-Muslim Religious Leaders in the U.S.” Conference presentation. Academy of Religion Rocky Mountain-Great Plains Region. March 14-15, Denver CO.
2006 – “Conscience in Islam – Building an Ethical Vocabulary in the Qur’an.” Conference presentation. 2nd Annual Conference on Islamic Studies, March 17-18, Madison WI.

INVITED TALKS

2017 - “Islam in South Asia: Muslim Origins Revisited.” Guest lecture in “Asian Religions,” November 6, Chapel Hill, NC.
2017 - “Islam in South Asia: Routes not Roots.” Guest lecture in “Asian Religions,” April 5, Chapel Hill, NC.
2016 - “19th CE Catholic Immigration to America.” Guest lecture in “Religion in America,” March 23, Chapel Hill, NC.
2016 – “Persian Paintings at the Ackland.” Nowruz (Persian New Year) celebration, March 21, Chapel Hill, NC.
2016 – “Sufi Ethics.” Guest lecture in “Sufism,” February 25, Chapel Hill, NC
2015 – “Qur’an as Literature.” Guest lecture in “Intro to Islamic Civilization,” September 9, Chapel Hill, NC.
2014 – “Persian Literature.” Guest lecture in “Intro to Islamic Civilization,” November 10, Chapel Hill, NC.
2014 – “Religion in Iran.” Guest lecture in “Intro to Iranian Culture,” September 3, Chapel Hill, NC.
2013 – “The Middle East: Myths and Realities” - Presentation for workshop on Middle Eastern history designed for secondary school teachers, sponsored by the Center for Asian Studies at CU-Boulder. May 11, Boulder, CO.
2008 – “The Middle East: Fact and Fiction.” Regis Jesuit High School Diversity Day, February 26, Aurora, CO.
2005 – “Travelers in the Medieval Islamic Lands – Five Perspectives” - Presentation for teachers’ workshop, “Crossroads of Cultures: The Islamic World, 750-1400” sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. May 7, Boston MA.

GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

2019 – UCCS Compass Curriculum Course Enhancement Grant (World Religions course)
2018 – American Academy of Religion Travel Grant.
2017 – UNC Robert Miller Fund for Graduate Student Excellence.
2017 – UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies Dorothy Ford Wiley Dissertation Workshop. September 27, Chapel Hill, NC.
2017 – UNC Medieval and Early Modern Studies Summer Research award.
2017 – Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies.
2017 – UNC Religious Studies Department Summer Research Fellowship.
2016 – UNC Summer Research Fellowship.
2015 – Roshan Cultural Heritage Institute Fellowship for Excellence in Persian Studies.
2014/2015 Academic Year – Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship for Persian, UNC.
2013/2014 – UNC Doctoral Merit Assistantship.

- 2011 – Summer Course Redesign Grant, project title “Integrating colloquial Arabic materials into the Modern Standard Arabic curriculum using the Pimsleur Audio program.”
- 2008 – Front Range Community College (FRCC), “Teaching with Technology” grant to develop video materials for Arabic Language I/II classes. Grant resulted in videos designed to assist students with learning the Arabic alphabet (material is currently available on FRCC’s iTunesU website).
- 2003 – Presidential Leadership Award - Macalester College.
- 2003 – Internationalism Award - Macalester College.
- 2002 – Boren Fellowship for study abroad in Morocco.
- 2002 – Paul Gerdes Memorial Grant for Study Abroad.

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- 2016-2018. Head of Graduate Teaching Committee, UNC Religious Studies Department, Chapel Hill, NC
- 2016-2018. Member of Graduate Student Organizing Committee, UNC Religious Studies Department, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2017 - Organized RELI Round Table, “Embodiment and the Religious Studies Classroom.” September 14th, UNC Department of Religious Studies.
- 2017 - Organized RELI Round Table, “Teaching Outside of One’s Specialization.” January 18, UNC Department of Religious Studies.
- 2015 - Lead member of organizing committee for 12th annual Duke/UNC Islamic Studies Graduate Conference, “Conceiving the Beautiful: Theorizing Islamicate Aesthetics,” February 26-28, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 – Lead organizer for visit to UNC by Dr. Talinn Grigor for a lecture entitled “Art Historiography and Eclectic Architecture in 19th Century Iran and India.” November 13th, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 – Lead organizer for visit to UNC by Dr. Hamid Reza Ghlijkhani for a lecture on contemporary Persian calligraphy and a demonstration of traditional Persian calligraphic techniques and styles. April 2-4, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2014 – Member of organizing committee for 11th annual Duke/UNC Islamic Studies Graduate Conference “Cartographies of Islam: Creating Locations and the Places Beyond Meaning.” February 15-17, Chapel Hill, NC.
- 2010-2013 – Adjunct Partner (Represented Department of Religious Studies on council for intra-university adjunct faculty). Naropa University, Boulder, CO.
- 2002-2003 – Student representative, Presidential Search Committee, Macalester College. St. Paul, MN.
- 2002-2003 – Student representative, Visiting Professor of Islamic Studies Search Committee, Macalester College, Department of International Studies. St. Paul, MN.

LANGUAGE TRAINING

- School for International Training – Spring 2002
- College Semester Abroad, Rabat, Morocco
- American University in Cairo – Summer 2001
- Summer Language Institute, Cairo

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- Arabic
- Persian
- French

German
Ancient Greek

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion
American Historical Society
Asian Studies Association
Middle Eastern Studies Association