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Professional Status

Assistant Professor, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin.
Specialization(s): Islamic Studies (Law, Theology, Exegesis, Hadith, Gender/Sexuality)

Teaching Appointments

Sep 2007 – present — **Assistant Professor**, Islamic Studies, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin.
Undergraduate Courses:
- "Introduction to Islam" (ISL 310): a large lecture-and-test course (gateway to the ISL major)
- "Qur'an" (ISL 340): a large lecture-and-test upper division course
- "Classical Islamic Studies" (ISL 340): a small discussion-and-writing course
- "Islamic Law" (ISL 340): a small discussion-and-writing course
- "Islamic Theology" (ISL 340): a small discussion-and-writing course
- "Religions of the Middle East" (MES 322K): a mid-sized lecture-and-test course

Graduate Courses:
- "Qur'anic Exegesis": seminar focusing on the classical tafsir tradition, with primary text readings in Arabic from the exegetical genre
- "Islamic Studies: A Disciplinary Introduction": seminar focusing on the academic study of Islam, with a focus on pedagogy/syllabus development

Spr 2008 — **Instructor**, Odyssey Program (continuing education), University of Texas at Austin.
Course title: "Introduction to the Qur'an"

Jan 2006 – Aug 2007 — **Instructor,** Islamic Studies. Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

Fall 1999 - Spr 2004 — **Lecturer**, Islamic Studies. Department of Religious Studies, St. Mary's College of California, CA. Undergraduate courses: "Introduction to Islam."

Spr 2002 — **Anderson Visiting Instructor in Religious Studies**. Department of Religious Studies, Stanford University, CA. Undergraduate courses: "Introduction to Islam" and "Islamic Legal Theory."

Education

Jan 2007 — **PhD**, Islamic Studies, Department of Religion, Duke University, NC.
Dissertation title: "Sexual Violence in Mālikī Legal Ideology: From Discursive Foundations to Classical Articulation"
Filed April 2007

Dec 2000	**M.A.,** Religion, Duke University, NC. *Major:* Islamic Studies, with focus on Islamic law and on women/gender in Islam *Internal Minor:* Critical theories of religion and society *External Minor:* Women and gender studies, with focus on Muslim women's history and on contemporary Islamic feminist movements.
May 1992	**B.A**., Loyola University of Chicago, IL. *Majors*: Philosophy and Communication (Journalism)

Scholarly Publications

Books

in preparation	Book, *Sexual Violation in Classical Islamic Law*. Estimated window of completion: Fall 2012.

Articles and Essays

under review	Annotated bibliography, "Marriage." *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Islamic Studies*. Submitted September 2012.
forthcoming	Book chapter, "Competing Approaches to Rape in Islamic Law." In *Feminism, Law and Religion*. Eds. Lisa Schiltz, Susan Stabile and Marie Failinger. (Ashgate Press, 2013)
forthcoming	Invited article, "Rape." *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law*.
Spring 2013	Journal article, "Rape as a Variant of *Zinā* in Islamic Law: an Examination of the Legal *Āthār*." *Journal of Law and Religion.* (Forthcoming, Spring 2013)
Spring 2013	Journal article, "Sex, Eroticism and Marriage in Contemporary Islamic Advice Literature," *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)* 9.1 (Forthcoming, Winter 2012-13)
March 2012	Book chapter, "The Exclusion of Women's Testimony in the *Ḥudūd*: Toward a Rethinking." Essay in edited volume *A Jihad for Justice: Honoring the Work and Life of Amina Wadud*. Eds. Laury Silvers, Kecia Ali and Juliane Hammer. (2012)
2009-2010	Journal article, "The *Hijāb* at Cross-Purposes: Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature," *Comparative Islamic Studies* 5.1 (2009) 131-176.

Book Reviews

In preparation	Book Review, *Marriage and Slavery in Early Islam*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2010. For *Islamic Law and Society*. To be submitted Fall 2012.
Fall 2012	Book Review, *The Perfect Guide to the Sciences of the Qur'an*, volume 1. Jalāl al-Dīn al-Suyūṭi. Trs. Hamid Algar, Michael Schub and Ayman Abdel Haleem (Garnet Publishing, 2011), in *Digest of Middle East Studies (DOMES)*, v.21, n.2 (Fall 2012).
2010	Book Review, *The Islamic Marriage Contract: Case Studies in Islamic Family Law*. Eds. Asifa Quraishi and Frank E. Vogel (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2008), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society (JAOS)* 130.4 (2010) or 131.1 (2011).

2009 Book Review, *Muslim Women in Law and Society. Annotated translation of al-Ṭāhir al-Ḥaddād's* Imra'tunā fi 'l-sharī'a wa'l-mujtama', *with an introduction*, by Ronak Husni and Daniel L. Newman, in *Journal of Islamic Studies* 20:1.

Jul 2004 Book Review, *The Ulama in Contemporary Islam: Custodians of Change*, by Muhammad Qasim Zaman, in *The Journal of Religion*, 84:3 (July 2004).

May 2002 Book Review, *Infants, Parents and Wet Nurses: Medieval Islamic Views on Breastfeeding and Their Social Implications*, by Avner Giladi, in *The Journal of Islamic Studies*, 13:2 (May 2002).

2000-01 Book Review, *Chapters on Marriage and Divorce* by Susan Spectorsky, and *Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers* by Judith Tucker, in *The Journal of Law and Religion*, 15:1-2 (2001)

Conferences/ Academic Presentations/ Workshops

Nov 2012 *Panelist*, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
Panel Title: "Perspectives on Female Agency in Classical Fiqh"
Talk Title: "Monetary Awards for Rape Victims in Islamic Law: a Vindication of Rights or a Compensation for Adultery?"

Mar 2012 *Panelist and Chair*, "Representing Justice." 15th Annual Conference, Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities.
Panel Title: "Rape"
Talk Title: "The Definition of Rape as 'Coercive Fornication' in Classical Islamic Law"

Feb 2011 *Panelist*, "Changing Roles? - Women in Traditional Jewish and Muslim Communities." Humanities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago.
Talk Title: "Women's Religious Leadership in Islam/Muslim Communities"

Nov 2010 *Panelist*, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
Panel Title: "Politics of Sexuality and Violence"
Talk Title: "Sexual violence in Islamic law: Where did these laws come from, anyway?"

Oct 2010 *Invited Participant*, Ali Vural Ak Center for Islamic Studies, George Mason University, VA.
Workshop Title: "Constructing Muslim 'Feminist' Ethics: Gendered Power Relations in the Qur'an and the Prophetic Example"

Mar 2010 *Presenter*, Symposium for Gender, History and Sexuality, Department of History, University of Texas, Austin. Title: "The Notion of the Erotic in Contemporary Islamic Advice Literature."

Nov 2009 *Panelist*, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) annual conference, Boston.
Title: "Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature"

Apr 2009 *Presenter*, Middle Eastern Studies Luncheon Series, University of Texas at Austin.
Title: "The Hijāb at Cross-Purposes: Conflicting Models of the Erotic in Popular Islamic Advice Literature"

Apr 2009 *Panelist*, Conference Title: "Beauty in the Worlds of Islam," University of Texas at Austin, TX.
Panel Title: "The Poetics & Politics of Art, Architecture, and Law"
Talk Title: "Aesthetic Dimensions in Classical Islamic Law"

Nov 2008 *Panelist*, Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Panel Title: "Fiqh and Gender"
Talk Title: "Identifying the Victim: God vs. the Woman in Islamic Rape Law"

Nov 2008 — *Discussant,* Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA) annual conference, Washington, D.C.
Panel Title: "Reflections on Tafsir and Islamic Hermeneutics"

May 2008 — *Panelist*, International Writing Across the Curriculums Conference (IWACC 2008), Austin, TX.
Panel Title: "Difficult Dialogues: Inducting Students into a New Disciplinary Language"
Talk Title: "Substance, Discipline and Writing in Islamic Studies Courses"

Feb 2008 — *Speaker*, Topic: "Confronting Patriarchy in Muslim Societies," Stanford University, CA.
Talk Title: "The Problematic Notion of Sexuality in the Islamic Tradition"

Apr 2007 — *Presenter*, Conference Title: "Re-Imagining Muslim Ethics," Duke University, NC.
Talk Title: "The Rights of God versus the Rights of Persons: A Zero-Sum Game? (4/6)

Feb 2005 — *Presenter*, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX.
Topic: "Sexual Hierarchy in Islamic Legal Epistemology and its Implications for Proving Rape"

Spr 2004 — *Presenter*, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of Texas at Austin, TX.
Topic: "Sexual Coercion in Islamic Law: Outlines of a Discourse."

Spr 2003 — *Panelist*, "Religious Pluralism in the 21st Century: Muslim Identities in the Diaspora," Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.
Topic: "Muslim Women and Intellectual Activism."

Academic Service/Committee Membership (within the University)

AY 2010 – 11
- Humanities Subcommittee, Co-Op/Mitchell Undergraduate Awards Committee
- Aga Khan Institute/Muslim History and Cultures project

AY 2009 – 10
- Executive Committee, Department of Middle Eastern Studies.
- Humanities Subcommittee, Co-Op/Mitchell Undergraduate Awards
- Aga Khan Institute/Muslim History and Cultures project

AY 2008 – 09
- Humanities Subcommittee, Co-Op/Mitchell Undergraduate Awards
- MA Selection Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- MA & PhD Selection Committee, Department of Middle Eastern Studies

AY 2006 – 07
- Search Committee, Assistant Professor in Islamic Art History
- MA Selection Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- MA & PhD Selection Committee, Department of Middle Eastern Studies
- Teaching Evaluation Committee, for Samer Ali's tenure review process

Fall 2006 – Present — Undergraduate and Graduate Supervision and Readership to date[i]:
- doctoral defense committees: 2
- doctoral exam committees: 2
- masters thesis supervision: 9
- masters thesis committees: 3
- undergraduate thesis supervision: 6
- undergraduate thesis committees: 5

General Academic Service

2004 - Present — *Peer/Manuscript Reviewer*, for the following publications:
- *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies*
- *Journal of Law and Religion*
- *International Feminist Journal of Politics*
- *Journal of Middle East Women's Studies (JMEWS)*
- *Journal of Curriculum Theorizing*
- *Feminist Formations*
- *Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*

2008 – 2009 — *Curriculum Consultant*, Zaytuna College, Berkeley, CA.

Public Talks/Teaching Lectures

Nov 2011 — *Presenter,* Leadership Development and Education for Sustain Peace Program (LDESP), Camp Mabry, Austin, TX.
Topic: Islamic Sects in Afghanistan and Introduction to Islamic Law

Oct 2011 — *Guest Speaker*, UGS 302, "Debates on Democracy in America," taught by Prof. Gretchen Ritter.
Topic: Veiling and Unveiling Post-9/11.

April 2011 — *Invited Speaker*, Texas State University, Muslim Student Association, San Marcos, TX.
Title: "Is there an Islamic Feminism: How Muslim Women are Working for Change in the World Today"

March 2011 — *Invited Speaker*, Nursi Chair in Islamic Studies, John Carroll University, OH
Title: "Is there an Islamic Feminism: How Muslim Women are Working for Change in the World Today"

Feb 2011 — *Presenter/Discussant*, Jefferson Center in Core Texts and Ideas, UT Austin
Topic: Ibn Ṭufayl's *Hayy ibn Yaqzan*

Oct 2010 — *Guest Speaker*, University United Methodist Church, Austin, TX.
Title: "Trends in Islamic Feminism"

May 2010 — *Guest Lecturer*, SAGE adult education series, "World Religions in Comparative Perspective," at the University of Texas, Austin.
Title: "Key Themes in the Study of Islam."

Mar 2010 — *Discussant,* "Quest for Honor" (film screening), University of Texas, Austin.

Feb 2010 — *Guest Speaker*, UT-MSA Friday Halaqa.
Title: "Studying Islam as a Muslim at the University."

Feb 2010 — *Guest Speaker,* Soup and Substance (student discussion group), St. Edward's University.
Title: "The Significance of Affliction in Islamic Theology."

Feb 2010 — *Guest Lecturer*, Study Program: "Encountering the Worlds of Islam." Topic: "The Core Beliefs of Islam."

Jan 2010	*Guest Speaker*, UUFA (United Universalist Fellowship of Austin). Topic: "An Interscriptural Reading of the Adam and Eve Story in the Bible and the Qur'an."
Dec 2009	*Discussant*, UCC Reading Group. Topic: *No God But God*, by Reza Aslan.
Nov 2009	*Guest Lecturer*, Course: WCV 303, "World Scriptures," UT Austin. Topic: The Qur'an
Aug 2009	*Guest Lecturer*, Zaytuna Summer Arabic program, Berkeley, CA. Topic: "Arabic across the religious disciplines"
Nov 2008	*Guest Lecturer*, Course: WCV 303, "World Scriptures," UT Austin. Topic: The Qur'an
Oct 2008	*Panelist*, "The Morality of Armed Conflict," part of the University Christian Church Forum panel series entitled "Religion in Public Life"; Topic: Muslim perspectives on armed conflict (10/26/08)
Jun 2008	*Guest Lecturer*, Fulbright-Hays Summer Seminar Abroad, Orientation, UT Austin. Topic: Women in Moroccan Law
Apr 2008	*Discussant*, "Jihad for Love" (film screening), Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX. Topic: Homosexual relationships in Islamic religion and law
Mar 2008	*Invited Speaker*, Difficult Dialogues (Ford Foundation program), UT Austin. Topic: "The *Hijab* (veiling) and Sexuality in American Islam"
Feb 2008	*Guest Lecturer*, Prof. Ian Manners' course, "Methods and Approaches in Middle Eastern Studies" Topic: "Introduction to the Field of Islamic Law"
Feb 2008	*Guest Lecturer*, Iraq Culture and Governance Seminar, sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, UT Austin. Topic: "Islamic Law and the Iraqi Constitution"
Jan 2008	*Guest Lecturer*, UT MBA Arabian Gulf Global Connections Program. Topics: "Intro to Islam" and "Women in Islam" (1/30)
Jan 2008	*Discussant*, Ransom Reading Group, UT Liberal Arts Honors Program. Topic: "E. A. Abbott's *Flatland* as Religious Allegory" (1/23)
Sep 2007	*Guest Lecturer*, Encountering the World of Islam (lecture series) Topic: "The Expansion of Islam from 632 CE until Today, and Muslim Contributions to World Civilization" (9/14)
Sep 2007	*Discussion Sponsor*, "Voltaire's Coffees" Reading Group, UT Plan II Honors Program. Topic: "Prophecy in Ursula Le Guin's *Earthsea* Trilogy and in Mary Stewart's *The Crystal Cave*" (9/11)
Jun 2007	*Invited Speaker*, "Restoring Women to World Studies," UT Austin (Center for Middle Eastern Studies), TX. Topic: "Gender and Power in Islamic History" (6/6)
Apr 2007	*Panelist*, University Interfaith Council (UIC) Interfaith Dialogue and Panel Discussion, University Presbyterian Church, Austin, TX.

Topic: "What is Heaven Like, and Who Gets to Go? (Three Perspectives)"

Mar 2007 — *Guest Speaker*, UT Muslim Students' Association. Topic: "Women in the Shariah" (3/23)

Mar 2007 — *Guest Speaker,* Religious Studies Student Committee, UT Austin, TX.
Topic: "Stealing or Sinning? The Concept of Rape in Classical Islamic Law" (3/29)

Mar 2007 — *Invited Speaker*, Difficult Dialogues (Ford Foundation program), UT Austin.
Topic: "Do American Muslim Women Represent America?" (3/27)

Feb 2007 — *Guest Lecturer*, for Ian Manners' Graduate Seminar, "Methods and Approaches in Middle Eastern Studies."
Topic: "Islamic Law as an Academic Discipline: Current Issues" (2/20)

Spr 2006 — *Guest Lecturer*, "Mediterranean Crossroads Seminar" (March 20).
Topic: "Jewish and Islamic Law in Comparison."

Mar 2006 — *Guest Speaker*, Religious Studies Student Association/Muslim Students Association, University of Texas at Austin, TX. Topic: "The Debate Concerning Woman-Led Prayer in Islam."

Oct 2005 — *Guest Speaker*, Council on Foreign Relations, Stephen M. Kellen Term Member Program.
Topic: "Religious Pluralism at the Founding of Islam and Today"

Sep 2005 — *Featured Speaker*, ISNA (Islamic Society of North America), Annual Conference.
Topic: "The Islamic Roots of Pluralism"

Spr 2004 — *Guest Speaker*, Women in Islam Week, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA. Topic: "Why the Shariah Seems to Fail Women."

Wint 2003 — *Guest Speaker*, Stanford University, Stanford, CA. Law School course: "Islam and the Rule of Law."

Nov 2003 — *Panelist*, International Day to Eliminate Violence Against Women, St. Mary's College of California, CA. Topic: "Violence Against Women in Cross-Cultural Perspective."

Spr 2001 - Spr 2004 — *Lecturer,* Spring Sabbatical Workshop, Jesuit School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA.

General Publications and Media Appearances

Fall, 2011 — Radio Inteview, KUT, Austin.
Topic: Out-conversion and apostasy laws in Islam.

Nov 10, 2010 — Webcase Panelist, "Office Hours" with Prof. Ebrahim Moosa, Duke University, NC
Topic: Contemporary debates on interpreting the Qur'an

Aug 19, 2010 — Radio Panelist, *Idea Lounge*, KOOP, Austin.
Topic: Anti-Baha'i policies in Iran and the Muslim world

Aug 27, 2009 — Radio Interview, *RadioIslam*, WCEV, Chicago.

	Topic: Marriage and relationships among American Muslims, challenges and solutions.
Mar 2005	Article, "A Critique of the Argument for Women-Led Prayer," altmuslim.com (March 18, 2005)
Jul 2004	Reference Guide, "Islam," SparkCharts Humanities Series. A double-blind peer-evaluated study chart meant to accompany university-level courses on Islam.
Spr 2001	Article, "The *Halaqah* Controversy: Do We Have the Right to Interpret in the Absence of Scholars?" *Azizah Magazine*, 1:2 (Spring, 2001).
Apr 2001	Book Review, *Muslim Marriage Guide* by Ruqayyah Waris Maqsood, for *BeliefNet.com,* April 4, 2001.
Wint 2000	Book Review, "Shaping the Discourse of Ourselves," of *Western Representations of the Muslim Woman: From Termagant to Odalisque*, by Mohja Kahf, in *Azizah Magazine*, 1:1 (Winter 2000).

[i] *Fall 2006 – Present* Undergraduate and Graduate Committeeships to date:

Doctoral Defenses (on Committee)
• Sharon Silzell, PhD/History (current – at ABD stage)
• Maryam Kashani, PhD/Anthropology (current - at ABD stage)
• Hadi Hosaini, PhD/History (current – at ABD stage)
• Cory Jorgensen, PhD/Arabic Language and Literature, August 2012
• Banafsheh Madaninejad, PhD/Comparative Literature, August 2011

Doctoral Examinations (on Committee)
• Hadi Hosaini, PhD/History, August 2011
• Cory Jorgensen, PhD/Arabic Language & Literature, January 2010

Masters Theses (Supervisor)
• Shehnaz Haqqani, MA/Middle Eastern Studies (current - in research stage)
• Christopher Lord, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 09
• Kristy Blumeyer-Martinez, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 09
• Anne Womer, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Sum 09
• Martha Jenks, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Spr 08
• Mark Riniker, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Fall 07
• Sarah Florer, MA/JD, Spr 07
• Blake Arnoult, MA/Middle Eastern Studies, Spr 07
• Mansoor Bharmal, Joint MA/JD, Spr 07
• Joseph Shaw, MA, Sum 09

Masters Theses (on Committee)
• Tone Lund, MA, Spr 09
• Katelyn Downing, MA, Fall 07

Undergraduate Theses (Supervisor)
• Ramon Mejia, BA/Religious Studies, Fall 12
• Heba Dafashi, BA/Plan II Honors, Spr 12
• Emily Hawthorne, BA/Plan II Honors, Fall 10 (winner, Co-Op Mitchell Award)
• Imaad Khan, BA, Spr 10
• Saba Syed, BA/Liberal Arts Honors, Spr 09

Undergraduate Theses (Second Reader)
• Arron Watkins, BA/Religious Studies, Spr 12
• Sara Haji, BA/Plan II Honors, Spr 10
• Teresa Asma, BA/Plan II Honors, Spr 09 (nominee, Co-Op Mitchell Award)
• Jennifer Nation, BA/Plan II Honors, Spr 08 (winner, Dean's Distinguished Graduates Award)