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Current Positions

Mirza Family Professor of Islamic Thought & Muslim Societies --July 2020—

University of Notre Dame, Keough School for Global Affairs Fall 2014—Additional appointments and affiliations in:

Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

Department of History

Co-director, Contending Modernities program

Education

Ph.D., University of Cape Town, 1995

Dissertation Title: *The Legal Philosophy of al-Ghazali: Law, Language and Theology in al-Mustasfa*

M.A. University of Cape Town, 1989

Thesis Title: *The Application of Muslim Personal and Family Law in South Africa: Law, Ideology and Socio-Political Implications.*

Post-graduate diploma (Journalism), The City University London, UK 1983

B.A. (Pass) degree Kanpur University, Kanpur, India, 1982

‘Ālimiyya Degree Dārul ‘Ulūm Nadwatul ‘Ulamā, Lucknow, India, 1981

Professional History

Previously employed at the University of Cape Town (1989-2001), Stanford University (visiting professor 1998-2001) and Duke University (2001-2014)

Scholarship, Fellowships & Honors

- 2016-2022 Listed among *The Muslim 500, The World's Most Influential Muslims* by The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre an independent research entity affiliated with the Royal Aal al-Bayt Institute for Islamic Thought in Amman, capital of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.
- 2016-2020 Qatar National Research Fund (\$22,540) for research project on Genomics and Islamic Ethics collaboration with the Research Center for Islamic Legislation & Ethics, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar.
- 2016-2018 Grant as member of the Core Research Group, "Making Peace with Jihadists? Religious armed conflict and prospects for conflict resolution," Department of Peace and Conflict Research (DPCR), Uppsala University, Sweden (\$60,968)
- 2015-2021 John Templeton Foundation grant "Advancing Theological and Scientific Literacy in Madrasa Discourses in India and Pakistan." 5-year grant total of USD \$ 1.2 million
- 2012-2014 Member, Contending Modernities research project, University of Notre Dame, "Science and the Human Person: Catholic, Muslim, and Secular Perspectives." 3-year commitment
- 2012 Visiting Professor, June summer session, University of Paderborn, Germany
- 2012 Langford Award, Duke University for excellence in scholarship and invited to deliver the distinguished Langford lecture.
- 2010 Fellow Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study, Stellenbosch, South Africa (Feb-April)
- 2009 American Academy of Religion Collaborative Research Grant
- 2009 Listed in a joint survey by Georgetown University's The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding and Jordan's The Royal Islamic Strategic Studies Centre as one of 500 influential Muslims.
- 2006 American Academy of Religion Best First Book in the History of Religions award for *Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination* (Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina Press, 2005).
- 2005 Choice Outstanding Academic Title Award for 2005 for "*Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination*." Choice is a publication division of the American Library Association.
- 2005 Carnegie Scholar 2005 (\$ 99K)

- 2005 Ford Foundation editorial grant to co-ordinate a cohort of international scholars and workshops towards preparing a volume of articles titled: *Philanthropy for Social Justice in Muslim Societies*. \$150K
- 2004 Awarded a Ford Foundation planning grant “*Mapping Knowledge, Shaping Muslim Ethics: Seeking a Paradigm Shift*” to explore the challenges and questions involved in re-thinking contemporary Muslim ethics \$150K. Grant period extended to 2006.
- 2002-2003 New Beginnings in Ethics, Duke University
- 1999-2002 Awarded Ford Foundation grant to convene a pan-African research project “Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa.” Three-year project involved 60 international scholars investigating Muslim family law in sub-Saharan Africa. Convened three international symposia: 2000 Daressalam, 2001 Dakar and 2002 Cape Town. \$150K
- 1999 Erasmus Fellow, University of Notre Dame
- 1996 Social Science Faculty Grant for research in curriculum planning and design, University of Cape Town
- 1996 Centre for Scientific Development, International Travel Grant, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1996 Mellon Library Grant, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- 1995 Affiliate Research Fellow, Office for African Studies, American University in Cairo (November –December)
- 1993 Centre for Scientific Development, International Travel Grant, Pretoria, South Africa
- 1990-1991 University of Chicago, South African Fellowship (Oct. 1990-Feb 1991)
- 1986 USIS International Visitors Program to United States (November)

Boards of Trustees & Advisory Board

- 2017- Member of the Board of Trustees of the Doha Institute, Doha, Qatar (renewed)
- 2018- Member of the Joint Advisory Board Georgetown-Qatar
- 2021- Christian Relief Services, Human Dignity Advisory Group

Research Interests

Historical Studies:

Islamic law & ethics, moral philosophy, human personhood
juristic theology– medieval studies, with special reference to al-Ghazali;
history and hermeneutics

Muslim Intellectual Traditions of South Asia:

Madrasas of India and Pakistan; intellectual trends in Deoband school
Theology and science education in madrasas in South Asia

Muslim Ethics

medical ethics and bioethics, Muslim family law, Islam and constitutional law;
modern Islamic law

Critical Thought:

law and identity; religion and modernity, with special attention to human rights and
pluralism

Minor Research Interests

history of religions; sociology of knowledge; philosophy of religion

Publications

Books

What is a Madrasa? University of North Carolina Press Chapel Hill, NC: University
of North Carolina Press, 2015): 290.

(Urdu translation of *What is Madrasa?* titled as *Dīnī Madāris ‘aşrī ma ‘nawīyyat awr
jadīd taqāze*, trans. Waris Mazhari (Deoband: Naeemiyya Islamic Book Depot 2017);
also published in Pakistan by Iqbal International Institute for Research and
Development, Islamabad).

Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination (Chapel Hill, NC: University of North
Carolina Press, 2005): 349 (Winner of the 2006 *American Academy of Religion’s*
Award for the Best First Book in the History of Religions. Also received the *Choice*
Outstanding Academic Title Award for 2005. *Choice* is a publication of a division of
the American Library Association. Ziauddin Sardar, a columnist at the *New*
Statesman chose it as his two best books for 2005, see:
<http://www.newstatesman.com/200511280034>)

Turkish translation of *Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination* as İbrahim Musa,
Gazzali İmgelem Poetikası, translated by Çağla Taşkın (Ankara: Hece Yayınları,
2018).

Edited Volumes

Charles Villa-Vicencio, Erik Doxtader, and Ebrahim Moosa, *The African Renaissance
and the Afro-Arab Spring: A Season of Rebirth?* (Georgetown University Press, 2015)

Jeffrey T. Kenney & Ebrahim Moosa, *Islam in the Modern World*, (London & New
York, Routledge, 2013):459

Shamil Jeppie, Ebrahim Moosa & Richard Roberts. *Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies and Post-Colonial Challenges*. (Amsterdam University Press, Spring, 2010): 388.

Fazlur Rahman (posthumous essays), *Revival and Reform: A Study of Islamic Fundamentalism* (Oxford: Oneworld, 1999), edited by Ebrahim Moosa, with introduction and postscript by editor. Introduction, 1-29; Postscript 204-206.

Work under Preparation

Books

After Revelation: Debating Muslim Ethics (in-progress earmarked for Princeton University Press).

The Implications of Dignity in Islam (contracted to Yale University Press)

Theology in an Age of Contingency: Madrasas and the Modern Age (edited volume). Final chapters for the volume editing completed in summer 2023.

Articles & Book Chapters Submitted for publication:

“Going Rogue on Islam: Derrida’s Muslim Hauntology and Nationalism’s Specters,” in Atalia Omer & Joshua Lupo (eds) *Religion, Populism, and Modernity: Confronting White Christian Nationalism and Racism* (Notre Dame, IN: University of Notre Dame Press), (13,000 words.)

Ebrahim Moosa, “Decolonizing the Politics of Love,” in “Affect, Temporality, and Political Theology,” ed. Joshua Lupo and Eleanor Craig, special issue, *Political Theology* (forthcoming 2023). (10,000 words)

“Fazlur Rahman,” Oxford Research Encyclopedia, 10,000 words (under review)

“Toward a Moral and Theological Anthropology of Personhood in Islam” in a forthcoming *Contending Modernities* edited by Scott Appleby on Science and the Human Person, 51 ms pages.

PUBLISHED

Journal Articles

“Technology in Muslim Moral Philosophy” *Journal of Religion and Health*, 2016
DOI 10.1007/s10943-016-0192-0

“On Reading Shāṭībī in Rabat and Tunis” in *The Muslim World*, 2014, 104:4, 451-464

with Aasim I. Padela, Steven W. Furber, Mohammad A. Kholwadia, “Dire Necessity And Transformation: Entry-Points For Modern Science In Islamic Bioethical Assessment Of Porcine Products In Vaccines,” in *Bioethics*, 1:8 (2013):59-66.

"Translating Neuroethics: Reflections from Muslim Ethics," *Science and Engineering Ethics* no. 18:2 (2012):519-528. doi: 10.1007/s11948-012-9392-5.
<http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5884>

"Aesthetics and Transcendence in the Arab Uprisings" *Middle East Law and Governance* 4:3 (2011): 171–180. DOI 10.1163/187633711X591512
<http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5743>

with Aasim I. Padela, Ahsan Arozullah & Ebrahim Moosa, "Brain Death in Islamic Ethico-Legal Deliberation: Challenges for Applied Islamic Bioethics," *Bioethics*, 27:3 (2011): 132-139.

"Introduction" *The Muslim World, A Special Issue on The Deoband Madrasa*, 99:3 (July 2009): 427-434.

"Contrapuntal Readings in Muslim Thought: Translations and Transitions." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, March 2006, Vol. 74. No. 1: 107-118.

"Rejoinder to Paul J. Griffiths' Response." *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, March 2006, Vol. 74. No. 1:122-124.

"Response to Robert Segal," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, March 2006, Vol. 74, No. 1:172-174.

"The Poetics and Politics of Law after Empire: Reading Women's Rights in the Contestations of Law," in *Journal for Islamic and Near Eastern Law (JINEL)* 1:1 (Fall/Winter 2001/2002): 1-46.

"The Dilemma of Islamic Rights Schemes," *The Journal of Law and Religion* 15: 1-2 (2000-2001): 185-215.

"Languages of Change in Islamic Law: Redefining Death in Modernity." *Islamic Studies* 38, no. 3 (Autumn 1999): 305-42.

"The Sufaha in Qur'an Literature: A Problem in Semiosis," *Der Islam* 75:2 (1998): 1-27.

"Allegory of the Rule (Hukm): Law as Simulacrum in Islam," *History of Religions* 38:1 (August 1998): 1-24.

"Shaykh Ahmad Shakir and the Adoption of a Scientifically-Based Lunar Calendar," *Islamic Law & Society* 5:1 (1998): 57-89.

"Transacting the Body in the Law: Reading Fatawa on Organ Transplantation," *Afrika Zamani: Revue d'Histoire Africaine/A Journal of African History Special Issue*, 'The Civil Status and Biographies of God in Contemporary Africa,' 5-6 (1997 & 1998): 291-317.

“Prospects of Muslim Law in South Africa: A History and Recent Developments,” in *Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law* 3 (1996): 130-155. An updated and partially modified version of this essay appeared as “Shaping Muslim Law in South Africa: Future and Prospects,” in *The Other Law: Non-State Ordering in South Africa*, eds. Wilfried Schärf & Daniel Nina, (Cape Town: Juta, 2001): 121-147.

“Textuality in Muslim Imagination: From Authority to Metaphoricity,” *Acta Academica Supplementum* 1 (1995): 54-65.

“Discursive Voices of Diaspora Islam in Southern Africa,” *Jurnal Antropologi dan Sosiologi* 21(April 1992/93): 29-60, reproduced as “Islam in South Africa,” in *Living Faiths in South Africa*, eds. John de Gruchy & Martin Prozesky, (Cape Town, David Philip, 1995): 129-154.

“Brain Death and Organ Transplantation - An Islamic Opinion,” *South African Medical Journal (SAMJ)* 83: 6 (June 1993): 385-386.

“Muslim Conservatism in South Africa,” *Journal of Theology for Southern Africa (J TSA)* 69 (December 1989): 73-81.

Book Chapters

"Ghazālian Insights on Scholarly Critique and Freedom," in *Free Speech, Scholarly Critique and the Limits of Expression in Islam*, ed. Liyakat Takim (Proceedings of the 9th AMI Contemporary Fiqhī Issues Workshop 1-2 July 2021). (Birmingham, UK:AMI Press, 2022), 152-168 (peer-reviewed).

“A Theological Gaze at the Human Condition: Considering Divine Action and Human Responsibility,” in *Divine Action: Challenges for Muslim and Christian Theology*, eds. John Sanders, Klaus von Stosch, (Paderborn: Brill Schöningh, 2022), 189-209. (peer-reviewed)

“It’s all about constructing dignity,” in *Living Where We Don’t Make the Rules: A Guide for Muslim Minorities*, (ed) Ebrahim Rasool (Swansea; Milpitas: Claritas Books, 2022), pp. 133-141.

“Considering Being and Knowing in an Age of Techno-Science,” in *Medicine and Shariah: A Dialogue in Islamic Bioethics*, ed. Aasim I. Padela (University of Notre Dame Press 2021), 87-119. (peer-reviewed)

“Foreword” to *Medicine and Shariah: A Dialogue in Islamic Bioethics*, ed. Aasim I. Padela (University of Notre Dame Press 2021), vii-xii.

“Fetvalarda Teknoloji Sorunları: İnceliklerin Merck Altına Alınması,” (Issues of Technology in Fatwās: Fostering Nuanced Pathways) in *Fıkıh ve Biyoetik* eds. M. İhsan Karaman, Hakan Ertin, Mürteza Bedir, (trans. Ayet Feyza Erden), (Istanbul: İSAR Yayınları, 2021), (The Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education (İSAR), Medicine and Ethics Study Group), 13-37.

“God” in *Global Middle East: Into the Twenty-First Century* eds. Asef Bayat and Linda Herrera, (Oakland, Calif: University of California Press, 2021), 25-34

“Disruptions and Connections: Re-discovering and Re-making Muslim tradition,” in *The Idea of Tradition in the Late Modern World: An Ecumenical and Interreligious Conversation* ed. Thomas Albert Howard (Eugene, OR: WIPF & Stock Publishers, 2020), 77-100.

“The Ethical in Shari‘a Practices: Deliberations in Search of an Effective Paradigm,” in M.N.M Osman, *Pathways to Contemporary Islam: New Trends in Critical Engagement*. (Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press, 2020), 235-263.

Ebrahim Moosa & Nicholas Roberts, “Expressions of Political Quietism in Islamic History” *Political quietism in Islam: Sunni and Shi'i Practice and Thought* (King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies Series) ed. Saud Al-Sarhan (London: I.B. Tauris, 2020), 33-60.

"Human Dignity as a Means and an End." In *If This Be Madness: An Anthology to Honour the Life and Courage of Shamima Shaikh*, edited by Vanessa Rivera de la Fuente and Na'eem Jeenah, 69-96: Amazon Digital Services, 2019.

"Muslim Ethics in an Era of Globalism: Reconciliation in an Age of Empire." In *Bloomsbury Studies in Global Ethics: Solidarity Beyond Borders: Ethics in a Globalising World*, edited by Janusz Salamon. (London: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2018), 97-113.

Foreword to The Imperatives of Progressive Islam by Adis A. Duderija (Florence, US: Routledge, 2017), xi-xviii

Recovering the Ethical: Practices, Politics, Tradition in *The Shari‘a: History, Ethics and Law*, ed. Aryn B. Sajoo (London; New York: I.B. Tauris/Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2015), 39-57.

“Norms in the Madrasa-sphere between Tradition, Scripture and the Public Good.” In *Religious Norms in the Public Sphere*, proceedings of a conference held at University California Berkeley on May 6-7, 2011, Christopher Kutz, Heddy Riss, Olivier Roy (eds.), European University Institute, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, ReligioWest, (European University Institute, 2015), 87-95.

“The Human Person in Iqbal’s Thought,” in *Muhammad Iqbal: Essays in the Reconstruction of Modern Muslim Thought*, eds. H.C. Hillier & Basit Bilal Koshul (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2015), pp.12-32.

“Political Theology in the Aftermath of the Arab Spring,” in *The African Renaissance and the Afro-Arab Spring: A Season of Rebirth?* Eds. Charles Villa-Vicencio, Erik Doxtader, and Ebrahim Moosa, (Georgetown University Press, 2015), 101-119.

“Muslim Political Theology: Defamation, Apostasy, and Anathema,” in *Profane: Sacrilegious Expression in a Multicultural Age*. Eds. Christopher S. Grenda, Chris

Beneke, David Nash (Oakland, Calif & London: University of California Press, 2014), 169-188.

“Arabic and Islamic Hermeneutics” in *The Routledge Companion to Hermeneutics*, eds. Jeff Malpas & Hans-Helmuth Gander, (London: Taylor & Francis Group, 2014), 207-220.

“Politische Implikationen islamischer Theologie: Über Blasphemie, den Abfall vom Islam und den Ausschluss aus der Gemeinde,” in *Handeln Gottes - Antwort des Menschen* eds. Klaus von Stosch & Muna Tartari (Leiden: Brill, 2014), pp. 169–187. https://doi.org/10.30965/9783657772827_011

“Sunni Orthodoxy” *Critical Muslim* 10, *Sects* Eds. Ziauddin Sardar & Robin Yassin-Kassab, London: Hurst, April-June 2014, 19-36.

“The Law in the Alchemy of the Self: Abū Ḥāmid al-Ghazālī” in *Islamic Legal Thought: A Compendium of Muslim Jurists* eds. Oussama Arabi, David S. Powers, Susan Spector (Brill 2013).

"Muslim Political Theology: Defamation, Apostasy and Anathema." In *International Symposium-Cartoons & Minarets Reflections on Muslim-Western Encounters*, Heinrich Böll Foundation, 2012. <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/6068>

“Children’s Rights in Modern Islamic and International Law: Changes in Muslim Moral Imaginaries” in *Children, Adults, and Shared Responsibilities: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Perspectives*, ed. Marcia Bunge (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 292-308. <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5942>

“Post 9/11: America Agonizes over Islam,” *The Cambridge History of Religions in America*, ed. Stephen J. Stein, vol. 3, Religions in America 1945 to the present. (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012), 553-574. <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5989>

“Muslim Ethics and Biotechnology,” *Routledge Companion to Religion and Science* ed. James W. Haag, Gregory R. Peterson & Michael L. Spezio (Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge, 2012): 455-465. <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5941>

“The Spirit of Islamic Humanism,” in *The Humanist Imperative in South Africa*. John W. de Gruchy. (Stellenbosch, South Africa: Sun Press and STIAS, 2011): 107-116.

“History and Normativity in Traditional Indian Muslim Thought: Reading Shari`a in the Hermeneutics of Qari Muhammad Tayyab (d.1983),” in *Rethinking Islamic Studies: From Orientalism to Cosmopolitanism*, Carl W. Ernst & Richard C. Martin (eds.), (University of South Carolina Press, 2010): 281-301. <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5744>

With Shamil Jeppie and Richard Roberts, “Introduction: Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies and Post-Colonial Challenges,” in *Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies and Post-Colonial Challenges* (eds.) Shamil Jeppie, Ebrahim Moosa & Richard Roberts, (Amsterdam University Press, 2010): 13-60

“Muslim Family Law in South Africa: Paradoxes and Ironies,” in *Muslim Family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa: Colonial Legacies and Post-Colonial Challenges* (eds.) Shamil Jeppie, Ebrahim Moosa & Richard Roberts, (Amsterdam University Press, 2010): 331-354 <http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5745>

“Genetically Modified Foods and Muslim Ethics,” in *Acceptable Genes* ed. Conrad G. Brunk & Harold Coward, (Albany: SUNY Press, 2009): 135-157.
<http://hdl.handle.net/10161/5746>

“Shariat Governance in Colonial and Post Colonial India” in *Islam in South Asia in Practice* ed. Barbara Metcalf (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 2009), 317-325

“Colonialism and Islamic Law,” Muhammad Khalid Masud, Armando Salvatore & Martin van Bruinessen (eds), *Islam and Modernity. Key Issues and Debates*. (Edinburgh University Press, 2009): 158-181.

“I modelli della tradizione: gli ulema e il concetto di normatività nell’islam contemporaneo” (Modes of Tradition: The `Ulama and the Concept of Normativity in Contemporary Islam trans. By Roberto Tottoli) in *Le religioni e il mondo moderno* a cura di Giovanni Filoramo iii *Islam* a cura di Roberto Tottoli (Torino: Giulio Einaudi editore s.p.a. 2009): 514-522

“Social Change,” in *Islamic World*, edited by Andrew Rippin (London: Routledge, 2008): 565-575.

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“Neuropolitics and the Body” in *Religion and Society: An Agenda for the 21st Century* eds. Gerrie ter Haar & Yoshio Tsuruoka (Leiden & Boston: Brill, 2007): 47-59.

“Transitions in the 'Progress' of Civilization: Theorizing History, Practice, and Tradition.” In *Voices of Change*, ed. Omid Safi. General editor, Vincent J. Cornell *Voices of Islam*, 5, (Westport & London: Praeger, 2007):115-130.

“The Unbearable Intimacy of Language and Thought in Islam.” In *How Should We Talk About Religion? Perspectives, Contexts, Particularities*, ed. James Boyd White (Notre Dame, Indiana: University of Notre Dame Press, 2006): 300-326.

“The Debts and Burdens of Critical Islam” in *Progressive Muslims: On Justice, Gender and Pluralism* ed. Omid Safi (Oxford: Oneworld, 2003):111-127.

“Interface of Science and Jurisprudence: Dissonant Gazes at the Body in Modern Muslim Ethics,” in *God, Life and the Cosmos: Christian and Islamic Perspectives* eds. Ted Peters, Muzaffar Iqbal & Syed Nomanul Haq (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2002): 329-356.

“Truth and Reconciliation as Performance: Spectres of Eucharistic Redemption,” in *Looking Back, Reaching Forward: Reflections on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of South Africa* ed. Charles Villa-Vicencio & Wilhelm Verwoerd (Cape Town: Juta, 2000): 113-122.

“Tensions in Legal and Religious Values in the 1996 South African Constitution,” in *Beyond Rights Talk and Culture Talk: Comparative Essays on the Politics of Rights and Culture* ed. Mahmood Mamdani (Cape Town: David Philip Publishers, 2000): 121-135.

“Languages of Change in Islamic Law: Redefining Death in Modernity,” *Islamic Studies* 38:3 (1999): 305-342; reproduced in *Perspectives in Islamic Law, Justice and Society*, ed. R. S. Khare (Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield, 1999): 161-197.

“al-Tajdid wa ’l-hadatha: dirasa muqarana fi mawqif Fadl al-Rahman wa Hasan Hanafi min al-turath,” in *Jadal al-ana wa ’l-akhar: qira’at fi fikr Hasan Hanafi*. In Arabic. (“Renewal and Modernity: A Comparative Study in the Approach of Fazlur Rahman and Hasan Hanafi towards the Islamic Heritage,” in *The Dialectic of Self and Other: Readings in the Thought of Hasan Hanafi*) ed. Ahmad ‘Abd al-Halim (Cairo: Madbuli, 1997): 109-114.

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“‘The Child Belongs to the Bed’: Illegitimacy and Islamic Law,” in *Questionable Issue: Illegitimacy in South Africa* (eds.) Sandra Burman & Eleanor Preston-Whyte (Cape Town: Oxford University Press, 1992): 171-184.

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Imran Ahsan Khan Nyazee. *Theories of Islamic Law* (Islamic Research Institute & International Institute of Islamic Thought), *Journal for Islamic Studies* 18-19: (1998/99): 132-139.

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Abdulkader Tayob. *Islamic Resurgence in South Africa: The Muslim Youth Movement* (Cape Town: UCT Press, 1995), *Journal for Islamic Studies* 15 (1995).

Mahmood Mohamed Taha. *The Second Message of Islam* (New York: Syracuse University Press, 1987), *Journal for Islamic Studies* 13 (1993).

Islam and Civil Society in South Africa: Prospects for Tolerance and Conflict Resolution, conference report *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, 11:4 (Winter 1994).

Other Professional Experience

- 2007 Consulted for a number of international institutions on Muslim religious education (madrasas) in the Muslim world.
- Consultant to Moroccan Ministry of Islamic Affairs on curriculum reform in the Dar al-Hadith al-Hassaniyya, the premier seminary in the country
- Delivered the prestigious Dourous Hasaniyya lecture in October 2007/Ramadan 1428, the first South African scholar to deliver this talk and one of three US-based scholars awarded this honor and scholarly recognition.
- Consultant to Alliance of Civilization initiative sponsored by the governments of Turkey and Spain.
- Delivered 3 public lectures at the International Islamic University in Islamabad in Pakistan in May-June

- 2004- Consultant to “Philanthropy for Social Justice in Muslim Societies” project coordinated by the Third Sector Foundation of Turkey, Istanbul, Turkey.
- 2003- Member of working group on governance, co-ordinated by United Nations officials, Mr Lakhdar Brahimi and Mr Iqbal Riza, both affiliated to the Office of the former UN Secretary General, Mr Kofi Annan.
- 2001-2006 Member International Advisory Board, “Rights at Home Project” at Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Leiden, Netherlands. Training and support for human rights workers in children’s and women’s rights in Tanzania, Yemen and South East Asia.
- 2002- Consultant to law firms on Muslim family law cases and expert witness in trials in US courts.
- 1996-1998 Consultant to the office of President Mandela on Islamic affairs and Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Environment and Water Affairs. Tasks ranged from making input to presidential and ministerial speeches on matters related to Islam, training civil servants and adviser on Muslim family law, foreign policy and national security issues .
- 1995 Oral testimony to the Parliamentary Sub-Committee on Health on abortion in terms of Islamic ethics in South Africa
- 1994-1996 Consultant to Legal Resources Centre (Cape Town) on Islamic law Gave expert testimony to the Cape High Court in 1995 that secured a landmark victory in *Ryland vs Edros 1996*, a verdict that recognized Muslim marriages for the first time in South Africa and enabled divorced Muslim women to claim settlement benefits
- 1986 -1988 National Director, Muslim Youth Movement of South Africa Promoted Muslim liberation theology and gender discourses; led Muslim Youth Movement delegation in Lusaka, Zambia to be among the first internal groups to meet African National Congress leadership in exile
- 1984-1986 Political writer, Cape Times (South Africa) covering anti-apartheid extra-parliamentary and parliamentary politics
Freelance writer: *Melbourne Age*, (Australia), *The Straits Times* (Singapore), *Associated Press (AP)*
news commentator for *Capitol Radio* (Johannesburg)
- 1982-1984 Staff Writer
Arabia: Islamic World Review
Middle East Economic Digest (MEED)

Administrative Experience

2020-2021	Invited by President John Jenkins to serve on Faculty Advisory Committee on COVID-19 university policy.
2019-	Member Provost Advisory Committee (PAC), University of Notre Dame
2016-	PI Madrasa Discourses project, University of Notre Dame
2015	Identified the Ansari family as a donor and initiated the \$14m gift for the establishment of the <i>Ansari Institute for the Global Engagement of Religion</i>
2014	Helped in fundraising for the Mirza Family Chair
2010-21014	Co-convener Religion & Modernity track, Department of Religion, Duke University
2009-2010	Long-term planning Committee, Department of Religion, Duke University and member of the editorial committee that wrote and prepared the departmental review report
2009-	Member of Advisory Board, Franklin Humanities Institute
2009	Member of Provost's performance review committee of Director of Duke University Press
2008-	Convener of the Islamic Studies track for the doctoral degree program in the Duke University, Graduate Program in Religion
2008	Member of the Advisory Board of <i>Sudanic Africa: The Journal of Islam in Africa</i> .
2007	Chair of Search Committee for entry-level Islamic Studies hire in the Department of Religion.
2007-2010	Member of the MA admissions committee, Department Religion, Duke University
2007-2014	Steering committee member, Ethics Certificate Program, The Kenan Institute for Ethics
2005-2009	Associate Director, Duke Islamic Studies Center
2004-2005	Director Center for the Study of Muslim Networks, Duke University
2001-2004	Co-director, Center for the Study of Muslim Networks, Duke University

- 1996 Member, University of Cape Town, Department of Religion curriculum review committee
- 1996 Member, University of Cape Town, vice-chancellor's ad-hoc advisory committee in faculty of humanities & social science
- 1983-1984 Chairperson, University of Cape Town Academics' Association. Responsibilities included salary consultations and representing faculty on Council and Senate committees, including disciplinary hearings

Service to the Profession

- 2012- Member, Advisory Board new and expanded edition of the *Blackwell Companion to Religious Ethics* ed. William Schweiker
- 2010-2017 Associate Editor, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion (JAAR)*.
- 2010-2012 Co-editor, *Encountering Traditions* Series at Stanford University Press, co-editors Peter Ochs & Stanley Hauerwas
- 2007- Jury member of the best first book in the History of Religions category awarded by the *American Academy of Religion*
- 2006- Member Advisor Advisory Committee of the *Journal of Law & Religion*.
- 2004 Co-convener of conference sponsored by the Journal of the American Academy of Religion titled: "Contesting Religion and Religions Contested: The Study of Religion in a Global Context."
- 2003-2007 Member Advisory Committee Dialogue of Science, Ethics and Religion of the *American Academy for the Advancement of Science*
- 2003-2007 Member of the editorial collective of *Worlds and Knowledges Otherwise*, previously known as *Nepantla*
- 2002- Member of the International Bioethics Committee of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) Standing Committee on Scientific & Technical Cooperation (COMSTECH)
- 2002-2006 Member of the Advisory Board for the *Encyclopedia of Women in Islamic Cultures* (Leiden: Brill), general editor, Suad Joseph
- 2001-2010 Member Editorial Board, *Journal for the American Academy of Religion (JAAR)*

- 2001-2006 Consultant to JAAR editor, Glenn Yocum and book editor Sheila Davaney to internationalize the profile of JAAR. Co-convener conference on the International Study of Religion.
- 2001- Member of the Advisory Board, *UCLA Journal of Islamic and Near Eastern Law (JINEL)*, UCLA School of Law
- 2001-2007 Member of the Advisory Council of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS), University of Victoria, Canada. (Appointed to a second term of three years.)
- 2000-2002 Member of the International Connections Committee of the American Academy of Religion
- 1999-2004 Executive Editor, *Journal for Islamic Studies (JIS)*, published by the Centre for Contemporary Islam at the University of Cape Town
- 1994-1999 Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal for Islamic Studies*
- 1995 External examiner for the Departments of Religious Studies University of the Western Cape, University of Cape Town and the University of the Witwatersrand (Johannesburg, South Africa) and the International Islamic University, Malaysia
- 1991 Co-convener, first international conference on “Approaches to the Study of Islam” in South Africa on theory and method in the study of Islam. July 1991

Teaching

Undergraduate Courses

Moral Vocabularies of Contemporary Islam
 America’s Gods, freshmen seminar
 Introduction to Islam
 Islamic Mysticism
 Islamic Law and Ethics
 Jews, Christians and Muslims: Encounters and Conversations
 Islam in the Modern World
 The Making of the Islamic Tradition
 Law and Gender in Modern Islam

Graduate Seminars

Genealogies of Islamic Thought: Counterpoints in History
 A Paradoxical Politics? Religion, Poverty and Citizenship: Religion in Public Life
 Prisms of Religion in Modernity
 Hermeneutics, History and the Making of Authority in Islam
 Studies in al-Ghazali

Readings in Classical Islam
Readings in Modern Islam
Justice, Law and Commerce in Islam
Studies in Iqbal
Islamic Thought in Madrasa Discourses (online seminar for Madrasa Discourses program)

Dissertations Directed & Theses Advisor

Doctoral students under direction and supervision at the University of Notre Dame

Directing three doctoral students: Mahmoud Youness (Kroc) and Khan-Asfandayar Shairani (Kroc) & Adam Matyva (history).
Served on the Committee of Lailatul Fitriya (Theology) with continued support.

2021 PhD dissertation completed, University of Notre Dame, “A Sea of Wealth: Sayyid Sa‘id bin Sultan, His Omani Empire, and the Making of an Oceanic Marketplace.” Nicholas P. Roberts (tenure-track, Norwich University)

2017 PhD, co-directed with Vittorio Montemaggi, “On the Possibility of Hermeneutic Engagement Across a Muslim Religion and Literature: Imagining a Relation to the World Through the Qur’an and the Novel.” University of Notre Dame, Literature Program. Mazen ElMakkouk,

Served on the doctoral committees of Matthew Kuiper (Theology), exam committee of Andrea Costanguay (History/Medieval Institute), Chris Haw (Kroc)

Dissertations Directed at Duke University

2019 PhD dissertation completed, Duke University, “*Building a Mountain of Light: Niḏām al-Dīn Gīlānī and Shī‘ī Naturalism Between Safavid Iran and the Deccan.*”

2018 PhD dissertation completed, Duke University, “*Islamic Land: Muslim Genealogies of Territorial Sovereignty in Modern Morocco, c. 1900-1990,*” Samuel Kigar

2017 PhD dissertation completed “*Faith Without Doubt: Muslims, Secularity, and the “Crisis of Faith,*” Zaid Adhami, co-supervised with Prof Leela Prasad.

2015 PhD dissertation completed, Duke University, Ali Altaf Mian, “*Surviving Modernity: Ashraf ‘Alī Thānvī (1863-1943) and the Making of Muslim Orthodoxy in Colonial India.*”

2012 PhD dissertation completed, Duke University, Youshaa Patel

“Muslim Distinction: Imitation and the Anxiety of Jewish, Christian, and Other Influences.”

2012 PhD dissertation completed, Duke University, SherAli Tareen, *“The Limits of Tradition: Competing Logics of Authenticity in South Asian Islam.”*

2007 Ph D dissertation completed, Duke University, Hina Azam, *“Sexual Violence in Maliki Legal Ideology: From Discursive Foundations to Classical Articulation.”*

2002 Ph D dissertation completed, Duke University, Kecia Ali, *“Money, Sex, and Power: The Contractual Nature of Marriage in Islamic Jurisprudence of the Formative Period.”*

Served as Committee Member of Doctoral Committees

@ Duke University: Rick Colby, Stephen Sours, Brett Wilson, Attiya Ahmad

@UNC-CH: Peter Wright, Brannon Ingram

@ University of Chicago: Anthony Banout

M.A. Theses

2000 MA thesis, University of Cape Town, Tahir Fuzile Sitoto, *“Custom (’Urf) as a Marginal Discourse in the Formulation of Islamic Law: Myth or Reality? With special reference to Ibn ’Abidin’s Discourse on ’Urf.”*

1999 MA thesis, University of Cape Town, Abdul Kadir Riyadi, *“Identity on the Line: A Historical-Cultural Study of the Indonesian State-Ideology of Pancasila.”*

1995 MA thesis, University of Cape Town, Sa`diyya Shaikh, *“Battered Women in Muslim Communities in the Western Cape: Religious Constructions of Gender, Marriage, Sexuality and Violence.”*

Honors Theses

Served on several honors theses at Duke University since 2005.

2009 Honors thesis (partially directed-supervision interrupted by leave) John R. Montgomery, *“Islamic Banking”*

2005 Honors Thesis, Duke University, Judd King, *“Islamic Politics in Turkey and Egypt.”*

2001 Honors Thesis, Stanford University, Yoav Schlesinger *“Fumes of Faith: Iranian Chemical Weapons Use in the Iran Iraq War.”*

2001 Honors Thesis, Stanford University, Kevin S. Brown, *“Beyond Blasphemy.”*

Inter-Institutional and Inter-School Teaching

Short-term visiting lecturer at Leiden University, Netherlands; International Islamic University, Islamabad, Pakistan; Paderborn University, Germany; Gajah Madah University, Indonesia; l'Institut d'études de l'Islam et des sociétés du monde musulman (IISM) part of l'École des hautes études en sciences sociales (EHESS), Paris, France; University of Cape Town, South Africa;

Invited Lectures, Workshop & Panel Presentations (selected only)

2023

6 January 2023, "History and Progress in Islam: Debates and Contestations," *Islamic Forum*, Durban, South Africa

2022

5-9 March 2022 Lead Madrasa Discourses Workshop in Bangladesh, Sylhet "Islamic Theology and the Challenge of Climate Change: History, Science, and Religion in Modernity," with Keynote Presentation.

24 March, Inaugural lecture, Mirza Family Professor, University of Notre Dame & one-day Mirza Chair Inaugural Symposium, 25 March, 2022.

8-9 May 2022 "The Challenges of Knowledge in Late Modernity for Islamic Thought" presented at international conference on Islamic Unity: Concept, Opportunities and Challenges of *The Muslim World Communities Council*, Abu Dhabi, UAE

4-5 May, 2022, Respondent to paper "Normative Fundamentals of Political Science: Volker Kronenberg, CTSI Annual Conference, Interreligious Episteme. Methodological and Criteriological Challenges for Comparative Theology, University of Bonn, Germany

14-15 June 2022, University of Birmingham, "Ghazalian Insights on Freedom of Thought," presented at workshop on Islam and Pluralism collaboration between University of Birmingham and RESET

23 July-1 August 2022 leadership of Madrasa Discourses Workshop "The Future of Islamic Thought Engaging History, Tradition, and Science," Nagarkot, Nepal.

29-30 September 2022, presented paper "Ghazālī and the Law: Alterity, Reason and Universality," at Rethinking Arab History, Society, and Culture - a Conference in Honour of Aziz Al-Azmeh, Central European University, Vienna, Austria.

4-5 November 2022, panelist on “Ethics, Culture and Philosophy in Politics” and “Concluding Panel” in *Politics and New Paradigms in the 21st Century Forum*, Istanbul, Turkey sponsored by the Justice and Development Party (Ak Parti)

29 November 2022, “Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination,” online talk presented for the *Imagining A Common Horizon for Humanity and the Planet* initiative at Cappadocia University, Cappadocia, Turkey.

2-8 August 2021, “Ghazālī and Self-Knowledge” presented on 3 Aug, The International Summer School for Sufi Studies, Institute for Sufi Studies, Uskudar University, Turkey (online)

1-2 July 2021, “Ghazālian Insights on Doctrinal Toleration,” presented to The 9th Annual Al-Mahdi Institute, Contemporary Fiqhī Issues Workshop, on Free Speech, Scholarly Critique, and the Limits of Expression in Islam (online UK)

8-10 June 2021, “Metaphysics of Belief in Ghazālī,” presented at Radical Orthodoxies Conference, Institute of Systematic Theology at the University of Bern, Switzerland (online).

1 January 2020, Lecture at BRAC University, Dhaka, Bangladesh

2-3 January 2 day-workshop leader, Madrasa Discourses, Bangladesh

27 April The World Muslim Communities Council, Ramadan Lecture Series, “Human Dignity: Pressing Need in Contemporary Islamic Thought.” (audience of several hundred thousand online listeners.)

12 July, lead a webinar titled, “Traversing Tradition seminar,” Madrasa Book Club.

23 July, online research seminar, "al-Ghazali, Love, Longing, Intimacy and Contentment", Uskudar University, Istanbul, Turkey

December 2019 Keynote address: “Challenges of Developing a Fatwa-Making Methodology for Medical Issues” (21-22 December 2019, İstanbul) *The Istanbul Foundation for Research and Education (İSAR), Medicine and Ethics Study Group*.

Jan 2019 Keynote address “Reflections from the Muslim Tradition on Mortality, Personhood & Dignity,” conference on Muslim and Christian Perspectives on Palliative Care and End of Life, January 22-23, 2019, Georgetown University, collaboration between Georgetown Qatar & the Pontifical Academy for Life.

9-10 February 2019 “Research Priorities in Islamic Studies” conference at the American University of Beirut, 9-10 February 2019, organized by the Nouhoud Center in Beirut, Lebanon.

26-27 April 2019 Bayan Claremont, conference, “Tradition and History in Islam.”

3-4 May 2019, Williams College, “The Concept of Religion in Islam.”

- 13-16 June 2019 Conference, Madrasa Discourses Symposium, University of Notre Dame
- 21-23 June 2019 Presented on Madrasa Discourses at the John Templeton Foundation annual Board of Trustees meeting, Bahamas.
- 12-14 December 2019, Goethe University, Frankfurt, Germany, International Conference on Historicity and Islamicity, delivered paper titled, “Time and Method in Muslim Historical Thinking.”
- 3 January, 2018 “Technology in Muslim Moral Philosophy,” Mataram State Islamic University, Mataram, Indonesia
- 7-10 January 2018 Delivered a series of lectures at the invitation of the Islamic Renaissance Front, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia: Titles: ‘The Debts and Burdens of Critical Islam,’ ‘Islam in Global Politics: Forum discussion,’ ‘Rethinking Islamic Reform.’
- 13 April 2018 Delivered a keynote address on “Conceptualizing Tradition in Islam,” jointly hosted by the Abul Hasan Ali Nadwi Leadership Academy and International Peace University of South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa,
- 11 April 2018 Seminar presentation title “Recovering the Ethical in Sharia,” Department of Religious Studies, University of Cape Town,
- 20 April, 2018 Keynote lecture at conference on The Idea of Tradition: An ecumenical interreligious Conversation, Valparaiso University,
- June 18-20, 2018 “A Muslim response to the ‘The Encyclical Laudato Si’” Keynote address at 2018 Luce-Hartford Conference in Christian-Muslim Relations, *God’s Creation and Human Responsibility*, Hartford Seminary,
- 10-12 October 2018 Invited panelist to Exiting Religious Violence Conference, Berkeley Center for Religion and World Affairs, Georgetown University, DC,
- 7-9 November 2018 “Shari’a: Political Theology of the Public Good,” paper presentation University of Chicago, Political Theology: Promise and Prospects Conference
- 30 October 2017 Delivered the Mohammed Mujeeb Memorial Lecture, Jamia Millia Islamia
- 27-28 October 2017 Divine Action conference, presented paper, University of Munster, Germany
- February 2014 “Retrieving the Ethical in Islamic Law: A Worthy Pursuit or a Fool’s Errand?” Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia
- March 2014 “Human Personhood in Islam,” University of Notre Dame Contending Modernities, Science and the Human Person

	workshop, Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar
March 2014	University of Hyderabad, School of Communications
March 2014	“Contemporary Challenges to Islamic thought,” Mawlana Azad National University, Hyderabad, India.
18-19 September	Davidson College, “Islamic Bioethics: Recent Debates about Brain Death and Organ Transplants.”
25-27 September	American University of Beirut, “Destabilizing Orthodoxies: Pluralism in Muslim Ethical Traditions”
11-12 October	Paderborn University, Germany, “On Reading Shāṭībī in Rabat and Tunis.”
6 Nov 2014	Wold Lecture, Union College, “ <i>Negotiating the Ethical in Islamic Law: Practices, Politics and Tradition.</i> ”
22 November,	International Institute Islamic Thought (IIIT) Lecture “ <i>Reviewing Islamic Ethics,</i> ” American Academy of Religion, San Diego,
6-15 Dec 2014,	Islamic Renaissance Front & Penang Institute, Malaysia. “ <i>Developing a Philosophy of Pluralism,</i> ”
February 2013	One day workshop on Rethinking Islam, Islamic Circles, London
March 2013	“Muslim Ethics in the Public Sphere,” University of Loyola, Chicago
March 2013	Muslim Minority Leaders Colloquium, World for All Foundation, Paris, France
September 2013	National University of Singapore, Modern Islamic Thought
October 2012	Paper delivered “Muslim Political Theology: Defamation, Apostasy and Anathema” at conference on <i>Politics, Political Thought, and Political Theology in the Abrahamic Traditions</i> , held at the Lubar Institute for the Study of the Abrahamic Religions, University of Wisconsin, Madison), Oct. 3-4.
October 2012	Keynote Speaker, Council on American-Islamic Relations, Oklahoma, Oklahoma City
December 2011	“The Great Debates Tradition, Sharia, Asia Society, New York, 8 December 2011
October 2011	Muslim-Jewish Scholars Conference, jointly sponsored by the Center for Interreligious Understanding & Interdisciplinary Program in Law and Education

- Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, held in New York, 30 October 2011
- October 2011 “Constructing Public Life in the Madrasa-Sphere: Public Good as Salvation,” keynote address, *Islamic Reform in Public Life in Africa*, University of Cape Town, October 12-14, 2011
- September 2011 Keynote address, “Legalism and Religion” at Judaism and Islam in America conference: “The Interpretation of Law and Scripture” Hartford seminary September 19-20, 2011
- July 2011 Faculty member, International Summer School, "Divine Action and Human Response." Paderborn University, Germany, July 23-28, 2011.
- July 2011 “Biotechnology and Justice,” keynote address conference on *Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, Secular*, University of Notre Dame, London, July 8-10, 2011.
- June 2011 Faculty member, Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Workshop, on Religion, Peacebuilding and Development, 5-9 June, 2011.
- May 2011 “Norms in the Madrasa-Sphere,” keynote address at Berkeley University, Religious Norms in the Public Square, 6-7 May, 2011.
- April 2011 “Between Freedom of Religion and Respect for Cultural Values,” keynote address presented at “Cartoons and Minarets” Western Depictions of Islam and Muslim Public Protest, conference sponsored by the Heinrich Boell Foundation and American University in Beirut, 1-2 April 2011.
- January 2011 “Encounters with Traditional Muslim Discourses: Discursive Legitimacy in Contemporary Islam,” paper at Islam and Modernity Conference, hosted by the Sudairy Foundation, al-Ghat, Saudi Arabia, January 11-14.
- April 2010 Panelist at the Graduate Center, City University of New York Great Issues Forum: The Rise of Intellectual Reform in the Islamic World
- Sept 2009 the Invited to deliver a keynote lecture on the 60th anniversary of Theological School at Ankara University, Ankara, Turkey.
- May 2009 Invited to lecture on Islam and Science at the 'Building Bridges' seminar for Christian and Muslim scholars hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams in Istanbul.

- April 2008 “Trends in Contemporary Islamic Philanthropy” Doll Family Lecture on Religion and Money, Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University”
- May 2008 What is Tradition? Workshop, King’s College London presented paper on “Islamic Normativity in the writing of Qari Muhammad Tayyab of Deoband.”
- Dec 2006 “What is Muslim Ethics” Ismaili Institute, International Alumni workshop, Houston, Texas.
- Sept 2006 “Inside Madrasas” talk delivered to Women’s Foreign Policy Group, New York.
- Aug 2006 “The Muslim Body in War and Peace” University of Cape Town, Department of Religious Studies, South Africa
- June 2006 Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Workshop on the Secular, 1-3 June
 Participated in Paris workshop on alternative knowledge traditions, 7-9 June.
 London: Delivered talk at the Abraar and Afkaar Group meeting on Progressive Islam. (June 10)
- June 2006 “Ethics and Law in Islam” workshop of the Ismaili Institute international alumni, Lisbon, Portugal, 22-24 June.
 Sept 2005 “Re-interpreting Islam,” at Living with Islam conference Berlin, Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation.
- July 3-27 2005 Faculty member for month-long 22nd *Annual Cross Currents Research Colloquium*, Union Theological Seminary, New York.
- June 19-22, 200 “Ghazali and the Poetics of Imagination” presented at workshop on “*Image, Matter, Body-Bodies of Texts in Spaces of Art*,” Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main, Germany.
- June 8-12 2005 Keynote speaker at Research Seminar on “Science, Technology and Ethics,” Gadjah Mada University, Center for Religion & Cross-Cultural Studies, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.
- April Stanford University, Abbasi Lecture on the Body in Muslim
- March 26, 2005 Plenary address to the *International Association for the History of Religions (IAHR)*, “Neuropolitics: The Dialogics of Life and Death,” Tokyo, Japan.

- Sept 30-1 Oct 2004 *Obligations to Law's Empire,*” paper presented to workshop on “Islam and the Practices of Modernity” book project coordinated by the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, Netherlands.
- April 2004 *“Ghazali and the Construction of Heresy,”* working group on Jewish and Islamic Hermeneutics as Cultural Critique. Workshop on “Archetypes of Liminality: Cultural Patterns of Apostasy, Heresy, and Conversion in Monotheistic Milieus,” Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Germany.
- Dec 2003 *“Subject to Allah and/or Science: Ambivalent Narratives in Contemporary Muslim Ethics,”* annual Schmitt Lecture, Notre Dame Center for Ethics & Culture & Reilly Center for Science, Technology & Values, University of Notre Dame.
- Oct 2003 *“Mediating Modern Science through Islamic Law and Theology”* symposium on Science, Islam and Cultural Values held at the Library of Congress, Washington, DC.
- May 2003
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 19-23 May. *“Human Dignity in Islam,”* plenary speaker at the Second International Muslim Leaders’ Consultation on HIV/AIDS, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 19-23 May.
- April 2003 *“Challenges in Re-Thinking Islam Today,”* Sewanee College, University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.
- April 2003 *“Debts and Burdens of Critical Islam,”* Stanford University, Department of Religion, Palo Alto, California.
- April 2003 *“Challenges in Re-Thinking Islam Today,”* University of California at Davis, Davis, California.
- April 2003 *“Struggling for Human Rights: Muslims and Constitutionalism in South Africa,”* University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Law School, Knoxville, Tennessee.
- March 2003 *“Re-Thinking Islam in Modernity,”* Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.
- March 2003 *“Challenges to the Formations of Contemporary Islamic Thought,”* Cornell University, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Ithaca, New York.
- Nov 2003 “Subjectivity and Ethics in Ghazali,” the American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Oct 2002 *“Issues in Muslim Bioethics,”* American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Baltimore, Maryland.

- Aug 2002 *“The Qur’an in the Muslim Imagination,”* plenary talk delivered at Sun Valley Writers’ Conference, Sun Valley, Idaho.
- July 2002 *“Challenges of Critical Islamic Thought,”* invited by the office of the deputy prime minister of Malaysia to address the Kuala Lumpur International Islamic Forum, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
- March 2002 *“Rethinking Islam in Modernity,”* Dialogue of Civilizations, Isfahan, Iran.
- Jan 2002 *“Informed Consent in Islamic Ethics,”* Fordham University, Conference on Informed Consent.
- Nov 2001 *“September 11, 2001”* special panel American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Boulder, Colorado.
- March 2001 *“Intellectual Modernity in Islam,”* three seminars delivered at the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World (ISIM), Leiden University, Leiden, Netherlands.
- Jan 2000 *“The Struggle for Muslim Personal Law in South Africa,”* Wiegand Lecture in Pivotal Ideas in World Civilization, Duke University, North Carolina.
- Nov 2000
God, *“Dissonance of Gazes Towards the Body in Islamic Law,”* Life & Cosmos: Theistic Perspectives Jointly conference of the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences (CTNS) Berkeley, USA, the International Islamic University, Islamabad (IIU) and the International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT) Islamabad, Pakistan.
- April 2000 *“Islam and Constitutionalism in South Africa,”* Islam and Constitutionalism Conference, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.
- April 2000 *“Reinterpreting Women in Islam,”* Conference on Colonizing Women University of California Los Angeles, Law School, Los Angeles, California.
- April 2000 *“Revisiting Islam and Modernity,”* Institute for Study of Islam in the Modern World, Leiden, Netherlands.
- Feb 2000 *“Notion of the Other in Muslim Theology”* Sawyer Seminar on “Hatred: Encountering the Other,” University of Chicago.
- Feb 2000 *“Implications of Language in the Reconstruction of Islamic law and Theology,”* Mini-conference on Islamic Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia.

- Nov 1998 "Law as Simulacrum in Islam," American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, Orlando, Florida.
- Jan 1997 "*Between Civil and Savage: Muslim Identity in South Africa*," Sawyer Seminar on Religion, Law and the Construction of Identity, at Chicago Humanities Institute at University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- Nov 1997 "*Islam and Modernity Re-visited*," plenary address to joint session of the American Academy of Religion & Middle East Studies Association, annual meeting, San Francisco, California.
- Oct 1997 "*Pains and Problems in Rethinking Islam*," Stanford University.
- May 1997 "*Transacting the Body in the Law*," Civil Status and Biographies of God in Contemporary Africa, CODESRIA, Gorée Island, Dakar, Senegal.
- Dec 1996 "*Islam and Postmodernism*," Emory University faculty seminar.
- June 1996 "*Multiculturalism in South Africa*," Istanbul Municipal Council Habitat Conference, Istanbul, Turkey.
- May 1996 Annual Inter-faith Lecture at Loyola University, Chicago, IL.
- Nov 1996 "The Sufaha in the Qur'an" American Academy of Religion, annual meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Dec 1995 Legal Philosophy of al-Ghazali, Egyptian Philosophical Society, Cairo, Egypt.
- Nov 1995 Chaired a session of the proceedings of the Arab Philosophical Society in Amman, Jordan.
- Aug 1994 "Muslims and the Bill of Rights in a Post-apartheid South Africa," International Conference on Islam and Civil Society in South Africa, at the University of South Africa (UNISA), Pretoria, South Africa.
- Dec 1994 "Contemporary Islamic Fundamentalism," 26th Annual Conference of the International Association of Political Consultants, Johannesburg, South Africa.

(Delivered papers at 13 international and national conferences between 1986-1994).

Media Outreach & Teach-Ins

Contribute regularly as commentator in national and international electronic and print media.

Participated in several teach-ins at Notre Dame and Duke University on current affairs and topical events.

Regularly lecture in the Program in the Humanities and Human Values at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, at venues of the Ismaili Institute, London; College of Islamic Studies at the Hamad bin Khalifa University in Qatar, Uskudar University, Turkey.

Languages

English	read, speak and write
Afrikaans	read, speak and write
Arabic	read, speak and write
Urdu	read, speak and write
Persian	read elementary-intermediate
French	read
Gujarati	speak fluently
Xhosa	beginner