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EDUCATION

Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University	
Ph.D. in Islamic Studies	1995
Dissertation: “Early Doctrine of the Shi‘ah, according to the Shiite Sources”	
Honours: Dissertation passed “with distinction”	
Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University	
M.A. in Islamic Studies	1987
Thesis: “Arabic Elegy between the Jahiliyah and Islam”	
Middle East and Islamic Studies, University of Toronto	
M.A. in Middle East Studies	1980
Political Science, McGill University	
Joint Honours, Political Science and Middle East Studies	1977

POSITIONS HELD

Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia University	2005 – present
Chair, Department of Religion	2007 – 2011
Assistant Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia University	1998 – 2005
Research Fellow, Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania	1989 – 1998
Lecturer full-time in Persian L & L, Asian & M.E. Studies, U. Penn	1995 – 1998
Visiting Assistant Professor, Religion and Islam, Bard College, NY	1993 – 1995
Lecturer part- and full-time in Persian L & L, Oriental Studies, U. Penn	1989 – 1993

PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2000)

Conference of International Society of Iranian Studies	
“From Reason to Rationality: Modern Shiite Discourse on ‘Aql”	2014
Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies, University of Ottawa	2014
“Women in Niqab Speak”	
Centre for Asian Research, York University	2014
“Women in Niqab Speak”	
Centre for Women’s Study in Education, OISE, University of Toronto	2014
“Women in Niqab Speak”	
Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey	2012
“Rumi and Western Environmental Thought”	

University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Fundamentalism Symposium “Fundamentalism and Islam”	2012
McMaster University, Sharjah Chair in Global Islam annual lecture “Shariah in the West: Text and Context”	2011
Congress of the Humanities & Social Sciences “Semiotics of the Veil”	2010
Department of Religion, University of Birmingham, UK “Muslim Law in the West and the Problem of Authority”	2008
Library of Congress Office of Scholarly Programs & Druze Foundation “Druze Particularism in Comparative Context” and closing address	2008
American Academy of Religion “Shiism and Fundamentalism”	2006
Trudeau Foundation conference on Secularism and Religion, Vancouver “Public Policy and Religion”	2006
McGill University conference on World Religions after 9/11 “Meanings of Muslim Women’s Covering”	2006
Gender Research Institute, Dartmouth College “The Canadian Shariah Controversy”	2005
Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education and Interfaith Center of NYU “How to Teach Islam”	2005
M. E. Centre, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford, Druze Heritage Foundation “Taqiyah: Social and Doctrinal Strategies”	2004
IRI Broadcasting conference on Ayatollah Mutahhari, Tehran “Ayatollah Mutahhari and Women: Construction of Liberal-Conservatism”	2004
American Academy of Religion “Women’s Religious Education in Iran and Shiite Lebanon”	2001
Society for Greek & Islamic Philosophy, SUNY Binghamton “A Critique of Global Ethics”	2001
E. China Normal U., Shanghai & Zhongshan U., Guangzhou “Nature according to the Tao and the Sufism of Jalal al-Din Rumi”	2001
Discursus Islamicus and University of London (England) “Dreams of Karbala: A Study in the Psychology of Religion”	2001

University of Florence, Department of Anthropology 2000
 “The Universe Alive: Nature in the Philosophy of Jalal al-Din Rumi”

PUBLICATIONS

With P. Cross: *Muslim and Canadian Family Law: A Comparative Primer*. CCMW, 2006.
 Translated as *Lois musulmanes et canadiennes de la famille*, 2007.

Shiite Heritage: Essays in Classical and Modern Traditions. Ed. & tr. With 5 introductory essays.
 Global Press, SUNY, 2001.

“‘*Aql* (Reason) in Modern Shiite Thought: The Example of Muḥammad Jawād Maghniyya (1904–79)” in *Mahdavi Damghani Commemorative Volume*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter [2015].

“Nuṣayrīs-‘Alawīs”, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* [2014].

“Women in Islam” and case studies in *Women and Religious Traditions*. Edited by L. Anderson & P. Dickey-Young. Don Mills, Ont.; New York: Oxford University Press [2014]; revised and expanded ed. of *Women and Religious Traditions*, pp. 193-224 & 322-328, OUP 2010; revised ed. of *Women and Religious Traditions*, OUP 2004.

“Fundamentalism and Shiism”, pp. 163-180 in *Fundamentalism: Perspectives on a Contested Tradition*. Edited by S. Wood and D. Watt. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2014.

“Fundamentalism, Khomeinism, and the Islamic Republic of Iran”, pp. 181-198 in *Fundamentalism: Perspectives on a Contested Tradition*. Edited by S. Wood and D. Watt. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 2014.

Women in Niqab Speak: A Study of the Niqab in Canada Toronto: CCMW, 2013. 62 pp.
 Translated into French as *Paroles de femmes qui portent le niqab. Étude sur le niqab au Canada*.
 Available at <http://ccmw.com/women-in-niqab-speak-a-study-of-the-niqab-in-canada/>

“Asking Questions About Shariah: Lessons from Ontario”, pp. 153-191 in *Debating Sharia: Islam, Gender Politics and Family Law Arbitration*. Edited by J. Selby and A. Kortweg. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2012.

“Iddah” [Wife’s dower: law], *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, ed. J. Esposito, 2009.

“Ismah” [Inerrancy: theology], *Encyclopedia of Religion*, ed. L. Jones, M. Eliade & C. Adams. Macmillan, 2004.

“Faith and Unfaith in Pre-Occultation Shiism: A Study in Theology and Social History”. *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 15:1 (January 2004), 109-123. Also pp. 97-112 in *Islam and Other Religions*. Edited by I. Omar. London: Routledge, 2006.

“Women as Prophets”, *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Culture*, ed. S. Joseph. Brill, 2004.

“The Universe Alive: Nature in the *Masnawi* of Jalal al-Din Rumi”, pp. 159-181 in *Thinking about the Environment: Our Debt to the Classical and Medieval Past*. Edited by T. Robinson and L. Westra. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield, 2002. Also pp. 39-65 in *Islam and Ecology*. Edited by R. Foltz, F. Denny & A. Baharuddin. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2003.

“The Rise and Fall of Esoterism (*taqiyah*) in Shiite Islam”, pp. 46-63 in *Reason and Inspiration in Islam: Theology, Philosophy and Mysticism in Muslim Thought*. Edited by T. Lawson. London: I.B. Tauris, 2003.

“Hijab according to the Hadith: Text and Interpretation”, pp. 214-286 in *The Muslim Veil in North America: Issues and Debates*. Edited by S. Alvi, H. Hoodfar & S. McDonough. Toronto: Women’s Press, 2003.

“The Shi‘i Construction of Taqlid”. *Journal of Islamic Studies* 12:1 (2001): 40-64.

“Prophecy”, *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, ed. S. Young. Macmillan, 1999.

“Suicide”, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. J. Esposito, 1995.

“Shahadah”, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. J. Esposito, 1995.

“Sawm”, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. J. Esposito, 1995.

“Sainthood”, *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, ed. J. Esposito, 1995.

“Elegy on Husayn: Arabic and Persian”. *Alserat* (Spring & Autumn 1986): 20-36.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (SINCE 2000)

Book review: “Islam and War: The Disparity between the Technological-normative Evolution of Modern War and the Doctrine of Jihad” by A. Dizboni. *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 43 (March 2014): 192-194.

Book review: “Contesting Justice: Women, Islam, Law and Society” by A. Souaiaia. *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 40 (March 2011): 111-114.

Muslim Marriage Contract Kit (Canadian Council of Muslim Women and Ontario Law Society), 2010. Contract 14 pp. + Information booklet 30 pp. Translated into French as *Contract de mariage. Trousse d'information*. Available at <http://ccmw.com/marriage-contract-english-french/> .

Book review: *Satan's Stones* by M. Ravanipur, ed. M.R. Ghanoonparvar. *Journal of the Society for Iranian Studies* 35 (2002): 300-302.

Preface (pp. 5-11) to *el-Housseini Encyclopedia* Vol. VII: al-Ru'yá: musháhadát wa-ta'wíl (Dreams: Visions and Interpretations). Edited M.S.M. Karbasi. London and Beirut: Housseini Centre for Research, 2001.

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