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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

Full Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia University 2015 – present
Chair, Department of Religion 2007 – 2011; 2015 – 2017
Associate Professor, Department of Religion, Concordia University 2005 – 2015
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 2005

Congress of Humanities and Social Science
Co-organised panel on “Religion and Migration”, presented paper
“Forced Migration: Methodological Questions” 2019

Sharjah Chair in Global Islam (McMaster University) Annual Lecture 2017
“I have made you into nations and tribes: A Verse of the Quran and
Western Errors”

Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting 2015
Co-organised panel “The Shiah of Lebanon: Inter-Confessional
Discourse and Relations”, presented paper “A Shiite Clerical View
of the Lebanese State: Muhammad Jawad Maghniyah (1904-1079)”

Biannual Conference of International Society of Iranian Studies “From Reason to Rationality: Modern Shiite Discourse on <i>Aql</i> ”	2014
Institute of Canadian and Aboriginal Studies, University of Ottawa “Women in Niqab Speak”	2014
Centre for Asian Research, York University “Women in Niqab Speak”	2014
Centre for Women’s Study in Education, OISE, University of Toronto “Women in Niqab Speak”	2014
Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey “Rumi and Western Environmental Thought”	2012
University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Fundamentalism Symposium “Fundamentalism and Islam”	2012
McMaster University, Religious Studies Annual Colloquium “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 Annual Meeting “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

PUBLICATIONS

Meaningful Journeys: Narratives of Migration from Muslim-Majority Countries. Co-authored with L. Darwish, forthcoming (under contract with McGill-Queens Press for series, Refugee and Forced Migration Studies).

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. Edited & translated with 5 introductory essays. Global Press, SUNY, 2001.

“Non-Veiled Muslim Women in the West: Sentiments and Views”, *Muslim World* Vol. 111, no. 3 (June 2021): 336-357.

“A Shiite Clerical View of Other Religions and the Lebanese Nation-State: Muḥammad Jawād Maghniyah (1904-1979)”, *Muslim World*, Vol. 110, No. 2 (June 2020): 176-194.

“Belief and unbelief in Shī‘ī thought”, *Encyclopedia of Islam*, 3d ed. Brill, 2017.

“Shī‘ite Messianism”, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, 2016.

http://0-www.oxfordislamicstudies.com.mercury.concordia.ca/lessonplan_24.html

“Alawis”, *The Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World*, 2d edition. Ed. R. Martin. Macmillan, 2015.

“‘*Aql* (Reason) in Modern Shiite Thought: The Example of Muḥammad Jawād Maghniyya (1904–79)” in *Essays in Islamic Philology, History, and Philosophy*. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter, 2016.

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

http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/lessonplan_19.html

“Women in Islam” and “Case Study: Two Muslim Women in North America”, pp. 213-250 & 357-366 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. in turn 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*. Also 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 *Masnavi* 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. Trans. into Persian, pp. 38-59 in *Islām ū muḥīt-i zīst* (Mashhad: Intishārāt-i Jihād-i Dānishgāhī).

“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.

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“Elegy on Husayn: Arabic and Persian”. *Alserat* 12 (Spring & Autumn 1986): 20-36; also in *Papers from the Imam Husayn Conference, London, 1984*, London: Muhammadi Trust of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, 1984.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book review: “Feeding Iran: Shi‘i Families and the Making of the Islamic Republic”, by Rose Wellman. *Religiographies* 1: i (2021)

Book review: “Sunnis and Shi‘a: A Political History” by Laurence Louër. *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 32:1 (2021): 123-125.

Book review: “The Shi‘ites of Lebanon: Modernism, Communism, and Hizbullah’s Islamists” by Rula Jurdi Abisaab and Malek Abisaab. *Muslim World* 105: 4 (Oct. 2015).

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/> .

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

Book review: *Inevitable Doubt: Two Theories of Shiite Jurisprudence*, by R. Gleave. *Journal of Islamic Studies* 12: 2 (May 2001): 198-203.

Book review: "Mediators Between Human and Divine. From Moses to Muhammad", by J. Macquarrie. *Religious Studies Review* 23 (July 1997): 263.

Beacons of light: Muḥammad the Prophet and Fāṭimah: the Radiant: A Partial Translation of I'lāmu 'l-warā bi a 'lāmi 'l-hudā of Abū 'Alī al-Faḍl ibn al-Ḥasan ibn al-Faḍl aṭ-Ṭabrisī (c. 468/1076-548/1154). Tehran: World Organisation for Islamic Services, 1986, trans. with M. Ayoub.