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EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Ph.D. 1986 in Arabic and Islamic studies. Dissertation: "The Religious Life of Muslim Women in Contemporary Egypt." Director of Dissertation: Fazlur Rahman. Fieldwork in Cairo by a grant from the American Research Center in Egypt, Sept. 1980-Oct. 1981. GPA 1.0 (1.0=A)

University of Chicago, M.A. 1979. Thesis: "The Theological Development of the Concept of the Unity of God in Islam, A.D. 750-950." Coursework and examinations in Arabic language and literature, Islamic theology, philosophy, history and law, Persian language and literature. GPA 1.0 (1.0=A)

American University in Cairo, June 1975-May 1976. Center for Arabic Study Abroad, an advanced, intensive Arabic language program.

University of Pennsylvania, B.A. in Anthropology, 1975. Thesis: "The Muslim Family in Non-Arab Societies." Coursework in Anthropology, Arabic, History, Geology, German, French. GPA 3.42 (4.0=A, 3.0=B).

L'Université de Tunis, Tunisia, 1973-74. Sociology and Arabic (taught in French). Independent research on Tunisian family.

Hebrew University in Jerusalem, summer 1973, intermediate Arabic.

Harborfields High School, Greenlawn, N.Y. Valedictorian, 1971.

EMPLOYMENT

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign:

Professor of Islamic studies, Department of Religion 2011–present

Head of the Department of Religion, 2015–present

Director of the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2011–2015

Associate Professor, Department of Religion (formerly the Program for the Study of Religion), 1994–2011

Assistant Professor, Program for the Study of Religion, 1986–1994

Visiting Lecturer in Islam in the Program for the Study of Religion (1983-1986) and the African Studies Program (1983–85)

Affiliate of the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, the Center for African Studies, the Women and Gender in Global Perspectives Program, the Global Studies Center, and the Medieval Studies Program.

Courses taught:

AFST 222/ANTH222/SOC 222, "Introduction to Modern Africa"

ARAB/SAME 150, “The Arab Spring”
 REL 110, “World Religions”
 REL 213/SAME 213, “Introduction to Islam” (Advanced Composition course)
 REL 214/SAME 214, “Introduction to Islam”
 REL 223/CWL 223/SAME 223, “The Qur’an”
 REL 260/SAME 260, “Mystics and Saints in Islam”
 REL 481/SAME 481, “Muslim Ethics in the Global Age”
 REL 482, “Muslim-Christian Interactions”
 RLST 494 (topics course), “Intellectual Debates in Medieval Islam”
 REL 403/ANTH403/GLBL 403/GWS 403/HIST 434/SAME 403, “Women in Muslim Societies”
 REL 408/PS 408/SAME 408, “Islam and Politics in the Middle East”
 RLST 410, “Islam in Egypt” (a study abroad course)
 RLST 494 (topics course), “Islam in East Africa”
 REL 514/SAME 514, “Islamic Theology”
 SAME 152/PS 152/SOC 152, “The New Middle East”
 Team-taught course, Ethics in Multicultural Societies
 Various tutorials

On the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students for REL 223, 260, 403, 408, 481, 482 and 514.

École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris. Invited lecturer, May–June 1993.

Spertus College of Judaica at the University of Illinois in Chicago, first-year Arabic instructor, Sept. 1978–Dec. 1978.

OTHER

Participant in Liberty Fund colloquium on “The Interface of Culture, Religion and Liberty in Islam and Christianity,” Indianapolis, May 14-17, 2009.

Participant in the Fundamentalism Project organized by Professor Martin Marty of the University of Chicago and sponsored by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, 1990-2.

Dialogue Mission III, Nov.–Dec. 1979. Cultural mission of six Arabic-speaking American students to Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, North Yemen, Syria and Jordan, for dialogue on academic and political subjects. Organized by the Middle East Institute, with funds from the International Communications Agency.

Archaeological dig and course, near Shrewsbury, England, run by University of Birmingham, summer 1974.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

The Essentials of Ibadi Islam. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2012.

Sufism, Mystics, and Saints in Modern Egypt. Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1995.

Edited Book: *Making the New Middle East: Politics, Culture, and Human Rights*. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2019.

DVD: "Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt." Urbana, IL: University of Illinois, 1997.

Articles in Scholarly Journals:

"Les ibadites d'Oman et d'Afrique orientale." *Horizons Maghrébins* 76 (2017): 93-100.

"Ibadism: History, Doctrines and Recent Scholarship." *Religion Compass* 9, 9 (2015): 297-307.

"Mysticism, Rationalism and Puritanism in Modern Omani Ibadism (18th-20th Centuries)." *The Muslim World* 105, 1 (2015): 251-265.

"Ibadi Reformism in Twentieth-Century Algeria: The *Tafsir* of Shaykh Ibrahim Bayyud," co-authored with Sulaiman bin Ali bin Amir al-Shuaili. In *L'ibâdisme, une minorité au Coeur de l'islam*, edited by Cyrille Aillet, a special issue of *Revue du monde musulman et de la Méditerranée* 132, 2 (November 2012): 155-173.

"Islam, Human Rights and Interfaith Relations: Some Contemporary Egyptian Perspectives," *Journal of Political Theology* 11, 5 (Oct. 2010): 690-716.

"Ibadi Muslim Scholars and the Confrontation with Sunni Islam in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Zanzibar." *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies* 7, 1 (Spring-Summer 2005): 91-118.

"Muslim-Christian Encounters in Late Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar." *The MIT Electronic Journal of Middle East Studies*, 5 (Fall 2005): 59-78,
<http://www.arts.ualberta.ca/~amcdouga/Hist347/additional%20rdgs/case%20studies/zanzibar/MIT%20Journal.pdf>

"The Articulation of *Ibadi* Identity in Modern Oman and Zanzibar," *Muslim World* 14, 2 (April 2004): 201-216.

"Islam and Modernity: A Review Essay." *Religion and the Arts* 5, 4 (2001): 495-503.

"What Role Do Religious and Cultural Identities Play in a Global Society?" *Swords and Ploughshares* Vol. XIII, No. 1 (Spring 2001, Millennium Issue): 13-19.

"Annihilation in the Messenger of God: Development of a Sufi Practice," in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 31, 3 (August 1999): 351-369. Reprinted in Lloyd Ridgeon, ed., *Sufism: Critical Concepts in Islamic Studies*, 4 vols. (London: Routledge, 2008), 4:351-69.

"Ritual, Music, Sociability and Censure: Making a Film on Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt," *The Journal of Religion and Film*, 2, 1 (1998), <http://www.unomaha.edu/~jrf/hoffmans.htm>

"The Role of Visions in Contemporary Egyptian Religious Life," *Religion* 27 (1997): 45-64.

"Eating and Fasting for God in Sufi Tradition," *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, vol. LXIII, no. 3 (1995), pp. 201-230. To be reprinted in *Islam*, ed. Mona Siddiqui (London: SAGE Publications/ Cambridge University Press, 2010).

- “Devotion to the Prophet and His Family in Egyptian Sufism,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 24, 4 (November 1992): 615-637. Reprinted in Lloyd Ridgeon, ed., *Sufism: Critical Concepts in Islamic Studies*, 4 vols. (London: Routledge, 2008), 3:615-37. This will also be reprinted in *Islam*, ed. Mona Siddiqui (London: SAGE Publications/Cambridge University Press, 2010).
- “Mysticism and Sexuality in Sufi Thought and Life,” *Mystics Quarterly* 18, 3 (September 1992): 82-93.
- “Polemics on the Modesty and Segregation of Women in Contemporary Egypt,” *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 19, 1 (1987): 23-50.

Book Chapters:

- “Religion and Politics in the Arab Spring and Its Aftermath.” In *Making the New Middle East: Politics, Culture, and Human Rights*, edited by Valerie J. Hoffman, 47-70. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2019.
- “Islam, Non-Muslim Minorities, and Human Rights in the Middle East.” In *Making the New Middle East: Politics, Culture, and Human Rights*, edited by Valerie J. Hoffman, 153-93. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2019.
- “Gender Norms in the Muslim Middle East.” In *Making the New Middle East: Politics, Culture, and Human Rights*, edited by Valerie J. Hoffman, 285-317. Syracuse, NY: Syracuse University Press, 2019.
- “Ibadis in Zanzibar and the *Nahda*.” In *Oman, Ibadism and Modernity*, edited by Abdulrahman Al Salimi and Reinhard Eisener, 129-144. Studies on Ibadism and Oman. Hildesheim; Zürich; New York: George Olms Verlag, 2018.
- “Ibadi-Omani Creeds and the Construction of Omani Religious Discourse.” In *Oman, Ibadism and Modernity*, edited by Abdulrahman Al Salimi and Reinhard Eisener, 197-208. Studies on Ibadism and Oman. Hildesheim; Zürich; New York: George Olms Verlag, 2018.
- “Nasir b. Abi Nabhan’s Use of Sunni Literature.” In *Today’s Perspectives on Ibadi History*, edited by Reinhard Eisener, 279-284. Hildesheim; Zurich; New York: Georg Olms Verlag, 2017.
- “Ibadi Scholars on Association and Dissociation, from the Tenth to the Twenty-First Century.” In *Ibadi Jurisprudence: Origins, Developments and Cases*, edited by Barbara Michalak-Pikulska and Reinhard Eisener, 185-194. Hildesheim; Zurich; New York: Georg Olms Verlag, 2015.
- “Refuting the Vision of God in Ibadi Theology.” In *Ibadi Theology: Rereading Sources and Scholarly Works*, edited by Ersilia Francesca, 245-253. Studies in Ibadism and Oman series, edited by Abdulrahman Al-Salimi and Heinz Gaube. Hildesheim, Germany: Georg Olms Verlagsbuchhandlung, 2015.
- “What Role Can Sufism Play in Contemporary Egypt?” In *Sufism and Social Integration: Connecting Hearts, Crossing Boundaries*, edited by Mohammad H. Faghfoory and Golam Dastagir, 127-145. Chicago: Kazi Publications, 2015.

- “Ibadi Views on Associating with Muslims of Deficient Faith.” In *Islamic Theological Themes: A Primary Source Reader*, edited by John Renard, 128-134. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2014.
- “Hasan al-Basri on Moral Responsibility.” In *Islamic Theological Themes: A Primary Source Reader*, edited by John Renard, 317-325. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, 2014.
- “Historical Memory and Imagined Communities: Modern Ibadi Writings on Kharijism.” In *On Ibadism*, edited by Angeliki Ziaka. Studies on Ibadism and Oman, vol. 3, edited by Abdulrahman Al-Salimi and Heinz Gaube. Hildesheim, Germany: Georg Olms Verlagsbuchhandlung, 2013.
- “The Role of the *Masharifu* on the Swahili Coast in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries.” In *Sayyids and Sharifs in Muslim Societies: Living Links to the Prophet*, edited by Kazuo Morimoto, 185-197. London: Routledge, 2012.
- “Historical Memory and Imagined Communities: Modern Ibadi Writings on Kharijism.” In *Historical Dimensions of Islam: Essays in Honor of R. Stephen Humphreys*, edited by James E. Lindsay and Jon Armajani, 185-200. Princeton: Darwin Press, 2009.
- “East Africa.” In *The Islamic World*, edited by Andrew Rippin, 39-52. Abingdon, UK; New York: Routledge, 2008.
- “The Ibadis.” In *The Islamic World*, edited by Andrew Rippin, 235-245. Abingdon, UK; New York: Routledge, 2008.
- “In His (Arab) Majesty’s Service: The Career of a Somali Scholar and Diplomat in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar.” In *The Global Worlds of the Swahili: Interfaces of Islam, Identity and Space in 19th and 20th-Century East Africa*, edited by Roman Loimeier and Rüdiger Seesemann, 251-272. Berlin: LIT Verlag, 2006.
- “Oral Traditions as a Source for the Study of Muslim Women: Women in the Sufi Orders.” In *Beyond the Exotic: Women’s Histories in Islamic Societies*, edited by Amira El-Azhary Sonbol, 365-380. Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 2005.
- “Contending Legitimacies: Muslim Perspectives on Human Rights.” In *A Force Profonde: The Power, Politics, and Prospects of Human Rights*, edited by Edward Kolodziej, 45-68. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2003.
- “Mother of Compassion.” In *Women of Sufism: A Hidden Treasure*, edited by Camille Adams Helminski, 215-221. Boston and London: Shambhala, 2003.
- “Al-Farabi’s ‘True King’ and Mulla Sadra’s ‘Path’: Human Perfection and Divine Action in Islamic Esoteric Traditions.” In *Islam-West Philosophical Dialogue: The Papers Presented at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra (May, 1999, Tehran)*, 171-189. Mulla Sadra and Comparative Studies vol. 4. Tehran: Sadra Islamic Philosophical Research Institute (SIPRI) Publication, 2002.
- “Un cheikh soufi peut-il être un héros moderne? Le cheikh égyptien Ahmad Radwân.” In *Saints et héros du Moyen-Orient contemporain*, edited by Cathérine Mayeur-Jaouen, 177-188. Paris: Maisonneuve & Larose, 2002.

- “Muslim Sainthood, Women, and the Legend of Sayyida Nafisa.” In *Women Saints in World Religions*, edited by Arvind Sharma, 107-144. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2000.
- “Qur’anic Interpretation and Modesty Norms for Women.” In *The Shaping of an American Islamic Discourse: A Memorial to Fazlur Rahman*, edited by Earle H. Waugh and Frederick M. Denny, 89-122. Atlanta, Georgia: Scholars Press, 1998.
- “Le soufisme, la femme et la sexualité” and “Témoignages soufis de l’Egypte contemporaine et du Soudan.” In *Les Voies d’Allah: Les ordres mystiques dans le monde musulman des origines à aujourd’hui*, edited by Alexandre Popovic and Gilles Veinstein, 254-257 and 596-612. Paris: Librairie Artheme Fayard, 1996.
- “Islamic Perspectives on the Human Body: Legal, Spiritual and Moral Considerations.” In *Embodiment, Medicine and Morality*, edited by Lisa Sowe Cahill and Margaret A. Farley, 37-55. Dordrecht/Boston/London: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1995.
- “Muslim Fundamentalists: Psychosocial Profiles.” In *Fundamentalisms Comprehended*, edited by Martin E. Marty and R. Scott Appleby, 199-230. Chicago and London: University of Chicago Press, 1995.
- “An Islamic Activist: Zaynab al-Ghazali.” In *Women and the Family in the Middle East: New Voices of Change*, edited by Elizabeth W. Fernea, 233-254. Austin: University of Texas Press, 1985. Reprinted without my introduction in *Princeton Readings in Islamist Thought: Texts and Contexts from al-Banna to Bin Laden*, edited and introduced by Roxanne L. Euben and Muhammad Qasim Zaman, 283-301. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2009; and in *Religious Autobiographies*, edited by Gary L. Comstock, 361-374. Belmont, California: Wadsworth Publishing Co., 1995.

Encyclopedia Articles:

- “Muscat and Zanzibar, Sultanate of.” in *The Encyclopedia of Empire*, edited by John M. MacKenzie. John Wiley & Sons, 2016, DOI: 10.1002/9781118455074.wbeoe342.
- “Burhan b. ‘Abd al-‘Aziz al-Amawi,” *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., Part 2015-3, 50-51. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2015.
- “Burhaniyya,” *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., Part 2015-3, 51-54. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2015.
- “Ghazali, Zaynab al-.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World. Oxford Islamic Studies Online*. 2013. <<http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t236/e0273>>.
- “Women’s Religious Observances” in Altorki, Soraya, Zayn Kassam, Valerie J. Hoffman and Valentine M. Moghadam, “Women and Islam.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World. Oxford Islamic Studies Online*, 2013. <http://www.oxfordislamicstudies.com/article/opr/t236/e0852>
- “Abata, Muhammad Hasan.” In *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., edited by Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, and Everett Rowson. Leiden: Brill, 2011. http://www.brillonline.nl/subscriber/uid=3427/entry?entry=ei3_COM-23504

- “Abu ’l-‘Azm, Mahmud.” In *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., edited by Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, and Everett Rowson. Leiden: Brill, 2009. Brill Online, http://www.brillonline.nl/subscriber/entry?entry=ei3_SIM-0346.
- “Abu ‘Ammar ‘Abd al-Kafi b. Abi Ya‘qub.” In *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., 1:34-36. Leiden: Brill, 2008.
- “‘Abd al-‘Aziz al-Amawi.” In *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., 2:10-11. Leiden: Brill, 2007.
- “A’isha ‘Abd al-Rahman.” In *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd ed., 2:16-18. Leiden: Brill, 2007.
- “Oman.” In *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices* (vol. 3), edited by Thomas Riggs, 172-179. Detroit: Gale Group, 2005.
- “Women, Gender and Sufi Orders, Practices: Egypt.” In *Encyclopedia of Women and Islamic Cultures*, vol. 2: *Family, Law and Politics*, edited by Suad Joseph, 762-764. Leiden: Brill, 2005.
- “‘Abata, Muhammad Hasan.” In *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Phyllis G. Jestice, 2. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- “Nafisa, Sayyida.” In *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Phyllis G. Jestice, 619. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- “Radwan, Ahmad.” In *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Phyllis G. Jestice, 717. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- “Sharqawi, al-Khalafi, Ahmad, and Abu ’l-Wafa’ al-Sharqawi.” In *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Phyllis G. Jestice, 790-791. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- “Zaynab, Sayyida.” In *Holy People of the World: A Cross-Cultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Phyllis G. Jestice, 936-7. Santa Barbara, Denver, Oxford: ABC-CLIO, 2004.
- “Festivals and Commemorative Days.” In *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’an*, edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe, 6 vols., 2: 203-208. Leiden: Brill, 2001-2006.
- “Hospitality and Courtesy.” In *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’an*, edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe, 6 vols., 2: 449-454. Leiden: Brill, 2001-2006.
- “Intercession.” In *Encyclopaedia of the Qur’an*, edited by Jane Dammen McAuliffe, 6 vols., 2: 551-555. Leiden: Brill, 2001-2006.
- “Ghazali, Zaynab al-.” In *Encyclopedia of Women and World Religion*, edited by Serinity Young, 1:367-368. New York: Macmillan, 1999.
- “Islam.” In *Dictionary of Feminist Theologies*, edited by Letty M. Russell and Shannon Clarkson, 155-157. Lexington, Kentucky: Westminster/John Knox, 1996.
- “‘Abd al-Rahman, ‘A’ishah (Bint al-Shati’).” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, edited by John L. Esposito, 1: 4-5. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.
- “Al-Ghazali, Zaynab.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, edited by John L. Esposito, 2: 64-66. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.
- “Ibn ‘Arabi, Muhyi al-Din.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, edited by John L. Esposito, 2: 160-161. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

“Women and Religion: Women's Religious Observances.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Modern Islamic World*, edited by John L. Esposito, 4: 327-331. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995.

“Fatima.” In *The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*, edited by Jonathan Z. Smith, 358. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1995.

“Gender Roles – Islam.” In *The HarperCollins Dictionary of Religion*, edited by Jonathan Z. Smith, 380-382. San Francisco: HarperCollins, 1995.

Book Reviews:

Adam R. Gaiser, *Shurāt Legends and Ibādī Identities: Martyrdom, Asceticism, and the Making of an Early Islamic Community* (Columbia, South Carolina: University of South Carolina Press, 2016), in *Journal of Religion* 98, 4 (Oct. 2018): 570-71.

Elke E. Stockreiter, *Islamic Law, Gender, and Social Change in Post-Abolition Zanzibar* (Cambridge University Press, 2015), in *Islam and Christian–Muslim Relations* 28, 1 (2017): 119-121.

Ahmed E. Souaiaia, *Anatomy of Dissent in Islamic Societies: Ibadism, Rebellion, and Legitimacy* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013), in *Review of Middle East Studies* 50, 1 (2016): 123-126.

John C. Wilkinson, *Ibādism: Origins and Early Development in Oman* (Oxford Oriental Monographs, Oxford University Press, 2010), in *Der Islam* 91, 2 (2014): 446-450.

Amira Mittermaier, *Dreams That Matter: Egyptian Landscapes of the Imagination* (University of California Press, 2011) in *History of Religions* 52, 4 (May 2013): 419-422.

Kai Kresse, *Philosophising in Mombasa: Knowledge, Islam and Intellectual Practice on the Swahili Coast* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2007), in *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* 30, 3 (2010): 663-666.

Ahmad b. al-Mubārak al-Lamatī, *Pure Gold from the Words of Sayyidī ‘Abd al-‘Azīz al-Dabbāgh (Al-Dhahab al-Ibrīz min Kalām Sayyidī ‘Abd al-‘Azīz al-Dabbāgh)*, translated and annotated by John O’Kane and Bernd Radtke (Leiden, Boston: Brill, 2007), in *Islamic Africa* vol. 1, no. 1 (spring 2010), 130-131.

Frederick de Jong and Bernd Radtke, eds., *Islamic Mysticism Contested: Thirteen Centuries of Controversies and Polemics* (Leiden, Boston, Köln: E.J. Brill, 1999), in *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 121, 4 (2001): 717.

Vincent J. Cornell, *Realm of the Saint: Power and Authority in Moroccan Sufism* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 1998), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 33 (2001): 309-311.

Julian Johansen, *Sufism and Islamic Reform in Egypt: The Battle for Islamic Tradition* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1996), for the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* 66, 2 (1998): 439-441.

Diane Singerman and Homa Hoodfar, eds., *Development, Change, and Gender in Cairo: A View from the Household* (Bloomington and Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1995), in the *American Journal of Sociology* 103, 4 (January 1998): 1136-1138.

- Yvonne Y. Haddad and Wadi Z. Haddad, eds., *Christian-Muslim Encounters* (University Press of Florida, 1995), in *Medieval Encounters* 3, 3 (1997): 297-303.
- Uri Rubin, *The Eye of the Beholder: The Life of Muhammad as Viewed by the Early Muslims* (Princeton, NJ: Darwin Press, 1995), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 29, 4 (1997): 638-639.
- Leila Ahmed, *Women and Gender in Islam: Historical Roots of a Modern Debate* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1992), in *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 5, 2 (1993): 177-207.
- Reuven Firestone, *Journeys in Holy Lands: The Evolution of the Abraham-Ishmael Legends in Islamic Exegesis* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1990), in *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research*, no. 289 (1993): 95-96.
- Shireen T. Hunter, ed., *The Politics of Islamic Revivalism* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1988), in *Religious Studies Review*, vol. 18, no. 1 (January 1992), p. 75.
- M. E. Combs-Schilling, *Sacred Performances: Islam, Sexuality and Sacrifice* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1989), in *Journal of Religion* 71, 4 (October 1991): 618-619. Reprinted in the *Association for Middle East Women's Studies Newsletter* vol. VII, nos. 1-2 (May 1992): 7-8.
- W. Montgomery Watt, *Islamic Fundamentalism and Modernity* (New York and London: Routledge, 1988), in *International Journal of Middle East Studies* 23, 3 (August 1991): 414-417.
- Earle H. Waugh, *The Munshidin of Egypt: Their World and Their Song* (Columbia, SC: University of South Carolina Press, 1989), in *Journal of Religion* 70, 3 (July 1990): 491-492.
- Zaynab al-Ghazali al-Jabali, *Ayyam min hayati* [Days of My Life] (Beirut and Cairo: Dar al-Shuruq, 1977), in the *Newsletter of the Association for Middle East Women's Studies*, vol. 1, no. 5 (Oct. 1987): 13-16.
- Afaf Lutfi al-Sayyid-Marsot, ed., *Society and the Sexes in Medieval Islam* (Malibu, CA: Undena Publications, 1979), in the *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* (Oct. 1982).

Other Publications:

- “Religion and Politics in the Middle East.” *The Public i*, November 2006, 5.
- “*Ibadi* Islam: An Introduction,” in web site on “Islamic Studies, Islam, Arabic and Religion,” 2001, <http://www.uga.edu/islam/ibadis.html>
- “Saints and Sheikhs in Modern Egypt.” *Newsletter of the International Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World* no. 2 (March 1999), 19.
- “Researching the Religious Life of Muslim Women in Modern Egypt,” *American Research Center in Egypt Newsletter*, Spring 1982.

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“Ibadi *Tafsir* Literature,” co-authored with Sulaiman bin Ali bin Ameer Al-Shueili, in *Oxford Handbook of Qur’anic Studies*, edited by Muhammad Abdul Haleem and Mustafa Shah. Oxford University Press.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

Book in preparation: *Islamic Sectarianism Reconsidered: Ibadi Islam in the Modern Age*.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Development of Ibadi Textual Tradition in the Arabian Peninsula,” at the Middle East Studies Association of North America annual meeting, San Antonio, November 15-18, 2018.

“Religion, Ethnicity, and Identity in the Zanzibar Sultanate,” at an international conference on “Muslim Cultures in the Indian Ocean: Diversity and Pluralism, Past and Present,” at the Aga Khan University’s Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations, London, September 12-14, 2018.

“A Sufism for Our Time: The Egyptian Society for Spiritual and Cultural Research.” World Congress of Middle East Studies, Sevilla, Spain, July 16-20, 2018.

“Ibadi Discussions on the Divine Attributes,” at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Washington, DC, November 19, 2017.

Invited paper: “Ibadi Thought in Modern Oman and Zanzibar: An Analysis Drawn from Political Geography,” at the Eighth International Conference on Ibadism and Oman, Tokyo, May 20-22, 2017.

“Ibadi Archives in Oman and Zanzibar,” at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Boston, November 20, 2016.

Invited paper: “Ibadi-Omani Theological Textbooks and the Construction of Omani Religious Discourse,” at the Seventh Conference on Oman and Ibadism, “Religion and Policy in Oman,” at St. Antony’s College, University of Oxford, May 23-26, 2016.

Invited paper: “Ibadis in Zanzibar and the *Nahda*,” at the Sixth Conference on Oman and Ibadism, St. Petersburg, Russia, June 1–3, 2015.

Invited paper: “Oman’s Religious Heritage and Landscape,” Omani Scholarly Symposium, Washington, DC, December 3, 2014.

“Ibadi Scholarship and Identity between Oman and Zanzibar in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries,” conference on “The Indian Ocean: History, Networks, and Spaces of the Imagination,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, October 17, 2014.

Invited paper: “Mystical Thought and Practice in Modern Omani Ibadism,” at workshop on “Religious Spaces, Practices and Models in North African Ibadism,” Lyon, France, September 25-26, 2014.

Invited paper: “Ibadi Islam: Its Place in Islamic Thought,” Fourth World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Ankara, Turkey, August 18-22, 2014.

- Invited paper: “Nasir ibn Abi Nabhan’s Use of Sunni Sources,” for Fifth Conference on Oman and Ibadism, Cambridge University, June 16-18, 2014.
- Invited paper: “Mysticism, Rationalism and Puritanism in Modern Omani Ibadism (18th – Early 20th Century)” at conference on “Oman and the Indian Ocean: Interaction and Exchange,” hosted by the Sultan Qaboos Cultural Center and the University of Chicago’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies, October 29, 2013.
- Invited paper: “Ibadi Scholars on Association and Dissociation, from the Tenth to the Twenty-First Century,” International Conference on Ibadi Jurisprudence, Krakow, Poland, May 29, 2013.
- Invited paper: “Articulating Ibadi Theology in the Modern Age: Refuting the Vision of God,” conference on “Ibadi Theology: Rereading Sources and Scholarly Works,” Naples, Italy, May 28-30, 2012.
- “Ibadi Identity in the Early Nineteenth Century: The Writings of Nasir b. Abi Nabhan.” Middle East Studies Association meeting, Washington, DC, Dec. 3, 2011.
- Invited paper: “Dreaming and Fearing the Imamate: Ibadi Politics in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Oman and Zanzibar,” at workshop entitled “Islam in East Africa and the Western Indian Ocean: Historical Connections, Contemporary Debates,” hosted by the Institute for Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, March 4, 2011.
- “Historical Memory and Imagined Communities: Modern Ibadi Writings on Kharijism,” conference on Ibadism, Ibadhi Studies and the Sultanate of Oman, at Aristotle University, Thessaloniki, Greece, November 10, 2009.
- “The Role of the *Masharifu* on the Swahili Coast in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century,” at conference on the Role of Sayyids/Sharifs in Muslim Societies, Tokyo University, September 23, 2009.
- “Islam, Democracy and Human Rights: Some Contemporary Egyptian Perspectives,” American Academy of Religion, Chicago, Nov. 2, 2008 and Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, Nov. 23, 2008.
- “Historical Memory and Imagined Communities: Modern Ibadi Writings on Kharijism,” Festschrift Conference in Honor of Dr. R. Stephen Humphreys, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, Oct. 13, 2007.
- “Texts, Orality, and the Non-Verbal in Sufism,” workshop entitled “Sufi Texts, Sufi Contexts,” organized by the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, May 28-29, 2007.
- “Ibadi Muslims in Oman and Zanzibar: The Impact of Local Context on a Translocal Tradition,” at workshop entitled “Shifting the Meaning: Time, Space, Connectivity, and Their Challenges in the Western Indian Ocean,” at the Zentrum Moderner Orient (Center for Modern Oriental Studies), Berlin, May 22, 2007.
- “Le Digne et l’Indigne: Quatre Modèles de Leadership Soufi en Egypte Moderne” (“The Reputable and the Disreputable: Four Models of Sufi Leadership in Modern Egypt”), for a colloquium on Sufism in Bedjaia, Algeria, December 12, 2006.

- “Thirsting for the Waters of Nahrawan: The Evocation and Evaluation of Kharijism in 19th- and 20th-century Ibadī Writings,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, November 21, 2005.
- “Ali al-Mundhiri and the Defense of Ibadism and Islam in Zanzibar.” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, November 23, 2004.
- Discussant, panel on “Religion and Transnational Dynamics,” the Fifth Department of Sociology Transnational Workshop at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 30, 2004.
- “Leadership and Scholarship in Oman’s Modern *Ibadī* Renaissance.” Middle East Studies Association Annual Meeting, Anchorage, Alaska, November 9, 2003.
- “In His (Arab) Majesty’s Service: A Somali Scholar and Diplomat in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar,” conference on the Global World of the Swahili, Zanzibar, Tanzania, February 20-22, 2003 (invited paper).
- “In His (Arab) Majesty’s Service: A Somali Scholar in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar,” African Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, December 8, 2002.
- “The Articulation of *Ibadī* Identity in Modern Oman and Zanzibar,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Toronto, November 25, 2002.
- “Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century *Ibadī* Discussions on Religious Knowledge and Muslim Sects,” 35th Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, San Francisco, November 18, 2001.
- “Un cheikh soufi peut-il être un héros moderne? Le cas de Ahmad Radwan de l’Egypte.” Colloquium on saints and heroes in the modern Middle East, the Sorbonne, Paris, Dec. 11-12, 2000 (invited paper).
- “Islamic Scholarship on the Swahili Coast.” Workshop to found the Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa at Northwestern University, May 13, 2000 (invited paper).
- “Contending Legitimacies: Muslim Perspectives,” conference on the Legitimacy and Governance of World Society: Reconciling Democratization, Human Rights, and Power. At the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 31, 2000 (invited paper).
- “*Ibadī* Islam in the Religious Configuration of Zanzibar,” at annual meeting of the African Studies Association. Philadelphia, November 12, 1999.
- “Al-Farabi’s ‘True King’ and Mulla Sadra’s ‘Path’: Human Perfection and Divine Action in Islamic Esoteric Traditions,” at the World Congress on Mulla Sadra, Tehran, May 25, 1999 (invited paper).
- “Shaykhs and Walis: Rank versus Function?” at the Middle East Association annual meeting, Chicago, December 5, 1998.
- “Problems in the Study of Religion: Fieldwork among the Sufis in Egypt,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 21, 1998.
- “Spirituality and Sexuality in the Writings of Ibn al-‘Arabi,” roundtable conference on Islamic Esotericism, Kabbalah, and Tantra, sponsored by the Department of Religion, New York University, April 5-6, 1998 (invited paper).

“Sufi *Dhikr* as Entertainment in Egypt,” Center for African Studies Spring Symposium on “The Creation and Consumption of Leisure in Africa,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 4, 1997.

Respondent to Samuel P. Huntington in Cline symposium on Huntington’s book, *The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order* (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, March 20, 1997.

“The Role of Islam in Middle Eastern Politics and Society,” Central Illinois World Affairs conference on “The Challenge of the Middle East: Iraq, Turkey, and Iran,” East Peoria, March 1, 1997.

Participant in panel on “Teaching Muslim-Christian Relations,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, New Orleans, November 25, 1996.

Participant in panel on “Pedagogical Needs versus ‘Production Values’: Homemade Videos in the Religious Studies Classroom,” with showing of my videotape, “Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, New Orleans, November 23, 1996.

“Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association of North America annual meeting, Providence, Rhode Island, November 22, 1996.

“Oral Traditions as a Source for the Study of Muslim Women: Women in the Sufi Orders,” roundtable conference on sources for the study of Muslim women, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, April 12, 1996 (invited paper).

“Sayyida Zaynab and Sayyida Nafisa: The Construction of Female Sainthood in Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Washington, DC, December 7, 1995.

“Al-Farabi’s ‘True King’ and the Spiritual Guide in Islamic Esoteric Traditions,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Philadelphia, November 20, 1995.

“Eating and Fasting for God in Sufi Tradition,” seminar on Food and Religion sponsored by the *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, Chicago, November 18, 1994.

“Annihilation in the Messenger of God in the Writings of al-Jili,” Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society Symposium, Berkeley, November 5, 1994 (invited paper).

“Soufisme, femmes, et sexualité,” round table conference on Christian and Muslim Mystical Orders in the Mediterranean region (15th-20th centuries), L’Arbresle, France, Apr. 9, 1994 (invited paper).

“The Spirituality and Teachings of Two Modern Sufi Shaykhs in Egypt: Ahmad Radwan and Muhammad ‘Uthman ‘Abduh,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Washington, DC, Nov. 21, 1993.

“Annihilation in the Prophet in Late Medieval Sufism,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Research Triangle Park, NC, Nov. 13, 1993.

“Transformation and Continuity in the Religious Experiences of Islamists and Sufis,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 22, 1992.

- “Sacred Space, Social Space: Saints' Shrines in Egyptian Religion and Social Life,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Portland, Oct. 30, 1992.
- “Popular Islam and Coptic Christianity in Egypt,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Kansas City, November 25, 1991.
- “Muslim Fundamentalists: Psychosocial Profiles,” Fundamentalism Project conference, Chicago, November 4, 1991 (invited paper).
- “Image and Self-Image: Writing the Biography of Shaykh Muhammad ‘Uthman al-Burhani of Sudan (1902-83),” symposium on “African Life Writing,” University of Illinois, Urbana, April 12, 1991.
- “The Role of Visions in Contemporary Egyptian Religious Life,” conference on “Visions and Visionary Experiences in Religion,” University of Kansas, Lawrence, April 8, 1991.
- “Mysticism and Sexuality in Sufi Thought and Life,” at the American Academy of Religion annual meeting, New Orleans, November 18, 1990.
- “Continuity and Controversy in Contemporary Sufism: The Burhaniyya in Egypt,” at the Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Antonio, November 12, 1990.
- “Mystical Experience and Models of Sainthood in Contemporary Egyptian Sufism,” Middle East History and Theory Workshop, University of Chicago, May 18, 1990.
- “Les confréries soufies dans l’Egypte d’aujourd’hui,” invited paper for conference on popular religion and social mobilization, hosted by the Centre d’études et de documentation économique, juridique et sociale, Cairo, Dec. 15, 1989.
- “Suffering, Annihilation of the Ego and Loss of Control in Contemporary Egyptian Sufism,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Anaheim, California, Nov. 21, 1989.
- “Devotion to the Prophet and His Family in Egyptian Sufism,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Toronto, Nov. 16, 1989.
- Discussant, panel on “The Search for National Identity,” conference on “Processes of Arab Self-Definition,” University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Nov. 11, 1989.
- “Vitality, Leadership and Gender: Observations on Sufism in Modern Egypt,” American Academy of Religion annual meeting, Chicago, November 21, 1988.
- “Birth Control and Abortion in Islamic Law,” invited paper for panel on Birth Control and Abortion in Medieval Law, 22nd International Medieval Studies Congress, Kalamazoo, Michigan, May 8, 1987.
- “Segregation and Desegregation in the Religious Life of Muslim Women in Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, Boston, November, 1986.
- “Popular Islamic Medicine in Egypt: Ideology, Controversy and Practice,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, New Orleans, Nov. 1985.
- “Women in the Islamic Resurgence of Contemporary Egypt,” American Academy of Religion, Midwest Regional Conference, Rockford, Illinois, April 1985.
- “Polemics on the Modesty and Segregation of Women in Contemporary Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association annual meeting, San Francisco, Nov. 1984.

Discussant, panel on “Popular Islam and Political Radicalism,” Symposium on Popular Islam in Twentieth-Century Africa, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Apr. 1984.

“Re-Defining the Role of Women in Islamic Religion and Society: the Case of Egypt,” American Research Center in Egypt annual meeting, Austin, Texas, March 1982.

INVITED LECTURES

Outside the University of Illinois

Teaching Islam in Secular Academia: Challenges and Controversies,” at the University of Chicago Divinity School, February 2, 2018, <https://divinity.uchicago.edu/past-craft-teaching-events>.

“Ibadi Islam: Its Place in Islamic Thought,” at New York University in Abu Dhabi, February 8, 2015; on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pcBxS6rXTIk>.

“Ibadism and Mysticism: Thought, Practice and Controversy in Modern Oman,” at New York University in Abu Dhabi, February 9, 2015.

“Ibadism and Religion in Oman,” at the Center for International Learning, Muscat, Oman, January 13, 2012.

“Celebrating Muhammad, Remembering God: Sufism in Egypt,” at the University of Iowa, March 22, 2011.

“Islam in Africa,” at Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 2, 2011.

“The Role of the Prophet’s Descendants on the Swahili Coast in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries” and “Methodology in the Study of Muslim Societies,” at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 5-6, 2010.

“What Role Can Sufism Play in Contemporary Egypt?” at Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, September 26, 2009.

“Islam and Muslim Scholars in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar,” at Illinois Wesleyan University, March 10, 2008.

“Islam and Muslim Scholars in Nineteenth-Century Zanzibar,” Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, April 14, 2008.

“Ibadi Islam and Muslim Scholars in 19th- and Early 20th-Century Oman and Zanzibar,” at the University of Arizona, Tucson, September 19, 2002.

“Women in the Sufi Orders,” at the University of Arizona, Tucson, September 19, 2002.

“Where are the Women? Spirituality and Gender in Islamic Sacred Space.” Loyola University, April 8, 2002.

“Where are the Women? Spirituality and Gender in Islamic Sacred Space.” Smith College, March 11, 2002.

“Women in Islam, Women in Afghanistan.” Office of Women’s Programs, Parkland College, March 1, 2000.

- “Problems in the Study of Religion: Fieldwork in Egypt,” Bard College, Annondale-on-Hudson, New York, March 23, 1998.
- “Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt,” lecture and video showing at the following colleges: Amherst College, March 26, 1998; Kenyon College, March 31, 1998; Ohio University, April 30, 1998.
- “Sisters in the Brotherhood of God: Religious Lives of Muslim Women,” Illinois State University, Bloomington, March 27, 1997.
- “Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt,” University of Chicago, August 9, 1996.
- “The Role of Visions in Contemporary Egyptian Religious Life,” Emory University, Atlanta, January 29, 1996.
- “Religious Dimensions to Conflict in the Former Yugoslavia,” Illinois State University, Bloomington, October 6, 1995.
- “Femmes et sexualité dans la mystique musulmane,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, June 7, 1993.
- “Souffrance, perte de contrôle et annihilation de soi dans le soufisme contemporain en Egypte,” Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, May 24, 1993.
- “Mystical Experience in Contemporary Egyptian Sufism,” Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania, Jan. 29, 1993.
- “Sufism in Contemporary Egypt,” Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, Ohio, March 28, 1991.
- “Women in the Arab World,” Miami University of Ohio, Oxford, Ohio, March 28, 1991.
- “Islamic Perspectives on War,” Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, March 21, 1991.
- “Islamic Mysticism, from Eighth-Century Iraq to Contemporary Egypt,” Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois, March 20, 1991.
- “The Islamic Resurgence in Egypt,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, January 28, 1991.
- “Women and Sexuality in Islamic Mysticism,” Colorado College, Colorado Springs, January 27, 1991.
- “Women and Sexuality in Islamic Mysticism,” Colgate University, March 27, 1990.
- “Mystical Experience in Contemporary Egyptian Sufism,” “Methods and Resources in the Study of Middle Eastern Women,” and “Sufism, Women and Moulids in Contemporary Egypt,” at Washington and Lee University, March 22, 1990.
- “Women in the Islamic Movement of Egypt,” talk for Interserve group, Cairo, April 21, 1988.
- “Sufism, Women and Moulids in Contemporary Egypt,” American Research Center in Cairo, March 2, 1988.
- “The Search for the Islamic Concept of Woman in Contemporary Egypt,” delivered in Arabic for the Arabic Circle, University of Chicago, February 1983.
- “Women in Islam,” Roosevelt University, Chicago, April 1982.

“The Islamic View of Women,” Notre Dame University, February 1982.

At the University of Illinois

“The Sunni–Shi‘i Divide in Middle Eastern Politics” lecture for a student group associated with the Program in Arms Control and Domestic and International Security, March 1, 2018

Panelist for discussion after the 26th Annual Daniel S. Sanders Peace and Social Justice Lecture, “A Distant Hope: Struggle for Social Justice in Yemen,” by Yasin Al-Qubati, April 19, 2017, School of Social Work.

“Religion and Politics in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century Oman and Zanzibar.” Department of Religion faculty seminar, February 17, 2017.

“Education of Women and Girls in the Middle East and South Asia,” for the Women’s Law Society, March 5, 2015.

“Human Rights and Islam: Women’s Rights,” for Pradeep Dhillon’s class, advanced seminar on Human Rights Education (EPS 590E), November 6, 2014.

“Shi‘ism” and “Persian Poetry” for Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, August 1 and 8, 2013.

“Contemporary Islamic Movements in the Mediterranean,” at the summer curriculum development workshop, “The Timeless Mediterranean and the New European Union: Transnational Spaces and Integration,” organized by the European Union Center for high school teachers, University of Illinois, June 12, 2013.

“Religion and Sociopolitical Change in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia,” at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Champaign, IL, February 8, 2013.

“Religion and Sociopolitical Change in Egypt,” at the Middle East Summer Institute, June 2012.

“Religion and Politics in Oman,” Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies brown bag lecture series, March 13, 2012.

“Islam, Human Rights and Interfaith Relations,” Global Prisms lecture series sponsored by the Center for Global Studies, March 5, 2009.

“Islam in Africa,” African Studies teachers’ workshop on Africa, July 1, 2008.

“Sufism,” African Studies teachers’ workshop on Sufism and the Mouridiye Order of Senegal in conjunction with “Saint in the City” exhibit at Krannert Art Museum, November 4, 2006.

“Religion and Ethics.” Illinois International High School Initiative’s Global Studies Forum ’05, at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 26, 2005.

“Qur’an Interpretation.” Panel on interpreting scripture, University of Illinois Law School, March 14, 2005.

“Muslim Society and Ethics: Rethinking Tradition in the Global Age.” Prisms of Globalization seminar series, Center for Global Studies, October 13, 2004.

“Rumi and Sufism.” Lecture preceding performance of the Whirling Dervishes in Foellinger Auditorium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, September 17, 2003. Performance sponsored by the Intercultural Friendship Foundation.

- “Problems of Image and Presentation in Intercultural Relations, or: How Can an American Woman Live in an Arab Country?” Global Crossroads Sunday Series, March 16, 2003.
- “Islam, Muslims, and the Role of Religion in Our Global Society: Reflections on September 11th, One Year Later.” Panel sponsored by the Intercultural Friendship Foundation, September 9, 2002.
- “Islam and Culture in Afghanistan.” Panel on the Soviet era in Afghanistan organized by the Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Springfield, December 6, 2001.
- “Thirsting for the Waters of Nahrawan: The Mystic Warrior-Scholars of Modern Oman,” Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, September 18, 2001.
- “What Role Do Religious and Cultural Identities Have in a Global Society?” Millennium lecture series, Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security Studies, April 17, 2000.
- “Cultural-Religious Aspects of Life in the Middle East,” January 13, 2000. Part of educational preparation for participants in Illinois Agriculture Leadership Program prior to their departure for Egypt and Israel. Organized by the Office of International Programs and Studies, University of Illinois.
- “Religion and Politics in Nineteenth- and Early Twentieth-Century Zanzibar.” Center for African Studies lecture series, November 3, 2000.
- “Saints and Shaykhs: Spiritual Rank versus Function?”, sponsored by the Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, February 26, 1999.
- “International Recognition of Human Rights.” In Ford Foundation Seminar on Ethical Issues in International Development, February 25, 1999.
- “Islamic Perspectives on Jesus and Mary,” Newman Center, October 26, 1998.
- Public showing and discussion of my videotape, “Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt,” sponsored by the Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, April 16, 1997.
- “Sacred Space, Social Space: Saints’ Shrines in Egypt,” sponsored by the African Studies Center, Dec. 2, 1992.
- “Islam’s Potential for Dialogue with Other Faiths,” in panel entitled “Can Diverse Religions Talk to One Another?,” sponsored by the Program for the Study of Values and Ethics, Oct. 14, 1992.
- “American Perspectives on Islam,” seminar on the Middle East for visiting journalists from South Asia, sponsored by the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament, and International Security, July 2, 1992.
- Panel discussion on Middle Eastern culture, sponsored by the International Studies Association, Feb. 28, 1992.
- “Popular Islam and Coptic Christianity in Egypt,” Program in South and West Asian Studies, Jan. 28, 1992.
- “Prophecy and Prophetic Voices in Islam,” seminar on prophecy in scripture for the Champaign-Urbana Ministerial Association, May 14, 1991.

“Women and Sexuality in Islamic Mysticism,” Feminist Scholarship Studies Seminar series, University of Illinois, Urbana, September 19, 1990.

“Moulids: Saint’s Day Celebrations in Egypt,” African Studies Center series, University of Illinois, September 20, 1989.

“Islamic Perspectives on the Competence and Danger of Women,” The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Feb. 27, 1986.

ACADEMIC PANELS AND CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

Panel: “Broadening the Narrative: Ibadi Islam in Focus,” co-organized with Rodrigo Adem, at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Washington, DC, November

“A Celebration of Rumi and Other Persian Poets,” hosted by the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois, October 30, 2015.

“The Indian Ocean: History, Networks, and Spaces of the Imagination,” conference hosted by the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois, October 16-18, 2014.

Ibadi Bibliography workshop, Summer Research Lab in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois Library, July 14, 2014.

“Children and Globalization,” Joint Area Centers Symposium, University of Illinois, April 10-12, 2014.

“Ethnicity, Citizenship and Human Rights in Burma: The History and Plight of the Rohingya,” for the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois, November 8, 2012.

“The New Middle East: Social and Political Change in the Twenty-First Century,” for the Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Illinois, October 18-20, 2012.

Panel on “Dynamics of Ibadi Identity Formation and Transformation” at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association of North America, Washington, DC, December 3, 2011.

Public forum on the Libyan revolution, University of Illinois, November 10, 2011.

AWARDS

Carnegie scholarship for project entitled “Islamic Sectarianism Reconsidered: Ibadi Islam in the Modern Age,” awarded March 2009 for period from August 2009-July 2010.

Alumni Discretionary Award for service to the university, University of Illinois, August 2008.

Course development award, Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, summer 2007, to develop “Islam in East Africa” course.

Associate in the Center for Advanced Study for spring semester 2003, to write on the topic “Muslim Scholars and Saints of Oman and Zanzibar, 1831-1925.”

Fulbright Middle East, North Africa and South Asia Regional Research Program award, Council for International Exchange of Scholars, “Islamic Leadership and Lineage in the Indian

Ocean Region: The Scholars and Saints of Oman and the Hadramawt,” Sept. 2000-May 2001. Research conducted in Oman and the Hadramawt region of southeast Yemen.

Arnold O. Beckman award, University of Illinois Research Board, “Muslim Scholars and Saints in Zanzibar, 1831-1964,” Spring and summer 2000.

William and Flora Hewlett award, Office of International Programs and Studies, University of Illinois, summer 1999, for project entitled, “Ibadi Islam in the Religious Configuration of Zanzibar.”

Travel grant, Center for African Studies, University of Illinois, for research in Zanzibar, summer 1998.

Appointed University Scholar, University of Illinois, October 1996. This appointment honors outstanding faculty and provides a three-year research award.

William and Flora Hewlett award, Office of International Programs and Studies, University of Illinois, for project entitled “Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt: Music, Song, Chant, and Movement,” summer 1996, resulting in production of videotape, “Celebrating the Prophet in the Remembrance of God: Sufi *Dhikr* in Egypt.”

Course development award from the Program in Cultural Values and Ethics, University of Illinois, to develop course on “Muslims and Christians: Interactions and Reactions,” summer 1995.

University of Illinois Research Board grant to research the role of the Prophet Muhammad in late medieval Sufism through the writings of al-Jīlī, Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris, May-June 1993.

National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship to write *Sufism, Mystics and Saints in Modern Egypt*, August 1991-May 1992.

Fulbright research grant under Islamic Civilization program for research on “Saint's Day Celebrations, Voluntary Associations and the Religious Life of Muslim Women in Egypt,” Oct. 1987-June 1988.

University of Illinois Research Board grant of a research assistant, 1990-91 academic year.

Numerous Scholars' Travel Fund awards to give papers at academic conferences in the U.S. and abroad, from the University of Illinois Research Board.

American Research Center in Egypt fellowship funded by the Smithsonian Foreign Currency Fund and the International Communications Agency, 1980-81.

National Defense Foreign Language fellowship (NDEA, Title VI), 1976-79, for graduate study at the University of Chicago.

Center for Arabic Study Abroad fellowship, 1975-76.

University of Pennsylvania partial tuition scholarship, 1971-2, 1972-3, 1974-5.

University of Pennsylvania German Department award, \$50, 1973.

AWARDS DECLINED: Mellon Fellowship, University of Southern California, 1986-87; New York State Regents Scholarship, 1971.

MEMBERSHIPS: American Academy of Religion; Middle East Studies Association of North America; Association of Middle East Women's Studies, Association for Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies.

COMMITTEES - International

Editorial Board, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, 1999-2005.

Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of Religious Biography*, Routledge, 2005-.

Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia of Twentieth-Century African History*, Routledge, 2002-3.

Advisory Board, *Worldmark Encyclopedia of Religious Practices*, 2002.

Board of Directors, Middle East Studies Association of North America, 1995-98.

Ethics Committee, Middle East Studies Association of North America, 1995-98 (chair 1997-1998).

Disputation committee for dissertation of Mark Sedgwick, Bergen University, Norway, May 18-19, 1999.

Nominating Committee, Middle East Studies Association of North America, 1990.

COMMITTEES - National

Advisory Committee, Institute for the Study of Islamic Thought in Africa, Northwestern University, 2003, 2006.

Editorial Board, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion*, 1994-98.

Fellowships Committee, American Research Center in Egypt, 1995.

Study of Islam Group Steering Committee, American Academy of Religion, 1989-93.

University of Illinois

University Scholars Selection Committee, 2018.

Chair, Humanities Council, 2015-2016.

Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies, 2014.

Chair, Council of Directors of Area Study Centers, 2013-2014.

Executive Committee, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, 2012-2014.

Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Arabic language and literature, 2012.

Search Committee for Persian Lecturer, 2013.

Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies, 2011 (co-chair) and 2012.

Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Catholic Studies, 2011.

Chair, Search Committee for Visiting Assistant Professor in Islamic Studies, 2011.

General Education Council, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2010-2012.

Admissions Committee, Center for African Studies, 2011.

Admissions Committee, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2011.

Fulbright Interviewing Committee, interviewing student applicants for Fulbright awards, fall 2010.

Executive Committee, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies (formerly Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies), 2008-2010, 2005-2007, 2001-2003, 1996-98, 1993-95.

Chair, Courses and Curricula Committee, Department of Religion, 2008-2009.

Grants committee, Center for African Studies, 2008-2009.

Advisory Committee, Center for African Studies, 1996-98, 2006-2008.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Humanities Committee on Scholarship and Honors, 2005-2007.

Admissions Committee, Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Foreign Language and Area Scholarships Applications Evaluation Committee, Program in South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies.

Search Committee for faculty specialist in Islamic studies, Program for the Study of Religion.

Committee to develop M.A. program, Program for the Study of Religion, 2007.

Chair, Courses and Curricula Committee, Program for the Study of Religion, 2007-8.

Foreign Language and Area Scholarships Applications Evaluation Committee, African Studies Center, 2006, 2004, 1998, 1991, and 1987 (chair in 1992 and 1995).

University Senate, 1996-98.

Academic Freedom and Tenure committee, 1997-1998.

Educational Policy Committee, 1996-1997.

Courses and Curricula Committee, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1996-98 (chair in 1997-98).

Travel Grants Committee, Center for African Studies, 1996-97.

Search Committee for new Director of the Center for African Studies

African Studies Library committee, 1999-2000, 2001-2002.

African Languages Planning Workshop, chair of committee on Arabic, 1991.

African Studies M.A. admissions committee, 1991 and 1996.

Symposium Planning Committee, African Life Writing Symposium, 1990.

Chair, African Studies Student Paper Prize Committee, 1989-90.

Search Committee, modern Middle East position, Department of History, 1989-90.

Symposium Organizing Committee for Symposium on Popular Islam in Twentieth-Century Africa, 1983-84.

Research Grants Committee, African Studies Program, 1983.

M.A. and Ph.D. Committees

M.A. examining committee for William Vélez, Center for South Asia and Middle Eastern Studies, May 2018.

M.A. examining committee for Courtney Averkamp, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, April 2018.

M.A. examining committee for Matthew Hendrick, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, March 2017.

M.A. examining committee for Stephen Welty, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, April 2017.

M.A. examining committee for Nicholas Mitchell, Department of Religion, April 2016.

M.A. examining committee for Wesley Davidson, Department of Religion, April 2016.

M.A. examining committee for David Rahimi, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, March 2016.

M.A. examining committee for Naseeha Hussain, Department of Religion, July 2015.

M.A. examining committee for Ambar Flores, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, May 2015.

M.A. examining committee for Umair Rasheed, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, December 2014.

M.A. examining committee for Michael Chrzastowski, Department of Religion, November 2014.

M.A. examining committee for Robert (Corey) Klee, Department of Religion, April 2014.

Ph.D. dissertation committee for Tutin Aryanti, Department of Landscape Architecture, 2009-2013.

M.A. examining committee for Sarah Lazare, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, December 2012.

Ph.D. examining committee for Rosemary Admiral, Department of History, 2011.

M.A. examining Committee for Jeffrey Peyton, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, April 2011.

Ph.D. dissertation committee for Elizabeth Jackson, Department of Educational Policy Studies, College of Education, 2007-2009.

Ph.D. examining committee for Michelle Beer, Department of History, April 2009.

M.A. examining committee for Darakhshan Khan, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, May 2009.

M.A. committee for Balo Saho, African Studies, 2007.

Ph.D. examining committee for Nicole Anderson, Dept. of History, 2002.

M.A. review committee for Sameera Effindi, Department of Architectural Design, 2001-2002.

Ph.D. Dissertation and examining committee for Michelle Johnson, Department of Anthropology, 1998 (preliminary exams) and 2001 (dissertation defense).

Ph.D. examining committee for Bruce Hall, Dept. of History, 2001.

Ph.D. Dissertation committee for Mohd Maliki Osman, School of Social Work, 1996-98 .

Ph.D. Dissertation committee for Sherifa Sherif, Department of Educational Policy Studies, 1993-94.

M.A. Examining committee for David MacLean, Asian Studies, University of Illinois, 1986.

M.A. Examining committee for Masayoshi Hirose, Asian Studies, University of Illinois, 1986.

Ph.D. Dissertation committee for Abdulrahman Alyamani, Department of Educational Policy Studies, University of Illinois, 1983-85.

OTHER SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

University Scholar Selection Committee, 2018, 2019

Head, Department of Religion, 2015-present

Director, Humanities Council, 2015-2016

Director, Center for South Asian and Middle Eastern Studies, 2011-2015

Procured three grants to seed teaching positions, provide course development grants and undergraduate study abroad scholarships, organize public events, and in other ways promote the study of South Asia and the Middle East.

Chair, Area Studies Center Directors' Council, 2014-2015

Delivered a ten-minute lecture on "How the Study of Religion Can Help Us Understand Today's World," for the College of Liberal Arts and Science's Discovery Day, for visiting high schoolers and their parents, in September 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Served on committees for distinction projects of students majoring in Global Studies.

Affirmative Action Officer, School of Literatures, Cultures and Linguistics, 2011-2012

OTHER SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION:

University of Illinois faculty liaison for the Mellon-funded Digital Islamic Studies Curriculum, headquartered at the University of Michigan, 2014 to present.

Developed a Summer Research Laboratory on Ibadī History and Bibliography for graduate students and scholars of Islamic studies from various institutions, held at the University of Illinois Library, July 2014.

Manuscript reviews for the Arcadia Fund, E. J. Brill, Edinburgh University Press, Cambridge University Press, DeGruyter, University of Illinois Press, Oxford University Press, State University of New York Press, University of South Carolina Press, Westview Press, *Africa Today*, *The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, *Folklore*, *International Journal of Middle East Studies*, *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, *Medieval Feminist Forum*, *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*,

Journal of Middle East Women's Studies, The Journal of Women's History, Revista Al-Qantara, and Wagadu: A Journal of Transnational Women's and Gender Studies.

Peer reviews for tenure, grant proposals, and fellowship applications for institutions, including the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, the American Research Center in Egypt, the New York University at Abu Dhabi, Velux Fonden, New York University, State University of New York at Purchase, and Florida State University.

Assistance to numerous graduate students and scholars around the world who contact me for advice on research on Ibadism or in Oman.

SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Interviewed by Jahd Khalil for an article in *The National* (in the United Arab Emirates), "Egyptian Sufi Community a Target for Extremists," November 28, 2017, <https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/egyptian-sufi-community-a-target-for-extremists-1.679665>.

Interviewed by Farid Y. Farid for an article in *Deutsche Welle*, "Egypt's Sufis Suffer Economic Hardship," May 27, 2017, <http://www.dw.com/en/egypts-sufis-suffer-economic-hardship/a-38939744>.

Interviewed by Karlos Zurutuza for an article in *Vice News* about Ibadis in Libya, Mar. 22, 2016: <https://news.vice.com/article/libyas-ibadi-muslims-survived-qaddafi-but-now-face-the-new-threat-of-islamic-state>

Interview on religion (with three colleagues from my department), WCIA-TV, February 23, 2016.

Interviewed on Sufism by Ebru TV's "Matters of Faith" program, November 2008, online at <http://www.ebru.tv/en/p.fullepisode.html?prg=Matters%20of%20Faith> (season 1, episodes 1 & 2).

Numerous other newspaper, radio, and television interviews and call-in talk shows.

Lectures to numerous local groups about Islam, Islam and politics, and other topics

Participated in the Community and Campus Day of Service, preparing packets of mix for soy stew, to be distributed by the Eastern Illinois Foodbank and Feeding Our Kids, April 8, 2017

Planned a K-12 teachers' workshop on "Including the Indian Ocean in World History Courses," October 18, 2014.

Habitat for Humanity work over spring break in Clarksdale, Mississippi, 2004

Cub Scout leader 1994-99

Girl Scout leader, 2002-3

Parent committee for Boy Scout Troop 6, Urbana, 2003-2007.

LANGUAGES

Arabic: excellent reading, writing, speaking, comprehension

French: excellent reading, writing, speaking, comprehension

Persian (Farsi): good reading ability

German: good reading ability

Swahili: good reading and speaking ability

WEBSITES

<http://www.religion.illinois.edu/people/vhoffman>