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GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies, Washington, DC
Ph.D., Aug. 2014

- **G.P.A.** 3.945; **Dissertation:** “Intersections: Modernity, Gender and Qur’anic Exegesis.”
- **Dissertation Committee:** Felicitas Opwis (Advisor), John Voll, and Jonathan Brown

GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY, Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Washington, DC
M.A., Contemporary Arab Studies with a concentration in Women and Gender, May 2005.

- **G.P.A.** 3.97; Arab Studies Grant Recipient
- **M.A. Thesis with distinction:** “The Politicization of Gender Reform: Islamists’ Discourse on Repealing Article 340 of the Jordanian Penal Code”

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, School of Social Sciences, Tallahassee, FL
B.A., International Affairs *with honors* and English, August 2003.

- **G.P.A.** 3.91; Honors Program; Bright Futures Scholarship and FSU University Scholar
- **Honors Thesis:** “Black September 1970: The Expulsion of the Palestinian Resistance Movement from Jordan.”

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Queens University of Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Religion, August 2020 – current

Guilford College, Greensboro, NC

Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, August 2018 – July 2020

New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, UAE

Research Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, September 2017 – May 2018

University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC

Lecturer, Department of Religion, September 2015 – August 2017

Davidson College, Charlotte, NC

Lecturer, Department of Religion, September 2015 – May 2016

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Teaching Assistant, Intensive 1st Lev Mod Stand Arabic I – Fall 2007, Fall 2010

Teaching Assistant, Intensive 1st Level Modern Standard Arabic II – Spring 2008, Spring 2012

Teaching Assistant, Intensive 2nd Level Modern Standard Arabic I – Fall 2009

Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Research Assistant, Prince Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, October 2006 – August 2007

- Contributed research to *The Future of Islam* (Oxford University Press, 2010) by John L. Esposito.
- Researched and drafted papers on issues ranging from Islamic reform, democracy, and modernization to women, religious pluralism, and extremism for publication.

The Gallup Organization, Washington, DC

Research Assistant, Muslim World Project, October 2006 – August 2007

- Analyzed data and identified trends from over 22,000 surveys conducted in 22 predominantly Muslim countries.
- Wrote country reports based on data analysis for consultation packages to governments, institutions and State Department.
- Drafted research reports on female literacy, workforce participation, family law, and gender reform in the Muslim world for *Who Speaks for Islam? What a Billion Muslims Really Think* (Gallup Press, 2008).

American University (AU), Washington, DC

Research Assistant, AU-Brookings-Pew Forum Project, “Islam in the Age of Globalization,” February 2006 – October 2006

- Conducted on-site research surveys on Muslim perceptions in Qatar, Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Pakistan & India.
- Arranged interviews with government officials, party leaders, activists, academics, and journalists in eight countries.
- Wrote a comprehensive report based on data analysis of 1,000 questionnaires for *Journey into Islam: The Crisis of Globalization* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2008).
- Presented questionnaire findings and policy recommendations at the Brookings Institute.

MONOGRAPHS

- *Rebellious Wives, Neglectful Husbands: Controversies in Modern Qur’anic Commentaries*. Under Contract with Oxford University Press.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- “Women’s Contemporary Readings of the Qur’an.” *The Routledge Companion to the Qur’an*. Eds. Maria Dakake, Daniel Madigan and George Archer. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.
- “Gender and Qur’anic Exegesis.” *The Routledge Handbook of Islam and Gender*. Ed. Justine Howe. Oxon; New York: Routledge, 2020.
- Mubarak, Hadia and Naved Bakali. “Violent, Oppressed and Un-American: Muslim Women in the American Imagination.” *The Body Politic: Bodily Experience in a Post-Trump World*. Eds. Christine Davis and Jon Crane. Brill, 2020.

- “Classical Exegeses of Qur’anic Verses concerning Women.” *The Oxford Handbook on Islam and Women*. Ed. Asma Afsaruddin. Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.
- Mubarak, Hadia and Naved Bakali. “Violent, Oppressed and Un-American: Muslim Women in the American Imagination.” *The Body Politic: Bodily Experience in a Post-Trump World*. Eds. Christine Davis and Jon Crane. Brill, 2020.
- “Crossroads.” *I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim*. Ed. Maria Ebrahimji and Zahra Suratwala. Ashland, Oregon: White Cloud Press, 2011. 65-70. Print.
- “Blurring the Lines Between Faith and Culture.” *America Now: Short Readings from Recent Periodicals*. 5th ed. Ed. Robert Atwan. Boston: Bedford/St. Martin’s, 2003. Print.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- “Change Through Continuity: A Case Study of Q. 4:34 in Ibn ‘Āshūr’s *Al-Taḥrīr wa-l-Tanwīr*.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 20.1 (2018): 1-27.
- “Young and Muslim in Post 9/11 America.” *The Brandywine Review of Faith & International Affairs* 3.2 (Fall 2005): 41-43. Print.
- “Breaking the Interpretive Monopoly: A Re-Examination of Verse 4:34.” *Hawwa: Journal of Women of the Middle East and Islamic World* 2.3 (2004): 261-289. Print.
- “How Muslim Students Negotiate their Religious Identity and Practices in an Undergraduate Setting.” *Social Science Research Council (The Religious Engagement of American Undergraduates Series)*. Web. 8 May 2007. <<http://religion.ssrc.org/reforum/>>.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT (PRINT AND RADIO)

- Radio Show Guest, “[Charlotte Talks: Unity Among Different Faiths](#).” *WFAE* 90.7. 26 March 2019.
- “Is the Qur’an to Blame? Looking at Domestic Violence and Scriptural Interpretation.” *Patheos*. 19 July 2017. <<https://www.patheos.com/blogs/altmuslim/2017/07/is-the-Qur-an-to-blame-looking-at-domestic-violence-and-scriptural-interpretation/>>.
- “Muslims and Domestic Violence: Searching for a Faith-Based Solution.” *Institute for Social Policy and Understanding (ISPU)*. 14 July 2017. <<https://www.ispu.org/muslims-and-domestic-violence-searching-for-a-faith-based-solution/>>.
- “Muslim American Youth and the Problem of Religious Literacy.” ISPU. 31 May 2016. <<https://www.ispu.org/muslim-american-youth-and-the-problems-of-religious-literacy/>>.
- “Muslim Marriage Contracts: Female Agency and Autonomy.” *Berkley Forum*. Berkley Center for Religion Peace and World Affairs. Web. 3 December 2014. <<http://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/forum/muslim-marriage-contracts-female-agency-and-autonomy>>.
- “My Turn: A Muslim-American on Obama's Outreach.” *Newsweek*. 24 September 2009. <<http://www.newsweek.com/my-turn-muslim-american-obamas-outreach-77253>>. Print.
- “Appendix: Analysis of Questionnaires.” *Journey into Islam: The Crisis of Globalization*. Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2007. 275-285. Print.

- Contributed multiple entries to *The Oxford Encyclopedia of the Islamic World*, *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* on subjects such as marriage and divorce, ‘urf, veiling, ‘Amr Khaled, *khutba*, and others.
- Blogs for *The Washington Post’s* On Faith forum: <https://www.onfaith.co/onfaith/author/hadia-mubarak>.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “When Husbands are Guilty of Sexual Neglect: Shifts in Modern Qur’anic Exegesis on Q. 4:128.” American Academy of Religion (AAR) National Conference. Qur’an Unit. San Diego, CA. 25 Nov. 2019.
- “Philology in Qur’anic Exegesis: A Case Study of Q. 4:34 in Ibn ‘Āshūr’s *al-Taḥrīr wa’l-tanwīr*.” American Academy of Religion Southeastern Regional Conference. Greenville, NC. 9 March 2019.
- “A New Discourse on Polygyny: Modern Interpretations of Q. 4:3.” American Academy of Religion (AAR) National Conference. Qur’an Unit. Denver, CO. 19 Nov. 2018.
- “Women and Gender in Islam: Challenging Preconceived Notions in the Classroom.” American Academy of Religion National Conference. Islam, Gender & Women Unit; Teaching Religion Unit. Denver, CO. 19 Nov. 2018.
- “The Emergence of a Gender-Conscious Hermeneutic in Modern Exegesis.” Gender and Tafsīr Studies: Limitations, Opportunities and Challenges Workshop. New York University Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, UAE. 8 April 2018.
- “A Case Study of Q. 4:34 in Ibn ‘Āshūr’s *al-Taḥrīr wa’l-tanwīr*.” Research Institute in the Humanities, New York University Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, UAE. 7 Feb. 2018.
- “Change Through Continuity: Ibn ‘Āshūr’s *al-Taḥrīr wa’l-Tanwīr*.” Rationality and Language in Islamic Thought Workshop. New York University Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, UAE. 7 Nov. 2017. Workshop Presentation.
- “Intersections: Modernity, Gender and Qur’anic Exegesis.” Co-sponsored session by the Contemporary Islam Group and Qur’an Group. 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, TX. 20 Nov. 2016.
- “Reading the Qur’an on Gender Through a Historical Lens.” Contemplating the Qur’an Conference: The Qur’an and the Reading of History. Howard Divinity School. Washington, DC. 21 April 2015. Conference presentation.
- “Adopting a Discourse for Effective Reform: Understanding the Phenomena of Cultural Authenticity and the Role of Women as Repositories of Tradition.” Brookings Institute U.S.-Islamic World Forum. Doha, Qatar. 11 April 2005. Conference presentation.

INVITED LECTURES

Delivered over 100 presentations on women in the Islamic tradition, Qur’anic exegesis, and Muslim Americans at universities, conferences and public forums throughout the United States. *A few of these are listed below:*

- “Muslim Women: Moving Beyond the Headlines.” Myrta Pulliam Center for International Education, Queens University of Charlotte. 18 Nov. 2020.

- “The Liberation of Moses and the Israelites in Muslim Narratives.” Temple Beth El. Charlotte, NC. 26 Jan. 2020.
- “Women in the Islamic Tradition.” Queens University. Belk Chapel. Charlotte, NC. 6 Sept. 2019.
- “Introduction to Islam.” Public Lecture at Wingate University. Sponsored by the Department of Religion. Wingate, NC. 3 April 2019.
- “Growing up Muslim in America.” Annual Kennedy Lecture at the St Peter’s Catholic Church. Charlotte, NC. 26 January 2019.
- “Women Empowerment: Transnational Youth Entrepreneurship,” New York University Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, UAE. 12 Nov. 2017.
- “Modern Ideologies of Violence.” Mecklenburg Ministries. 8 May 2017. Charlotte, NC.
- [“Clearing Misconceptions About Islam.”](#) Marriot West. Middleton, Wisconsin. 21 May 2017. Invited Lecture.
- [“Growing up Muslim in the South.”](#) Winthrop University. Rock Hill, SC. 22 March 2017.
- “Challenges Facing Muslim American Women: Building Bridges Across Faiths.” [The Katherine M. Bray Women's Leadership Conference.](#) Davidson College. Davidson, NC. 25 Feb. 2017. Invited lecture.
- “Origins of Turmoil in the Middle East.” Temple Israel. Charlotte, NC. 2 Nov. 2016.
- [“The Story of the Qur’an.”](#) International Institute of Islamic Thought. 53rd Annual Islamic Society of North America Convention. Chicago, IL. 4 Sept. 2016.
- “Women in Islam.” Temple Israel. Charlotte, NC. 14 May 2016.
- “Qur’anic Exegesis on Gender: The Viability of Feminist Readings of the Qur’an.” Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion. Religion, Gender, and Sexuality Section. New Brunswick, NJ. 12 March 2016. Paper Presentation
- “Women and Gender in Islam: A Lecture and Conversation with Dr. Hadia Mubarak.” Davidson Interfaith Series. Davidson College. Davidson, NC. 28 Jan. 2016.
- “Who is the Muslim Feminist?” 52nd Annual MSA Continental Conference. Chicago, IL. 5 September 2015.
- “Veiling: Text, Traditions, and State Policies.” Theology course: State and the Veil. Georgetown University. 29 September 2014. Guest lecture.
- “Responding to Problematic Texts.” El-Hibri Forum, Washington, D.C. 21 November 2013. Panel presentation.
- “Women in Islam.” Gulf Coast State College Lecture Series. Gulf Coast Community College. Panama City, FL. 18 October 2013. Invited lecture.
- [“I Speak for Myself: American Women on Being Muslim.”](#) Alwaleed Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Georgetown University. 21 Sept. 2011. Panel presentation.
- “American Women on Being Muslim.” Buxton Initiative. Washington, DC. 2 May 2011. Panel presentation.

- “Women in Islam.” Women’s Spirituality Lecture Series, sponsored by the Theology and Women's and Gender Studies departments. Georgetown University. Washington, D.C. 7 November 2007. Invited lecture.
- [“Muslims in America: Faith and Policy Issues.”](#) Global Leadership Forum. Institute for Global Engagement. Fairfax, VA. 22 September 2007. Guest lecture.
- “Toronto, London and Madrid: Can it happen in America?” Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Roundtable: Security and Liberty: Perspectives of Young Leaders Post-9/11. Washington, DC. 25 July 2007. Invited lecture.
- [“What it Means to be Muslim in America.”](#) *Newsweek/Washington Post* ‘On Faith’ Symposium. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 19 April 2007. Panel presentation.
- “Muslims in America.” U.S. State Department Speaking Engagement Tour. Kampala and Mbale, Uganda. 18-31 March 2007. Guest lectures at schools, universities and NGOs.
- “Women in Islam: Texts and Practice.” Brown University. Providence, RI. 6 March 2007. Guest lecture.
- “Youth and the Future of U.S.-Muslim World Relations.” 9-11 Plus 5: Hope Not Hate Summit. Americans for an Informed Democracy and The Brookings Institute. Washington, DC. 9 September 2006. Panel discussant.
- “America's Unknown Faith: Oppressive or Progressive towards Women?” University of Pittsburg. Pittsburg, PA. 22 Sept. 2006.
- “America's Unknown Faith: Oppressive or Progressive towards Women?” Duquesne University. Pittsburg, PA. 21 Sept. 2006.
- “Islam, Gender and Social Change.” Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Inc. National Convention 2006. Orlando, FL. 18 June 2006. Guest lecture.
- “Islamic Ethics and Social Justice.” West Virginia University. Morgantown, WV. 18 October 2005. Guest lecture. Aired on C-Span Radio on 30 October 2005.
- [“Muslim American Civil Rights.”](#) House Judiciary Committee Hearing. U.S. Capitol. Washington, DC. 13 Oct. 2004.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Mellon Foundation Grant, Center for Principled Problem Solving: Jan. 2019.
- Kenan Grant for the Improvement of Teaching, Guilford College: Oct. 2018.
- New York University Abu Dhabi Research Fellowship: Sept. 2017 – May 2018.
- Georgetown University Islamic Studies Academic Fellowship: Sept. 2007 – May 2014.
- Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding Alwaleed Bin Talal Scholar, Georgetown University: Fall 2011.
- Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship, Arabic Language: Sept. 2008 – May 2009.
- Georgetown University Arab Studies Academic Scholarship – August 2003 – May 2005.
- Florida Bright Futures Scholarship: August 2000 – May 2003.

- FSU Honors Program Scholarship: August 2000 – May 2003.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING COMPETENCIES

- Introduction to Islam
- Qur'anic exegesis (pre-modern and modern)
- Comparative sacred texts
- The History of Islam in America
- Islamic feminism
- Women and Gender in Islam; gender reform in the modern Muslim world
- Islamic law
- Theory and methods in Religious Studies
- Modern Islamic movements
- Modernity and modernization in the Muslim world
- Beginner and Intermediate Arabic

LANGUAGES

- English (native)
- Arabic (fluent in Modern Standard Arabic)
- Turkish (reading)
- French (reading)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion, Member
- Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Co-Chair of Islam Section
- American Academy of Religion, Qur'an Unit, Steering Committee Member
- Institute for Social Policy and Understanding, Fellow
- International Qur'anic Studies Association, Member
- Association for the Study of the Middle East and Africa, Member
- Muslim Community Center of Charlotte, Resident Scholar

REFERENCES

Available upon request