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EDUCATION

MA & PhD in RELIGION & SOCIETY

Drew University, Madison, NJ (2006)

Dissertation: "The 'One True God' in History & Society: A Meta-Hermeneutical Critique of Rodney Stark's Sociology of Monotheism"

QUR'AN FAHMI COURSE/DIPLOMA

Qur'an Academy Karachi, Pakistan (1995)

(One-year program in classical Arabic, Qur'anic exegesis, and modern Islamic thought)

MBBS (Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery)

Dow Medical College, Karachi, Pakistan (1992)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (2013–)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Concordia College, Moorhead, MN (2007–2013)

VISITING INSTRUCTOR

Connecticut College, New London, CT (2005–07)

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE

Islamic Information Center, Las Vegas, NV (2004–05)

VISITING INSTRUCTOR

Lawrence University, Appleton, WI (2003–04)

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR

Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ (2003)

ONLINE COURSES

[Living with Uncertainty](#)

Udemy, April 2020

[Prosocial for Beginners](#)

Udemy, October 2020

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

Christianity and Religious Diversity; Monotheisms; American Religions; Religion, Violence, and Nonviolence; Exploring Islam; Approaching the Qur'an; Religion & Political Economy; Symbol, Myth, Ritual; Understanding Religion; Islam and Modernity; Fundamentalisms; Religion & Ecology; Mysticism; Islam and the United States;

PUBLICATIONS

[EDUCATION IN A TIME OF COLLAPSE](#)

Resilience, September 3, 2020

EAGLE'S TALON OR RABBIT'S PELT: FURTHER THOUGHTS ON CONCORDIA'S MISSION STATEMENT

Moorhead, MN: Self-Published, 2019

[CONCORDIA'S MISSION STATEMENT: A COMMENTARY](#)

Moorhead, MN: The Dovre Center for Faith & Learning, 2018.

[CONFESSIONS: ABD AL-MAJID DARYABADI'S AUTOBIOGRAPHICAL ACCOUNT OF HIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY](#) (Translation from Urdu)

Bunyad, Vol. 8 (2017), 6–34 [with Basit Bilal Koshul]

[DISENCHANTMENT AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: LYNN WHITE JR., MAX WEBER, AND MUHAMMAD IQBAL](#)

Worldviews Vol. 16, No. 3 (2012), 239–262.

NONVIOLENCE

Gerhard Bowering, Patricia Crone, Wadad Kadi, and Devin J. Stewart, eds., *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2012)

[GRADING AND ITS DISCONTENTS](#)

The Chronicle of Higher Education July 11, 2012

ISLAMIC RENAISSANCE: THE REAL TASK AHEAD (Translation from Urdu)

Warren, MI: Islamic Organization of North America, 2011

[DECIPHERING POLITICAL LANGUAGE](#)

New Clear Vision June 22, 2011

[READ, DON'T BURN: OUT OF DARKNESS COMES LIGHT](#)

New Clear Vision April 8, 2011

[HEALTHY BOUNDARIES: SEARCHING HIGH AND LOW FOR COMMON GROUND](#)

New Clear Vision March 25, 2011

[NONVIOLENCE: FROM MECCA TO MONTGOMERY](#)

New Clear Vision February 24, 2011

[KINSHIP IN THOUGHT AND CLASH OF CIVILIZATIONS](#)

Tidsskrift om Islam & Kristendom 3/2010, 37-43.

[IQBAL'S APPROACH TO THE QUR'AN](#)

Muhammad Suheyl Umar and Basit Bilal Koshul, eds., *Muhammad Iqbal, A Contemporary: Celebrating the Centenary of Iqbal's Stay in Europe, 1905–1908* (Lahore: Iqbal Academy Pakistan, 2010) 7-26.

JIHAD WITHOUT VIOLENCE

Warren, MI: Islamic Organization of North America, 2010

[BETWEEN SUSPICION AND TRUST](#)

Intersections, Fall 2009, 10-15.

LOSING MY RELIGION: A CALL FOR HELP (Book Review)

The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences. 22:4 (2005), 117-120.

THE FLAME OF SINAI: HOPE AND VISION IN IQBAL (Book Review)

The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences. 21:2 (2004), 132-134.

FUNDAMENTALIST AND MODERNIST DEBATES IN ISLAM: A READER
(Book Review)

The American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences. 21:2 (2004), 97-99.

ISLAM AND JIHAD: PREJUDICE VERSUS REALITY (Book Review)

Islamic Studies. 42:4 (2003), 715-718.

SUFISM, TAWHID, and IBN AL-ARABI

Bron Taylor and Jeffrey Kaplan, eds., *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* (London: Continuum, 2005)

[THE ORIGIN OF ISLAM AS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT](#)

Islamic Studies. 42:2 (2003), 203-243.

[THE OTHER AS MIRROR: SCRIPTURAL REASONING AND THE HERME-
NEUTICS OF IBN AL-'ARABI](#)

The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning. 3:2 (2003)

[DENYING THE UNDENIABLE: PHARAOH AND THE SIGNS OF GOD](#)

The Journal of Scriptural Reasoning. 2:2 (2002)

PRESENTATIONS

HOW TO EMBRACE YOUR INNER RACIST

Concurrent Session; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Concordia College, January 2020

MONEY TALKS

Concurrent Session; Faith, Reason, and World Affairs Symposium
Concordia College, September 2019

EDUCATION IN A TIME OF COLLAPSE

Annual Global Studies Dinner
Concordia College, Spring 2019

MAKE HUMANITIES GREAT AGAIN

Environmental Humanities Seminar
Concordia College, Spring 2019

ETHICS OF INEQUALITY

Summer Workshop, Offutt School of Business
Concordia College, August 2017

ON CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

Concordia College (Interfaith Panel)
Moorhead, MN; Spring 2016

IT'S THE ECONOMY, STUPID!

Concurrent Session; Faith, Reason, and World Affairs Symposium
Concordia College; September 2014

WHAT'S UP WITH THE CLIMATE?

"Let's Cool It! Community Wisdom Meets Climate Change"
Concordia College; April 2013

THE PATH TO A SCIENTIFIC CONSENSUS

"Let's Cool It! Community Wisdom Meets Climate Change"
Concordia College; April 2013

WAR, PEACE, RELIGION, AND SPIRITUALITY

Concordia College (Interfaith Panel)
Moorhead, MN; March 2013

FORGIVENESS

Fargo Public Library (Interfaith Panel)
Fargo, ND; February 2012

ISLAM AND THE MODERN PREDICAMENT OF RELIGION

One-Day Workshop; Islamic Information Center
Albuquerque, NM; January 2011

MY POLITICAL EDUCATION SINCE 9/11

North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND; September 2011

ISLAM & NONVIOLENCE

Muslim Community Association
San Jose, CA; April 2011

NONVIOLENCE AS A STRATEGY FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

Interfaith Center for Racial Justice
Mount Clemens, MI; November 2010

THE ISLAMIC RELEVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Islamic Organization of North America
Warren, MI; November 2010

KINSHIP IN THOUGHT BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST

Iqbal Day Seminar
Copenhagen, Denmark; November 2010

SACRED STEWARDSHIP IN A RE-ENCHANTED WORLD

American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA; October 2010

BRIDGING THE CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIVIDE: INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY FOR POSITIVE PEACE

Peace and Justice Studies Association Annual Meeting
October 2010; Winnipeg, Canada

ISLAM AS NEWS

North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND; October 2010

INTRODUCING ISLAM (3 Presentations)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Moorhead, MN; September 2010

DIVERSITY, PLURALISM, AND AMERICAN ISLAM

Fargo Public Schools
Fargo, ND; March 2010

DOMINATION SYSTEMS

Unitarian Universalist Church
Fargo, ND; January 2010

A COMMON WORD

University of Minnesota
Crookston, MN; April 2009

RELIGION AND ORGANIZED VIOLENCE

North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND; February 2009

"OBSESSION" AND RADICAL ISLAM

North Dakota State University
Fargo, ND; October 2008 (Panel Discussion)

THE PLACE OF QUR'AN/SCRIPTURE IN IQBAL'S THOUGHT

University of Cambridge
Cambridge, UK; June 2008 (Conference Paper)

AL-GHAZALI'S DELIVERANCE FROM ERROR

Muslim Community Association
Santa Clara, CA; March 2008 (One-Day Workshop)

ISLAM IN FOUR DIMENSIONS

Bethesda Lutheran Church
Moorhead, MN; January/February 2008

INTRODUCING ISLAM

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Hendrum, MN; December 2007

HERMENEUTICS & THE FUTURE OF ISLAM IN AMERICA

Yale University (Conference Paper)
New Haven, CT; April 2006

ISLAM AND MODERNIZATION

Islamic Information Center
Las Vegas, NV; May 2004 (One-Day Workshop)

RELIGION AND MODERN TIMES

Hofstra University (Seminar)
Hempstead, NY; April 2004

GENDER IN ISLAM

New York University (Panel Discussion)
New York, NY; April 2004

PROPHETIC MYSTICISM

Islamic Information Center
Las Vegas, NV; March 2004 (One-Day Workshop)

ISLAM AND EMPIRE

Drew University
Madison, NJ; September 2003

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Princeton University (Panel Discussion)
Princeton, NJ; April 2003

THE ORIGIN OF ISLAM AS A SOCIAL MOVEMENT

Yale University (Conference Paper)
New Haven, CT (Paper)

MUSLIM STEREOTYPES

Rutgers University (Panel Discussion)
New Brunswick, NJ; October 2002

ISLAM AND NONVIOLENCE

Muslim Center of New York
Flushing, NY; July 2002 (One-Day Workshop)

ISLAM AFTER 9/11

United Methodist Church
Madison, NJ; March 2002
