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Islamic Philosophy; Sufism; Quranic Exegesis; Cross-Cultural Philosophy

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2021–Present Professor, Carleton University, College of the Humanities

2021–Present Director, Centre for the Study of Islam, Carleton University

2013–2021 Associate Professor, Carleton University, College of the Humanities

2018–2020 Senior Library of Arabic Literature Fellow, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute

2018–2020 Visiting Professor, Üsküdar University, Institute for Sufi Studies

2017–2020 Senior Humanities Research Fellow, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute

2010 Research Associate, Iranian Institute of Philosophy

2009–2013 Assistant Professor, Carleton University, College of the Humanities

2008 Visiting Scholar, Stony Brook University, Department of Asian and Asian American Studies

2007–2009      Lecturer, University of Toronto, Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations and Department for the Study of Religion

### SELECT EDITORIAL AND ADVISORY ROLES

2021–Present    Series Editor: *Global Philosophy* (Equinox)  
 2021–Present    Editorial Board Member: *The Philosophical Forum* (Wiley)  
 2020–Present    Editor: *Library of Arabic Literature* (New York University Press)  
 2020–Present    Commissioning Editor: *Journal of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society*  
 2017–Present    Editorial Board Member: *Comparative Philosophy of Religion* (Springer)  
 2016–Present    Advisory Board Member: *Renovatio: The Journal of Zaytuna College*  
 2016–Present    Advisory Board Member: *The Heirs of Avicenna* (LMU Munich)

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

2022–2023      Research Excellence Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University (\$7,500)  
 2022              Book Publication Grant, Persian Heritage Foundation (\$1,300)  
 2021–2022      Templeton Foundation/University of Birmingham Global Philosophy of Religion Grant (PI, Muhammad Faruque) (\$33,000)  
 2021              Book Publication Grant, Humanities Research Fellowship Program, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute (\$5,500)  
 2018–2020      Library of Arabic Literature Senior Fellowship, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute (\$200,000)  
 2019              Annemarie Schimmel Fellowship, Institute of Ismaili Studies (\$16,500)  
 2017–2020      Senior Humanities Research Fellowship, NYU Abu Dhabi Institute (\$240,000)  
 2016              Tarjuman Prize, Muhyiddin Ibn Arabi Society Latina  
 2014              *The Triumph of Mercy*, Winner of Iran’s 21<sup>st</sup> Book of the Year World Prize (\$10,000)  
 2013              Research Award, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Carleton University (\$7,500)  
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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

*Rumi's Masnavi: A Translation and Commentary*. Translation and commentary by Nariman Aavani, Nicholas Boyleston, and Mohammed Rustom. 6 vols. In progress.

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *A Commentary on Mullā Ṣadrā's Book of Metaphysical Penetrations (Kitāb al-Mashā'ir)*. Co-edited with Justin Cancelliere and Munjed Murad; introduction by Muhammad Faruque. Studies in Islamic Philosophy. Karachi: Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

*Global Philosophy: A Sourcebook*. Global Philosophy Series. Sheffield: Equinox, forthcoming.

*Contemporary Islamic Philosophy of Religion: Perspectives on Evil, Suffering, and the Global Pandemic*. Co-edited with Muhammad Faruque. Routledge Studies in Islamic Philosophy. New York: Routledge, forthcoming.

*Inrushes of the Heart: The Sufi Philosophy of 'Ayn al-Qudāt*. Albany: SUNY Press, 2023, xxii + 400 pp. + 19 colour images and diagrams.

'Ayn al-Qudāt, *The Essence of Reality: A Defense of Philosophical Sufism*. Translation and parallel Arabic edition by Mohammed Rustom. Library of Arabic Literature. New York: NYU Press, 2022, xxx + 241 pp.

- Reviews forthcoming in *Journal of Religious History*, *Journal of Sufi Studies*, *Marginalia Review of Books*, and five other journals.
- Arabic edition: Library of Arabic Literature. New York: NYU Press, 2022, 99 pp.  
<https://www.libraryofarabicliterature.org/assets/Rustom-The-Essence-of-Reality-Arabic-only.pdf>

*Mysticism and Ethics in Islam*. Co-edited with Bilal Orfali and Atif Khalil. Sheikh Zayed Series for Arabic and Islamic Texts and Studies. Beirut: American University of Beirut Press, 2022, 476 pp.

- Reviews forthcoming in *Al-Abhath*, *JMIAS*, *Studia Islamica*, and two other journals.

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*The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary*. Co-edited with Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Caner Dagli, Maria Dakake, and Joseph Lumbard. New York: HarperOne, 2015, lix + 1988 pp. + 10 colour maps.

- Reviewed in *Horizons*, *Speculum*, *Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft*, and over twenty other journals.
- Arabic-English edition forthcoming.
- French translation: Éditions Albouraq in progress.
- Persian translation in eight volumes by Inshāʾ Allāh Raḥmatī (edited by Muṣṭafā Malakiyān): *Tafsīr-i muʿāṣirānah-yi Qurʾān-i karīm*. Tehran: Intishārāt-i Sūfiyā, 2021–.
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- Reviewed in *Nazariyat* and *İslâm Araştırmaları Dergisi*.

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- Reviewed in *Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society*, *Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies*, *Philosophy East and West*, and twelve other journals.
- Albanian translation and introduction by Edin Lohja: *Ngadhënjimi i Mëshirës: Filozofia dhe Shkrimi i Shpallur të Mullā Ṣadrā*. Tirana: Fondacioni Rumi, 2014.
- Turkish translation by Zeyneb Hafsa Orhan: *Merhametin Zaferi: Mollâ Sadrâ'da Felsefe ve Kutsal Kitap*. Istanbul: Nefes, 2017.

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- Reviewed in *Iranian Studies*, *JMIAS*, *Le Muséon*, and nine other journals.
- Albanian translation by Sokrat Amataj: *Kërkime për Zemrën e Humbur: Eksplorime në Mendimin Islamik*. Tirana: Fondacioni Rumi, 2013.
- Partial Persian translation by Amir Hossein Asghari: *Dar Justajū-yi Qalb-i Gumshuda*. Tehran: Intishārāt-i Fālāt, 2017.
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Review Article of Richard Todd, *The Sufi Doctrine of Man: The Metaphysical Anthropology of Ṣadr al-Dīn al-Qūnawī*. *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 18, no. 1 (2016): 161–167.

Commentaries upon Quranic chapters 10–15 and 20 (*Sūrahs Yūnus, Hūd, Yūsuf, al-Ra‘d, Ibrāhīm, al-Hijr, and Ṭā’ Hā’*). In *The Study Quran: A New Translation and Commentary*, edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr, Caner Dagli, Maria Dakake, Joseph Lumbard, and Mohammed Rustom. New York: HarperOne, 2015, pp. 543–654 and 788–808.

“Mullā Rajab ‘Alī Tabrīzī: *The Fundamental Principle (al-Aṣl al-aṣīl)*.” In *An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia*, edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Mehdi Aminrazavi. London: I.B. Tauris in association with The Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2008–2015, vol. 5, pp. 294–304 (2015).

“Mullā Rajab ‘Alī Tabrīzī: *On the Necessary Being (Ithbāt-i wājib)*.” In *An Anthology of Philosophy in Persia*, edited by Seyyed Hossein Nasr and Mehdi Aminrazavi. London: I.B. Tauris in association with The Institute of Ismaili Studies, 2008–2015, vol. 5, pp. 285–293 (2015).

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“Knowledge Transcendent: The Sufi Epistemology of ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt.” *Studies in Sufism Summer School*. PV and MIAS Latina. July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (pre-recorded).

“‘Ayn al-Qudāt and the Fire of Love.” Guest lecture in John Zaleski’s undergraduate course, “Sufism.” Arab Crossroads Studies Program, NYU Abu Dhabi. June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (online).

“‘Ayn al-Qudāt’s Advice for the Way.” *Seekers’ Reading Group*. June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (online).

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“Ibn Arabi’s Invitation to Self-Discovery: A Letter to a Rationalist.” *Ibn Arabi Reading Group*, Monash University. February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (online).

Keynote address: “The Right ‘Time’ for Sufi Studies.” *The Second Graduate Student Symposium on Sufi Studies*. Institute for Sufi Studies, Üsküdar University. December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (pre-recorded).

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“*The Study Quran: An Introduction*.” Guest lecture in Amir Hossein Asghari’s undergraduate course, “The Quran.” Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures, University of Indiana. September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (pre-recorded).

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“On Pride, Self-Admiration, and Humility.” *Spiritual Life and Intercultural Education Lecture Series: Islamic Spirituality*, NYU Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Paradise Found: ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt on Qur’anic Origins.” *The Annemarie Schimmel Memorial Lecture*. The Institute of Ismaili Studies. London, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“Devil’s Advocate: ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt’s Satanology as Metaphilosophy.” *Sufism and Philosophy: Historical Interactions and Crosspollinations*. School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham. Birmingham, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

“What is Sufi Epistemology?” Guest lecture in Ahab Bdaiwi’s undergraduate course, “Comparative Philosophy III: Modes of Knowing in Arabic and Persian Philosophy.” Institute for Philosophy Leiden University. Leiden, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (pre-recorded).

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“Soul and Cognition” and “Cosmos and Love.” Guest lectures in Taneli Kukkonen’s undergraduate course, “Classical Arabic Philosophy.” Program in Philosophy, NYU Abu Dhabi. Abu Dhabi, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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“The Mystical Theology of ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt.” *Humanities Research Fellowship Seminar Series*. NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. Abu Dhabi, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“Ibn Tufayl’s *Hayy Ibn Yaqzan*.” Guest lecture in Gregory MacIsaac and Erik Stephenson’s undergraduate course, “Reason and Revelation.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

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“Ibn ‘Arabi’s Relevance Today.” *A Living Legacy: Ibn ‘Arabi in Today’s World (The Annual Conference of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society, UK)*. University of Oxford. Oxford, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“Akbarian Aphorisms for the Twenty-First Century.” *A Living Legacy: Ibn ‘Arabi in Today’s World (The Annual Conference of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society, UK)*. University of Oxford. Oxford, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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“Philosophy as a Companion of Religion in Islamic Civilization.” *Philosophy in Support of Religion in the Abrahamic Traditions*. An internet-based video conference hosted by Marquette University. Milwaukee, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

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“Models of Sanctity in Ibn ‘Arabī.” *Symbols of Transformation: Jesus and Mary in the Teachings of Ibn ‘Arabi* (The Annual Conference of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society, USA). Zaytuna College, Berkeley, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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“English as an Islamic Language.” Zaytuna College. Berkeley, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“The End of Islamic Philosophy.” *The Centrality of the Sacred in the Teachings of Seyyed Hossein Nasr (The Second Sacred Web Conference)*. Simon Fraser University. Vancouver, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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“Mysticism and Rational Inquiry in the School of Ibn ‘Arabī.” *Mystik im Mittelalter: Gegensatz oder Vollendung der Vernunft? (7. Hannoveraner Symposium zur Philosophie des Mittelalters)*. Leibniz Universität Hannover. Hannover, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“Mullā Ṣadrā’s Scriptural Hermeneutics as a Model for Contemporary Engagement with the Quran.” Al-Mustafa International University (Tehran). Tehran, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“The Heart of Islam.” The Ottawa School of Theology and Spirituality. Ottawa, January 13<sup>th</sup>–March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“The Islamic Intellectual Heritage and Contemporary Worldviews.” *The Intellect in the Qur’an and Islamic Civilization*. Al-Mustafa International University (Tehran). Tehran, February 16<sup>th</sup>–17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

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“Mercy Triumphant: On the Relationship between the Qur’an and Philosophy.” Public lecture and book launch for *The Triumph of Mercy*. Centre for the Study of Islam, Carleton University. Ottawa, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.

“On Aspiration and Poverty.” *Spiritual Realization: Knowledge and Practice (The Annual Conference of the Muhyiddin Ibn ‘Arabi Society, UK)*. University of Oxford. Oxford, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

“Mullā Ṣadrā on the Link between Scripture and Idolatry.” The Institute of Ismaili Studies. London, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

“Death and Awakening in Islamic Philosophy.” *Department of Philosophy Colloquium Series*. Carleton University. Ottawa, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“Rūmī on the Ocean of Nonexistence.” Centre for the Study of Islam, Carleton University. Ottawa, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Participant in the annual summer meeting of the Scriptural Reasoning Group. University of Cambridge. Cambridge, July 18<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“The Role of Love in the Sufi Poetry of Rūmī.” University of Lethbridge. Lethbridge, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011.

“The Word Made Book: Mullā Ṣadrā’s Qur’ānic Hermeneutics in Context.” *New Approaches to the Qur’ān and Exegesis*. George Mason University. Fairfax, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

“Beyond Idol Worship: Mullā Ṣadrā’s Critique of Mental Constructs of God.” *Göttinger Orient-Symposium*. University of Göttingen. Göttingen, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

“The Expanse of God’s Mercy in Later Islamic Thought.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

“Dimensions of Islam.” Canadian Forces Chaplain School and Centre. Borden, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Learning to Listen, Listening to Learn.” *From the Divine to the Human: New Perspectives on Evil, Suffering, and the Global Pandemic*. University of Cincinnati (co-sponsored by the Carleton Centre for the Study of Islam), June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (online).

“A Sufi Theory of Quranic Origins.” *Diverse Approaches to Qur’anic Studies in the Western Academy*. NAAIMS Annual Conference. Co-sponsored by the University of Oregon, Department of Religious Studies. November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (online).

“Fallen in Love: ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt’s Satanology in Context.” *The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 (online). \* Read by Cyrus Zargar.

“*Theo-Fānī: ‘Ayn al-Quḍāt and the Fire of Love.*” *Mysticism and Ethics in Islam*. The Sheikh Zayed Chair of Arabic and Islamic Studies Conference. American University of Beirut. Beirut, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

“‘Ayn al-Quḍāt’s Theory of the ‘Detached Letters’.” *Rationality and Language in Islamic Thought*. NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. Abu Dhabi, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

“*Sūrat Yūsuf as a ‘History’ of the Human Soul.*” *Contemplating the Qur’an (Tadabbur al-Qur’an) Conference: The Qur’an and the Reading of History*. Howard University School of Divinity. Washington, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

“Souls and Celestial Bodies: Mullā Ṣadrā’s Response to Suhrawardī on an Ancient Problem.” *The Annual Joint Meeting of The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy with The Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy*. Fordham University. New York, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

“Of Aspiration and Poverty: Ibn ‘Arabī’s Letter to Fakhr al-Dīn al-Rāzī.” *The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. Baltimore, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

“Ontology and Cosmogony in Mullā Ṣadrā’s Scriptural Hermeneutics.” *The Biennial Meeting of the International Society for Iranian Studies*. Istanbul, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

“Mullā Ṣadrā on Idol-Smashing.” *The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. San Francisco, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“The Role of Philosophy in the School of Ibn ‘Arabī.” *The Second International Ṣadr al- Dīn Qūnawī Symposium*. Hosted by MEBKAM. Konya, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“Story-Telling as Philosophical Pedagogy: The Case of Suhrawardī.” *Knowledge and Education in Classical Islam*. University of Göttingen. Göttingen, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

“Mullā Ṣadrā’s Cosmology of Praise.” *The Annual Meeting of the American Oriental Society*. Chicago, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

*From the Divine to the Human: New Perspectives on Evil, Suffering, and the Global Pandemic*. Co-organized with Muhammad Faruque. University of Cincinnati (co-sponsored by the Carleton Centre for the Study of Islam), June 28–30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (online).

- Conference report by Noah Taj in *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*, forthcoming.

*Mysticism and Ethics in Islam*. Co-organized with Bilal Orfali and Radwan Sayyid. Sheikh Zayed Chair of Arabic and Islamic Studies Conference. American University of Beirut. Beirut, May 2<sup>nd</sup>–3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019.

- Conference report by Louise Gallorini in *Al-ʿUṣūr al-Wuṣṭā* 27 (2019): 267–272.

*Rationality and Language in Islamic Thought*. NYU Abu Dhabi Institute. Abu Dhabi, November 7<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

## INVITED CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panelist in a discussion on pedagogical methods in Sufi studies. *The International Summer School of Sufi Studies*. Institute for Sufi Studies, Üsküdar University. Istanbul, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022.

Panelist in a book launch dedicated to *Mysticism and Ethics in Islam*. The Center for Arab and Middle Eastern Studies and the Sheikh Zayed Chair of Arabic and Islamic Studies, American University of Beirut. December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (online).

Panel Chair: “Philosophical Sufism Beyond the Classical Muslim World.” *Sufism and Philosophy: Historical Interactions and Crosspollinations*. School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham. Birmingham, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Panelist in a discussion entitled “Talking Translation.” *The Love of Words Majlis*. Emirates Literature Foundation. Dubai, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Panelist in a discussion on Sufi studies in the academy. *The International Summer School of Sufi Studies*. Institute for Sufi Studies, Üsküdar University. Istanbul, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Panelist in a discussion on the Abrahamic faiths and ecology. *Religion, Ecology, and Our Planetary Future*. Center for the Study of World Religions, Harvard Divinity School. Cambridge, MA, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Moderator for a lecture on contemporary Islamic thought. Speaker: Seyyed Hossein Nasr. *The Annual Reviving the Islamic Spirit Conference*. Toronto, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Panelist in a presentation dedicated to *The Study Quran*. The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA, November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Panelist in a book launch dedicated to *The Study Quran*. *The Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Religion*. Atlanta, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

Panelist in a discussion forum dedicated to *The Study Quran*. Islamic Speakers Bureau of Atlanta. Event held at George State University. Atlanta, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Chair for a lecture on Avicenna. Speaker: Olga Lizzini; Commentator: Robert Wisnovsky. *The University of Toronto Colloquium in Medieval Philosophy*. University of Toronto. Toronto, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Blurbs for Books (Book Jackets and Publisher Websites)

- 2023 **State University of New York Press:** Reza Shah-Kazemi, *A Blessed Peacemaker: ‘Alī and Shī‘a-Sunnī Unity*
- 2022 **Islamic Texts Society:** Cyrus Zargar, *Religion of Love: Sufism and Self-Transformation in the Poetic Imagination of ‘Aṭṭār*
- 2022 **Anqa Publishing:** Abdullah Bosnevi, *Patterns of Contemplation*, ed. and trans. Pablo Beneito and Stephen Hirtenstein
- 2021 **University of Michigan Press:** Muhammad Faruque, *Sculpting the Self: Islam, Selfhood and Human Flourishing*
- 2021 **Routledge (Studies in Islamic Philosophy):** Mukhtar Ali, *Philosophical Sufism: An Introduction to the School of Ibn al-‘Arabī*
- 2020 **Penn State University Press (Africana Religions):** Oludamini Ogunnaike, *Deep Knowledge: Ways of Knowing in Sufism and Ifa, Two West African Intellectual Traditions*

- 2020 **University of California Press:** Shankar Nair, *Translating Wisdom: Hindu-Muslim Intellectual Interactions in Early Modern South Asia*
- 2020 **Archetype:** Maḥmūd Shabistarī, *The Rose Garden of Mystery*, trans. Robert Darr
- 2020 **Brill:** Dāwūd al-Qayṣarī, *The Horizons of Being*, trans. Mukhtar Ali
- 2019 **Oxford University Press:** Aydogan Kars, *Unsayings God: Negative Theology in Islam*
- 2018 **Palgrave Macmillan:** Sayeh Meisami, *Knowledge and Power in the Philosophies of Ḥamīd al-Dīn Kirmānī and Mullā Ṣadrā Shīrāzī*
- 2018 **State University of New York Press:** Atif Khalil, *Repentance and the Return to God: Tawba in Early Sufism*
- 2017 **Cambridge University Press:** Yousef Casewit, *The Mystics of al-Andalus: Ibn al-Barraḡān and Islamic Thought in the Twelfth Century*
- 2017 **Islamic Texts Society:** Al-Ṭabarī's *Tafsīr*, trans. Scott Lucas
- 2017 **Oneworld:** Cyrus Zargar, *The Polished Mirror: Storytelling and the Pursuit of Virtue in Islamic Philosophy and Sufism*
- 2012 **Fons Vitae:** Sharaf al-Din Maneri, *A Mine of Meaning*, trans. Paul Jackson

### **Peer-Reviewed Assessments**

#### Tenure and Promotion Files

Binghamton University; Hamad Bin Khalifa University; Khalifa University; Monash University; University of British Columbia; University of Central Florida; University of Chicago Divinity School; University of Kentucky; Université du Québec à Montréal; University of Virginia

#### Major Research Grant Applications

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft; Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS); John Templeton Foundation; NYU Abu Dhabi Institute Senior Humanities Research Fellowship

#### Book Manuscripts

Bloomsbury; Edinburgh University Press; Equinox; Fons Vitae; I. B. Tauris; Islamic Texts Society; New York University Press; Oneworld; Oxford University Press; Palgrave Macmillan; Princeton University Press; Routledge; State University of New York Press; University of California Press

### Article Manuscripts

*Al-Abhath; Canadian Review of Comparative Literature; Comparative Islamic Studies; Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Iran; Iranian Studies; Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations; Islamic Studies; Jerusalem Studies in Arabic and Islam; Journal of the American Oriental Society; Journal of Arabic Literature; Journal of Islamic Ethics; Journal of the History of Philosophy; Journal of the Intellectual History of the Islamicate World; Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies; Journal of Islamic Philosophy; Journal of Medieval Religious Cultures; JMIAS; Journal of Qur'anic Studies; Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society; Journal of Sufi Studies; Modern Theology; Oriens; Oxford Journal of Islamic Studies; Philosophy East and West; Religions; Religion Compass; Renovatio; Sophia; Studies in Religion; Toronto Journal of Theology*

## **GRADUATE ADVISORY ROLES**

### **Doctoral Dissertations**

#### Committee Member

James Shelton Nalley, “Towards a Holy Friendship: Reflecting on Interreligious Friendship through Thomas Aquinas and Ibn al-‘Arabī.” Georgetown University, Department of Theology and Religious Studies, in progress. Supervisor: Daniel Madigan.

#### External Examiner

Louise Gallorini, “The Symbolic Function of Angels in the Qur’ān and Sufi Literature.” American University of Beirut, Department of Arabic and Near-Eastern Languages, 2021. Supervisor: Bilal Orfali.

Omar Edaibat, “The Bā ‘Alawī Sāda of the Hadhramaut Valley: An Intellectual and Social History from Tenth-Century Origins till the Late-Sixteenth Century.” McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies, 2021. Supervisor: Rula Abisaab.

Naser Dumairieh, “Intellectual Life in the Ḥijāz in the 17<sup>th</sup> Century: The Works and Thought of Ibrāhīm al-Kūrānī (1025-1101/1616-1690).” McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies, 2018. Supervisor: Robert Wisnovsky.

## Masters Theses

### Supervisor

Danielle Ring, “The Hijab and Employability in Canada.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, 2023.

Nooruddin Hafiz, “The Variant Readings of the Quran between Social Influence and Religious Practice.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, 2022.

Noah Taj, “The Fount of *Ma‘rifa*: Commentarial Theory and Practice in the Writings of Bahā’ al-Dīn al-Qazwīnī.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, 2022.

Muhammad Siddiqui, “The Sacred Conception of Nature in the Thought of Seyyed Hossein Nasr.” College of the Humanities, Carleton University. Ottawa, 2017.

### External Examiner

Hany Talaat Ibrahim, “Ibn ‘Arabī’s Metaphysics of Love: A Textual Study of Chapter 178 of the *Futūḥāt*.” University of Lethbridge, Department of Religious Studies, 2014. Supervisor: Atif Khalil.

Jonathan Dubé, “Pure Generosity, Divine Providence, and the Perfection of the Soul in the Philosophy of Ibn Sīnā (Avicenna).” McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies, 2014. Supervisor: Robert Wisnovsky.

## TEACHING

### Graduate Courses

‘Ayn al-Qudat’s *Essence of Reality*; Readings from ‘Ayn al-Qudat’s *Tamhīdāt*; Divine Love in Islam; Research Methods; Sufi Metaphysics of Nature; The Philosophy of ‘Ayn al-Qudat

### Directed Reading Graduate Courses

Aesthetics of the Self; ‘Ayn al-Qudat’s Mystical Theology; Ibn ‘Arabī’s Ontology; Philosophical Sufism; Quranic Exegetical Literature; Variant Readings in the Quran and Quranic Exegesis

### Undergraduate Courses

Al-Ghazali's *Niche of Lights*; Classical Islamic Thought; Contemporary Islamic Thought; Divine Love in Islam; Interpretations of Religion; Introduction to Islam; Islamic Philosophy; Islamic Philosophical Texts: An Introduction to 'Ayn al-Qudat; The Islamic Religious Tradition; Introduction to the Quran; Islam in the Modern World; Islamic Cosmology; Judaism, Christianity, Islam; Mystical and Contemplative Traditions; Rumi and the Way of Love; Shi'i Philosophy; Sufism; The Life and Image of Muhammad; The Metaphysics of Ibn 'Arabi; The Philosophy of Avicenna; Theory and Method

### Directed Reading Undergraduate Courses

Classical Sufi Texts; Images of the Divine, East and West; Islam and Buddhism; Meister Eckhart; Readings in Avicenna; Readings in Classical Arabic; Reason and Revelation in Islam; Sufi Quranic Exegesis; *The Study Quran*; Topics in Metaphysics and Cosmology; Western Esotericism