

MAHAN H. MIRZA

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University (May 2010)
M.Phil., Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University (December 2005)
MA, Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Yale University (December 2005)
MA, Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations, Hartford Seminary (September 2003)
BS, Mechanical Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin (August 1995)

DISSERTATION

The Quest for Knowledge: Bīrūnī's Method of Inquiry
Adviser: Gerhard Böwering; Committee: Beatrice Gruendler, Frank Griffel

NON-DEGREE PROGRAMS

Yale University, School of Management, Business Management Study Group, Spring 2006
Germany, Universität-Tübingen, Orientalisches Seminar, 2003-2004
Pakistan, The Qur'ān Academy Lahore, 1997-1998

LANGUAGES

Urdu-native; Arabic-advanced; German-advanced; French-reading; Persian-reading

EMPLOYMENT

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Professor of the Practice, *Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies* Aug 2016-present

Lead faculty for Templeton funded project to advance scientific and theological literacy in madrasa discourses in India. Responsible for all aspects of the project, including: curriculum design, development of online learning materials, instructing online and in-person during the semester, running intensive summer workshops, writing script for and hosting expert interviews for video modules, annotating texts for lesson plans, working with partners in India for student training and support, coordination of logistical aspects of the project that include procurement of equipment, assessment of learning outcomes, publishing online content, and managing 1.2 M dollar budget with staff in India for duration of three-year project.

Assistant Professor (tenure track), *Department of Classics* Aug 2009-Jun 2011

Courses: Arabic; Muhammad and the Qur'an; Islamic Religious Thought; History of Islamic Science

Fellow, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, 2010-2011

Faculty, History and Philosophy of Science Program, 2010-2011

Fellow/Associated Faculty, Medieval Institute, 2009-2011

Steering Committee, *Contending Modernities: Catholic, Muslim, and Secular*, Kroc Institute for Peace, 2009-2011

ZAYTUNA COLLEGE

Dean of Faculty May 2013-Jul 2016

Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee Nov 2012-Jul 2016

Led collaborative process to revise curriculum and College-level learning objectives; redefined terms of faculty contracts; defined and led hiring processes for full-time and part-time faculty, and program directors and coordinators; drafted budget for all aspect of faculty affairs; initiated faculty access to UC Berkeley library system; secured development and research funds for each individual faculty member; facilitated faculty reading seminars on educational philosophy and took the lead in drafting an educational philosophy for college catalog; took lead in proposing revisions to faculty handbook; organized and led regular faculty meetings, start-of-semester course planning meetings, and annual retreats on curriculum and assessment; initiated and oversaw process of collaborative design for Summer Arabic Intensive streamlined with undergraduate curriculum; integrated all faculty into governing processes across the college; defined process for adoption and publication of Zaytuna textbook series and adopted two texts currently in process; drafted all criteria relevant to faculty affairs for college's application for accreditation

Faculty Jan 2012-present

Courses taught: The Art of Science; The Power of Persuasion: Rhetorical Criticism and Oral Communication; Islamic History: 1492 to the Present; Qur'ānic Sciences; Introduction to the Qur'ān; Courses co-taught: Ethical Reasoning; Principles of Islamic Jurisprudence: Objectives, Maxims, and Universals; Logic.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Jul-Dec 2011

Oversaw budgeting needs for academic, faculty, and student affairs; recommended a reorganization of the college into multiple divisions to minimize overlap and maximize efficiency; stabilized admissions process and resolved outstanding issues relating to financial aid for incoming freshmen; hired and defined role for College's first coordinator of student life; led hiring process for additional support staff; designed program and policies for campus and facility assistants to make college functional with limited resources; provided first comprehensive orientation for students and faculty at the start of the academic year; led program for summer program graduation and fall convocation; initiated collaborative process for drafting and review of application for eligibility for accreditation; introduced a collaborative Wiki platform for transparent and shared drafting of narratives and policies; led faculty in regular meetings for learning outcomes assessment; provided library access and orientation to UC Berkeley library system, the GTU library, and UC Berkeley's public library system; created online database of Zaytuna's reference library as a portal; drafted long-term plan for development of library resources; initiated comprehensive review of Zaytuna's curriculum and reflection on educational philosophy resulting in restructuring of majors and clarification of graduation requirements; initiated conversation with the GTU to explore possible memoranda of understanding for shared resources; drafted long-term plan for faculty hire and workload distribution; conceptualized alternative modes of delivery such as "block-plan"

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION, BERKELEY

Visiting Scholar, Center for Islamic Studies Aug 11-Jul 15

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO 2007-2009
 Assistant Professor (tenure-track), *Department of Religious Studies*
 Courses: Judaism, Christianity, Islam; Islam (an introduction); Muhammad and the Qur'an.

YALE UNIVERSITY, NEW HAVEN, CT 2001-2007
 Chaplain's Office Muslim Fellow, 2006-2007
 Instructor, S-136: The Religion of Islam, Summer 2005 and 2006
 Teaching Fellow: Islam Today, Jihad, and Fundamentalism (Spring 2006); Introduction to the Middle East (Fall 2005); Introduction to Islam (Spring 2005); Islamic Theology (Fall 2004)
 Teacher, High School Language & Culture Program, 2002-2003

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN, CT 2005-2006
 University Muslim Chaplain

DEUTSCH-AMERIKANISCHES INSTITUT, TÜBINGEN, GERMANY 2003-2004
 Teacher of English as a second language

SIEMENS BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 1996-2000
 Design & Project Engineer: Seattle (Jan to Jun 1996), Washington D.C. (Jul 96 to Sept 97), Hartford (Aug 99 to Aug 2000)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Religion, Member
Renovatio, a new journal of Zaytuna College, Advisory Board

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Al-Biruni: Navigating Heaven and Earth, contracted as part of series on "Scholars & Sages of Islam" by Islamic Texts Society, Series Editor Mohammed Rustom, 2019 (forthcoming)

Assistant Editor, *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*, Editor-in-Chief
 Gerhard Bowering, Princeton University Press, 2012

Peer Reviewed

"Al-Biruni's Thought and Legacy," *Wiley Religion Compass*, Blackwell Publishing, Vol. 5, Issue 10, October, 2011, pp. 609-623

“A Delegation of Christians from Najran Visits the Prophet Muhammad: Contemporary English *Sīra* Literature for a Western Audience,” in *Islamic Studies*, Vol. 50, No. 2, Summer, 2011, pp. 159-170

Guest Editor and Introduction for “Hermeneutical Approaches to the Future of Islam in America,” Special Issue of *The Muslim World*, Vol. 98, Issue 4, October 2008

Guest Editor and Introduction for “Contemporary American Discourses on Islam: The Politics of Representation,” Special Issue of *The Muslim World*. Vol. 97, No. 1, Jan 2007

Book Chapters

“Some People Were Created to Disbelieve: Odysseys of the many to the One,” in *From Text to Life: Religious Resources for Interreligious Engagement*, Orbis Books, forthcoming

“Ends and Means,” in *Qur’an in Conversation*, Ed. Michael Birkel, Baylor University Press, 2014, pp.--

“Bediuzzaman Said Nursi’s Historical Self-Consciousness,” in *Globalization, Ethics and Islam: The Case of Bediuzzaman Said Nursi*. Ed. Ian Markhum and Ibrahim Ozdemir. Ashgate: England and USA, 2005, pp. 127-135

Encyclopedia Articles

“Qur’an,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics*, Ed. Emad Shahin, et. al., Oxford University Press, 2014

“Muhammad,” for *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics*, Ed. Emad Shahin, et. al., Oxford University Press, 2014

“Ahmad, Israr,” in *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton University Press, 2012

“Demographics,” in *Princeton Encyclopedia of Islamic Political Thought*. Ed. Gerhard Böwering. Princeton University Press, 2012

Reviews and Responses

David L Johnston, “Earth, Empire and Sacred Text: Muslims and Christians as Trustees of Creation,” in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*, Vol. 8, No. 4, 2011, pp. 127-131.

“Response to Rick Love: Healing the (American) Christian Relationship with the Muslim World,” in *Religious Faith, Torture, and Our National Soul*. Ed. David Gushee. Macon: Mercer University Press, 2010.

Ingrid Mattson, “The Story of the Qur’an: Its History and Place in Muslim Life,” in *Reviews in Religion and Theology*, Vol. 16, Issue 2, 2009, pp. 200-204

George Saliba, “Islamic Science and the Making of the European Renaissance,” in *Technology & Culture*, Vol. 49, July 2008

Muhammad al-Ghazali, “A Thematic Commentary on the Qur’an,” in *American Journal of Islamic Social Sciences*. Vol. 20, No. 1, Winter 2003, pp. 121-123

Max Farrar, “When Alienation Turns to Nihilism: The Dilemmas Posed for Diversity Post 7/7,” in *Conversations in Religion and Theology*. Vol. 4, No. 1, May 2006, pp. 114-119

Blogs, Opinion, and Online

- “Contending Modernities Goes to the Madrasa,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, November 10, 2016
- “The Highest of Virtues,” in *Philanthropy Age*, No. 2, 2013, pp. 54f (co-authored with Hamza Yusuf)
- “An Interfaith Encounter with America,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, August, 2012
- “Religious Expression or Female Oppression,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, May 12, 2011
- “Hope in the Face of Tragedy,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, March 28, 2011
- “Another Error in the War on Terror,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, March 19, 2011
- “American Muslims this 9/11,” in *The Observer*, September 10, 2011
- “‘McFootball’ in New York?: A Muslim reaction to the CM Launch,” on the *Contending Modernities* blog, November 22, 2011
- “The State of Islamic Studies at American Universities: Yale University: A Case Study,” published Online by *IIIT*
- “Hate Should Prompt Forgiveness, Dialogue,” in *Yale Daily News*, December 13, 2006
- “Higher Studies in Islam in the US,” in *Renaissance*. Vol. 14, No. 3, March 2004, pp. 18-23
- “The Qur’anic Horizons Project,” in *The Qur’anic Horizons*. Ed. Absar Ahmad. Vol. 5, No. 4, Oct-Dec 2000, pp. 3-6
- “Afghanistan: A Personal Glimpse,” in *The Qur’anic Horizons*. Ed. Absar Ahmad. Vol. 5, No. 4, Oct-Dec 2000, pp. 125-126
- “Christian-Muslim Relations in Pakistan,” as guest lecturer in course on *Christian-Muslim Relations*, Hartford Seminary, 2002 and 2006; transcript of 2002 talk published online by The Macdonald Center at <http://macdonald.hartsem.edu/articles.htm>

PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND CONVERSATIONS

Academic Conferences

- “And Among His Signs is the Variation of Your Tongues: Multiple Modes of *I’jāz al-Qur’ān*,” paper presented at conference on The Future of Scholarship on the Qur’an, College of the Holy Cross, April 9-10, 2016
- “Modern Academics vs. Traditional Islamic Authority in Qur’an Interpretation,” at Third Annual Conference on Higher Education: Forging Islamic Authority: Navigating Text and Context in the Modern World, Zaytuna College, April 4, 2015
- “Liberal Education at a Muslim College: Between Authority and Audacity,” at conference at St. John’s College on the 50th Anniversary of the Santa Fe campus on *What is Liberal Education For?* Oct 16-18, 2014
- “Life in the Universe: Scientific and Religious Perspectives,” Muslim response to presentation by Alex Filippenko at conference hosted by the Center for Theology and the Natural Sciences, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA, Apr 26, 2014
- “Legal Truth is the Daughter of Time, or Authority? Grounding Innovation in Islamic Law,” respondent at panel at the American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, Nov 23, 2013

“The Teaching and Learning of Abrahamic Traditions,” discussant for Scriptural Reasoning Group, American Academy of Religion, Baltimore, MD, Nov 24, 2013

“Signs not Proofs: Revelation and Iron Descend from the Sky,” presented at Tadabbur al-Qur’ān conference, Howard University, March 26, 2013

“Evangelicals doing Islamic Theology: A new trend in American Christianity,” paper presentation, American Academy of Religion (AAR), San Francisco, November 20, 2011

“America and Islam: A Framework for Inquiry,” presented at McGill University annual symposium for graduate students and junior scholars, April 30, 2011

“Interfaith Dialogue in Contemporary *Sīra* Literature: The Prophet Muhammad, Tariq Ramadan, and the Christians of Najran,” presented in absentia at conference on contemporary *Sīra* literature, International Islamic University, Islamabad, March 26-28, 2011

“The Boundaries between Philosophy, Empiricism and Revelation in the Works of al-Bīrūnī,” at the *Western Commission for the Study of Religion*, Pasadena, CA, March 30, 2008

“Healing the (American) Christian Relationship with the Muslim World,” at *National Summit on Torture: Religious Faith, Torture, and our National Soul*, organized by Evangelicals for Human Rights, Mercer University, September 12, 2008

“Bīrūnī’s Method and Purpose in Studying the Other: A Modern Approach in Medieval Times,” presented at conference on *Channels of Communication: Interreligious Dialogues in Late Antiquity*, Yale University, Oct 22-23, 2006

“Bediuzzaman Said Nursi and the End of History,” presented at the *Sixth International Symposium on Bediuzzaman Said Nursi*, Istanbul, September 2002

Panels, Guest Lectures, Workshops, and Interfaith Venues

Closing Remarks presented at Islamophobia: The defining social justice issue of our time?, hosted by Go Forth ND, The University of Notre Dame, Nov 17, 2017

“The Qur’an as Epic,” moderator and discussant with Todd Lawson, Center for Islamic Studies. Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, May 4, 2016

“Why Study the Study Qur’an,” host, moderator, and discussant with Joseph Lumbard and college faculty, Zaytuna College, Jan 22, 2016

“Islam and Science: Conflict or Integration?” Panel Chair and Discussant with Nahyan Fancy, Asad Ahmed, and Ebrahim Moosa, Annual Convention of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Aug 30, 2014 (scheduled)

“Sacred Seasons: Pilgrimage, Piety, and Personal Transformation in Judaism and Islam,” presented at the annual Madrasa-Midrasha series, Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies and Center for Islamic Studies, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Sept 20, 2015

“Zaytuna College’s Path to Accreditation,” organized and participated in panel at 52nd Annual Convention of the Islamic Society of North America, Chicago, IL, Sept 5, 2015

“The End of Ramadan: How we can build on What We’ve Gained,” online workshop hosted by Zaytuna College, Jul 16, 2015

“Future of the Madrasa: Biography of Zaytuna College,” presentation and roundtable discussion at two

- day symposium on The Future of the Madrasa Curriculum, organized by Kalam Research and Media, hosted by Cambridge Muslim College, Cambridge, England, MAY 1-2, 2015
- “The Month of Ramadan in Islam: A Season of Spiritual Renewal,” presented at Fireside Meeting of the Hillside Club, Berkeley, CA, Jun 1, 2015
- “A Global Perspective on Educational Reform,” presentation on IIIT panel on Reform in Education with Zaid Shakir and Ebrahim Moosa, at Annual Convention of Islamic Society of North America (ISNA), Aug 30, 2014 (scheduled)
- “Science and Religion at a Crossroad?” Community lecture and discussion in Las Vegas, NV, Aug 9 2013
- “The Prophet as a Prompter of Institutions,” lecture at *Sīra* conference at Islamic Society of Nevada, May 30, 2014
- “Prophetic Guidance for Young Muslim Intellectuals,” lecture in conference on Crisis of Character, Muslim Community Association, Santa Clara, CA, May 3, 2014
- “Negotiating the Tension between Transmission of Sacred Knowledge and a Spirit of Free Inquiry,” lecture and discussion with Muslim Student Association, Loyola University, Chicago, CA, Apr 25, 2014
- “Muslim-Baptist Dialogue,” panel at the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA, Nov 8, 2013
- “The Qur’an in Muslim Faith and Practice,” lecture at The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, CA, Oct 17, 2013
- “God Speaks to the Postmodern World,” lecture in Zaytuna College conference on Negotiating Modern Theological Fault Lines, Los Angeles, CA, May 25, 2013
- “Arabic and the Western Intellectual Tradition,” panel presentation at the 2013 Arabic Foreign Language Award Luncheon, hosted by the World Affairs Council of Houston, April 11, 2013
- “Islam, Ramadan, and the Qur’an,” Keynote at Salt Lake City Public Library Eid Event, Aug 25, 2012
- “Religion and Science Part 2: Can Faith and Science Coexist?” Interfaith panel at the Tech Museum, San Jose, CA, October 16, 2011
- “Conversations We Never Had After 9/11,” dialogue hosted by the Newman Center, the Graduate Theological Union, and Zaytuna College, Berkeley, CA, September 10, 2011
- “Conversation with Islam,” at the First Unitarian Church in South Bend, October 10, 2010
- “The Oath,” discussant for film screening as part of *Worldview Film Series*, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, University of Notre Dame, September 16, 2010
- “Hope in Troubled Times: Interfaith Voices,” *Requiem for the Innocent* panel, Kroc Institute for Peace, University of Notre Dame, September 14, 2010
- “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself,” presented at 3rd Annual Abrahamic Dinner organized by The Holy Dove Foundation, Purdue University, March 29, 2010
- “Islam and Muslims,” workshop at annual Diversity Student Leadership Conference, St. Mary’s College, March 19, 2010
- “Peace and War in Islam,” moderated panel discussion between four professors, organized by Notre Dame Peace Fellowship and Muslim Students Association, Feb 3, 2010

- “Reason and Revelation in Medieval Islam: The Case of al-Biruni,” California State University, Chico, Department of Religious Studies Lecture Series, April 2009
- “Islamic Chaplaincy as an Emerging Field,” Hartford Seminary, March 23, 2009
- “Biruni’s Method of Inquiry: Science and Theology in Classical Islam,” presented to the Department of Classics, University of Notre Dame, March 6, 2009
- “The Bible in Islam,” workshop for Bible by the Bay, Lehrhaus Judaica, San Francisco, March 1, 2009
- “Islam and Pluralism,” workshop, *Cultural Interfacing: A Study Tour for Students from Upper FATA*, Pakistan, January 24, 2009
- “Barack Obama and Islamophobia,” hosted by Cross Cultural Leadership Center, California State University, Chico, November 3, 2008
- “American Muslims and Political Participation: The Theological Dimension,” panel on *The American Muslim Vote*, UC Berkeley, October 20, 2008
- “The Qur’an and the U.S. Constitution,” presentation at the annual Qur’an conference, Islamic Center of Las Vegas, NV, October 11, 2008
- “Pakistan – Land of the Pure,” presentation at International Forum, California State University, Chico, September 23, 2008
- “Faith: Key to Peace and Happiness,” presentation at annual interfaith banquet, Convention of the Islamic Circle of North America, Hartford, CT, July 4, 2008
- “Understanding Pakistan,” presentation at International Forum, California State University, Chico, April 29, 2008
- “The Holy Qur’ān: The Word as Text,” at Religious Studies Lecture Series, California State University, Chico, March 28, 2008
- “Islam in the 21st Century: Towards a Theology of Engagement,” at Hartford Seminary, February 1, 2008
- “Islamic Studies at the GTU: Things to Consider,” at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, January 31, 2007
- “The Qur’ān and Islamic Revival in Pakistan,” presented at the *Islam in the Modern Day Lunch Colloquium*, Yale University, November, 2006
- “How Islam Informs End-of-Life Care,” presented at working group of *Yale Bioethics Center*, Yale University, November 7, 2006
- “The Living Qur’ān,” summary of one *juz’* (1/30th) of the Qur’ān for the Muslim community during the nights of Ramadan, Yale University, September-October, 2006
- “Panorama Islam,” series of six lectures on Islam and the Muslim world from its origins to the present, at annual summer camp of the *Northern New England School of Religious Education* (NNESRE), August 5-12, 2006
- “Islam and Social Justice,” seminar in Social Justice Series at *Unitarian Society of New Haven*, May 16, 2006
- “Global Landscape of Faith: Islam,” panel presentation, *Forum on Faith in the Workplace: A*

Dialogue on an Emerging Issue, organized by IBM at IBM Palisades Executive Briefing Center, May 4, 2006

“Nonviolence in the Islamic Tradition,” panel presentation to course on *Nonviolence: Path to Social and Personal Transformation*, Yale Divinity School, April 3, 2006

“Connecticut Muslims & Antiterrorism,” conversation with *CT Antiterrorism Advisory Council*, Federal Correctional Institute (FCI) Danbury, April 25, 2006

“Guiding our Youth,” panel presentation, *Conversations with Our Neighbors of Other Religions: How Faith Shapes Our Lives*, organized by the Connecticut Council for Interreligious Understanding, Inc., December 4, 2005

“The Islamist Worldview,” presentation at lunch seminar series, *College of Social Studies*, Wesleyan University, November 2, 2005

“The Spirit of Ramadan,” talk at annual *iftār* hosted by Hartford Seminary, 1999

CONFERENCES (ORGANIZER/MODERATOR/DISCUSSANT)

THE 6TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMOPHOBIA: THE STATE OF THE ISLAMOPHOBIA STUDIES FIELD APR, 2014

Center for Race & Gender, UC Berkeley: Islamophobia Research and Documentation Project (IRDP), with over ten cosponsors

Chair of panel on “Un-Human Rights: Race, Racism, and Islamophobia at the Prison

ISLAM AND MARRIAGE SEMINAR AUG, 2014

Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, NJ

Seminar leader of four-day retreat; topics included The Higher Purpose of Marriage, Marriage and Public Moral Witness (conversation with Robert George), Legal and Ritual Dimensions, and Parenting.

THE 5TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMOPHOBIA: LATENT AND MANIFEST ISLAMOPHOBIA APR, 2014

Center for Race & Gender, UC Berkeley; Center for Islamic Studies; Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diaspora Institute, San Francisco State University; Zaytuna College

Chair of “Panel Five”

THE CRISIS OF CHARACTER MAR, 2014

Zaytuna College conference in Houston, TX; speakers included Sulayman Nyang, Hatem Bazian, Colleen Keyes, Zaid Shakir, Joseph Lombard, and Hamza Yusuf

Master of Ceremony

WORKSHOP ON HOW TO READ THE QUR’ĀN MAY, 2013

Center for Islamic Studies; Dominican School for Philosophy and Theology; Zaytuna College Organizer, Co-Host, and Moderator of panel discussion between keynote speaker Carl Ernst and guests Mahmoud Ayoub, Tod Lawson, Nargis Virani, and Zaid Shakir

THE 4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ISLAMOPHOBIA: FROM THEORIZING TO SYSTEMATIC DOCUMENTATION APR, 2013

Center for Race & Gender, UC Berkeley; Center for Islamic Studies; Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diaspora Institute, San Francisco State University; Zaytuna College
Chair of panel on “Islamophobia in an Age of War”

CONTENDING MODERNITIES WORKING GROUP ON “AUTHORITY-COMMUNITY-IDENTITY
University of Notre Dame, Hosted by the Social Science Research Council, NYC MAR, 2013
Discussant for working group on “Education and Formation”

EXPERIENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WORKSHOP JAN, 2013
Center for Environmental Security and Diplomacy, University of Vermont; Zaytuna College; Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley; Hosted four-day workshop for educators from across the United States and local community partners with Dawood Yasin (Dartmouth), Stephanie Mirza (Zaytuna), and Saleem Ali (University of Vermont)

THE QUR’AN IN THE MODERN WORLD JUL, 2012
Witherspoon Institute, Princeton, NJ
Co-led five-day workshop on the Qur’an; topics included Introduction to the Qur’an, Introduction to Surat al-Nisa’, Reason and Revelation, and Translations of the Qur’an.

CRITICAL DISCOURSES ON ISLAMOPHOBIA: SYMBOLS, IMAGES, AND REPRESENTATIONS APR, 2012
University of California, Berkeley; Zaytuna College; Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Chair of panel on “Images and Representation of Islam and Muslims”
Chair of panel on “Security Structures and Civil Rights: Reversing the Trend”

47TH ANNUAL CONGRESS ON MEDIEVAL STUDIES MAY, 2011
Western Michigan University
Chair for panel on “The Elements and the Stars”

RELIGIOUS NORMS AND THE PUBLIC SPHERE
Graduate Theological Union and UC Berkeley
Chair for panel on “Transatlantic Network of Scholars on Muslims’ Religious Identity, Secularism, Democracy, and Citizenship”

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ISLAM, SALVATION, AND THE FATE OF OTHERS APR, 2010
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Moderator of talk by Tariq Ramadan on “The Islamic Theory of Salvation”

WHO SPEAKS FOR ISLAM: MEDIA AND NEW MUSLIM NETWORKS MAR, 2009
Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley
Moderator of panel on “Covering Islam”

COMMON WORD CONFERENCE: LOVING GOD AND NEIGHBOR IN WORD AND DEED JULY, 2007
Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Yale Divinity School

Logistics Coordinator for the Workshop, July 24-28
Moderator of panels, July 25

CRITICAL ISLAMIC REFLECTIONS CONFERENCE 2002-2007
Muslim Student Association, Yale University
Organizing Committee, *Hermeneutical Approaches to the Future of Islam in America*, April 2007
Moderator, roundtable discussion, *Contemporary Muslim Discourses on America: Perceptions of Self and Other*, April 2006
Moderator, panel on *Explaining Pro-Western Anti-Americanism in Turkey*, April 2006
Moderator, panel on *The Rise of the Islamicist as Religious Authority Figure*, April 2006
Conference Chair, *Contemporary American Discourses on Islam: The Politics of Representation*, April 2005
Organizing Committee, *The Prophet in the Academy*, April 2003
Moderator, roundtable discussion, *The Prophet in the Academy*, April 2003
Moderator, panel on *Muslims Meaningfully Discussing Human Rights and Social Justice After 9/11*, April 2002
Organizing Committee, *Rooting Islam in America*, April 2002

THE 35TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MUSLIM SOCIAL SCIENTISTS ON
“MUSLIM IDENTITIES: SHIFTING BOUNDARIES AND DIALOGUES” OCTOBER 27-29, 2006
Hartford Seminary
Member, Organizing Committee
Discussant, panel on “Islam and Politics”

SERVICE

ZAYTUNA COLLEGE

Advisor, Maqam Society	2015-2016
Founding Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee	2012-present
Member, Admissions Committee	2012-present
Member, Academic Affairs Committee	2011-present

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME

Adviser for undergraduate thesis on politics and the Arab-Israeli conflict	Fall 2010-Spring 2011
Initiated conversation and hired student to establish Arabic reading room in library	Fall 2010-Spring 2011
<i>Contending Modernities</i> relationship building visits to: Aga Khan University (Karachi), Kalam Research and Media (Dubai) International Islamic University (Islamabad), LUMS (Lahore)	Winter 2010-2011
Adviser for undergraduate research on al-Zahrawi and history of medicine	Fall 2010
Coordinator of two dialogues with American University of Cairo students via live video link on “Obama’s Cairo Speech” and “Islamophobia”	Fall 2010
Member of hiring committee for Arabic faculty candidates	Fall 2010
Director of independent study in Persian	Fall 2010
Adviser to Muslim Student Association	Fall 09-Spring 2011

CAL STATE CHICO

Middle East Studies Program Development Committee	Academic year 07-08
Adviser to Muslim Student Association (MSA)	Spring 08 and 08-09
Panel discussion on anniversary of Iraq War, feature <i>CNR</i> article	March 13, 2008
Middle Eastern Studies Program Coordinator	Academic year 08-09
Advisor, Religious Studies Student Society	Academic year 08-09
Resource person, proposal for “Cultural Interfacing: A Study Tour for Students from Upper FATA, Pakistan”	Fall 08
Moderator of discussion on “The State of Primary Education in Pakistan” hosted by the Center for Applied Ethics (CAPE)	Nov 12, 2008
Humanities and Fine Arts film series host	May 5, 2009

GRANTS

Templeton Planning Grant for launch of multimedia journal, John Templeton Foundation, 2016
 Summer Stipend (ISLA), University of Notre Dame, Summer 2010
 Materials and Misc. Needs Grant (ISLA), University of Notre Dame, 2009-10
 Internal Research Grant, California State University, Chico, Fall-Summer 2008
 Yale University Dissertation Fellowship, 2006-2007
 Elsa Guttman Links and Leo Links Prestigious Fellowship in Religious Studies, 2005-2006
 Yale University Graduate Studies Fellowship, 2001-2003; 2004-2005
 Baden-Württemberg–Connecticut Dept of Higher Ed. Exchange Fellowship, 2003-2004
 John Perry Miller Fund, Yale Graduate School, 2003
 Middlebury College Tuition Award, 2003
 Hartranft Scholarship Fund Merit Award, Hartford Seminary, 2000
 Texas Public Education Grant, 1994
 Valparaiso University Tuition Award, 1992

OTHER ACTIVITIES & MISC. AWARDS

Affirming the Unity of God, Fifteenth Annual Building Bridges Seminar, Georgetown University,
 May, 2016
 Authorizing the Human Person in a Cosmopolitan Age: Science, Society and Identity, Notre Dame
 Global Gateway, Rome, June 2015
 Scriptural Reasoning Conference, Cambridge Interfaith Programme, July 2011 and July 2012
 Contending Modernities project, workshop on “Science and the Human Person,” London Notre Dame
 Center, University of Notre Dame, July 2011
 Building Hope Conference, Reconciliation Program, Yale Center for Faith & Culture, June 2011
 Best gross, faculty & staff annual golf outing, University of Notre Dame, fall 2010
 Working Group, *Qur’anic Reading and Reasoning: Rethinking Approaches to the Sacred Text*, Ali
 Vural Ak Center for Islamic Studies, George Mason University, 2010
 Visiting Scholar, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, 2008-2009
 Graduate Fellow, Yale Center for Faith and Culture, Summer 2008
 Scriptural Reasoning Project, Organized by the Kripke Center, Creighton University, 2007-8
 Scriptural Reasoning Group, Princeton Theological Seminary, 2005-6
 Convener of *Islam in the Modern Day Lunch Colloquium*, Yale University, Fall 2006
 Runner-up net score, *President’s Cup Golf Tournament*, Pakistan, 1997
 Vice President of *Tau Beta Pi*, The University of Texas at Austin, 1994-1995
 Committee Chair in *University Student Union Board*, Valparaiso University, 1992
 Valedictorian, Pakistan Air Force Intermediate College, Chaklala, Pakistan, 1987-1989: achievements

included graduation with honors, captaining of varsity cricket team, leadership role in intramural athletic club “Minhas,” and awards in individual debating competition and national essay writing