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Academic Position

University of Notre Dame (from Aug. 2003)

Associate Professor, Islamic Studies and Theology

Tisch Family Associate Professor of Theology

Université de Saint Joseph, Beirut (Visiting Professor, Sep 2010-Feb 2011, May-Jun 2011)

Université Libre de Bruxelles (Visiting Professor, Mar-Apr 2011).

Education

Yale University (Sep. 1997 - May 2003)

Program in Islamic Studies, Department of Religious Studies

M.A. (May 2001) M. Phil. (Dec. 2001) Ph. D. (May 2003; Advisor: Gerhard Böwering)

Columbia University (Sep. 1991 - Dec. 1994)

B.A. in Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures (Dec. 1994), *magna cum laude*

Languages

Classical Arabic, Colloquial Arabic (Eastern), Syriac, Persian, Biblical Hebrew, Latin, New Testament Greek, German, French, Italian.

Fellowships/Awards

Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar Grant, "The Qur'ān in the World of Late Antiquity" (2011-13).

A grant of \$175,000 to support 2 doctoral and 1 post-doctoral fellows, and a series of 5 conferences, over the academic year 2012-13 at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame Library Acquisitions Grant (co-authored) "Near East Reading Room Collection" (2011; \$125,000).

Louisville Institute Project Grant for Researchers (2011; \$25,000).

Notre Dame Henkels Lectures Award to host academic conference, "The Qur'ān in Its Historical Context" on April 19-21, 2009.

Fulbright Regional Research Award, for research in Beirut and Jerusalem (2007; \$27,000).

Luce Fellow in Theology (2006-7; \$72,000).

Notre Dame Henkels Lectures Award to host academic conference, "Towards a New Reading of the Qur'an?" on April 2-4, 2005.

The Theron Rockwell Field Prize, for a dissertation in Humanities, Yale University (2003).

Whitney Fellow, Yale University (2002-3).

Fulbright-Hays Grant for research in Beirut, Lebanon (2000-2001).

Bates Junior Fellow, Jonathan Edwards College, Yale University (1999-2003).

Mellon Fellow (1996-97).

Publications

Books

How to Read the Qur'an and the Bible Together. Under contract with Yale University Press (publication expected December 2013).

The Emergence of Islam. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 2012.

New Perspectives on the Qur'an: The Qur'an in Its Historical Context 2. Introduced and Edited. London: Routledge, 2011.

The Qur'an and Its Biblical Subtext. London: Routledge, 2010.

The Critique of Christian Origins: Qādī 'Abd al-Jabbār's (d. 415/1025) Islamic Essay on Christianity.

Introduced, Translated, and Annotated. Edited Samir Khalil Samir. Provo UT: BYU Press, 2010.

The Qur'an in Its Historical Context. Introduced and Edited. London: Routledge, 2008. Arabic translation: *Al-Qur'an fī muḥīṭihī al-tārikhī*. Trans. Sa'd Sa'dī and 'Abd al-Masīḥ Sa'dī. Beirut: Dār al-Jamal, 2011.

A Muslim Theologian in the Sectarian Milieu: 'Abd al-Jabbār and the 'Critique of Christian Origins'. Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2004.

Articles

Refereed Articles

"Le problème de la chronologie du Coran," *Arabica* 58 (2011), 477-502.

"Remembering Muḥammad," (solicited) *Numen* 58 (2011), 188-206.

"On the Qur'ānic Accusation of Scriptural Falsification (*taḥrīf*) and Christian anti-Jewish Polemic," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 130 (2010), 1-14.

"The Muslim Jesus: Dead or Alive?" *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies* 72 (2009), 237-58.

"The Rise and Fall of Qadi 'Abd al-Jabbar," *International Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* 37 (2005), 3-18.

"A Reflection on Two Qur'ānic Words (*Iblīs* and *Jūdī*) with Attention to the Theories of A. Mingana," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124 (2004) 4, 1-15.

- "A New Source for Church History? Eastern Christianity in 'Abd al-Jabbâr's (415/1025) *Confirmation*," *Oriens Christianus* 86 (2002), 46-68.
- "Jesus, the Qâ'im, and the End of the World," *Rivista degli studi orientali* 75 (2001), 55-86.
- "Saint Thomas' Islamic Challenges: Reflections on the Antiochene Questions," *Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations* 12 (April 2001) 2, 161-189.
- "The Sufi Meal: A Case Study of Âdâb," *Muslim World* 90 (Spring 2000), 198-218.
- "The Ends of *al-Radd al-Jamîl* and Its Portrayal of Christian Sects," *Islamochristiana* 25 (1999), 45-65.

Chapters of Books

- "On the Qur'ân's *Mā'ida* Passage and the Wanderings of the Israelites," *The Coming of the Comforter: When, Where, and to Whom? Studies on the Rise of Islam in Memory of John Wansbrough*, ed. B. Lourié, C.A. Segovia, and A. Bausi (Piscataway, NJ: Gorgias, 2011), 91-108.
- "'Abd al-Jabbâr," *The Islamic World*, ed. A. Rippin (London: Routledge, 2008), 338-44.
- "The Qur'anic Sarah as Prototype of Mary," *The Bible in Arab Christianity*, ed. D. Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2007), 193-206.
- "Redeeming the Adam of the Qur'ân," *Arabische Christen – Christen in Arabien*, ed. D. Kreikenbom, F.-Ch. Muth and J. Thielmann (Frankfurt: Lang, 2006), 71-83.
- "The Eschaton and Justice in the Thought of Mulla Sadra," *Proceedings of the Second World Congress on Transcendent Philosophy* (Tehran, Iran), 2005.
- "A Philosophical Odyssey: Ghazzâlî's *Intentions of the Philosophers*," *Medieval Philosophy and the Classical Tradition in Islam, Judaism and Christianity*, ed. D. Thomas (Richmond: Curzon, 2001), 37-50.

Encyclopedia Articles

- "David," *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd Edition. Forthcoming.
- "Al-Hādī Ilā I-Ḥaqq," *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*, ed. D. Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2010), 2:125-9.
- "'Abd al-Jabbâr," *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History*, ed. D. Thomas (Leiden: Brill, 2010), 2:594-610.
- "Angels," *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, 3rd Edition (Leiden: Brill, 2009), 1:86-99.
- "Bible," *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia* (London: Routledge, 2005), 1:107-8.
- "Seven Sleepers of Ephesus," *Medieval Islamic Civilization: An Encyclopedia* (London: Routledge, 2005), 2:719-20.
- "'Uthmān," *Encyclopaedia of the Qur'ân* (Leiden: E.J. Brill, 2001-6), 5:408-10.

Non-Refereed Articles

Various articles and book reviews in *Commonweal* and *First Things*.

"Sidon and the South through American Eyes" (in Arabic), *As-Safir* (July 12, 1999), 4.

Select Reviews

"David Bertaina, *Christian and Muslim Dialogues: The Religious Uses of a Literary Form in the Early Islamic Middle East*," *Logos: A Journal of Eastern Christian Studies*, forthcoming.

"Michel Cuypers, *Le festin: une lecture de la sourate al-Mā'ida*," *Der Islam*, forthcoming.

"Francis S. Peters, *Jesus & Muhammad: Parallel Tracks, Parallel Lives*," *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 42 (2012), 439-40.

"Thomas Hoffmann, *The Poetic Qur'ān: Studies on Qur'ānic Poeticity*," *Orientalistische Literaturzeitung* 106 (2011), 1-2.

"Frederick S. Colby, *Narrating Muḥammad's Night Journey: Tracing the Development of the Ibn 'Abbās Ascension Discourse*," *Review of Middle East Studies* 44 (2010) 75-6.

"*The Encounter of Eastern Christianity with Early Islam*, ed. Emmanouela Grypeou, Mark N. Swanson, and David Thomas," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129 (2009), 520-2.

"*Coming to Terms with the Qur'an. A Volume in Honor of Professor Issa Boullata*, ed. Khaleel Mohammed and Andrew Rippin," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 129 (2009), 383-4.

"Walter H. Wagner, *Opening the Quran: Introducing Islam's Holy Book*," *The Catholic Historical Review* (2009), 768-70.

"Sidney Griffith, *The Church in the Shadow of the Mosque*," *Journal of Law and Religion* 24 (2008-9), 101-5.

"Yehuda Nevo and Judith Koren, *Crossroads to Islam*," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 125 (2006), 9-13.

"Qamar-ul Huda, *Striving for Divine Union*," *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 65 (January 2006) 1, 66-9 .

"Günter Lüling, *A Challenge to Islam for Reformation*," *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-faith Studies* 7 (Spring/Summer 2005) 1, 185-91.

"Samuel-Martin Behloul, *Ibn Hazms Evangelienkritik: Eine methodische Untersuchung*," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124 (2005), 14-5.

"Harald Motzki, *The Origins of Islamic Jurisprudence*," *Journal of Semitic Studies* 50 (Spring 2005) 1, 227-30.

"David Thomas, *Early Muslim Polemic against Christianity: Abū 'Īsā al-Warrāq's "Against the Incarnation"*," *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 124 (2004) 2, 4-7.

"Linda Walbridge, *Christians of Pakistan*," *Bulletin of the Royal Institute of Inter-faith Studies* 5.1 (Spring/Summer 2003), 220-5.

"Daniel Madigan, *The Qur'ān's Self Image*," *al-Abhath* (2002-3), 225-8.

"Michael Gilsean, *Recognizing Islam*," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 36 (Summer 2002) 1, 70.

"Andrew Rippin, *Muslims: Their Religious Beliefs and Practices*," *Middle East Studies Association Bulletin* 36 (Summer 2002) 1, 71-2.

"Tarif Khalidi, *The Muslim Jesus*," *Books and Culture* (March/April 2002), 8.

"Muhammad Abdel Halem, *Understanding the Qur'an*," *al-Abhath* (2001), 131-5.

Articles In Progress

"The Qur'ān and the Apostles of Jesus," submitted to *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*.

"On the Description of the Jews as 'Killers of the Prophets' in the Qur'ān."

"Christ in Islam," *Oxford Handbook of Christology*.

Select Lectures

20 Apr 2012, "A Catholic Appreciation of Ibn Taymiyya," Church and Islam Colloquium, Institute for Church Life (Notre Dame).

6 Mar 2012, "The Muslim Jesus and a Table from Heaven," Centre College Convocation (Danville, KY).

26 Feb 2012, "The Publics of Theological Research," Association of Theological Schools Conference (Pittsburgh, PA).

24 Oct 2011, "On the Muslim Jesus and His Qur'ānic Companions," Theology Department Colloquium, (Notre Dame).

7 Aug 2011, "The Problem with Reading the Qur'an Chronologically," Conference on The Origins of Islam, Dartmouth College.

8 Mar-5 Apr 2011, "Le Coran et la Bible". Lecture series at Le Centre Interdisciplinaire d'Etude des Religions et de la Laïcité (Brussels, Belgium).

14 Dec 2010, "An Islamic Account of the Bible's Composition: 'Abd al-Jabbār's *Critique of Christian Origins*," Orient-Institut der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft (Beirut, Lebanon).

13 Sep 2010, "Heavenly Warfare in the Qur'ān," Conference on Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Islamic Thought, The University of Exeter (Exeter, United Kingdom).

15 Apr 2010, "The Myth of the Abrahamic Religions," World Affairs Council of Springfield, Illinois.

18 Mar 2010, "The Future of Muslim-Christian Relations," Lampen Lecture, Ancilla College (Ancilla, IN).

29 Jan 2010, "Sexual Depravity and Medieval Muslim-Christian Controversy," Duke University Center for Late Ancient Studies Symposium.

22 Nov 2009, "On Muḥammad, Miracles, and Christianity," Middle East Studies Association Conference (Boston).

22 Sep 2009, "On Sexual Depravity and Muslim-Christian Controversy," Woodbrooke-Mingana Symposium (Birmingham, England).

27 Jun 2009, "Whom Does the Qur'ān Accuse of Scriptural Falsification?" Symposium on Religious Culture in Late Antique Arabia (Berlin).

- 1 Jun 2009, "Qur'ānic Cosmology and the Serpent's Curse" Institute of Advanced Study Colloquium (Princeton, NJ).
- 13 Mar 2009, "Qāḍī 'Abd al-Jabbār on the True Religion and Sexual Perversion," American Oriental Society Conference (Albuquerque, NM).
- 26 Feb 2009, "On the Charge of Scriptural Falsification in the Qur'ān, Islamic Tradition, and Christian anti-Jewish Polemic," Medieval Institute Research Colloquium (Notre Dame).
- 24 Nov 2008, "An Elegy for the Orientalists," Middle East Studies Association Conference (Washington).
- 17 Mar. 2008, "Abraham the Gentile," American Oriental Society Conference (Chicago).
- 19 Nov. 2007, "'The Male is Unlike the Female.' On the Quranic Narrative of Mary's Birth," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (Montreal, Canada).
- 4 Nov. 2007, "Reading the Qur'ān in Light of a Jewish-Christian-Islamic Tradition," Henry Luce III Theology Fellows conference (Pittsburgh, PA).
- 21 Jun. 2007, "A New Approach to the Qur'ān," Public Lecture, American Embassy (Beirut, Lebanon).
- 10 Sep. 2006, "Reading Qur'ān and Bible Together," Tantur Ecumenical Institute (Jerusalem).
- 25 Apr. 2006, "Islam and Christianity," Corpus Christi Lecture Series on Christianity and World Religions (Toledo, OH).
- 21 Nov. 2005, "Why Does God Give the Children of Adam Feathers in Qur'ān 7:26?" The Society of Biblical Literature Conference (Philadelphia, PA).
- 16 Sep. 2005, "The Laughter of Sarah in Christian Tradition and Qur'ān 11:71," The Fifth Woodbrooke-Mingana Symposium on Arab Christianity and Islam (Birmingham, England).
- 18 Mar. 2005, "Why is Abraham's Wife Laughing in Qur'ān 11:71?" American Oriental Society Conference (Philadelphia, PA).
- 25 May 2004, "The Eschaton and Justice in the Thought of Mulla Sadra," Second World Congress on Mulla Sadra (Tehran, Iran).
- 30 Apr. 2004, "Arab Christianity and the Redemption of the Qur'ānic Adam," Universität Mainz Konferenz: "Arabische Christen" (Mainz, Germany).
- 8 Nov. 2003, "Jesus, the Qur'ān and the Day of Resurrection," Middle East Studies Association Annual Conference (Anchorage, AK).
- 8 Oct. 2003, "Occidentalism," Centre Lebret Conference on the Dialogue of Civilizations (Beirut, Lebanon).
- 14 Jun. 2001, "The Problem of Evil: Muslim and Christian Perspectives," (in Arabic), The Iranian Cultural Center at the Lebanese University (Beirut, Lebanon).
- 6 Feb. 2001, "Faith and Reason: the Conversions of Augustine and Ghazzâlî" (in Arabic), Institut des études islamo-chrétien, l'Université Saint Joseph (Beirut, Lebanon).

Select Media Appearances

- 13 Jul 2010, Quoted in article, K. Morgan, "No. 1 Nation in Sexy Web Searches? Call it Pornistan," *FoxNews.com*.
- 12 Mar 2010, Quoted in article, M. Oppenheimer, "A Christian Overture to Muslims Has Its Critics," *New York Times*.
- 23 Apr 2009, Quoted in article, N. Kristof, "Islam, Virgins, and Grapes," *New York Times*.
- 28 Jun 2007, Interview for *al-Safir* newspaper, Beirut (in Arabic).
- 4 May 2007, Guest for a one-hour long television program on inter-religious relations in Beirut, al-Hurra International Television (in Arabic).
- 2 Jun. 2006, Article on 25 Apr. 2006 lecture: "Interfaith lecture draws Christians and Muslims," *Catholic Chronicle*, 5.
- 16 Jul. 2005, Article on the Notre Dame conference, "Towards a New Reading of the Qur'ān?" *al-Hayat Newspaper* (London/Beirut, in Arabic), p. 16.
- 13 Apr. 2005, Interview on WCBS Radio (New York) on Islam and the Future of the Catholic Church.
- 27 Dec. 2004, Interview on National Public Radio ("Here and Now") on new theories of Qur'ānic interpretation.
- Interviews on KDXU radio (Utah):
- 6 Sep. 2005, on recent Islamic fatwas regarding violence.
 - 7 Mar. 2005, on political quietism in Shī'ī Islam.
 - 7 Feb. 2005, on Islamic sexual ethics.
 - 15 Dec. 2004, on Islamic modernism and fundamentalism.
 - 31 Aug. 2004, on the Qur'ān.
 - 22 Sep. 2004, Interview for the Swedish Broadcasting Corporation on Islamic militancy.
- 15 Sep. 2004, Quoted in article, "...É doloroso que quase todos os terroristas sejam muçulmanos," *Veja* magazine (Brazil).
- 4 Aug. 2004, Quoted in article: N. Kristof, "Martyrs, Virgins and Grapes," *New York Times*.
- 25 May 2004, Interview on Radio Javan, Iranian Youth Radio (in Persian).
- 19 Jul 2003, "The Clash of Civilizations and Western Views of Islam," one-hour interview (in Arabic) on al-Irānī television (Iranian local and satellite government channel).
- 12 Jul. 2003, "Muslim-Christian Dialogue in the post-Cold War World," one-hour interview (in Arabic) on al-Ālam television (Iranian satellite channel).

Activities

- Co-Director, Mellon/Sawyer Seminar, "The Qur'ān in the World of Late Antiquity" (2011-13).
- Director, Notre Dame Conference "The Qur'ān in Its Historical Context" (19-21, Apr. 2009).

Co-Director, Orient-Institut der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft Conference, "Interpretation and Authority" (Beirut, 21 Apr. 2007).

Director, Notre Dame Conference "Towards a New Reading of the Qur'ān?" (2-4, Apr. 2005).

Co-Founder, Member, Beirut Circle for Qur'ānic Studies (Mar. 2001–Aug. 2005).

Co-Founder, Co-Director, Yale University "Islam and Modernity" Lunch Colloquium (Jan. 1999-May 2000, Sep. 2001-May 2003).

English as a Second Language Instructor, Arab American Family Support Center, Brooklyn, NY (Jun. 1994-Aug. 1996).

Cape Cod Marathon (Oct. 2001).

Teaching

Courses taught at Notre Dame:

Islamic Origins (Ph.D.), Muslim-Christian Relations (Masters), Holy Land (Masters), The Qur'ān and Its Relation to the Bible (Undergraduate), Islam and Christian Theology (Undergraduate), Foundations of Theology (Undergraduate),

Since Fall 2006 I have directed a weekly "Qur'ān Circle" dedicated to the reading, translation, and discussion of the Qur'ān in Arabic. The Qur'ān Circle has twice been made a 1 credit p/f class.

I have also taught: Arabic versions of "Holy Land," and "Islam and Christian Theology," and a French version of "Islamic Origins" at Université de St. Joseph in Beirut (2010-11); two intensive courses in French at Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium): "Jésus dans le Coran," and "Le dialogue islamo-chrétien" (Spring 2011); an intensive version of "Holy Land" at Notre Dame's Tantur Ecumenical Institute in Jerusalem (May 2010); and a doctoral seminar on medieval Christian and Islamic polemical literature in Arabic at the University of Chicago (winter quarter 2008).

Ph.D. Theses (Committee Member):

Hamza Mahmoud (Cornell University), "O Children of Israel! Rhetoric & Representation in Qur'ānic Polemics"

Emran El-Badawi (Univ. of Chicago; 2011), "Sectarian Scripture: The Qur'ān and Its Dogmatic Rearticulation of the Aramaic Gospel Traditions."

Ph.D. Exam Committees:

Joshua Robinson (Medieval Institute)

Undergraduate Theses (Director):

Joe DeMott (2009-10), "Jihad in 20th Century Islamic Thought."
Kelli Barton (2004-5), "Louis Massignon, Islam, and Catholicism."

Service

Department

Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Theology (Jul. 2011-Present)
Member, Committee on Advancement and Promotion, Department of Theology (Sep. 2009-Present)
Director, Masters of Theological Studies Program (2008-2010)
Department of Theology Library Committee (2003-6)
Theology Department Undergraduate Committee (2004-5)

University

Fellow, Medieval Institute
Residential Scholar (2005-2010)
Small Group Leader, Freshmen Orientation (2005, 2007)
Participant, Faculty Seminar on the Catholic Ideal of Liberal Learning (2005-6)
Organizer and Presenter, First-Year Convocation (22 Sep. 2003)

Academy

Co-Director (with Emran El-Badawi) of the three-year Consultation under the Society of Biblical Literature for the formation of an international Society for Qur'anic Studies.

Manuscript Reviewer:

Brill, Routledge Oxford University Press, Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies, Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Journal of the American Oriental Society, Journal of Near Eastern Studies, Journal of Religion and Literature.

Member:

Society of Biblical Literature, American Oriental Society, Middle East Medievalists, Middle East Studies Association, Orient-Institut der deutschen morgenländischen Gesellschaft (Beirut, Lebanon), Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies (Amman, Jordan).

Advisory Board Member:

Collectanea Christiana Orientalia
History of Christian Muslim Relations (monograph series: Brill)
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