

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Employment

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**University of Florida, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**  
Associate Professor: University of Florida, **2016-present**

**University of Florida, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**  
Assistant Professor: University of Florida, **2009-2016**

**University of Pennsylvania, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations**  
Lecturer, **2000-3**  
Teaching Assistant, **1997-2000**

**Middlebury College, Summer Arabic Program**  
Lecturer, summer **1996**

**U. S. Department of State, Arabic Field School, Tunis, Tunisia**  
Taught Modern Standard Arabic to American diplomats, **1991-7**

**Amideast, (USAID Scholarship Program), Tunis, Tunisia**  
Employment Advisor for Tunisian Graduate Returnees **1990-1991**

**American Embassy, Tunis, Tunisia**  
Protocol Office, **1989**

### Education

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**University of Pennsylvania, Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations Department**  
Ph.D. in Arabic and Islamic Studies, **2009**  
M. A. in Arabic and Islamic Studies, **2006**

## Université de Tunis, Institut Bourguiba des Langues Vivantes

B. A. in English and Italian Languages, 1988.

## Research interests

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Animal and environmental ethics in Islam

Stylistics of the Qur'an

Tradition and Modernity in Arabic Literature

## Grants and Fellowships

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Workshop and Speaker Series Grants, 2015

Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund, 2011

UF Sustainability Fellowship, 2010

Teaching Assistantship, University of Pennsylvania, 1997-2000

## Publications

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### Monograph/edited volume

- *Animals in the Qur'an*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2012.

### Reviewed by:

- F. V. Greifenhagen, *Bulletin of the School of Oriental and African Studies*, 77 (2014): 229-230.
- George Archer, "Praying Ants and Prostrating Beasts " *Marginalia*, <http://themarginaliareview.com/archives/5192>
- James E. Montgomery, *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, 19.1 (2017): 131 – 136.
- Guest editor of special issue "Animals in Islam," *Religions*, (ISSN 2077-1444) [https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special\\_issues/animals](https://www.mdpi.com/journal/religions/special_issues/animals)

### Articles and Book Chapters:

- **In Press.** "Qur'anic Creation: Anthropocentric Readings and Ecocentric Possibilities" in *The Routledge Companion to the Qur'an*, edited by Daniel Madigan and Maria Massi Dakake. London: Routledge.
- **2020.** "Kur'an Tefsirlerinde Rûh: Tarihsel bir Calisma" *Sabah ülkesi*. 62. 40 -45. (In Turkish)

- **2019.** “A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?” in *Hayvan Etiği*, edited by Ihsan Karaman, Seyit Ankarali, and Tuncay Sandıkçı. Istanbul: Isar Yayınlan. 31 – 45 (Turkish version), 47 – 60 (English version).
- **2019.** “*Fa’şda’ bi-mā Tu’mar*: A Motif-Based Study of Sūrat al-Ḥijr” *Journal of International Qur’anic Studies Association*. 4. 59 – 83.
- **2018.** “The Canine Companion of the Cave: The Place of the Dog in Qur’ānic Taxonomy” *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*. 3.2. 43 – 60.
- **2018.** “Animal Ethics in Islam: A Review Article” *Religions* 9. (18 pages). <https://www.mdpi.com/2077-1444/9/9/269/htm>
- **2017.** “Nichtmenschliche Tiere” in *Koran erklärt: Ein Beitrag zur Aufklärung*, edited by Willi Steul, Sebastian Engelbrecht and Thorsten Gerald Schneiders. Berlin: Suhrkamp. 201 – 203.
- **2017.** “Die Biologie der Honigbienen” in *Koran erklärt: Ein Beitrag zur Aufklärung*, edited by Willi Steul, Sebastian Engelbrecht and Thorsten Gerald Schneiders. Berlin: Suhrkamp. 204 – 206.
- **2017.** “From Breath to Soul: The Qur’anic Notion of *Rūḥ* and its (Mis)interpretations.” in *Arabic Humanities, Islamic Thought: A Festschrift for Everett K. Rowson*. Edited by Shawkat Toorawa and Joseph Lowry. Leiden: Brill. 1- 21.
- **2016.** “I invoke God Therefore I am: Creation’s Spirituality and its Ecologic Impact in Islamic Texts.” in *A Global History of Literature and the Environment*, edited by Louise Westling and John Parham. New York: Cambridge University Press. 107-22
- **2015.** “Animals Would Follow Shafi’ism. Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence to Animals in Medieval Islamic Texts” in *Violence in Islamic Thought from the Qur’an to the Mongols*. Edited by Robert Gleave and Istvan Kristo-Nagy. Oxford: Edinburgh University Press. 225-244.
- **2014.** “All Animals Are Equal, or Are They? The Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’s Animal Epistle and its Unhappy End.” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 16. 42-88.
- **2014.** “Faith-Based Perspectives on the Use of Chimeric Organisms for Medical research.” Co-authored with Christopher Degeling, Rob Irvine, Ian Kerridge et al., *Transgenic Research*, 23. 265-279.

- 2012. “Innocence, Maturation, and Liberation: The Maturation Process in al-Mīdānī b. Šālih’s Work.” *Arabica*, 59. 552-598.
- 2010. “The Meaning of the Qur’anic Word ‘dābba’: ‘Animals’ or ‘Nonhuman Animals’?” *Journal of Qur’anic Studies* 12. 167-187.
- 2009. “Retelling *al-Maqāma al-maḍīriyya*: Intertextuality between a modern short story and a classical *maqāma*.” *Journal of Arabic Literature* 40. 319-334.

▪ **Annotated Bibliography and Encyclopedia Entries:**

- 2018. “Future Generations” in *Encyclopedia of Islamic Bioethics*, edited by Ayman Shabana (General Editor). New York: Oxford University Press (Online publication: <http://ibp.georgetown.domains/en/encyclopedia/>)
- 2015. “Animals” *Oxford Bibliographies* in "Islamic Studies". Ed. Andrew Rippin. New York: Oxford University Press.  
<http://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195390155/obo-9780195390155-0211.xml?rskey=LQ2Vxd&result=17>
- 2015. “Animals” in *Encyclopedia of Islam and the Muslim World, 2nd edition*. Editor in Chief: Richard C. Martin. New York: MacMillan Reference USA. 55-56.
- 2014. “Animals in Islamic Law and Muslim Culture” in *Oxford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, Science, and Technology in Islam (OEPSTI)*. Ibrahim Kalin, editor in chief. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Vol.1, 28-33.
- 2014. “Wives” in *Mohammed in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*. Coeli Fitzpatrick and Adam Walker, editors. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO. Vol. 2, 690-694.
- 2014. “Animals” in *Mohammed in History, Thought, and Culture: An Encyclopedia of the Prophet of God*. Coeli Fitzpatrick and Adam Walker, editors. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO. Vol. 1, 24-29.
- 2003. “Al-Du‘ājī, ‘Alī” in *Encyclopedia of African Literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London: Routledge. 155-6.
- 2003. “Ḥamzāwī, Muḥammad Rashād.” in *Encyclopedia of African Literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London: Routledge. 217.
- 2003. “Jannāt, Muḥammad al-Mukhtār.” in *Encyclopedia of African Literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London: Routledge. 250.

- **2003.** “Khurayyif, Muḥyī al-Dīn.” in *Encyclopedia of African Literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London: Routledge.267-268.
- **2003.** “Al-Mis‘adī, Maḥmūd.” in *Encyclopedia of African Literature*. Edited by Simon Gikandi. London: Routledge.331.

### Book Reviews

- **2019.** *L’Animal en Islam*, edited by Mohammed Hocine Benkheira, Catherine Mayeur-Jaouen, and Jacqueline Sublet Paris: Les Indes Savantes, 2005. *Anthrozoös*, 32:4. 571-573
- **2019.** *The Qur’an and the Aesthetics of Premodern Arabic Prose*, Sarah R. bin Tyer. London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. *Journal of Arabic Literature* 50 (2019) 197–209.
- **2012.** *Qur’anic Hermeneutics: Al-Tabrisi and the Craft of Commentary*, Bruce Fudge, *IJMES* 44. 820-2.
- **2000.** *Bab el-Oued City*, Merzak Allouache, trans. Angela Brewer, *MESA Bulletin*,34, 1. 87-8.

### Presentations, Seminars, and Workshops

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- **2021.** Participant in book symposium on Celia Deanne-Drummond’s *Theological Ethics Through a Multispecies Lens: Evolution of Wisdom*, Vol. 1 (Oxford UP, Dec. 2019). Virtual meeting via Zoom, Jan. 6.
- **2020.** “Partners in Sacred History: The Nonhuman Other in Early Islam” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**. Washington, DC, January 9 – 12.
- **2019.** Respondent to panel “Humanism, Humanity, and the Environment in Islamic Ethics” **American Academy of Religion**, San Diego, LA, Nov. 16 – 19.
- **2019.** “A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**. Louisville, Kentucky, January 3 – 6.
- **2018.** “The Lives of Joseph and His Garment” **International Qur’anic Studies Association**. Denver, Colorado, November 16 – 19.
- **2018.** “A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?” **American Academy of Religion**, Denver, Colorado, November 16 – 19.

- **2017.** “Qur’anic Creation: Anthropocentric Readings and Eco-Centric Possibilities” **IQSA International Meeting, Bayt al-Hikma**, Tunis, Tunisia. July 4-6, 2017.
- **2017.** “The Qur’anic Dog” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**, New Orleans, Louisiana, Jan. 5-8.
- **2016.** “The Spiritual Cosmos: Creation’s Spirituality in Islamic Texts” **The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture**. University Florida, Gainesville. January 14-17.
- **2016.** “The Canine Companion of the Cave” **International Qur’anic Studies Association**, San Antonio, TX, Nov.
- **2016.** “Creation’s Devotion to God as Foundation for Environmental Ethics” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**. Toronto, Canada. January 7-10.
- **2015.** “The Canine Companion of the Cave” Conference Title: Contemplating the Qur'an; **Howard University School of Divinity**, April 20-21.
- **2015.** “Muslims, Animals, and Modernity: Triangle of Unhappy Love” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**. Chicago, January 8-11.
- **2014.** “Qur'an Seminar: Commentaries on Surah 74 and Sura 18: 60-102” **International Qur'anic Studies Association in conjunction with AAR/SBL**. San Diego, November.
- **2014.** “Qur'an Seminar: Commentaries on Surahs 19 and 88” **International Qur'anic Studies Association in conjunction with AAR/SBL**. San Diego, November.
- **2014.** “Muslims, Animals, and Modernity: A Difficult Love Triangle” **International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT)**. Conference title: "Islamic Law and Ethics." Herndon, VA. June 16-21.
- **2014.** Respondent to paper session: “Fiqh al-Zakah in India and the Emergence of New Applied Ethics of Socioeconomic Justice” (Christopher Taylor) and “Symbolic and Identity-Based Contestations: The Evolution of Marriage Law in Indonesia” (Shahira Mahmood). **(IIIT)**. Conference title: "Islamic Law and Ethics." Herndon, VA. June 16-21.

- **2013.** “A Stand against Dogs or a Stand against Pet-Keeping: Dog Themes in Islamic Tradition.” **American Academy of Religion**, Baltimore, Maryland, November 23-26.
- **2013.** “Sound and Stone Motifs in Surat al-Hijr” Conference Title: Contemplating the Qur'an; **Howard University School of Divinity**, March 25-26.
- **2013.** “The notion of *ḥurma* and its Impact on Animal Welfare in Islamic Texts” **The Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics**, Chicago, January 3-6.
- **2012.** “The Inviolable Rights of Animals” **Middle Eastern Studies Association**, Denver, Colorado; November.
- **2012.** “Animal Studies in the Middle East: Opening the Cage to Inquiry” Roundtable, **Middle Eastern Studies Association**, Denver, Colorado; November.
- **2012.** “Stone and Sound Motifs in Sūrat al-Hijr: A Rhetorical Analysis” **American Academy of Religion**, Chicago, November.
- **2012.** Panel discussant “Communicating Across the Human-Animal Divide: Animals, Religion, and Language” **American Academy of Religion**, Chicago, November.
- **2012.** “All Animals are Equal, or Are They” **University of Florida**, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, February.
- **2011.** “Egalitarian Neoplatonists? Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’s Interpretation of Qur’anic Animal Themes” **American Academy of Religion**, San Francisco, November.
- **2011.** “All Animals Are Equal” Conference Title: The Qur'an: Text, Society & Culture, **School of African and Oriental Studies**, University of London, UK, November.
- **2011.** “Sustainability Workshop — Teaching About Religion and Sustainability: The Animal Question” **American Academy of Religion**, San Francisco, November.

- **2011.** “A Self-Appointed Vicegerent: The Notion of Human’s Stewardship in the Bible and the Qur’an” **Society of Biblical Literature**, King’s College, London, July.
- **2010.** “The Ikhwān al-Ṣafā’’s Animal Epistle and its Unhappy End” **Middle Eastern Studies Association**, San Diego.
- **2010.** “The Meaning of the Qur’anic word ‘*Dābba*’ and its Impact on the Status of Nonhuman Animals” **American Academy of Religion**, Atlanta.

## Workshops and Invited talks

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- **2021.** “Partners in Sacred History: The Role of Animals in Building the Early Muslim Polity” Noor Cultural Centre, Toronto, Canada. April 23.  
  
[Noor Cultural Centre - Partners in Sacred History: The Role of Animals in Building the Early Muslim Polity By Professor Sarra Tilili | Facebook](#)
- **2021.** “Book Review Discussion: Animals in the Qur’an” Islamic Circles.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_0ny7eUCfFE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_0ny7eUCfFE)
- **2021.** “Ecology of Wonder” Bayan Islamic Graduate School/Center for Middle Eastern Studies, University of California, Berkely. “Islam and the Environment: Stewardship, Preservation and Protection.” Jan. 25.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uGBw5tc4y4U>
- **2020.** “Neural Organoids and Chimeras: An Islamic Perspective” Delivered to the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's Committee on Ethical, Legal, and Regulatory Issues Associated with Neural Chimeras and Organoids. The committee has been asked by the US National Institutes of Health and the Dana Foundation to review the status of neuroscience research with organoids and chimeras, consider the benefits and risks of such research, discuss associated ethical issues, and consider what oversight mechanisms might be appropriate in this area. October 29.
- **2020.** “Ecological Dimension of Three Qur’anic Motifs” Muslim Studies Program 13th Annual Conference "Islam, Environmental Science, and Conservation" Michigan State University, October 15 – 16.  
  
<https://muslimstudies.isp.msu.edu/about/conference/>
- **2020.** “Ecology of Wonder” IQSA Corona Qur’an Seminars on Zoom. April 30.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=49pHh8YoGF8&feature=youtu.be>

- **2019.** “A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?” **University of FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg, Erlangen**, Germany. Conference’s title: “God’s Justice and Animal Welfare”, December 13 – 14.
- **2019.** “Qur’anic Creation: Anthropocentric Readings and Ecocentric Possibilities” Center for Global Islamic Studies, **University of Florida**, May 10.
- **2019.** “A Case for Vegetarianism in Islam?” **Zaytuna College**, Berkeley, California. Conference title: Halal and Tayyib: Rethinking the Ethical. March 8 – 9.
- **2019.** “To Kill or not to Kill: Islam on Killing for Food” **Istanbul Research and Education Foundation-** Istanbul, Turkey. Conference title: Hayvan Etiği Çalıştayı (Animal Ethics Workshop), Feb. 9.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kV-Fw\\_96GQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2kV-Fw_96GQ)
- **2018.** “I Invoke God Therefore I am: Creation’s Spirituality and its Ecological Impact in Islamic Texts” **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**, College of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar, March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- **2018.** “The People of the Cave and the Canine Companion” **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**, College of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- “The Status of Humans and Animals in the Qur’an” **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**, College of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (Arabic)
- **2018.** “The Status of Humans and Animals in the Qur’an” **Hamad Bin Khalifa University**, College of Islamic Studies, Doha, Qatar, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. (English)
- **2017.** “Qur’anic Creation: Anthropocentric Readings and Eco-Centric Possibilities” **George Washington University**, April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- **2016.** “Nonhuman Creation’s Devotion to God in the Islamic Tradition: Significance and Ecological Impact” Cosponsored by the Program in Environmental and Sustainability Studies. **Vanderbilt University**. October 4<sup>th</sup>.
- **2016.** “Situating Islamic Animal Ethics in the Current Animal Debate” Event Title: Organic Meets Kosher and Halal. **Jewish Museum of Berlin**. June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **2016.** “A Pro-Animal Ethic” Workshop: Animals, Law, and Religion. **Harvard Law School**. May 20-21.

- **2016.** “The Qur’an: History and Style” **Stetson University**. Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- **2015.** Creation: Our Shared Inheritance. Workshop organized by **ISSACHAR FUND**. Istanbul, Turkey. May 27-30.
- **2015.** Keynote speaker: “Water, A Sacred Trust” All Faith Service. **University of San Diego**. January 29.
- **2015.** “Animals, Environment, and Justice in Islam” **University of San Diego**. January 29.
- **2014.** “Tunisian Revolution: Challenges and Opportunities” **Middlebury School at Mills College**. July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **2014.** “Animals in the Prophet's Life” **Noor Cultural Center**, Toronto, Canada, April 26<sup>th</sup>.
- **2014.** “Animals as Separate from Us: Scientific and Religious Perspectives” **Noor Cultural Center**, Toronto, Canada, April 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **2013.** “Animals Would Follow Shāfi‘ism” The Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at **Harvard University**; Conference Title: Communities Like You: Animals and Islam, Harvard University, April 5-6.
- **2012.** “From Breath to Soul: The Qur'anic Notion of *Rūḥ* and its (Mis)interpretations” Conference Title: "The Self and the Soul in Islamic Thought", **Insight Institute for Neurosurgery and Neuroscience (IINN)**, Flint, Michigan, October.
- **2012.** “If it Got Worse, it Can Get Better: Muslims' Attitudes Toward Animals Between the Past and the Present” Conference Title: Biodiversity Conservation and Animal Rights Symposium, School of African and Oriental Studies, Centre of Jaina Studies, **University of London**, UK, March.
- **2011.** “Animals Would Follow Shāfi‘ism. Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence Done to Animals in Islamic Legal Literature” Conference Title: Legitimate and Illegitimate Violence in Early Islamic Thought, Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, **University of Exeter**, UK, September 5-6.
- **1999.** “The Dual Approach to Islamic Heritage in al-Mis‘adī’s *Haddatha Abū Hurayra qāl*” Conference title: *History as Mythical Discourse in Modern Arabic Literature*, **Harvard University**, Cambridge.

## Interviews and Shows

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## 2021.

- “Book Review Discussion: Animals in the Qur’an” Islamic Circles.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Ony7eUCfFE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Ony7eUCfFE)

## 2016

- Deutschlandfunk (German Radio Station)
  - Koran Erklärt: Sure 6 Vers 38 – Vom Umgang mit Tieren im Islam (Sura 6, verse 38: Dealing with Animals in Islam)  
[http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/sure-6-vers-38-vom-umgang-mit-tieren-im-islam.2395.de.html?dram:article\\_id=346492](http://www.deutschlandfunk.de/sure-6-vers-38-vom-umgang-mit-tieren-im-islam.2395.de.html?dram:article_id=346492)

## 2015

- **Last Prophet**
  - "Animals in the Qur'an"  
<http://www.lastprophet.info/animals-in-the-qur-an-an-interview-with-sarra-tlili>

## 2014

- Let the Qur'an Speak (a Canadian weekly talk-show that promotes understanding and appreciation of Islam and Muslims in Canada.)
  - “Is Islam Human-centered or for All Creation? ”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dJrWjSyksjg>
  - “The 'Khalifa on Earth' Misunderstanding”  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0IqZcRBVZYs>

## 2013

- New Books in Islamic Studies  
<http://newbooksinislamicstudies.com/2013/10/17/sarra-tlili-animals-in-the-quran-cambridge-up-2012/>

## Courses Taught

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Dogs Between Culture and Nature  
The Qur'an as Literature  
Arab Woman  
Arabic Literary Heritage  
Humor in Arabic Literature  
Animals in Arabic Literature

Arabic through the Texts

Fourth Year Arabic

## Supervision of Graduate and Undergraduate Research

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- Co-Chair of Ph.D. Dissertation:
  - Hala Abdelmalek, al-Minia University, Egypt  
*Mixing Genres in the Work of Abū al-‘Alā’ al-Ma‘arrī*
- External Member of Ph.D. Dissertations
  - Samantha Creel, Linguistics, University of Florida
  - Samantha Baugus, Department of English, University of Florida:
  - Siham Alhaider, Linguistics Department, University of Florida  
*Linguistic Landscapes in Saudi Markets*
  - Hamed Aljeradaat, Linguistics Department, University of Florida:  
*Syntax of Focus Particles in Southern Jordanian Arabic*
- Advisor: University Scholars Program Research Projects and Honors Theses
  - 2018. Matthew Utter: “An Analysis of the Treatment of Nature in the Arab World through Ibrahim al-Koni’s *The Bleeding of the Stone and Gold Dust*”
  - 2018. Jacquelyn Hoza: “Is There Feminism in Saudi Arabia?” (Published in the *Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 20.1 (2018).
  - 2017. Brittany Petrelli: “The Impact of Marian Devotion on Christian Arab Women”
  - 2013. Nora Zaki “The Evolution of the Meaning of the Qur’anic Word Khalifa”

## Community Service

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- “Quran 101” Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, University of Florida, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, **2010**
- “Quran 101” Reitz Union Grand Ballroom, University of Florida, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, **2013**

## Service to The University of Florida

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- Diversity and Inclusion Steering Committee (College, member)
- Diversity and Inclusion Liaison (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures)
- Curriculum Committee (College, member)
- Arabic Lecturer Search Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, chair)

- Curriculum Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Sabbatical Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Tenure and Promotion Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Arabic Lecturer Search Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Hebrew Lecturer Search Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Japanese Assistant Professor Search Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- LLC Chair Search Committee (member)
- Merit Pay Committee, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Travel Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Advisory Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Peer Evaluation Committee (Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, member)
- Study Abroad program, Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures
- Involved in the foundation of the Global Islam Center.

## Service to the Profession

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- American Academy of Religion, Constructive Muslim Thought and Engaged Scholarship, Steering Committee, 2020 – present
- North American Association of Islamic and Muslim Studies: Board member, 2019 – present.
- International Qur'anic Studies Association: Board Member, 2015 - present
- Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics: President 2017 – 2019.
- American Academy of Religion, Animals and Religion Group: Member of the steering committee. 2012-2018
- International Qur'anic Studies Association: Member of the Programming Committee. 2013-Present
- International Qur'anic Studies Association: Co-chair of the "Linguistic, Literary, and Thematic Perspectives on the Qur'anic Corpus": 2013-2018.
- *Journal of the International Qur'anic Studies Association*: member of the editorial board.
- *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*: member of the editorial board.

- *Encyclopedia of Islamic Bioethics*: Senior Associate Editor
- Review of Journal manuscripts:
  - *Ethics and the Environment*, **2021**
  - *Journal of Islamic Ethics*, **2021**
  - *Journal of Qur'anic Studies*, **2020**
  - *Journal of History and Biology*, **2020**
  - *Worldviews*, **2019**
  - *Animals*, **2019**
  - *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*, **2019**
  - *Society and Animals*, **2019**
  - *Masaq*, **2018**
  - *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies*, **2018** (2 different articles)
  - *Journal of Islamic and Muslim Studies* **2017** (3 different articles)
  - *Scripta Instituti Donneriani Aboensis*, **2017**
  - *Journal of the Midwest Modern Language Association*, **2017**
  - *Journal of International Qur'anic Studies Association*, **2017** (2 different articles)
  - *The Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*, **2016**
  - *Journal of Religious Ethics*, **2016**
  - *Environmental Philosophy*, **2015**
  - *Food, Culture, and Society*, **2014**
  - *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa, and the Middle East*, **2014**
  - *Journal of Islamic Studies*, **2014**
  - *Society and Animals*, **2010**
- Review of book manuscripts
  - Oxford University Press, **2021**
  - Routledge, **2020**.
  - Palgrave Macmillan, **2018**
  - Oxford University Press, **2018**
  - Routledge, **2017**
  - Oxford University Press, **2017**
  - Edinburgh University Press, **2016** (twice)
  - International Institute of Islamic Studies, **2015**
  - Lexington Books, **2015**
  - Cambridge University Press, **2014**

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## Membership in Professional Organizations

2008-present American Academy of Religion  
2008-2014 Middle East Studies Association  
2012 -present Society for the Study of Muslim Ethics  
2014-present International Qur'anic Studies Association

## Languages

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Arabic (Native), English and French (Near native), Italian (advanced), Persian and German (Reading knowledge)