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## EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., Islamic Studies, McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies  
2006 M.A., Islamic Studies, McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies (Dean's List)  
1994 B.A., Studio and Visual Arts, Minor: Religious Studies, Hamilton College,  
(Honors: Sculpture and Arabic Language Studies)

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

### Fellowship Positions

- 2016-2017 Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Alexander von Humboldt Kolleg (AvHK) for Islamic Intellectual History  
2015-2016 Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Käte Hamburger Kolleg (KHK), Dynamics in the History of Religions Between Asia and Europe  
2014-2015 University of Oxford, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Islamic Philosophy and Theology (IMPACT)  
2013 Harvard Law School, Islamic Legal Studies Program (ILSP)

### Research Associate / Assistant Positions

- 2017-Pres. McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies
- current project: "Muḥammad 'Abduh's Supercommentary on al-Dawānī's Commentary on al-Ījī's Creed: A New Source for the Renewal of Islamic Analytical Theology" (PI: Robert Wisnovsky)
  - previous projects include research and editing for a forthcoming volume on Post-classical Islamic Theology, Brill's *Philosophy in the Islamic World*, and articles and books on adoption and child custody in Islamic law
- 2013-2014 McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies
- Post-classical Islamic Philosophy Database Initiative (PIPDI)
  - Transmission, Translation, and Transformation in Medieval Cultures (TTT)
  - Islamic Scientific Manuscripts Initiative (ISMI)

- 2012-2013 McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies
- Post-classical Islamic Philosophy Database Initiative (PIPDI)
- 2005-2009 McGill University, Institute of Islamic Studies
- Research Assistant to Prof. Wael Hallaq

## PUBLICATIONS [in brackets = year submitted, awaiting proofs]

### Books

- 2017 *The Dialectical Forge: Juridical Disputation and the Evolution of Islamic Law*  
Springer: Logic, Argumentation & Reasoning

### Articles

- 2019 “Concomitance to Causation: Arguing *Dawarān* in the Proto-*Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” in Peter Adamson, ed., *Philosophy and Jurisprudence in the Islamic World*, pp. 205-281 (De Gruyter: Philosophy in the Islamic World in Context)
- [2019] “On the Formal Evolution of Islamic Juridical Dialectic,” [edited volume from the workshop “Logic, Law, and Legal Reasoning,” at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress and School on Universal Logic (UNILOG), Vichy, France, 2018], Springer: Logic, Argumentation & Reasoning
- [2019] “Ibn Ḥazm on Heteronomous Imperatives and Modality. A Landmark in the History of the Logical Analysis of Norms” (Co-authored with Shahid Rahman and Farid Zidani), *Cambridge Journal of Arabic Sciences and Philosophy*
- 2018 “Al-Samarqandī’s Third *Mas’ala*: Juridical Dialectic Governed by the *Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” *Oriens* 46.1-2, pp. 62-128 (Special Issue: Rationalist Disciplines and Postclassical Islamic Legal Theories)
- 2016 “*Mulāzama* in Action in the Early *Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” *Oriens* 44.3-4, pp. 332-385 (Special Issue: Major Issues and Controversies of Arabic Logic)
- [2015] “Have You Considered (*A-ra’ayta*)? Don’t You See/Opine (*A-lā Tarā*)? A Working Typology of *Ra’ā* Formulae in Early Islamic Juridical Disputation,” in *Patterns of Argumentation and Exchange of Ideas in Late Antiquity and Early Islam*, Y. Papadogiannakis and B. Roggema, eds., Routledge: Centre for Hellenic Studies

### Online Resources

- 2019 Digital Edition and Translation: Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī, *Kitāb ‘Ayn al-Nazar fī ‘Ilm al-Jadal* (TEI infrastructure by Frederik Elwert), Digital Humanities at the Center for Religious Studies (DH@CERES), Ruhr-Universität Bochum;  
<https://pages.ceres.rub.de/ayn-al-nazar/>
- 2016 Website and Forum: Society for the Study of Islamicate Dialectical Disputation (SSIDD); <https://ssidd.org/>

### Encyclopedia Entries

- [2018] “Dialectic, in the Religious Sciences,” *Encyclopaedia of Islam Three*

- 2014 “Karakī, ‘Alī (1466-1534),” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Politics; Oxford Islamic Studies Online*
- 2013 “Origins of Islamic Law,” *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Law; Oxford Islamic Studies Online*
- 2013 “Uṣūl al-Fiqh,” *Oxford Islamic Studies Online* (originally for *Oxford Encyclopedia of Islam and Finance*)

### Book Reviews

- 2016 “*The Logic of Law Making in Islam: Women and Prayer in the Legal Tradition*, by Behnam Sadeghi,” *Journal of the American Oriental Society* 136.1, pp. 227-230.

### PUBLICATIONS PRE-SUBMISSION [with approximate percentage completed]

#### Books

- [90%] *On the Protocol for Dialectical Inquiry (Ādāb al-Baḥth): A Critical Edition and Parallel Translation of the Sharḥ al-Risāla al-Samarqandiyya by Quṭb al-Dīn al-Kīlānī (fl. ca. 830/1427), Prefaced by a Critical Edition and Parallel Translation of its Grundtext: the Risāla fī Ādāb al-Baḥth by Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d.722/1322)*
- [25%] *Dialecticians in the Margins: Common Glosses on Quṭb al-Dīn al-Kīlānī’s Sharḥ al-Risāla al-Samarqandiyya*
- [25%] *The Jadal Primer: An Introduction to Classical Sunnī Juridical Dialectic*

#### Articles

- [80%] “Islamic Legal Theoretical and Dialectical Approaches to Fallacies of Correlation and Causation (7th-8th/13th-14th centuries)” [Edited volume: papers from the conference “Islamic Legal Theory: Intellectual History and Uṣūl al-Fiqh,” Istanbul, 2019]
- [80%] “On the Logical Machinery of Post-Classical Dialectic: The Kitāb ‘Ayn al-Nazar of Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d. 722/1322)” [*Journal of Islamic Philosophy*]
- [10%] “Dynamics of Dialectical Disputation in Islam” (Part I: Intra-Religious Contact; Part II: Inter-Religious Contact) [*Entangled Religions: Interdisciplinary Journal for the Study of Religious Contact and Transfer*]

### INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Talk: “Towards Cataloging the Muslim Dialecticians’ Arsenal against Fallacious Reasoning in the Religious Sciences: A Preliminary Inquiry with Example Contributions from Islamic Legal Theory and Dialectic,” Project Workshop: “Logic in Reverse. Fallacies in the Latin and the Islamic Traditions (RevLog),” Université de Lille, France, 21-22 Oct.
- 2019 Talk: “Islamic Legal Theoretical and Dialectical Approaches to Fallacies of Correlation and Causation (7th-8th/13th-14th centuries),” Conference: “Islamic

Legal Theory: Intellectual History and *Uṣūl al-Fiqh*,” convened by Law, Authority, and Learning in Imami Shi‘ite Islam (LAWALISI) and the Faculty of Theology, Istanbul University, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey, 15-17 Oct.

- 2018 Keynote: “On the Formal Evolution of Islamic Juridical Dialectic,” Workshop: Logic, Law, and Legal Reasoning; 6<sup>th</sup> World Congress and School on Universal Logic (UNILOG), Pôle Lardy, Campus Albert Londres, Vichy, France, 25 June
- 2018 Seminar: “Do Grandfathers Disinherit Brothers? Al-Shāfi‘ī vs. the Ahl al-Kalām: Proto-System Jadal in the Dialectical Forge,” Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom, 24 Jan.
- 2017 Response to summary paper: “The Transcendence / Immanence-Distinction (TID) as a *tertium comparationis* in the Study of Religious Contacts,” Conference: The Transcendence/Immanence Distinction in the Study of Religious Contacts Between Asia and Europe, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Dynamics in the History of Religions Between Asia and Europe, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, 08 Sept.
- 2015 Talk: “*Mulāzama* in Action in the Early *Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” Project Workshop: “Major Issues and Controversies of Arabic Logic and Philosophy of Language,” Seminar für Orientalistik und Islamwissenschaft, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, 12 Dec.
- 2014 Talk: “Have You Considered (*A-ra’ayta*)? Don’t You See (*A-lā Tarā*)? Further on the Dialectical Formulae of Early Islam,” “Patterns of Argumentation in Late Antique and Early Islamic Interreligious Debates,” 2nd workshop of the ERC project ‘Defining Belief and Identities in the Eastern Mediterranean: the Role of Interreligious Debate and Interaction (DEBIDEM)’, King’s College, London, United Kingdom, 21 Feb.

#### CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP, TALKS AND PARTICIPATION

- 2019 Talk: “On the Logical Machinery of Post-Classical Dialectic: The *Kitāb ‘Ayn al-Nazar* of Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d. 722/1322),” Islamic Philosophy Conference, Harvard University, USA, 20 April
- 2019 Text Presentation: “The Section on *Dawarān* (causal concomitance), in Burhān al-Dīn al-Nasafī (d. 687/1288), *al-Fuṣūl fī ‘Ilm al-Jadal*, and Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d. 722/1322), *Sharḥ Fuṣūl al-Nasafī*.” Workshop: “*Qiyās* in *Uṣūl* and Related Genres,” Law, Authority, and Learning in Imami Shi‘ite Islam (LAWALISI), Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom, 31 Jan.
- 2018 Reading Participant: “Texts on Naskh in Late Classical *Uṣūl al-Fiqh*” (workshop), Law, Authority, and Learning in Imami Shi‘ite Islam (LAWALISI), Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom, 22 Jan.
- 2017 Talk: “*Dawarān*: Concomitance and Causation in Post Classical Islamic Dialectic and Legal Theory,” Panel: “Islamicate World,” 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Logic and

Religion, University of Warsaw, Poland, 20 June

- 2017 Panel Chair: “Logic of Talmud and Other Legal Traditions,” 2<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Logic and Religion, University of Warsaw, Poland, 19 June
- 2017 Talk: “Marginal *Munāẓara*: Dialectical Pedagogy in the Scholia and Glosses of al-Kīlānī’s *Sharḥ al-Risāla fī Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” Panel: “Between Texts and Networks: Visualizing fourteenth through sixteenth Century Islamic Intellectual Landscapes,” Fourth Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), University of Chester, United Kingdom, 12 April
- 2016 Talk: “Observing God: *Dawarān* and Empiricism in Post-Classical Islamic Juridical Dialectic,” Conference: Religion and the Senses, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Dynamics in the History of Religions Between Asia and Europe, Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany, 08 Sept.
- 2016 Talk: “*Taḥqīq al-Muḥaqqiq fī Ādāb al-Baḥth*: Editing a Verifier-Dialectician,” Plenary Session: “IMPACT: Islamic Intellectual History from Late Medieval to Early Modern,” Third Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), University of London, United Kingdom, 11 April
- 2015 Talk: “Models for Argument Analysis: Scripting al-Samarqandī’s *Risāla fī Ādāb al-Baḥth*” (read *in absentia* by Judith Pfeiffer), Panel: “*‘Ilm wa Ta’allum: Madrasas, Dialectic and Mysticism in the 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Centuries*,” Second Annual Conference of the British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS), University of London, United Kingdom, 13 April
- 2012 Panel Chair: “The Qur’ān,” Second Annual Graduate Student Symposium of the McGill Institute of Islamic Studies Student Council, McGill University, Montréal, Canada, 28 April
- 2007 Talk: “Defining Casuistry in Islamic Law,” Panel: “Modern Encounters with the Pre-modern in Islamic Law,” 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association (MESA), Montréal, Canada, 19 Nov.

#### VISITING FELLOW TALKS

##### **Alexander von Humboldt Kolleg for Islamic Intellectual History, Universität Bonn**

- 2017 “Student-Reading the *Risāla fī Ādāb al-Baḥth*: Unpacking al-Samarqandī’s Problems through Commentary and Gloss,” 27 July
- 2017 “Dialecticians’ Contexts: New Material for the Scholarly Lives of Shams al-Dīn al-Samarqandī (d. 722/1322) and Quṭb al-Dīn al-Kīlānī (fl. ca. 830/1427),” 28 Feb.
- 2016 “From the Margins of the *Ādāb*: a First Protocol for Gloss Collation,” 06 Dec.
- 2016 “Exploring Islamic Dialectical Disputation,” 13 Oct.

##### **Käte Hamburger Kolleg, Dynamics in the History of Religions Between Asia and Europe, Ruhr-Universität Bochum**

- 2015 “Islamic Dialectics and Post-Avicennian Argument to the Senses,” 16 Nov.

**ERC Project: Islamic Philosophy and Theology, University of Oxford (Series: Late Medieval and Early Modern Islamic Intellectual History)**

- 2015 “A *Muḥaqqiq* of the *Ādāb al-Baḥth*: Quṭb al-Dīn al-Kīlānī’s *Sharḥ al-Risāla al-Samarqandiyya* as a Model of Verification-Commentary in the Early 9<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> Century,” 25 July
- 2015 “Critical, Functional, and Accessible? Challenges in Formatting Kīlānī’s Commentary,” 09 Feb.
- 2014 “A Dialectic on Definitions: the Aristotelian Analyses of Quṭb al-Dīn al-Kīlānī (fl. ca. 830/1427) in his Commentary on the *Risāla fī Ādāb al-Baḥth*,” 11 Dec.

**Islamic Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School (2013 Lecture Series)**

- 2013 “*Jadal* and *Uṣūl al-Fiqh*: Vignettes from the Dialectical Forge,” 16 April

**GRADUATE AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2010-2011 Dissertation Completion Award, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2010 State of Kuwait Graduate Prize in Islamic Studies, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2007-2009 J.W. McConnell Memorial Fellowship, Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, McGill University
- 2007 Summer Language Fellowship, Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2006-7, 2010 Instructional Fellowships (x3), Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2005-2010 IIS Fellowships (x5), Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2005-2007 McGill Graduate Studies Fellowships (x2), Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, McGill University
- 2005 Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) Award (co-recipient), Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University
- 2004-2005 CASA Fellowship, Center for Arabic Study Abroad, American University in Cairo

**TEACHING & ADVISING (MCGILL UNIVERSITY)**

- 2011 Instructor: “Central Questions in Islamic Law” (Part I: Premodern)
- 2011 Supervisor: Senior student’s final research project on Modern Indonesian Islamic Legal Theory
- 2010 Instructor: “Central Questions in Islamic Law” (Part I: Premodern)
- 2010 Teaching Fellow: “Science and Civilization in Islam” (with Prof. Jamil Ragep)
- 2007 Teaching Fellow: “Central Questions in Islamic Law” (with Prof. Wael Hallaq)

2006 Teaching Fellow: “Central Questions in Islamic Law” (with Prof. Wael Hallaq)

#### **ADDITIONAL TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE**

##### **TEFL Instructor, Course Designer, Consultant**

2002 Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
2002 S. E. Asian Ministers of Education Organization, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam  
2001 Capital Institute, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman  
2001 Oman Training Institute, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman  
2000-2001 ELS Language Centers, Muscat, Sultanate of Oman  
2000 RAK Police Training Center, Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE  
1999-2000 RAK Industrial Secondary School, Ras Al-Khaimah, UAE  
1999 CALIX Communication Centre, Prague, Czech Republic

##### **Paralegal, Workflow Manager**

1996-1999 Chadbourne and Parke, LLP (via Legal Support Personnel), New York, NY, USA

#### **SERVICE TO PROFESSION**

##### **Editorial Boards**

from 2018 Islamic Research Institute: Islamic Studies Journal (Ed. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq)  
from 2016 Springer: Law and Religion in a Global Context (Series ed. Frank Ravitch)  
from 2016 Al-Mahdi Institute: Translation Series (Chief ed. Wahid Amin)

##### **Manuscript & Proposal Reviews**

2019 Book proposal, University of California Press: Asad Ahmed, *Palimpsests of Themselves: The Sullam al-‘ulūm and Philosophical Commentary in Postclassical Islam*  
2019 *Islamic Studies*, Islamic Research Institute (IRI): article on Qisas and Diyat Laws in Pakistan  
2017 Festschrift for Prof. Andras Hamori, Harrassowitz: article on the *ādāb al-baḥṭh*  
2017 *Oriens* 46.1-2, Brill: article on legal dialectic  
2017 Book proposal, Routledge: Yassin Dutton on the *Muwaṭṭa’* of Mālik b. Anas  
2017 *Journal of the American Oriental Society*: article on *jadāl* and *qiyās*  
2012 Book proposal, Palgrave: Adis Duderija, ed. *The Sunna and its Status in Islamic Law*

#### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2007 Syriac Language Course (two-week intensive), Syrian Orthodox Archdiocese,

- Aleppo, Syria
- 2005 Center for Arabic Study Abroad (full-year intensive), The American University in Cairo, Egypt
- 1999 Certificate in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (100 hour intensive), ITC International, Prague, Czech Republic

### **READING LANGUAGES**

- Advanced Arabic, French
- Intermediate Persian
- Elementary German, Syriac

### **MEMBERSHIPS & ORGANIZATIONS**

- from 2017 Member: New York/American Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU/ACLU)
- from 2017 Member: International Association for the Study of Controversies (IASC)
- from 2017 Member: British Association for Islamic Studies (BRAIS)
- from 2016 Founder & Administrator: Society for the Study of Islamicate Dialectical Disputation (SSIDD)



## REFERENCES

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